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Signal hub gets cleanup, upgrade

Story by Alex Harrington
1st Signal Brigade Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Northern Node, 1st Signal Brigade's primary automation hub which provides communications support to all U.S. military and government facilities in Area II, is undergoing a million-dollar cleanup of asbestos and electrical upgrade through June.

Officials stated that the scheduled renovation of the facility located on main post will not affect United States Forces Korea and 8th, U.S. Army

secure and nonsecure e-mail users, officials said.

"During the renovation we will continue to provide the same quality of service throughout Area II," said Chief Warrant Officer Michelle Smith, 201st Signal Company, 41st Signal Battalion. "The project does not affect the 35,000 mailboxes that we provide e-mail support to, along with connectivity services."

The project, called Northern Node Power and Grounding Upgrade, is the first significant improvement to the facility's infrastructure in recent history. Work commenced on Feb. 4.

"The Northern Node is undergoing a significant and

much needed facility upgrade," said Lt. Col. Darin Talkington, 41st Signal Brigade commander. "Contractors are on phase one of four that includes asbestos abatement, fire suppression installation, lighting upgrade and power upgrades to the facility."

The upgrade will add a valued benefit to 1st Signal's customers, according to Smith.

"In the future it will allow us to handle more equipment within the facility for future upgrades and limit the amount of downtime due to power outages.

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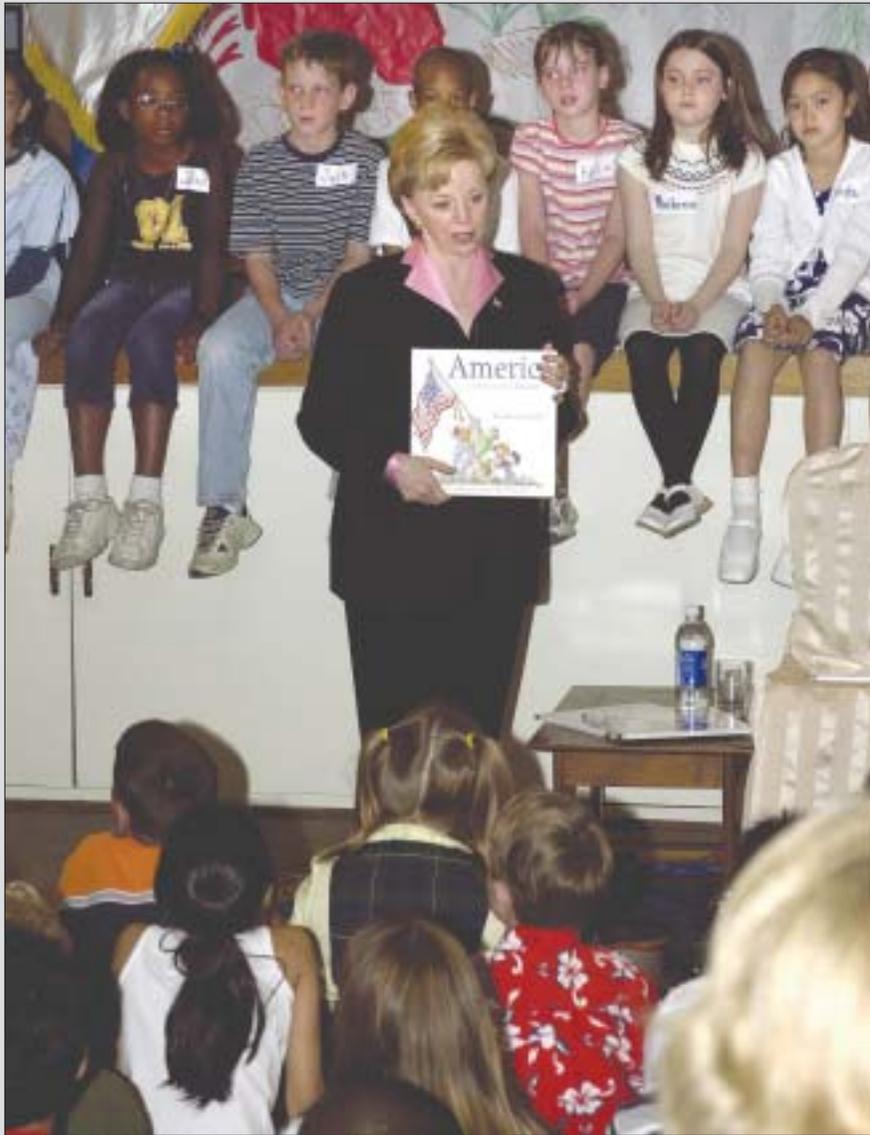


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Lynne V. Cheney, wife of Vice President Richard B. Cheney, speaks to third graders at Seoul Elementary School during a visit April 16. Cheney stopped in at the school to give a history lesson from her book, "America: A Patriotic Primer." See stories on page 16 and 25.

Fire chief: safety begins, ends with individual

Story by Sgt. Andrew Kosterman
Korea Region Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — It would be pretty hard to get through life without fire. When controlled, it allows for cooking and heating. Fortunately, firefighters can protect those who lose control of a fire. But they can not erase the monetary and emotional damage it can cause.

To shield against the possibility of becoming a victim, one must be prepared.

"Fire safety begins and ends with individual," said Leopold P. J. Dumond, Installation Management Agency - Korean Region Office chief of fire and emergency services. "We--fire safety professionals--provide the basis for their knowledge. However, if the people don't apply the techniques we teach then there is a good possibility that they will have a fire in their homes or work place."

Dumond added the best way to prevent fires and practice good fire safety is to use common sense.

"People should never do anything that they think would

cause a fire," said Dumond.

The use of smoke detectors is also a fire safety practice. According to 8th United State Army Pamphlet 420-1, smoke is responsible for three out of every four deaths caused by fires. Installing smoke detectors and checking them once a month helps alert to the presence of smoke in a residence or place of business, reducing the chances of succumbing to smoke.

Fire extinguishers also can play a pivotal role in the event a fire occurs at work or in the home, according to EUSA Pamphlet 420-1.

Army Regulation 210-50 states that all servicemembers assigned to U. S. Forces Korea who live off base must have a working fire extinguisher and smoke detector in their places of residence. Soldiers living on post can reference AR 210-70.

Installation Management Agency's goal is reduce fires by 40 percent over the next year. To do this, area fire chiefs have developed plans to prevent fires and other aspects covering their prevention.

"The plans cover monthly fire

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MP Blotter

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

■ An investigation revealed that a U.S. servicemember was observed in a local bar during the hours of curfew and was approached by the Korean National Police. The troop presented his California drivers license in an attempt not to be identified as a Soldier. While a BIDS check was being conducted, the troop requested to use the latrine, where he then altered his physical appearance and fled the establishment in order to evade apprehension. The servicemember's unit was subsequently contacted and instructed to have him report to the local provost marshal's office once located. The troop reported to the PMO later that morning where he was advised of his legal rights which he waived, and rendered a written sworn statement admitting to the above offenses. He was later released to his unit.

■ A Criminal Investigation Division investigation revealed that a U.S. servicemember attempted to defraud the U.S. government when he submitted fraudulent orders to finance in order to receive pay that had been withheld due to his absent without leave status. Preliminary investigation revealed that the servicemember had left Korea on ordinary leave but had failed to return and was placed on AWOL status. In turn, the Soldier's pay was stopped. Later, he attempted to sign in at Fort Carson having obtained an apparent set of attachment orders from the reassignment section, which were later revoked. While at Fort Carson, Colo., the troop submitted the attachment orders to a unit finance section without revocation orders to receive the pay withheld while he was AWOL. Investigation continues by U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division Command.

■ An investigation revealed that a U.S. servicemember, for reasons unknown, drove his privately-owned vehicle into a local market fish tank. After arrival of the Korean National Police, it was determined the servicemember was driving under the influence of alcohol and was administered a blood alcohol content test, which rendered a result of 0.192 percent breath alcohol content. The troop's vehicle sustained no damage but the fish tank was destroyed. The servicemember was then transported to the local KNP station where he was further processed and released to the provost marshal office. He was later released to his unit and subsequently administered a command directed legal breath alcohol test. Investigation continues by traffic accident investigations section.

Commentary

Poem celebrates joys and challenges of being a military child, tells of unique life

The following poem was read by 11-year-old Mary Juergens, a home-schooled student at Camp Humphreys, at an assembly of 125 children and adults at the Month of the Military Child Kick-off Celebration on April 1. It was written by Jennifer Elliott, the prevention specialist at Camp Humphreys' Family Advocacy.

The poem celebrates the joys and challenges of being a military kid and explains why kids from military families are so unique. They have courage, loyalty, family pride and strength. They know how to make friends easily and adapt to new places. They know the importance of counting on loved ones for support and being there to support them as well. At early ages they learn about patriotism and what it truly means to love your country. Military kids are like no other kids in the world and Family Advocacy salutes them for their service to our country!

For a copy of the poem, visit Family Advocacy at Army Community Service building 311, or call them at 753-6252. Versions are also available for active-duty moms and dual-military families.

I'm a military kid
So I stand tall and proud
When I pledge to the flag
I say it clear and loud

I know other kids pledge
Because they're glad they're free
But, you see, my Dad's a Soldier
So it means much more to me

My Dad defends our country
He doesn't wear fancy suits
He fights to keep us free
So he wears combat boots!

My Dad's a real-live hero
And my Mom's a tough one too!
Whatever happens while he's gone,
She always gets us through

When Dad deploys, I miss him
But I'm as tough as leather
I'm brave 'cause I know, near or far,
My family sticks together

Every time we move
I start all over again
But I always feel much better
When I make new friends

Though sometimes I feel sad
I'm strong and courageous too
'Cause the blood inside my heart
Runs RED, WHITE and BLUE!

I support my Dad no matter what
Though the ride's a little wild
I'm proud to serve our country!
I'm a military child!

Jennifer Elliott
Education and
Prevention Specialist
Family Advocacy Program

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Why is it important to be a volunteer?



"Opportunities to meet new people" — Sgt. Lee Han-jin, 501st Signal Company, Camp Humphreys



"To show support to people who may need help." — Sgt. 1st Class Carl Fields, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 20th Support Group, Camp Henry.



"Time spent volunteering is time well spent." — Cpl. Kim Do-hyung, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 20th Support Group, Camp Henry.



"To help people that need it." — Spc. Helena Washington, 34th Support Group, Yongsan

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Army Benefits Center - Civilian coming to Korea

Representatives from the Army Benefits Center - Civilian will be visiting Korea. They will be conducting briefings on the Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees Retirement System retirement systems. They will also provide information on using the Employee Benefits Information and Interactive Voice Response Systems. The FERS Retirement System briefs will be 8 a.m. - noon. CSRS Retirement System briefs will be 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

■ Area II: Yongsan - Balboni Training Facility

■ Area III: Camp Humphreys - Camp Humphreys Community Activity Center

■ Area IV: Busan - 837th Transportation Battalion, Pier 8. Camp Carroll - Material Support Command - Korea Command Conference Room

Camp Walker - 36th Signal Battalion Conference Room

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. Saturday. 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.

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.

AUSA 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

The 17th Aviation Brigade will host a 3 on 3 basketball tournament May 8 and 9 at Collier Field House in Yongsan. For more information, contact Capt. Jesse Berglund at 723-8084 or E-mail berglundJ@usfk.korea.army.mil. Those interested may also contact Staff Sgt. Beverlee Burton at 723-4133 or E-mail BurtonB@usfk.korea.army.mil.

Army Family Action Plan Conference

The 8th U.S. Army and Installation Management Agency-Korea Region Army Family Action Plan will be held April 26-28 at Dragon Hill Lodge on Yongsan South Post. Forty delegates from the four area support agencies in Korea will review issues concerning family support; force support; medical support; and consumer services, relocation and housing.

Delegates will make recommendations on issues that require 8th Army or IMA-Korea Region approval for implementation, or that must be forwarded to Department of Army-level.

Welcome Edition of the Morning Calm Weekly

Regular issues of the Morning Calm Weekly will not be distributed on May 7. This issue will be the annually published Welcome Edition.

Why Korea is the Duty Assignment of Choice



PHOTO BY SGT. ANDREW KOSTERMAN

There are many places to visit in Korea including Samnung Park in Seoul which is the final resting place for three rulers of Korea. Many parks, palaces and recreational areas are free or low cost

Actionable intelligence relies on every Soldier

Story by Joe Burlas

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Actionable intelligence means providing commanders and Soldiers a high level of situational understanding, delivered with speed, accuracy and timeliness, in order to conduct successful operations, according to the charter of the focus area task force on the subject.

Actionable intelligence is not perfect intelligence — commanders need to be trained on what intelligence can be reasonably delivered and what cannot, said the Army's top military intelligence planner and policy maker.

Lt. Gen. Keith Alexander, Army intelligence officer, gave members of the Pentagon press corps a snapshot April 8 of what Task Force Actionable Intelligence has found since it was created last fall and how its initiatives will transform the way military intelligence will operate in the future.

One of the ways the task force hopes to change in the Army is making every Soldier a sensor that quickly reports the Soldier's slice of the battlefield into a digital network.

Combat Soldiers are trained to report what they believe to be critical information up the chain of command. However, that report takes time as it makes it through the chain, and the information that is reported is

often filtered. By the time it makes it to where it might be acted on, it is often too late or incomplete, Alexander said.

A shared network, with each Soldier having a means of digitally inputting and sending what he sees, is where Army is heading, Alexander said. Progress in the area is being made, as he said his action officers are in close coordination with their counterparts in information management to develop and implement the infrastructure, equipment, procedures and tools needed for that network.

Looking at lessons learned from Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom from the start of major hostilities through recent observations of current threats, the task force identified 127 issues that needed to be fixed as soon as possible. Interim and permanent solutions for the majority of those issues have already been implemented, Alexander said. Some of those fixes have been changes to procedures, software updates and rapid fielding of new equipment.

One of the biggest intelligence shortcomings of both operations was the lack of human intelligence assets at the battalion and brigade level — something that is being addressed as returning forces reset into modular forces, Alexander said. Warfighting forces currently in the Central Command area of operations have been

beefed up with a number of ad hoc tactical HUMINT collection teams as well.

The greater need for tactical HUMINT is because the threat has changed in our lifetimes, from facing a Cold War adversary armed with lots of tanks and artillery to an asymmetrical enemy, Alexander explained. The intelligence community is no longer just looking for a bunch of equipment to identify where the enemy is and determine what his intentions might be; it is also looking for individual people, Alexander said.

The intelligence officer said he is looking to industry and academia to help better organize and visually present information from multiple intelligence databases. The current system is much like an Internet search using a standard search tool that gives you thousands of hits. Refining your query until you get what you are looking for is time-consuming, Alexander continued.

Situational awareness also means sharing information seamlessly across all levels — from national intelligence assets down to the Soldier on the battlefield. That will require a cultural change and a lot of training, Alexander said.

(Editor's note: This is the 13th article in a weekly series on the 17 Army focus areas. This one focuses on "Actionable Intelligence." To view a brief synopsis of each area, visit <http://www.army.mil/thewayahead/focus.html>.)

HRC aims to help Soldiers manage their careers

Story by Jeong H. Park

8th Personnel Services Command

The United States Total Army Human Resources Command continues Operation Engage, a series of initiatives designed to increase enlisted Soldiers' participation in managing their careers.

To help Soldiers communicate better with their

career managers, the Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate uses five tools. These initiatives include an interactive voice response telephone system expanded e-mail capabilities, high speed fax machines, mail-grams and a pocket reference information card that can be found and downloaded at

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prevention themes and seasonal campaigns," said Dumond. "From these lists the fire chiefs publicize the 'hot topics' for each month."

In spring, topics the local fire chiefs are concerned most with include spring cleaning, flammable and combustible liquid storage and barbecuing.

"The most common injury people receive from fires are 1st-, 2nd- and 3rd- degree burns," said Dumond. "Most of these occur when the individuals have an unattended cooking fire."

These cooking fires can be on an open grill or a range-top stove. Many of the fires starting from cooking inside the home originate from burning grease.

Moving a pan burning outdoors or to a sink is hazardous, said Dumond. The best way to combat a stove top fire is to put a lid to the pan that is on fire and turn off the heat source.

Putting a lid on will get rid of the oxygen inside the pan, thus killing the fire.

"If they make it to a sink, (they should) not put water on the burning oil," said Dumond.

The fire could spread as a result of this, thus causing a bigger problem, added Dumond.

Dumond said added a good source for finding information regarding fire safety is www.nfpa.org.

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It allows us to balance the load of equipment within the facility," she said.

The inside of the facility is swaddled in plastic coating that is used to mitigate the asbestos hazard to the Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians and Korean nationals, while workers travel up into the ceiling via a pressurized passage to remove the asbestos before pulling out the ceiling tiles and lights to expose the inner roof to the facility.

In addition, the workers lay plastic over the communications equipment to protect the servers, routers and switches from

damaging particle matter.

Smith said that the asbestos removal phase of the renovation will not harm those who work inside the facility.

"The contractors have asbestos monitoring equipment in place to monitor the air quality. They also have provided the proper safety gear for each Soldier, said Smith.

"The removal of the asbestos has not hindered the day to day operations of the facility. We continue to supply reliable communications, troubleshooting and customer service to our users."

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www.perscomonline.army.mil/enlist/epnew.htm.

The cornerstone initiative is the IVRS. The IVRS is an automated voice response telephone system that provides Soldiers with career information 24-hours a day.

To use the IVRS system, Soldiers must enter their social-security numbers. They are then presented with menu options that will inform them if they are on assignment, scheduled to attend an Army school, or provide topical information on: retention, recruiting, drill sergeant, special forces, ranger, compassionate reassignments, Married Army Couples Program, Exceptional Family Member Program and separations. Soldiers can activate the IVRS system by dialing 1-800-FYI- EPMD or DSN 221-3763. The 800 number is available only in the continental U.S.

As an additional means to facilitate communication between soldiers and their career managers, EPMD is encouraging the use of

e-mail. Inquiries concerning the status of personnel actions, future schooling or assignment are examples of typical information exchanges that can be conducted 24-hours a day.

Soldiers can also correspond with their career managers by using fax machines. Soldiers and personnel service centers can save time by faxing communications directly to the desired career branch within EPMD for processing. The telephone and e-mail directory located at www.perscomonline.army.mil/enlist/epmdlist.htm contains EPMD e-mail, fax and telephone listings.

To help Soldiers keep track of these new communication tools, EPMD distributed a wallet sized information card that lists soldier's career manager's phone number, e-mail address, fax number, and IVRS instructions and phone number. Soldiers can get their pocket card at their servicing personnel centers.

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Memories linger after 52 years

Story, photos by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson
Area 1 Public Affairs Office

YEONGCHEON — The month of April marks 52 years since Gerald Bottoms and Jess Howard last set foot in South Korea.

The two, best friends since their freshman year of high school, served here together in the Oklahoma National Guard during the Korean War. Now, a half a century later, they made the trip back to Korea the same way they did so long ago — together.

Bottoms and Howard began their trip down memory lane in Camp Red Cloud, where they met with Lt. Col. Brian Vines, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud commander. Vines' father was a classmate and old friend of the men, and when he heard that the men were planning a trip back to Korea, he told Bottoms to talk to Vines, Bottoms said.

"My parents put Mr. Bottoms in touch with me, and we started working out how we could plan the trip," Vines explained. "Once we got them involved in a local Korean reunion tour, we figured out that we'd have about a day to spend together. So we started figuring out what we could do during that day, and worked with the Republic of Korea Army to

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Gerald Bottoms (left) and Jess Howard reminisce in the hills near Choko-ri, where they served together with the Oklahoma National Guard during the Korean War. This is the first time either has been back to Korea in 52 years.

Right: Bottoms shows the approximate location of his former camp to Lt. Col. Brian Vines, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud commander.



Howard, in hills just south of the DMZ, today and as a young corporal in 1952 (inset)



NEWS & NOTES

Eighth Army Half and Full Marathon

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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 at 8 a.m. Saturday 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

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

Incheon Shuttle Added

Bus service to Incheon Airport is being added to Camp Casey and Red Cloud. The bus will depart Camp Casey every hour and 20 minutes starting 5 a.m. daily. The bus will stop at CRC and continue on to Incheon Airport. The ticket cost is 11,000 Korean won.

Aerobics Marathon Event

The Camp Red Cloud fitness center will host an aerobics marathon and fitness blast event 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. The event, open to everyone, will feature an hour of aerobics and an hour of spinning class followed by a weight-training demonstration. Contact Scott Meredith at 732-7757 for details.

Women's Volleyball Tryouts

The 2004 Warrior Division Women's Volleyball team will hold tryouts Saturday and Sunday at Camp Casey's Hanson Field House. Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians and adult family members are invited to participate. Interested personnel should call 732-6927 or 732-6276 to register.

Newcomers Orientation

The Camp Red Cloud Army Community Service will hold its monthly newcomers orientation 8 a.m. Wednesday in the ACS classroom. To reserve a seat, call Christy Allen at 732-7180.

Team Building Class

The Camp Casey Army Community Service will hold Army Family Team Building Level II Intermediate training 9 a.m. April 30 in the ACS classroom. To register, call Cheryl French at 730-3107.

Fitness Center Hours Change

May 1 will be the last day for extended weekend hours in Camp Casey and Camp Hovey fitness centers. This is due to staff activities in support of ball fields and weekend outdoor sports. Only Carey Physical Fitness Center will remain open until midnight Fridays and Saturdays throughout the summer.

Tae kwon do team wows SMA



PHOTOS BY PFC. STEPHANIE PEARSON
Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston watches the 2nd Infantry Division Tae Kwon Do Team's demonstration Monday at the Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center.

Parents seek solutions for childrearing

Story, Photo by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP GARRY OWEN — In April, Area I family advocacy workers sought out ways to bring meaning to the month set aside as the "Month of the Military Child" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month."

Although family members make up only a small portion of the Warrior Country population, Army Community Service found a way to communicate with them: the Pear Blossom Cottages.

Six facilities cater to noncommand sponsored family members in Area I. The Pear Blossom Cottages bring family members together for support and in this case, education.

"This particular class is given for an event month," said Yasmin Barker a family advocacy specialist for Area I. "As this is child abuse prevention month, we came up with child-centered activities."

Eight family members and one Soldier attended a Positive Parenting seminar at the Camp Garry Owen PBC April 15.

"It was pretty good and helpful," said Sgt. David Rolack, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment. "She gave me some insights to things I didn't know before."

Rolack has been stationed at Camp Garry Owen since June 2003. He said sometimes it is tough to balance his career and family in Korea.

"It gets stressful at times," he said. "But, we plan for it."

Rolack's wife, Danielle, and their 1-year old daughter spend a lot of time at the Pear Blossom Cottage.

"You see other spouses over here," Danielle said. "You have other women to talk to, instead of being in your house all day."

During the class, Barker explained how parents are models.

"Your child will do what you do," Barker said. "If you cuss, guess what they're going to do?"

Barker stressed how children look to adults in their lives to guide them. She told the group what a difficult and stressful time the "terrible twos" are for many parents.

She said problems can arise when parents tell their toddlers to stop doing something.

"They're not trying to ignore you," Barker said. "They just want to have their way. That can be a time when a lot of children do get abused because parents don't know how to deal with them."

Barker gave the class some take-home books and materials with suggestions for helping to control temper tantrums and destructive tendencies.

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Sgt. David Rolack, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment (right) looks over some materials at a Positive Parenting seminar taught by Yasmin Barker at Camp Garry Owen April 15.

Warrior golfers seek out game

Story, photo by David McNally
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — Spring has turned the grass green and the weather warm. For golfers, this is the time of the year to bring out the clubs and take a swing.

"I'm a big golfer," said Staff Sgt. Steven Hunt, Company C, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment.

Hunt and his friends had just finished playing a round of nine holes at the Camp Red Cloud Golf Course on a sunny Friday afternoon.

Hunt transferred on two buses to make the journey from Camp Greaves to CRC. He said the CRC course was worth the trip.

"For the area and the space they have, it's awesome," Hunt said.

Hunt said he thinks the course is short for a regulation course, but it still satisfies him.

"I haven't had to get a tee time yet, because I've only golfed here during the weekdays," Hunt said. "It's like any golf course back in the states: you get here early enough and you can get on."

The Camp Red Cloud Golf Course is "first-come, first-served" during the week, and by reservation during weekends and holidays. The other major course in Warrior Country, Camp Casey Golf Course, mirrors this policy.

For Soldiers, sergeants and staff sergeants, a round of 18 holes costs \$10 on a weekday. The least expensive fee, \$8, is for privates to specialists. Rates are slightly higher on weekends. The course offers rental golf clubs for \$5.

The fee structure is broken into two groups: members and nonmembers. There is a list of fees and charges available at each course.

"The fees are very reasonable," Hunt said. "Five bucks to walk nine holes actually that's very good, even compared to the states."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Durden explained how a membership in the club decreases the costs even further.

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

Durden also said the CRC Pro Shop offers a wide variety of golfing apparel and equipment.

"We also have lockers available for golfers to store their gear," Durden said. "There is a small fee for locker rental."

There is one other golf course in Warrior Country: Camp Bonifas. The course is renowned as the "most dangerous course in the world," according to a 1988 issue of Sports Illustrated.

Asked why he did not golf more at the Camp Bonifas Golf Course, which is near Camp Greaves, Hunt responded with a laugh, "It only has one hole!"

The Camp Bonifas one-hole course faces the demilitarized zone.

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Greg Updike, a Department of the Army civilian on temporary duty at Camp Red Cloud, practices on the putting green Tuesday.

Camp Casey course undergoes renovation

CAMP CASEY — A \$640,000 Camp Casey Golf Course renovation started March 15.

"Before, the course here was flat," said Pak Song Yong, Camp Casey Golf Course assistant manager. "When the work is completed, it will be a very challenging course."

Pak said the contractors are laying

sod, creating new sand traps, and landscaping the course to include more elevation.

"During the renovation we have five holes open," Pak said, "so we are only charging half price."

Officials said the work should continue through the end of June.

The putting green and driving range remain open.

Indianhead Division makes environment a priority

Story by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — The 2nd Infantry Division will hold an environmental compliance officer training course May 3 - 7 at the Camp Casey schools building.

"The purpose of this course is to encourage Soldiers and units to interact with the environment in a manner that is consistent with the Army's environmental strategy," said Staff Sgt. Marvin Wideman, primary instructor for the class. "And that is, to do the right thing when it comes to the environment — accomplish the mission, yet protect our natural resources."

Wideman explained that the Army has annual training requirements for environmental protection and hazardous materials disposal. When students finish

this course, they will be able to go back to their units and teach those training elements, he said.

"This training is supported by Army Regulation 200-1, which tells us that a unit or installation commander is required to appoint and train an environmental compliance officer," Wideman explained. "This course is geared toward personnel that are assigned additional duties as ECOs at the battalion and brigade levels."

"The division has taken a more proactive approach to training," said Staff Sgt. Jack West, 2nd Infantry Division training noncommissioned officer. "The 2ID has realized that we're falling short in environmental training, and we're going to remedy that."

"Prevention and minimization are our goals here," Wideman said. "We want to prevent pollution and minimize waste by using environmentally friendly

products, or re-using particular items. If we encourage units to do this, then we will both prevent future waste and also minimize the amount of waste that we do generate."

This is the first time the class will be held in Korea. "This has been in the planning stages for six months now," said Wideman. "It took a noncommissioned officer to recognize that there was a void in the training requirements, and that was environmental compliance."

"The Korean people expect us to protect what they have entrusted us with," Wideman said.

"Most people get assigned to Korea and think 'I'll do 12 months and leave,'" West said. "They don't think 'I'll do 12 months, and leave Korea better than when I came.'"

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■**Distraction:** Try to redirect your child to another activity

■**Separation:** Remove the child from the place where he is causing trouble

■**Explanation:** Explain why you are acting a certain way.

■**Compromise:** Yes, sometimes give in.

■**Punishment:** Yes, there is a place for punishment, such as taking away privileges.

“Classes like this are important because Soldiers and family members may be experiencing difficulties in there

lives and may not want to come forward on a individual basis,” Barker said. “Instead, they attend a class and still get information they need without being singled out.”

Barker also gave a class on fatherhood at Camp Red Cloud Army Community Service Wednesday.

“The fatherhood class describes different popular culture role models, guidelines, resources for fathers,” Barker said. “It’s a way to be involved in a child’s life.”

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get them to allow us into the area where their battle positions were.”

The men were happy for the opportunity.

“It was a moving experience, I must say,” Bottoms said. “I can’t express it in words. It’s something that I know I’ll remember for the rest of my life.”

Howard agreed.

“This trip has been great,” he said. “It brought back a lot of memories; it’s an emotional thing. I don’t really know how to describe it, but I am very glad that I got to come back and see it.”

Vines was glad to have been a part of their trip.

“It was an honor for me to do this,” he said. “We are here in Korea as a part of their legacy, and I hope we can live up to what they started 50 years ago. It’s a matter of pride for me to be able to do this.”

Both men joined the National Guard while they were still in high school. Bottoms joined when he was just 16, and Howard two years later at the age of 18. Their unit, the 45th Division of the Oklahoma National Guard, was mobilized in August 1950. They shipped to Hokkaido, Japan, in March 1951, and came to Korea to replace the 1st Cavalry Division in December.

“The 1st Cavalry Division had been through some rough times,” Bottoms said. “They had been caught in some really heavy fighting and were in pretty bad shape. We were very fortunate, the peace talks had just

started around that time, and neither side was making a major push for a better position. We were fortunate that we did not get involved in fighting more heavily than we did.”

Both men were glad to be among friends then.

“We had an old saying at home about being in the National Guard,” Howard said. “‘Go with the boys you know.’ It was great to be with guys I grew up with, because I can honestly say that I didn’t get homesick while I was here and I think that was the reason.”

Bottoms agreed. “I wouldn’t have felt comfortable not being there and knowing that my buddies were,” he said.

Now they have made the trip, the men will go back and share their experiences with those same buddies.

“We were a close unit, and we have get-togethers every two years now,” Bottoms said. He said he looks forward to telling them about his trip.

“That’s when it will get emotional,” he said.

Although the men will finish out their week in Korea with tours in Seoul and Panmunjom, their mission has already been accomplished.

“I wanted to come back for nothing but to do what we did today. I may not have been in the exact same spot as then, but I was close,” Bottoms said, nodding his head. “I was close.”

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Bottoms surveys the landscape near Yeongcheon, scanning the terrain for clues to the location of his fighting position during the Korean War.



JROTC inspection motivates SAHS students

Photos, Story by Linus Lee

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YONGSAN — The Seoul American High School Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps held its annual formal inspection April 14. The “Falcon” Battalion, which consists of seven companies, was reviewed by 8th Personnel Command.

Prior to the AFI, the cadets practiced several weeks and they also had a pre-inspection before spring break.

The morning started off with a briefing from regimental commander cadet Col. Alvin Wilkins, SAHS JROTC program. The inspectors evaluated personal records, weapons, supplies of uniforms, ribbons and medals.

They also were introduced to their escorts, who recommended particular questions to ask the cadets.

Col. Richard Mustion, 8th Personnel Command commander, gave a positive remarks of how the battalion matured within a year.

“This is my second time reviewing the ‘Falcon’ Battalion, said Mustion. “I noticed great improvement. You students are the leaders of tomorrow. I want to thank the inspectors, parents, teachers and students. Congratulations upon completing the AFI.”

After the remarks by Mustion, the regulation drill exhibition followed. The two platoons that competed were 2nd Platoon, Headquarters Company commanded by JROTC cadet 1st Lt. Isabel Chang and 1st Platoon Company E, commanded by JROTC cadet 2nd Lt. Denise Ocanas.

Following the drill exhibition, the “Saber” team, commanded by JROTC cadet 1st Lt. Robert Hjuler performed a 10-minute routine.

“This is a unit in which we all as a battalion have justifiable pride, we did



Master Sgt. Karl Roberts, (left) 8th Personnel Command, inspects a cadet while Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets Maj. Duk Min Park (middle) and Capt. Steve Scott wait for his lead. The Falcon Battalion had its annual formal inspection April 13 at Seoul American High School.

a tremendous job today,” said the commander cadet. “The regiment did an outstanding job. I want to thank everyone, including parents, teachers and especially the cadets.”

“I feel like I executed my commands with precision. Dedication is the key to perfection,” said Herald Oertwig, Company C commander. “Today was the day to prove that our battalion is the best in the Pacific. Hopefully all seniors including myself will want to pursue military service as a career.”

The purpose of the JROTC program

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Staff Sgt. Rhonda Bryant, 8th Personnel Command, inspects a cadet during the “Falcon” Battalion’s annual formal inspection April 13 at Seoul American High School’s Falcon Field.

Soldiers receive training to prevent substance abuse

By Pfc. Park Jin-woo

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — The Army promotes several activities during the month of April: Alcohol awareness, child abuse prevention and month of the military child.

As a part of a training program for the month, the family advocacy at the Army Community Service, the Family Life Chaplain’s Office and the Area II Army substance abuse program joined efforts to provide training on suicide

prevention, stress management, domestic violence prevention and alcohol and drug abuse. More than 600 Soldiers will receive such training throughout the month on Thursdays.

“In fiscal ‘03 we had 239 alcohol-related military police blotter incidents and so far in the first half of the fiscal ‘04 we have only had 81,” said Richard A. Boyce, prevention coordinator, Area II Army Substance Abuse program. “That’s the good news, and the bad news is that 35 of those incidents have been (driving

under the influence). So we are behind our last year’s total for alcohol-related military police blotter incidents, but we are ahead in DUIs.”

The training program continued with Boyce emphasizing the dangers of drunk driving.

“I would like the community to know that the blood alcohol content level for DUI here in Korea is .05, as opposed to most states in America which is .08. Another thing that is critical to know is what will get to .05 and it takes as little

as two drinks to get you to .05, so you can not have a second drink and confidently drive off post here in Korea. I would like people to know that, it is very important,” continued Boyce.

The training involved explanations of alcohol levels and the dangers of DUI and some cases of prior incidents as warnings of the dangers of DUIs and showing blotter statistics comparing each fiscal year.

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Health Fair and Fun Run

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

Volunteers Needed

■ Volunteers are needed for the Exceptional Family Members Program June Jamboree Jun. 4 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 May 30 at the Community Festival from 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.

ACAP Briefings

Army Career and Alumni Program briefings are usually one-half hour, depending on unit participation. They are usually held 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Other times and dates can be arranged. For more information or to schedule a briefing, call Mr. Broz at 738-7322.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is offers a variety of classes to include a babysitting course. For more information, call 738-3670.

FFPI Training

Servicemembers and their families may learn about the Force and Family Protection Initiative by attending training at 38th Chemical Detachment on Yongsan South Post. Classes will be Monday, Tuesday, May 26 and 27. For more information, call Spc. An at 738-3658.

Spirit Warrior

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

3 on 3 Basketball

A 3 on 3 basketball tournament will be hosted by the 17th Aviation Brigade at the Collier Field House May 8 and 9. For more information, call 723-4133.

2004 Hawaiian Bash

The 2004 Hawaiian Bash will be at the Dragon Hill Lodge 8:30 p.m. May 1. For more information, call 724-7781.

Gospel Music Extravaganza

A Gospel Music Extravaganza will be held at the South Post Chapel 8 a.m. Saturday. For more information, call 738-3211.

Language Classes

■ English as a second language class meets 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday, at building 4106, room 124.

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

Loan Closet

The Loan Closet provides basic housekeeping items for temporary use to incoming and outgoing personnel. For more information, call 738-4617 or stop by building 4106, room 122.

Area II youth learn to lead

Jennifer Anderson

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — For some students, spring break may be a week of fun in the sun, but for 14 Yongsan youth it was a time for personal growth and maturation.

These youth, who are members of the Torch, Keystone and 4-H Clubs, attended the 2004 Youth Leadership Forum April 4-9 at Camp McNabb, Jeju Island, as representatives for their respective installation. This year, Yongsan was joined by Busan, Daegu and Camp Humphreys youth.

“Live to Lead” was the theme for the 2004 YLF. The youth provided their input on many aspects of the week during its planning process, through design team meetings which were held throughout the year.

At the design team meetings, youth from installations around the peninsula gathered not only to plan the week, but also to help prepare presentations. They also created Youth Services' Web sites that would be shared at the YLF.

All of the youth participants were trained in a program called Character Counts!, which teaches the youth the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

The program was introduced to the Army when Gen. Thomas Schwartz asked in 1999 for a character education plan to be implemented for youth at U.S. military installations.

In July 2004, the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center issued a memorandum to include

Character Counts! as a part of all CYS programs.

The six pillars of character were not new ideas for the youth. Many of the youth were familiar with the Army Core Values, which promotes similar values. Many activities were used in order to reinforce the information taught, including skits and hands-on crafts projects.

At each YLF, the youth participated in a service learning project. The project the youth decided on for this year was a clean-up of a local beach. Before the youth took their trip to the beach, they were briefed on what a service learning project was and what makes it different from volunteering.

They learned about the five steps of service learning: create, plan, act, reflect and celebrate, and shared their own experiences with service learning. The youth learned more about the Jeju beaches from a local environmentalist.

“I think we all worked hard to beautify the beach because it doesn't just affect us now, but it'll affect us in the future too,” said Jane Burch, Yongsan youth.

The Jeju Challenge is a tradition at the Korean Region YLF. Throughout the week, youth practice various basic physical activities that prepare them for the Challenge, but the actual events of the Challenge remain a secret.

As part of the training, the youth are taught how to use Global Positioning Systems. During the Challenge, the GPS was used in order to track the different sites of the events. Some of the events for this year included an egg toss, jump rope and balance stick activity.

“I personally thought (the Jeju Challenge) was too easy. I sure thought

teamwork was a big part of it,” said Michelle Miles, Yongsan youth participant.

One of the highlights of the week was the installation presentations, where each installation shares the activities their leadership programs took on throughout the year. Yongsan presented information about topics such as their 4-H club projects, beautification project, and Photography and Fine Arts Exhibits.

Following the installation presentations were the YS website presentations. The websites were developed by each installation's Tech Team. Yongsan also presented their 4-H website, which is a project other installations plan to pursue soon.

Leadership training was only one portion of the week long training. Each installation was responsible for planning social and recreation programs to be held after dinner in order to give the youth from the various installations an opportunity to interact and to boost the morale of other youth.

Participants also had the opportunity to experience Jeju Island. They went on a tour of the island and learned about its unique culture and history.

Among the activities were a submarine tour, horseback riding and the Mongolian acrobat show.

The youth participants will take this experience and the lessons they learned to their own installation. Being representatives, they are now responsible for sharing the information they learned with the youth of their own installation.

“This is a memorable experience that we'll all be able to treasure,” said Brian Kim, Yongsan youth and Army Teen Panel representative for Korea.

Fun at the CDC

A child attending the Area II Community Fun Fair held at the Child Development Center on Saturday has her face painted by a volunteer student in celebration of the Month of the Military Child. The event featured food booths, games and give-aways. Several youth performed gymnastic and tae kwon do demonstrations as well as ballet and jazz dance performances.

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

■ Kangwha Island Chongdung Temple Ginseng and Bamboo Market Tour – 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday

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

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

For more information, call the Seoul

Royal Asiatic Tour

■ Chollipo and Mallipo Arboretum Tour – 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday.

■ Museum Tour led by Renate Kostka-Wagner – 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., April 29.

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

■ An evening with Dream Theater Train of Thought 2004 Seoul Tour will be at Olympic Park Olympic Hall Wednesday. For more information, call 02-3141-3488.

■ Dance of Desire Musical will be at Dome Art Hall now through Sunday. For more information, call 02-1544-1555.

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

■ The Korean American Association is sponsoring a special free concert for

■ Sarah Brightman will be holding a performance at the Olympic Park Gymnastics Stadium 8 p.m. June 8 and 9. For more information call 02-3141-3488.

■ The opera - Lucia Di Lammermoor will be performed at the Seoul Arts Center May 26 - 30. For more information call 02-587-1950

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is to develop an appreciation of the ethical values and principles that underlie better citizenship, leadership potential, the ability to communicate effectively, the importance of physical fitness, an understanding of

military history, purpose and structure, and the importance of graduating from high school.

Three full-time certified instructors staff the program. All are retired military. The

“Falcon” Battalion currently has 266 cadets enrolled, including selective eighth-graders.

The inspectors were Staff Sgt. Rhonda Bryant, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Jackson, Sgt. 1st Class Joe Jalal, Master Sgt. Karl Roberts,

Sgt. 1st Class Marc Burmahl, Sgt. 1st Class Paul Edgerton and Sgt. 1st Class Donald Andrus.

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“We have had offenses that range from curfew violations to aggravated assault, stabbing incidents to assault on a military policewoman. We just have a whole range of different kinds of assaults all with alcohol involved. All the people who committed these acts were under the influence of alcohol,”

Boyce said.

There is no doubt such an incident will impact a person’s career, no matter what happens with the law, Boyce said. It will take some time to rehabilitate a career, if a person still has a career after a DUI.

“A unit can schedule training by

making a phone call to 736-3289 and we will come to your unit whether it is at Camp Colburn or K-16,” said Boyce. “Commanders should know that if they have a fight in the barracks they probably do not have a conduct problem. They probably have an alcohol problem.

“If you drive, don’t have that second

drink. Call a cab or call your unit. Your commander or first sergeant will be angry if they pick you up at the club, but they will be absolutely furious if they have to come and get you at the provost marshal’s office,” said Boyce.

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Claims service offers tips to improve servicemembers success filing claims

By Capt. Carla A. Simmons
U.S. Armed Forces Claims Service, Korea

Many service members are unaware that they may be able to file a claim for expenses incurred when inconvenienced due to a moving company's failure to pick up or deliver personal property shipments by an agreed upon date.

Although these claims cannot be filed against the U.S. Government, claimants may submit a claim directly to the carrier for reimbursement of expenses.

In the past, the carrier industry has generally shown a willingness to pay a portion of the expenses incurred because of their failure to perform.

Reasonable claims for reimbursement may include expenses for meals, lodging, laundry service, furniture and/or appliance rental, pots, pans, and plastic utensils.

However, a carrier will not be liable for these costs if the delay was caused by acts of God. These acts include natural disasters such as floods, fires, storms and earthquakes, labor disputes, strikes, vandalism, etc.

Carriers request that they be notified before the servicemembers make out-of-pocket

expenditures so they can attempt to locate the shipment. The information below will assist you in pursuing a claim against the carrier.

How to determine the amount of a claim?

You should only include those out-of-pocket living expenses that are over and above what you would normally have been spent had the shipment been picked up or delivered on the required dates.

If possible, notify the Quality Control section of the transportation office before incurring out-of-pocket expenses.

The QC office is located at Camp Kim in building 1230.

What documentation should accompany claims?

Your claims packet should include, at a minimum, a copy of your claim letter, copies of your receipts for out-of-pocket expenses, copies of the Government Bill of Lading, DD Form 1299 (Application for Shipment of Personal Property), DD Form 619-1 (Statement of Accessorial Services performed) and a statement of the reason for the claim from the Personal Property Shipping Office.

How to file?

Mail the claims packet registered or certified with return receipt requested directly to the home office of the carrier. The carrier's address may be obtained from the QC office.

A copy of the claims packet should be provided to the QC office to be maintained in a person's shipment file.

Legal assistance officers are available to assist in drafting letters to the carrier. Also, claims packets may be picked up, including sample claims letters from the U.S. Armed Forces Claims Service, Korea located on the second floor of Army Community Service Building, Yongsan South Post.

Call 738-8111 for more information or to find a local claims office.

Main Claims Office Hours

Monday	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Tuesday	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday	8 a.m. - Noon
Thursday	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Daily	Noon - 1 p.m.



At The Movies

April 23 -29

For additional listings or
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Location Phone No.	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29
Casey 730-7354	50 First Dates	50 First Dates	Scooby Doo 2	Scooby Doo 2	Against the Ropes	Against the Ropes	Broken Lizard's Club Dread
Essayons 732-9008	No Show	The Passion of the Christ	No Show	The Passion of the Christ	The Ladykillers	No Show	Miracle
Garry Owen 734-2509	No Show	The Ladykillers	Win A Date with Tad Hamilton	Win A Date with Tad Hamilton	Welcome to Mooseport	No Show	Catch That Kid
Greaves 734-8388	The Ladykillers	Win A Date with Tad Hamilton	The Ladykillers	No Show	No Show	Miracle	Catch That Kid
Henry 768-7724	The Passion of the Christ	Miracle	The Ladykillers	50 First Dates	No Show	No Show	No Show
Humphreys 753-7716	Home on the Range	Miracle	Miracle	50 First Dates	50 First Dates	Against the Ropes	Against the Ropes
Hialeah 763-370	The Ladykillers	Scooby Doo 2	Win A Date with Tad Hamilton	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Hovey 730-5412	Miracle	Scooby Doo 2	Miracle	Broken Lizard's Club Dread	Scooby Doo 2	Broken Lizard's Club Dread	Against the Ropes
Howze 734-5689	You Got Served	Win A Date with Tad Hamilton	Catch That Kid	No Show	No Show	No Show	Scooby Doo 2

Scooby Doo 2



An anonymous masked villain wreaks mayhem on the city of Coolsville with a monster machine that re-creates classic Mystery Inc. foes like The Pterodactyl Ghost, The Black Knight and the 10,000-Volt Ghost.

Under pressure from the terrified citizens of Coolsville, the gang launches an investigation into the mysterious monster outbreak that leaves Shaggy and Scooby questioning their roles in Mystery Inc.

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Location Phone No.	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29
Kunsan 782-4987	Taking Lives	Taking Lives	50 First Dates	No Show	50 First Dates	Against the Ropes	Against the Ropes
Long 721-3407	Hidalgo	No Show	Barbershop 2	You Got Served	No Show	No Show	No Show
Osan 784-4930	The Alamo	Catch That Kid	Catch That Kid	50 First Dates	50 First Dates	Against the Ropes	Against the Ropes
Page 721-5499	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Red Cloud 732-6620	Scooby Doo 2	50 First Dates	Broken Lizard's Club Dread	Against the Ropes	Home on the Range	No Show	The Alamo
Stanley 732-5565	50 First Dates	50 First Dates	Broken Lizard's Club Dread	Broken Lizard's Club Dread	No Show	The Alamo	Against the Ropes
Yongsan I 738-7389	The Alamo	The Alamo	The Alamo	Broken Lizard's Club Dread	Broken Lizard's Club Dread	Broken Lizard's Club Dread	Broken Lizard's Club Dread
Yongsan II 738-7389	Catch That Kid	Catch That Kid	Catch That Kid	Against the Ropes	Against the Ropes	Against the Ropes	Against the Ropes
Yongsan III 738-7389	My Baby's Daddy	My Baby's Daddy	My Baby's Daddy	Calendar Girls	Calendar Girls	Calendar Girls	50 First Dates

Ability to be taught a mark of authentic humility

By Chaplain (Capt.)
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Teachability is somewhat a lost art in today's society. In reality being teachable is a key to successful living. To be teachable means to allow someone or circumstances to impart knowledge, understanding and lessons for ones growth, guidance and development.

What new developments have occurred in your life recently? What lessons are there to learn about these new developments?

When I first joined the military, I often heard the phrase, "pay attention to

details." Most of the significant lessons in life can be found in taking the time to dig into the details of a matter.

One of my goals in life is to remain teachable throughout life. Being a teachable person is challenging.

We may not want to learn certain things because of a lack of interest. At times we are considered the expert on certain subjects and are willing to learn from persons with a different point of view.

Are you willing to learn from people who are different from you, younger than or older or someone less educated?

Are we open to learn lessons from religious or nonreligious individuals? Are we open to learn from God? It behooves

us to be teachable. If a person isn't open to mentoring and wise counsel, it's difficult to make progress and grow. What keeps us from learning from others?

Pride prohibits us from being teachable. To be proud and have a healthy self-esteem can be positive. But to be prideful and unwilling to learn from others and to refuse to be flexible to change can be lethal.

There is a story in the Bible in Daniel about a military leader and king named Nebuchadnezzar. He proved himself to be an arrogant and self-centered leader who had all the answers.

God gave him a vision of a huge tree, chopped down by an angel. The tree

represented him. God removed him from his position of power and drove him into the wilderness to live like an animal.

His hair and fingernails grew long; he ate like the beasts in the fields; he dwelt in caves and dirt shelters. He stayed out there until he became teachable.

Finally, he fully acknowledged God as supreme ruler of the universe. Humility became a leadership trait that he eventually possessed.

God's love and mercy impacted his entire life and once the king returned to his palace he was a different person. Becoming teachable can be forced or voluntarily learned, it's our choice.

Area III Worship Services

Protestant

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

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

Catholic

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

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

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Cheneys inspire troops, children

Story by Pfc. Daniel Love

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Richard B. Cheney, vice president of the United States, and his wife Lynne, visited Yongsan Army Garrison April 15 and 16, wrapping up their Asia tour.

Cheney praised the U.S. and Republic of Korea forces during a speech at Collier Field House, mentioning the importance of the mission carried out by peninsula forces.

"All who serve here are carrying out a mission absolutely vital to the security of this region and to the interest of our nation," said Cheney. "You stand ready to defend the people of Korea against a hostile enemy and I'm proud to say your vigilance is second to none."

Cheney also commended the Republic of Korea for its large role in coalition operations in Iraq. The planned ROK troop dispatch of 3,600 troops would find South Korea behind only the United States and Britain in troop deployment to Iraq.

"America is grateful for the generosity of the Republic of Korea, and together our nations will stand with the people of Afghanistan and Iraq as they build stable, self-governing societies," said Cheney. "We will destroy the remnants of violent,

oppressive regimes, and together we will win this essential victory in the war on terror."

Before her husband's speech to Yongsan's warriors, Mrs. Cheney inspired some younger minds with her children's book, "America, A Patriotic Primer," during a visit to Seoul American Elementary School. Mrs. Cheney stressed the importance of patriotism, as well as literacy and learning.

"This really shows the kids how important it is to read and learn about history and its stories," said Anne Broihier, a teacher at Seoul American Elementary School. "We've been talking about Mrs. Cheney, and looking through the book that she wrote. We brainstormed some questions and prepared by discussing what her husband's job is."

Students in Daegu and Busan also watched the presentation through video teleconferencing. Mrs. Cheney focused on history throughout the session, touching on the women's suffrage movement and George Washington.

Afterward, she answered the students questions.

"He and I are both proud ... so proud that we can be associated with the people who are protecting and defending our country now," said Mrs. Cheney. "We appreciate the service of your parents."

Above — Richard B. Cheney, U.S. vice president (left) and Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, U.S. Forces Korea commander, react to the crowd of 2,300 servicemembers who filled Collier Field House at Yongsan April 16.

Below — Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, U.S. Forces Korea commander (left) and Richard B. Cheney, U.S. vice president, leave Collier Field House after giving a speech that praised U.S. and Republic of Korea servicemembers in Korea and abroad.



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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 jewelry, 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.

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:

9 p.m. Saturday Henry's Place, Camp Henry
7 p.m. Sunday Henry's Place, Camp Henry
8 p.m. Wednesday Main Post Club, Yongsan

BOSS Sponsoring Block Party

Camp Red Cloud Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers is sponsoring the 2004 CRC Block Party Saturday.

The road between 122nd Battalion Headquarters and CRC Gym will be blocked. Food, prizes and games will be available. For more information call SPC Wayne Whtzel at 732-6611.

Special Shopping Tour

Camp Stanley Community Activity Center is offering a special shopping tour to Osan for Mother's Day. The tour is scheduled 8 a.m. Saturday. For more information call 732-5366.

Boxing Smoker draws Soldiers into the ring

Story by Mike Mooney

Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Boxers from throughout Korea will gather at the Camp Humphreys Gymnasium 6 p.m. Saturday for the quarterly boxing smoker.

"So far, it looks like we'll have a full card," said Area III Sports Director Jim Howell. "In fact, we could have our biggest card ever. We've had as many as 18 bouts in past smokers, and we always have at least a dozen matches. But, judging from early sign ups, we may end up with 20 bouts."

As with other boxing smokers throughout the Army, participants are matched by sex, weight and levels of experience.

The competition is open to all U.S. and KATUSA Soldiers. Civilian employees and family members are barred from boxing by Army regulations.

When developing the fight card, the first consideration is always experience.

"We don't want to pair someone who has boxed and understands boxing with a person making their first trip into the ring," Howell explained. "That's how people get hurt".

Next consideration is given to height and actual weight, though a category allows for some difference in weight, it is better if the participants are as close as possible.

All participants in the smoker must receive and pass a physical and be weighed in the morning of the competition.

For this smoker, weigh-in time starts 9 a.m. and continues until noon. The Camp Humphreys Medical Clinic conducts the physicals, checking blood pressure and general health before giving approval for an individual to participate.

Camp Humphreys supplies all the necessary equipment, including shorts, jerseys, protectors, headgear and gloves. Certified Korean referees, coupled with available certified U.S. military

personnel, referee and judge the matches, and the health clinic has doctors and medical personnel in attendance to take care of any problems.

"In the past six years, the most serious injury we've had was a dislocated shoulder," Howell said, "and that was from a Soldier who never landed a punch. His first swing was so hard he dislocated his own shoulder without hitting anything except air.

"There have also been a few bloody noses and a lot of exhausted people," Howell said. "A lot of people think boxing is easy. It isn't; each round is the longest two minutes that I have ever known. I encourage everyone to try at least once; it's a lot of fun."

Individuals interested in more information or in joining the smoker should contact the Camp Humphreys Gym at 753-8810, 753-8811 or any Area III gymnasium.

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Area I BOSS holds competition

Story by Soojin Atwater

Area I Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Division

CAMP CASEY — Many busy hands and feet converged on Camp Casey Reggie's Ballroom to set up display areas to compete in the Best Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers Event and Installation. The 2004 BOSS Competition was held March 24.

Six BOSS teams were entered from Camps Casey and Hovey, Camp Red Cloud, Camp Stanley, Camp Garry Owen, Camp Essayons and Camp Page.

Each team included the three pillars of BOSS in its display: well being, recreation and leisure, and community service.

"We had an excellent turn out from the last Halloween party," said Pfc. Amber Morse, 542nd Medical Company. "Many people participating had such a great time, especially our invited guests from the local orphanages. It was one of

most significant community events that Camp Page BOSS had put together."

"How many soldiers have avoided appearing on blotter reports due to the opportunities provided by BOSS activities?" added Lt. Col. Brian Vines, Camp Red Cloud garrison commander.

All participants for the competition had a chance to bowl at the Camp Casey Bowling Center as judges deciding winning teams.

Camp Garry Owen BOSS won first place for Best BOSS Installation while Camp Stanley secured second place. A hard-earned tie for first place in Best BOSS Event was shared by Camp Stanley and Camp Essayons.

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And they're off



Participants take off at the start of a 10-kilometer Earth Day run Saturday at Yongsan.

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Spc. Idaya Waters hoists a heavy package onto the morning mail truck at the Army post office at Camp Humphreys. Packages may weigh as much as 70 pounds.

Movin' Mail

A heavy workout at Army post office

Story, photos by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

They hit the floor early every morning like a bunch of energetic athletes prepping for a workout. Instead of free weights and medicine balls, they push packages that can weigh up to 70 pounds.

That's nearly as much as 4-foot-11-inch Pfc. Andrea Brailsford, a 113-pound mail handler at the Camp Humphreys post office weighs.

Brailsford is one of 13 postal clerks at the Camp Humphreys Army post office operated by the Detachment B, 516th Personnel Services Battalion to pass mail to and from 65 tenant organizations at Camp Humphreys. The detachment also staffs Army post offices at Camps Long and Eagle, as well as at Suwon Air Base to serve an additional 28 organizations.

"Our top priority is providing Area III with excellent, expeditious and efficient postal service," said postal platoon leader 2nd Lt. Nicole Gross.

That means moving mountains of mail that seems to appear each day out of thin air.

The workday begins for most of the Soldiers around 5:30 a.m. when they arrive to check mail boxes around post and get ready for the mail truck that arrives around 7 a.m. each weekday and Saturday.

The action get intense when the mail truck arrives and Soldiers team up to unload inbound mail and load pieces of outbound mail.

"It wasn't too bad today. Seventy pieces in, 130 pieces out," said postal platoon sergeant Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Taylor, as he finished helping load the morning mail truck with outbound mail.

A "piece" might be a large package

or a mailbag full of letters, small boxes or large envelopes.

After inbound mail is unloaded and outbound mail loaded in, the postal Soldiers hustle to break down and bag

inbound mail in time for unit mail call.

As if on cue, unit mail handlers begin to arrive around 10:30 a.m. to pick up mail.

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A small mountain of outbound mail waits to be loaded at the Army post office.

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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 chapel to register. Supervisors or chains of command must approve attendance.

Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Rally

Camp Humphreys Exchange New Car Sales will host a Harley-Davidson motorcycle rally and barbecue 10 a.m. until closing Saturday 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 Luncheon

A Retiree Appreciation Luncheon will be held noon Saturday at the Nitewatch Cafe 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 included. 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.

Family Readiness Group Training Scheduled

Family Readiness Group Level I training will be offered 2 - 3:30 p.m. May 6 at the Camp Humphreys Army Community Service in building 311. Call 753-7439 to register.

Free patch sewing service

Area III officer and enlisted Soldiers who have just arrived or have just been promoted may take their uniforms to the Post Exchange sewing shop concession and get their patches sewn on for free. Permanent change of station or promotion orders and a valid military ID card are required, along with the uniforms and patches. Contact unit command sergeants major or supply sergeants for details.

Airport Shuttle

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

News & Notes Deadline

The deadline for submitting items for Area III News & Notes is Friday each week for publication the following Friday. News & Notes requests should include who, what, when, where, a contact phone number and any relevant additional information. For more information, call 753-8847.

United Club publishes 'Humphreys 101'

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS—An updated edition of "Humphreys 101: A Survival Guide" has been published by the United Club, a non-profit community service organization.

The book, available for \$10 at the Camp Humphreys Main Exchange and the Painted Door thrift shop, claims to be "everything you need to know to get the most out of your tour at Camp Humphreys, Korea." It contains conventional wisdom collected from the experiences of United Club and other community members over the years.

Among top tips for enjoying a tour are:

- Expect to have some culture shock, but go with the flow.

- Storage is scarce. Bring only what you really need.

- Make sure your socks and stockings are in good shape before you go to a Korean restaurant or home, since you may be taking off your shoes.

Sixteen chapters cover a wide range of information about Camp Humphreys and Area III, including Pyeongtaek, Osan Air Base and the Songtan area. Information about Yongsan Garrison in Seoul and some of the more popular Korean destinations are included, along with detailed strip maps.

Profits from the sale of Humphreys 101 are returned to the community in the form of scholarships and other donations.



Area III, Korean friends celebrate Arbor Day

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP LONG — Arbor Day was celebrated throughout Area III as Soldiers, civilians, teachers, students and members of the Korean community teamed up to plant trees.

Fifteen Camp Long and Eagle Soldiers from the Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers organization took part in the annual Arbor Day planting of trees March 31 hosted by Wonju City Mayor Kim Ki-keol. More than 100 trees were planted in Wonju.

At Camp Humphreys April 1, Soldiers from the Republic of Korea Army Staff Office helped students and teachers from the Humphreys American Elementary School beautify their school grounds with newly planted trees.

The idea for Arbor Day originated in January 1872, when Nebraska journalist J. Sterling Morton first proposed a tree-planting holiday to be called "Arbor Day" at a meeting of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture. The date was set for April 10, 1872. Prizes were offered to counties and individuals for planting properly the largest number of trees on that day. It was estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day. Other states adopted the idea and Arbor Day has even spread to other countries. For more information, visit the National Arbor Day Foundation Website at www.arborday.org.



Soldiers from the Area III Republic of Korea Army Staff Office team up with Humphreys American Elementary School students and teachers April 1 to plant trees.



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Above: Camp Long and Eagle Soldiers from the Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers organization plant trees at Wonju City. They helped the community plant more than 100 trees.

Left: Spc. Paul Downing carries a tree for planting.

Mail from Page 21

In the afternoon, postal workers redirect all the mail returned by unit mail clerks for Soldiers, civilians or family members who have moved.

Meanwhile, walk-in customers continue to arrive at three service desks in the front of the post office to mail packages. The packages are stamped and stacked, waiting for the next morning mail truck.

Taylor said mail would get to its destination faster if senders would use a ZIP plus four mailing code.

“ZIP plus four will move mail faster whether it’s coming or going,” he said.

Taylor said some of the common problems that delay mail are incomplete addresses and mail that is not packaged properly.

Packages with incorrect customs information could also cause delays or even spell trouble for some customers. The Camp Humphreys Army post office now has an X-ray machine to examine packages.

“We have begun to randomly spot check packages,” said Gross. The goal is to find contraband such as weapons, ammunition, liquor or counterfeit merchandise. Packages containing suspicious items are forwarded to customs inspectors. The X-ray machine can be zoomed in and color corrected to accurately reveal contents.

Gross said a package with “sneakers” written on the customs label was found recently to contain a handbag. The package was sent to customs officials for further inspection.

“It was the first questionable package we’ve seen since the machine was installed about a month ago,” said Gross.

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Chang Chong-chun, one of two Korean postal clerks, serves a customer at the Camp Humphreys post office operated by Detachment B, 516th Personnel Services Battalion.



Pfc. Andrea Brailsford sorts mail at the Army post office at Camp Humphreys. The APO services 65 organizations at Camp Humphreys and others throughout Area III.



2nd Lt. Nicole Gross demonstrates the X-ray machine installed last month at the Camp Humphreys post office.



The X-ray machine zooms in on the contents of a randomly selected package. The machine can be controlled to get a clear picture of the inside of small packages.



Daegu, Busan kids 'meet' VP's wife

Story, photo by Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP GEORGE – Ashley Rivera, a third-grade student at Taegu American School, along with 12 of her classmates and 15 Korean elementary school students from the Daegu area had a chance to “meet” Lynne Cheney, the wife of U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney April 16 at the American Corner in the Daegu Metropolitan Central Library.

Although Cheney was physically at Yongsan Garrison’s Seoul American Elementary School for the event, digital video conferencing technology allowed students in Daegu and Busan to listen to Cheney read from one of her seven books, “America: A Patriotic Primer,” published in 2002.

According to Jo Chang-ho, the American Corner manager, the American Corner in Daegu is the first to have this kind of technology in the area, and this was the second time the technology was used for the public.

“We received the equipment a couple of weeks before the opening of the American Corner,” Jo said. “I think it went quite smoothly, although we had some minor difficulties since we are not 100



Korean and Taegu American School students at the American Corner in the Daegu Metropolitan Central Library watch Lynne Cheney read from one of her books during a video conference.

percent familiar with the equipment yet.”

The technology allowed the children to not only watch and listen as Cheney read to them, but also to ask a few questions at the end of the session. The students from all three areas poured out a variety of questions ranging from what her hobbies are to why America is such a great nation.

Rivera was one of the lucky children from Daegu who was selected to ask a question.

“Has your husband fought in a war?” Rivera asked.

“No, but he once served as the secretary of defense and both he and I are so proud to be associated with people

who serve and defend our country,” Cheney said. “I really appreciate their service, especially ones like your parents that serve the country abroad.”

“I felt good,” Rivera said after the event. “I was little bit nervous, but it felt good when she answered my question.”

The event was held in conjunction with Vice President Cheney’s visit to South Korea. Mrs. Cheney’s enthusiasm about teaching children United States geography and history, and the available technology, made the event possible.

“Mrs. Cheney expressed her interest in reading one of her books to the children at Seoul American Elementary School as a part of her and Vice President Cheney’s visit to Korea,” said Kwon Hwa-soon, a program specialist for security at the U.S. Embassy’s Public Affairs section. “So we suggested to use this digital video conferencing system, which is installed in Daegu and Busan to benefit more students in those areas.”

In addition to 13 Taegu American School elementary students, 15 Korean children from 12 area schools, including Kyesung Elementary School, also attended the event.

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Hialeah recognizes volunteers for contributions

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HIALEAH – In a small community it is essential that individuals pitch in for the greater good. Fortunately for Camp Hialeah, there are plenty of volunteers willing to donate their time and expertise to stretch the installation’s resources.

The installation recognized those volunteers April 15 at the Pusan Pub during the Camp Hialeah Army Community Service Annual Installation Volunteer Recognition and Awards Ceremony. More than 70

volunteers and community members attended.

Awards were presented to the camp’s top military, youth, Korean, and military spouse volunteers. In addition, the installation’s outstanding volunteer of the year was named.

“It is no secret that dollars are scarce,” said Lt. Col. Jeffery K. Ludwig, Camp Hialeah garrison commander. “Without our volunteers, we wouldn’t have a lot of the programs we enjoy here.”

At a rate of \$6.75 per hour, the 6,631 hours logged by installation volunteers would have generated a savings of \$44,759.25 to Camp Hialeah. Volunteer

hours were tabulated from April 1, 2003, to March 31, 2004.

The Outstanding Volunteer of the Year is Louis Hess, who volunteered 427 hours at the auto craft shop. Hess received airfare for two to Jeju Island and lodging at the Cheju-do Recreation Center for his efforts.

“(Winning is) kind of embarrassing. I don’t do it (volunteer) for the recognition. I just like to be part of the community,” said Hess who also serves as the installation’s designated Santa Claus. “I like to help people and it keeps me busy. On a small installation,

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Army Benefits Center-Civilian schedules briefings for Area IV employees

CAMP HENRY – Representatives from the Army Benefits Center-Civilian will visit Area IV Thursday to conduct briefings on the Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees Retirement System. They will also present an overview of the Employee Benefits Information System Web site as well as the Interactive Voice Response System.

The Area IV Army Benefits Center-Civilian briefing on Federal Employees Retirement System will be held 8 a.m., and the Civil Service Retirement System briefing will be 1 p.m. Both briefings will be at the 36th Signal Battalion command conference room on Camp Walker. Briefings will also be held simultaneously via video teleconference at the Material Support Center-Korea

command conference room on Camp Carroll and at the 837th Transportation Battalion command conference room at Pier 8 in Busan.

“I strongly recommend all U.S. Department of Army civilian employees, including all government service and wage grade employees, to attend the Army Benefits Center-Civilian briefings,” said Dean Tom, human resources

director, Area IV Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. “It will be a good opportunity for them to hear about their benefit plans such as (their) retirement plan, life and health insurance.”

For more information, call Tom at 768-6784. For shuttle transportation arrangements to Pier 8 for Camp Hialeah employees, contact George Clinger at 763-7479.

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 Sunday-Thursday. 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.

Bachelors and Bachelorettes Retreat

The 20th Support Group Unit Ministry Team is presenting the 20th Support Group Geographical Bachelors and Bachelorettes "Who Moved My Cheese? How to Adjust to Change and Separation" Retreat June 4-6 at Cheju-Do Recreation Center. Section noncommissioned officers in charge are asked to call Sgt. Rickey Wallace at 764-4351 by May 4 with the names of interested Soldiers and civilians in order to sign up.

Area IV CPAC Renovation

The Area IV Civilian Personnel Advisory Center building is undergoing a renovation through May 12. During this time period, the Civilian Personnel Operations Center training center will be the alternate assistance location, providing as many services as possible. Customers are asked to schedule appointments in advance. For more information or to make appointments, call Yi Yong-cha at 768-6580.

NCO Induction Ceremony

Soldiers, civilians and family members are invited to attend the 19th Theater Support Command and Area IV Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony 2:30 p.m. May 7 at the Camp Henry Theater. For more information, contact Sgt. Maj. Lorria Anderson at 768-8532.

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, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and the Area IV Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers 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. Call Capt. Phillip Christy at 764-4217. Registration deadline is May 15 to sign up.

Enlisted Dining-In

The inaugural Area IV Support Activity Enlisted Dining-In will be 6 p.m. May 27 at the Daegu Grand Hotel. For more information, call Command Sgt. Maj. Tony Moore at 768-8700.

Boxing Coaches Needed

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

Runners, riders hit the pavement

Story, photo by Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HIALEAH – More than 50 runners, walkers and riders turned out for the Camp Hialeah Child Abuse Prevention Month Fun Run and Walk & Stroller Strut, and free bowling Saturday.

Trophies were awarded to the winners in several categories.

First place in the adult male run category and overall winner was Han Chang-hoon. Latisha Pond was the adult female winner. Sidney Conner Jr. took first place the male child run and Jordan Carroll won the female child run.

The walk category winner was Paige James and first place in the stroller strut category went to Brenda Conner and her passenger, daughter Shakira, 4.

"It was a great community activity. It was something the three of us could do together since my husband had to work," Brenda Conner said. "We also went bowling. My son loves to bowl so it was an opportunity to do that together as well."

Event organizers were happy with the turnout.

"We expected 20-30 participants but ended up with 53," said Chong Ho-tae, family advocacy program specialist with Army Community Service. "So we are very happy with the support from the



Runners, rollers, riders and walkers head out from the starting line at the Camp Hialeah Child Abuse Prevention Month Fun Run and Walk & Stroller Strut Saturday.

community. This event was (intended) to promote family harmony and to provide families with an opportunity to do something together and with their neighbors."

Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Month of the Military Child are recognized together in U.S. Army communities around the world.

"This community is committed to putting an end to child abuse," said Col.

James M. Joyner, commander, Area IV Support Activity, in a proclamation marking the month stated. "It is for that reason that the Army designates April as child abuse prevention month. Command and all community members share with parents the duty to create a supportive and secure environment for children."

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FAP provides fingerprinting 'just in case'

Story, photo by Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP GEORGE – The Area IV Family Advocacy Program held a fingerprinting session April 16 as a part of its Child Abuse Prevention Month events.

More than 100 area children were brought to Taegu American School by their parents to have their fingerprints and pictures taken.

"It is very important for your kids' protection to have their fingerprints along with their pictures and other information, such as height, weight, address and phone number on record," said Kim Song-min, a prevention specialist for the Area IV Family Advocacy Program. "So just in case, if something happens to your child such as your child is missing or kidnapped, you will have the child's information which can help very much."

"There are 750,000 cases of missing children in the world each year, said Kim. "There is no guarantee it won't happen to one of your children. It's good to be ready."

The fingerprints and pictures were put in a booklet that also has a page to record the child's personal information.

Personnel from the 57th Military Police Company stationed in Camp Carroll were present at the event to ensure proper recording of the children's information.



Kim Song-min, a prevention specialist with the Area IV Family Advocacy Program, helps Kyana Goodman, a Taegu American School kindergartener, while she has her fingerprints taken.

"Any event like this involving juveniles needs military police's guidance and observance," said an investigator from 57th Military Police Company who requested he not be identified by name. "It is to make the fingerprinting and photo identification legal and official."

"We have to be careful when requesting and handling children's personal information," said Kim. "So we have people from military police with

us to assist in the process."

The parents who brought their children fingerprinted were aware of the importance of recording and securing the priceless information.

"I came out with my two daughters to have their fingers printed and pictures taken, just so in case of an emergency, I have their fingerprints and pictures available," said Tricia Smith, mother of Elizabeth, 4 and Ki, 2. "I don't know what's going to happen to my children. So I just want to be prepared for the worst."

"I think (having my children fingerprinted) is important," said Cindy Shirley, mother of Paige, 8 and Ben, 5. "Because if (my children) ever were to come up missing, then I would have (the information) available, so there will be no delay in searching for them. I had my daughter fingerprinted back in the states when she was two, and I wanted to renew hers and get my son fingerprinted for the first time."

April was designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month by former President Ronald Reagan in 1982 and it is recognized in U.S. Army communities around the world. The Area IV Family Advocacy Program has many activities and classes planned throughout the month to raise child abuse awareness.

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Program promotes Korean culture, language

Story by Spc. Tricia O. Ortiz
19th Theater Support Command Public Affairs Office

The 19th Theater Support Command joined forces with Daegu Health College April 10 to kick off an eight-week Korean culture course for members of the Daegu Enclave.

The course, open to Soldiers, civilians and family members, covers Hangul language and Korean culture for two hours each Saturday.

Dr. Nam Sung-hee, president of Daegu Health College, personally welcomed Maj. Gen. Jeanette K. Edmunds, commanding general of the 19th Theater Support Command, and 23 U.S. students to the course.

"As a small effort to bridge the gap between west and east and to promote the rapport between Korea and America, Daegu Health College proudly presents the Good Friendship Program with the 19th Theater Support Command," Nam said. "Through the program, which includes a Korean language course, a Korean cuisine course and a good friendship tour, the U.S. Army situated in Korea will be able to understand the Korean culture better and take one step closer to Koreans."

"Here at the Daegu Health College, you are giving American Soldiers and



Pfc. Margie Wollenberg, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Theater Support Command, receives the Korean course book from Jang Sun-mi, a student from the Daegu Health College.

family members the valuable opportunity to learn the Hangul language," Edmunds said. "We deeply appreciate the kind of generosity that your college is showing to us."

Korean instructors will teach task-

based, practical Korean conversation with hands-on practice for the balanced development of speaking, listening, reading and writing, said Kim Kyung-wong, director of the International Relations Department of the college and

a language instructor for the program.

In addition to learning the language, the program will help all of the class members understand Korean culture better.

"Learning a language is part of learning the culture," Kim said.

He also said the students will have the opportunity to learn how to make some traditional Korean meals, such as kimchi, bulgogi and traditional chicken soup.

The students will also enjoy a friendship tour to promote mutual understanding between Korean and U.S. students, Kim said. During the tour, American students will have the opportunity to practice their new language skills with the Korean university students.

Pfc. Margie Wollenberg, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Theater Support Command, said she volunteered to attend this program to learn more about the Korean culture.

"I am planning to be in Korea for one more year and learning the language in a classroom environment will help me to better understand and communicate with the Korean people," she said.

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"This event was originally planned for Korean students," said Kwon. "But since we have an American school here, we decided to have students from TAS as well."

Approximately 20 Korean students from three Busan elementary schools joined nine Pusan American School students at The American Corner in Busan's Citizens Municipal Public Library.

"It went wonderfully. It was a great opportunity for Korean and American students to get to know one another," said Kyong Beach, acting administrator at Pusan American School. "Korean

teachers who attended thought it was a great gesture for a dignitary like the vice president's wife to make an invitation for Korean students to attend."

Teachers and parents, both Korean and American, were excited about the rare opportunity their children had experienced.

"I think (today's event) was very interesting," said Tonya Hagander, a third-grade teacher at Taegu American School. "I believe it was a good opportunity for the kids. They seemed to have a good time. It was fun."

"It was excellent," said William Bevins, an English teacher at Sooncheon

High School in South Jeolla Province, who came to finish reading the book where Cheney left off because of time constraints. "It was a great opportunity to share and represent a little bit of America with local children."

"It was quite amusing to see how the technology could make us forget about the distance," said Beak Myung-sun, mother of Choi Eun-kyung, a third-grade student at Kyesung Elementary School. "I am sure it was a good experience for the kids also."

According to a press release by the U.S. Embassy, the American Corners in the Republic of Korea are resource

centers currently located in the Busan Metropolitan Simin Municipal Library and the Daegu Metropolitan Central Library that provide area residents with open, factual, and accurate information about the United States, its people, culture, history, government, and institutions. Both American Corners are equipped with computers and digital video conferencing equipment.

According to Kwon, there are 100 American Corners in 28 countries, including the Daegu and Busan locations in South Korea.

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we all fly together or die together."

The Korean Volunteer of the Year is Park Sung-bin, who put in 303 hours at Child and Youth Services.

Linda Martinez, a seventh-grader at Pusan American School who volunteered 235 hours at Child and Youth Services, was named the Youth Volunteer of the Year.

"It feels good to win, I'm surprised," she said. "It makes me happy to help get things done in the community."

The Military Volunteer of the Year is Staff Sgt. Matthew Knudsen, who worked 200 hours at Child and Youth Services.

Jennifer Brooks, who volunteered 207 hours at Child Youth Services and Gifts N Things, is the Military Spouse Volunteer of the Year.

Besides the big winners, the post also recognized

81 additional volunteers for their contributions during the past year. Volunteers received certificates signed by Ludwig and crystal desk plaques.

Installation officials praised the volunteers for their efforts.

"It is amazing what they do. Without volunteers this community wouldn't be what it is," said Sue O'Leary, installation volunteer coordinator, Army Community Service. "The movie theater is an all-volunteer staff. We all love to go to the movies. Without them, the community wouldn't be able to do that."

"What these volunteers do is important to the community," Ludwig said. "It means a lot to me as garrison commander and it means a lot to the community. We have volunteers helping out in all kinds

of places. There's the movie crew, the auto craft shop crowd, the CYS gang and lots of others. Regardless of what they do or how many hours they put in, every one of them makes an important contribution."

Precederemony entertainment was provided by Krystle Wright and Aimee Brown of Pusan American School. They presented their rendition of Whitney Houston's "The Greatest Love of All." The Amor band, currently touring Area IV installations, also entertained the crowd.

"Even though they don't do it for the recognition, this is a way to say 'thank you' to our volunteers," O'Leary said. "Without them, this community wouldn't be what it is."

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