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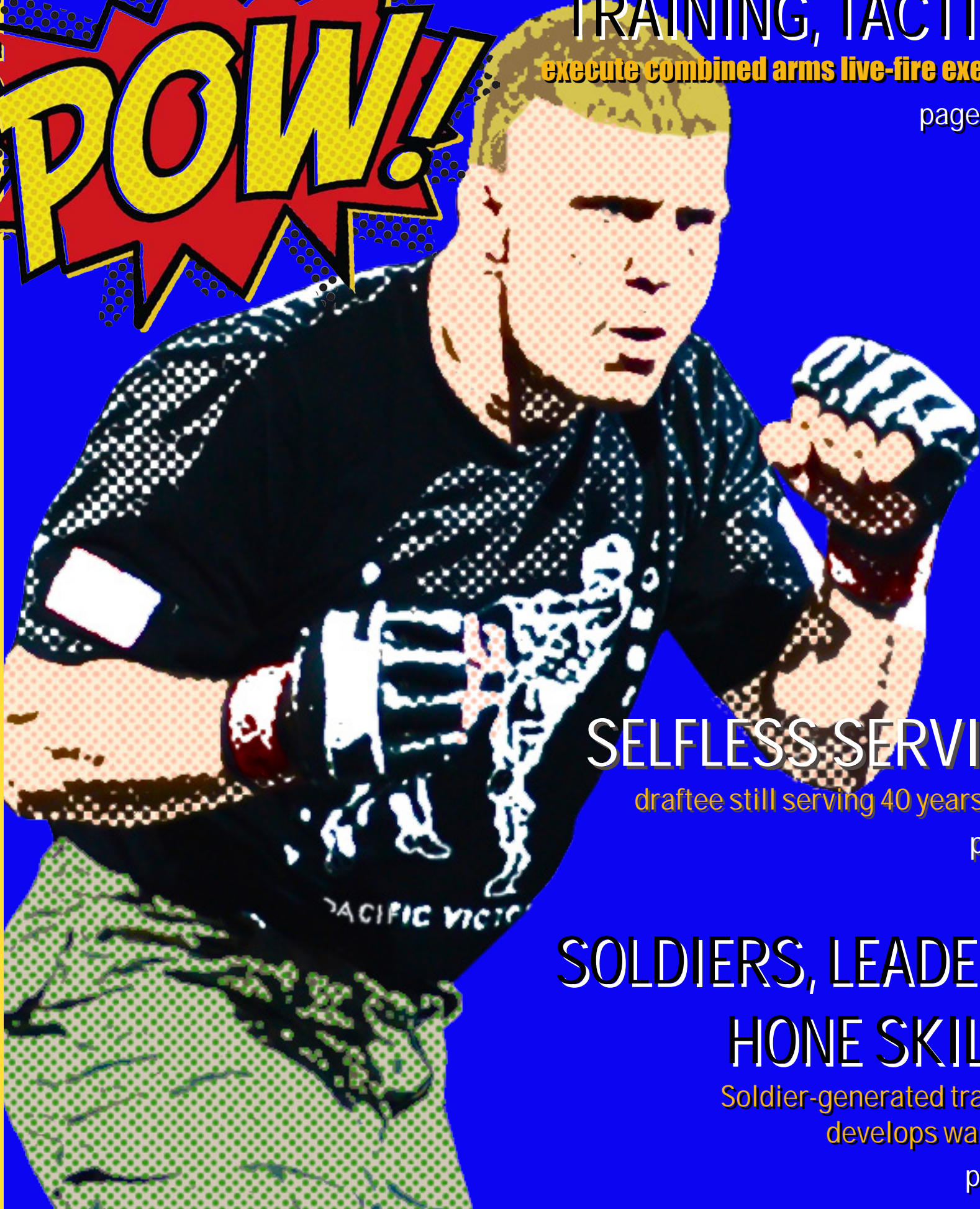
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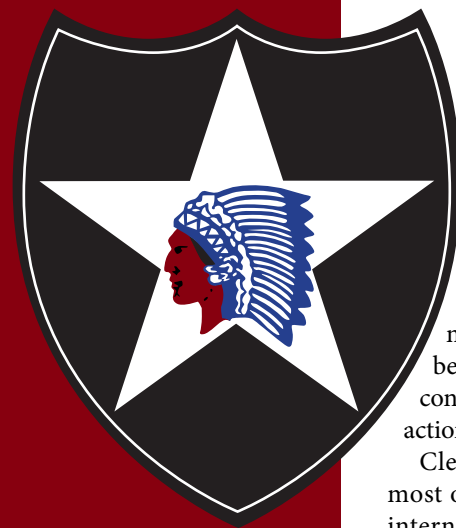
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COMMANDER'S CORNER: BUILDING AND MAINTAINING TRUST

Trust is an essential characteristic of the Army profession. For our Army to succeed, trust is like the air we breathe. Trust is the bedrock behind every decision we make at every level from general officer to sergeant. Trust, like other attributes such as integrity, honesty, character must never be impugned. It is to be guarded zealously, strengthened constantly and reinforced with every action we take.

Clearly, the Army is trusted by most of the American public and the international community. In May 2012, the results of the annual Harris Poll on the American public's confidence in leaders of major institutions were announced. "The military" again tops the list, as it has since 2008, with 55 percent of respondents saying they have a "great deal" of confidence in the military. While that is good news, the bad news is that this percentage has been slowly declining.

Professions have a number of characteristics that set them apart from other organizations, and foremost among them is earned trust. Ours is a sacred trust because we are trusted with human lives including each others, and as such, we are expected to live up to a higher standard. Our values and ethos are not empty words, but a code that we live by, both on and off duty. We are expected to do the right thing all the time, because that is what professional Soldiers do.

Everyone in our Army is a volunteer. Each of us signed up to serve, and in that service is tremendous power. The Army is not easy; it is not for everyone – it is demanding. Serving demands self discipline, character to do the right

thing and values that make our Army respected around the world. Therefore, we must first trust ourselves. Trust is not something given freely, each of us has to earn it.

Soldiers trust Soldiers. We must trust those who stand to our left and right; trust that we know what to do; trust that we will do the right thing; trust that we will be there when it matters most.

The trust between leader and led is unique in our Army. We seek inspired leadership and followership that develops the trust seen in powerful teams that accomplish extraordinary things. This is done through discipline and training – done right, it builds trust. Leaders trust their Soldiers and Soldiers trust their leaders. With this harmony, we are a powerful team that will preserve and win in the most difficult circumstances.

Trust is also central to our great ROK-U.S. Alliance. The Alliance is not a piece of paper; it lives inside a relationship built on trust. Ours is a relationship based on shared goals – the peace and security of the Korean Peninsula. Our combined actions speak louder than words when it comes to building trust, and there is no better way to do that than developing relationships through combined training, through community partnerships and through Korean friendships.

We build trust with our alliance partners through combined training. That is why combined exercises such as Ulchi Freedom Guardian and our upcoming WARPAT exercises are so important.

We are now in the middle of the division's heaviest and most important training period. I call on each of you, Soldiers and leaders alike, to work to



Maj. Gen. Edward C. Cardon
2nd ID Commander

build that trust in yourselves, each other, and our ROK partners that will be essential to accomplishing our mission. It is our duty to be ready, and that readiness starts in the trust expected in our profession, the trust that lives in the heart, mind and soul of every Soldier and is based on what you do every day.

As the most trusted profession in America, it is our duty to maintain the trust of the American people. Importantly, as part of the great ROK-U.S. Alliance, we must earn and maintain the trust of the Korean people and their leaders as well.

To do that, our actions must speak louder than our words and we must prove we are trustworthy by maintaining our readiness and being good neighbors to those who put their trust in us.

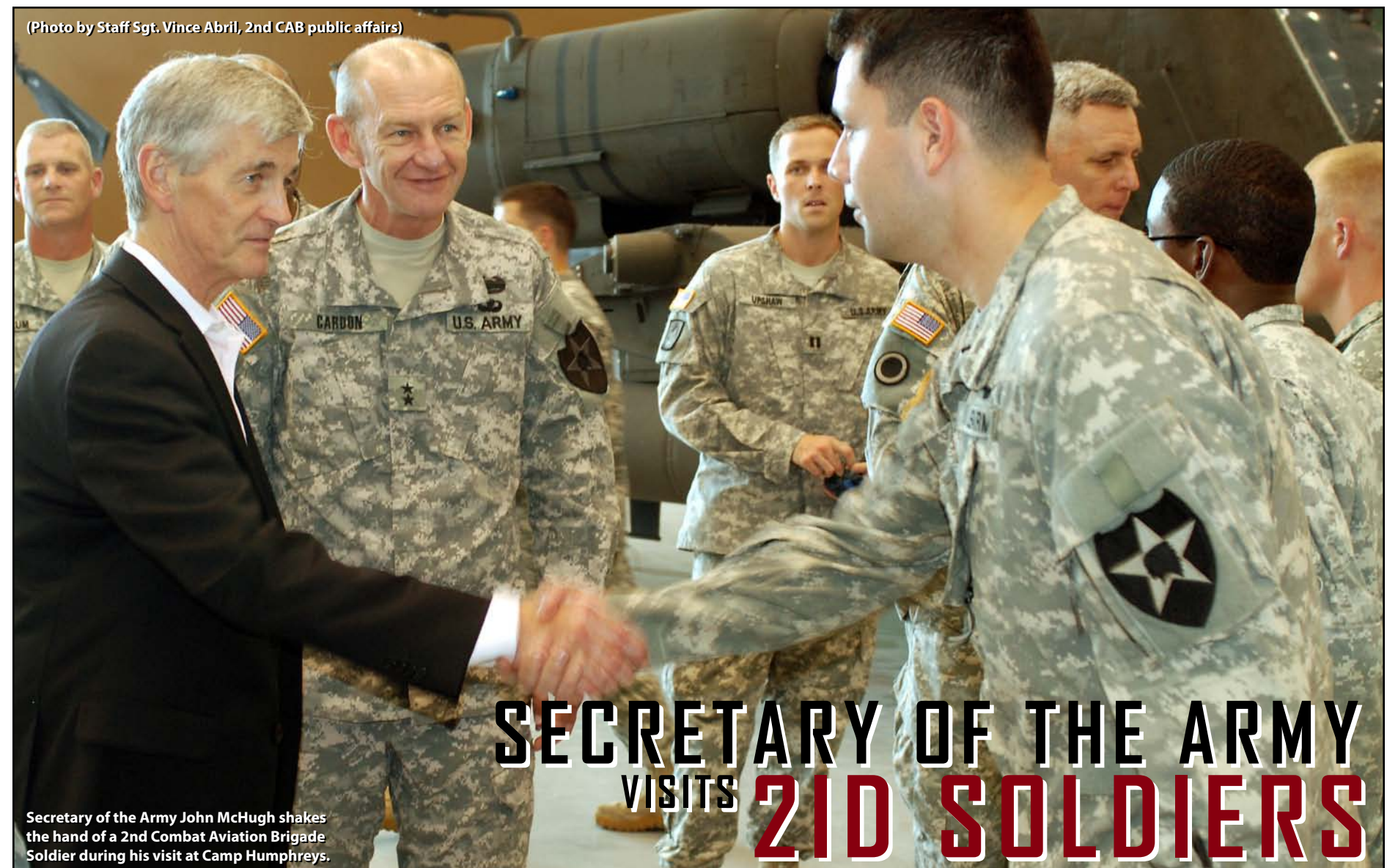
Second to None!



Pfc. Ajara Williams, a Soldier with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, enjoys a day at the Splash & Splash Water park with children from Chunheea Orphanage in Pyeontaek. The unit hosted 81 children at the Aug. 8 event.

Photo courtesy of 3-2nd Avn.

(Photo by Staff Sgt. Vince Abril, 2nd CAB public affairs)



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY VISITS 2ID SOLDIERS

Secretary of the Army John McHugh shakes the hand of a 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade Soldier during his visit at Camp Humphreys.

STORY BY STAFF SGT AARON P. DUNCAN 2ND CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A small bus comes to a halt in front of a pair of large, open bay doors. The police escorts silently flash their lights as a middle-aged man in a blue jacket and khakis steps out and is immediately surrounded by the senior members of the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

As the man's personal security fans out across the aviation hanger, the Soldiers waiting in front of the helicopter display know this is the man they have been waiting for.

The Honorable John McHugh visited Soldiers at the 2nd CAB "Super Hanger" during an Aug. 18th trip to address Camp Humphreys' leadership. The Secretary of the Army may not be a movie star or famous musician, but for Soldiers, he is indeed a celebrity.

"I have to admit, I was a little bit nervous to meet him," said Staff Sgt. Peter Crouch, a native of Glendale, Ore., who is an UH-60 helicopter mechanic in the 2nd (Assault) Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

Select Soldiers from every battalion were positioned in front of equipment representative of their units and McHugh took the time to greet each Soldier and present them with a coin, expressing his gratitude.

While most are assigned to Camp Humphreys, some of the Soldiers from 2nd (Assault) Battalion came from K-16 Air Base near Seoul. Crouch was one of the Soldiers who made the hour-long drive to be present for the rainy Saturday morning visit.

Crouch was given the honor of meet-

ing McHugh for the role he played in intervening in a recent suicide attempt of a Soldier.

Suicides are the most common form of death in the Army, according to Gen. Ray Odierno, the Army Chief of Staff, in a recent interview with USA Today.

The Secretary of the Army and Lt. Gen. Johnson [the 8th Army Commanding General] told me good job this is what we were talking about when we want people who see signs of suicide to step forward and do something about it," said Crouch.

Spc. Jacob T. Alexander, a petroleum supply specialist originally from Hendersonville, N.C., with Company E, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, also got the opportunity to meet McHugh.

Many people do not get the opportunity to meet him so I thought it was an honor for me to be able to do so, said Alexander.

After meeting with the Soldiers of 2nd CAB, McHugh concluded his two-day trip by visiting U.S. and ROK military leaders from across the peninsula, experiencing our alliance first-hand.

"As the U.S. military shifts greater focus to this vital region, this visit was a great opportunity for Secretary McHugh to see the significant contribution that 8th Army makes toward the defense of the Republic of Korea," said 8th Army Commanding General, Lt. Gen. John D. Johnson, according to an 8th Army press release on McHugh's visit to South Korea. "Our modern equipment, interoperability with our ROK allies and the quality of our leaders and Soldiers serve to deter aggression from North Korea with its history of violent provocations and pursuit of weapons of mass destruction."



Command Sgt. Maj. Derrick Merriwether, the senior enlisted advisor for 3rd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, presents Secretary of the Army John McHugh with a unit coin at Camp Humphreys Aug. 18.

(Photo by Staff Sgt. Vince Abril, 2nd CAB public affairs)

A 2nd Infantry Division Soldier ground guides a Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected Vehicle, also known as an MRAP, during a drivers training class.



MRAP ENTERS SERVICE IN 2ID ARSENAL

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The streets grew wet and muddy as the rain pounded the ground. In a few short minutes the solid ground became a huge mud pit. For most vehicles you would find on the highway, driving under these conditions is impossible. Maneuvering their way through muddy narrow roads was part of the training 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers completed Aug. 15 at Rodriguez Range.

For one Soldier in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, driving a 16-ton vehicle was not something he ever imagined doing. However, after their impressive performance in Iraq and Afghanistan, about 80 Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected Vehicles are being assessed for potential integration with 2nd Inf. Div. formations.

"The division recently received new vehicles, [Caimans and the Max Pro]," said Staff Sgt. Carl L. Murphy, the division master driver, with Company A, Headquarters Headquarters Battalion. "We are here training Soldiers on how to maintain and operate these vehicles."

Pfc. Reece B. Whitsett, a fire support specialist, from Blacksburg Va., had the opportunity to drive an MRAP.

For Soldiers like Whitsett, driving is something he enjoys. But Whitsett explained, driving an oversized vehicle can be a little nerve racking.

"I have never driven a vehicle this size before," said Whitsett, "so I am a little nervous to get behind the wheel."

The MRAP is one in a family of armored fighting vehicles designed to protect Soldiers from enemy attacks.

"The vehicles like the Caiman and Max Pro can be used for command and control, personnel carrier and much more," said Murphy. "Five [Soldiers] were trained on the Caiman and five on the Max Pro."

The 40-hour course covered vehicle maintenance, roll-over drills, vehicle safety and basic operator skills.

"The information and training we have received about the vehicle has been very helpful," said Whitsett. "We have to know about the vehicles weight, its capacities and limitation," he added.

Knowing details like the MAX Pro's weight is a small piece of information, but is very important for the Soldiers to know, said Murphy.

"This vehicle is heavy and I need to know at what speed I can make a safe turn," said Whitsett.

At the end of the course Soldiers would be tested

on their ability and confidence by demonstrating their capability to drive the vehicles in various conditions—such as day and night driving.

"We also have a basic exam on the vehicle that the Soldiers have to pass in order to graduate the class," said Murphy.

"I have enjoyed learning and driving these vehicles," said Whitsett. "I do feel this vehicle is safe, and I am confident I can go back and teach other Soldiers about this vehicle."



Pfc. Reece B. Whitsett conducts a 360-degree inspection of an MRAP Max Pro during a drivers training class.



A 360-degree inspection also includes elements of the undercarriage, which is especially important for vehicles designed to withstand landmines.

2ID SOLDIER TAKES WRESTLING TO THE NEXT LEVEL



Staff Sgt. Ashten Richardson (left), an Iowa City, Iowa native with 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, waits to throw the first punch during the cruiserweight finals of the 2012 U.S. Army Combatives Tournament at Fort Hood, Texas. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Eric J. Glassey, 4th Public Affairs Detachment)

STORY BY
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For some people, wrestling is only a sport. But, for others, wrestling is a way of life.

Wrestling has always been a part of Staff Sgt. Ashten Richardson's life, who is currently an indirect fire Infantryman, with 4th Cavalry 7th Squadron Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team.

Born in Iowa City, Iowa, Richardson first started competing at the age of five. He would later develop skills passed down from a legendary wrestler.

"My coach in high school was an Iowa State National Champion who wrestled for Dan Gable," he said.

Dan Gable is famous for losing only one match in his entire Iowa University collegiate career, and winning gold at the 1972 Olympic Games in Germany while not giving up a single point. He is regarded as one of the greatest wrestlers who ever lived.

During high school Richardson had a very successful wrestling career, recording more than a 100 varsity wins.

"I was a state champion my junior year in high school," he said. "I also won states in freestyle wrestling and Greco Roman my senior year."

In September 2003, the three-time state champion decided to enlist in the U.S. Army, where his love for wrestling would soon turn him on to a new sport.

"I first learned about Army-combatives in the Army," he said. "I attended the Army combative training level 1 in 2004."

With 14 years of wrestling experience, combatives came naturally to Richardson.

"It was very similar to wrestling so I learned very fast," he added.

After leaving his first duty station in Alaska, Richardson moved to Fort Jackson S.C., where he met his wife, Juliana.

While stationed at Fort Jackson, he attended the Army Ranger Training School in Fort Benning and successfully completed all three phases in 61 days.

"My wife Juliana is the most supportive woman I have ever met," said Richardson. "She would constantly send me letters to help my morale through Ranger School and with her support I made it."

Richardson then received orders to leave Fort Jack-

son and deploy to South Korea with the 2nd Inf. Div.

While in Korea, Richardson would win the 1st ABCT Non-commissioned Officer of the Year Best Warrior Competition. He then represented 1st ABCT by competing and winning the 2012 8th Army Combatives Tournament in the 185 pound weight class.

"I was so excited to hear that he won," said Juliana. "I was proud to see that all his hard work and effort paid off."

After winning the 8th Army Combatives Tournament in his weight class Richardson was sent to compete in the All-Army Combatives Tournament in Fort Hood, Texas. The tournament would host the best fighters in the Army.

"He loves to compete," said Juliana. "The thrill of holding an opponent down, giving it his all in a competition is what makes him happy, that's what motivates him."

With the tournament only a few weeks away, Richardson had to seek out additional training to help prepare him for the event.

"I would travel down to Seoul (two hours away) every day for two weeks and trained with Korean Top Team (a Korean mix martial arts group)," he said.

Training with Korean Top Team benefited Richardson's jujitsu skills.

"Having that opportunity to train with an elite group really helped me out," said Richardson. "However, I was not able to train with them for a long time because I only had two weeks to prepare before the tournament."

As part of Richardson's training he had to stop eating some of his favorite meals to make sure he stayed in shape, and make his qualifying weight of 185 for the tournament.

"I cut all carbohydrates from my diet and I would just eat lean protein," Richardson said. "Cardio and more cardio was my way to burn the extra weight off."

Richardson made it to Ft. Hood in shape and his wife was waiting for him.

"I was so excited to see him and I couldn't believe we were together again," said Juliana.

During the tournament Richardson faced some of the best fighters in the Army.

"I was confident in my ability," Richardson said. "I was going to go in there and do what I do best — wrestle them."

Richardson went undefeated through the semi-finals.

"I was a nerve wreck during the semi-finals," said Juliana. "I tried to record his fights. I was just a mess. I had the camera pointed to the ceiling and I was yelling like a maniac."

Making it to the finals was a huge accomplishment for Richardson.

"I am so proud of him," said Juliana. "It was his first time fighting at an All-Army Tournament, and he fought people with more training and experience than him."

He went on to place 2nd in the All-Army Combatives competition, which he credits to the work ethic his father instilled in him.

But, despite all the hard work and sacrifice, saying goodbye to his wife was one of the hardest things Richardson had to do.

"We knew this was coming and it never gets easy," said Juliana. "I am just glad that I had the opportunity to see him and we will see each other soon!"

Fortunately for the Richardsons, he will be returning to his Family Oct. 16, when he assumes an instructor position with the 6th Ranger Training Brigade at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.



Richardson (left) took second place after losing in the finals by a technical knock-out to 1st Lt. Daniel Midgett (right) with the 5th Special Forces Group based at Fort Campbell, Ky. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Eric J. Glassey, 4th Public Affairs Detachment)



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Vince Abril,
2nd CAB public affairs)

LIFE CAN COME AT YOU
PRETTY FAST

SOMETIMES, YOU WON'T BE
READY FOR IT.

WHEN THAT MOMENT COMES,
THERE MAY BE SOMEONE
NEARBY WHO IS PREPARED
AND CAN

TAKE
CARE OF
BUSINESS

**STORY BY STAFF SGT
AARON P. DUNCAN
2ND CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Children often dream about becoming heroes when they grow up. Most do not get the chance to live out their childhood fantasies. But, for Pfc. Clifford A. Rookstool, that fantasy came true.

Rookstool, a UH-60 helicopter repairer from Fayetteville, N.C. is assigned to the 2nd Battalion (Assault), 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade. He was headed to K-16 Air Base on his bike, July 17, when he witnessed a vehicle accident between a taxi cab and a delivery man who was riding a scooter.

Training instinctively kicked in. "I threw down my bike and ran across traffic to help this guy out because I saw someone who needed help," said Rookstool.

His actions did not surprise his platoon sergeant, Sgt. Corey R. Smith.

"PFC Rookstool is a great Soldier. You can always count on him to do the right thing," said Smith.

Staying calm and quickly assessing the situation, Rookstool noticed a fuel leak coming from the scooter. He decided to turn off the engines to both the vehicles and directed the driver of the taxi to call for assistance.

"I saw gas leaking from the scooter and the last thing I wanted was a fire," said Rookstool.

Rookstool then assessed the injuries and condition of the teen scooter driver, removing the driver's shirt so he could visually check the driver's torso. After noting multiple injuries, Rookstool began reassuring the scooter driver, keeping him calm.

"I was trying to keep him occupied and talking with me, which was tough, because he didn't speak any English at all," said Rookstool.

When asked where his received the medical knowledge, Rookstool was quick to credit both his father and his prior training with a special warfare program.

"Before the Army, I worked with the Navy through the special warfare program for about two-and-a-half months. I graduated

from their medical Combat Lifesaver's Course as a civilian," said Rookstool. "And my father was a Ranger so he taught me everything he knew."

In the time it took for the medical personnel to arrive, the scooter driver experienced two seizures. But, even this did not deter Rookstool, who remained calm and put his medical training to use.

"It is an inspiration to see a Soldier put in effect the training and knowledge he has been given," said Smith.

After medical personnel arrived, Rookstool stayed on scene and assisted loading the scooter driver into the ambulance.

For the next two week, Rookstool attempted to find out the status of the injured driver.

"I just wanted to meet him and see if he was OK," said Rookstool.

Little did he know, the deliveryman's mother was doing the same. He received a call on Aug. 9 telling him that the family of the injured teen wanted to meet him and thank him for his actions.

After learning of the request, Rookstool's command began assisting him by setting up the meeting and providing translators.

It will not be their last meeting though. The injured teen's mother has already invited Rookstool to dine with their family.

"I really hope this turns into a long-lasting friendship" said Rookstool.

210TH SOLDIER LEADS BY EXAMPLE... TIME, AFTER TIME, AFTER TIME



**STORY BY
CAPT MATT McMILLAN
210TH FIB PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Staff Sgt. Neal Lang III won, in order, the 210th Fires Brigade, the 2nd Infantry Division and the 8th Army Best Warrior competitions, as well as the United States Army Pacific Command Warrior Challenge.

He started his winning streak in early April this year, when he volunteered to represent his battalion in the 210th competition. After numerous events at Camps Casey and Hovey and the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex, he emerged as the top noncommissioned officer at each level. Next, he will represent the Army's Pacific-stationed forces at the Army-wide competition this October.

Soldiers in his battery said they saw it coming a mile away.

Lang, of 2nd Platoon, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade, is a native of Winston-Salem, N.C. He talks easily, with a disarming, polished Southern twang.

"He's the NCO every commander wants," said

Staff Sgt. Neal Lang, winner of the U.S. Army Pacific
Warrior Challenge, on the M4 range during the 2nd
Infantry Division Best Warrior Competition.



Capt. Nolan Maxwell, Lang's battery commander. "He's constantly teaching his subordinates, peers – anybody. Any time you see Staff Sergeant Lang, he's teaching somebody something."

Lang had been running a biweekly study group, preparing Soldiers in his battery for promotion boards, months before the call for volunteers went out. Lang was studying in hopes of attending the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club board examination and he wanted others to benefit.

A student of Lang's was named Soldier of the Month, and another found success when he passed his promotion board and became promotable to staff sergeant. The two men are from the same platoon. Both are launcher chiefs on Multiple Launch Rocket Systems.

"We all got together. We all needed to know the same stuff. He just needed to know it on a higher level," said Mattick.

Lang sponsored Mattick at the board where he earned his promotable status.

However, not everything was academic. Lang insisted on discipline, and discipline started during physical training. Lang worked his launcher crew

under a rigorous standard.

"He likes to get stuff done," said Spc. La Pham, Lang's launcher gunner, a member of his crew. "He wants Soldiers to be in good shape, like him."

And, when Lang started competing (and winning), he took his training to a new level. Lang hit the books and the track, shoring up his knowledge in weaker areas and marching with a rucksack on weekends, according to his crew.

Recognizing potential when they saw it, Lang's chain of command let him work.

"[His training] was pretty much all day, every day. He knew what the requirements were, and he got out there and trained," said Maxwell.

In fact, the battery assigned Lang a sponsor – Sgt. 1st Class Charles Parrott, Jr.

Parrott accounts for and supervises Lang during his training, travels with him and coordinates Lang's activities. He is essentially Lang's agent.

But, the competition this fall is a bona fide "big deal" – the highest-level competition in the Army. In the interim between the two competitions, Lang does his best to remain focused.

"I just continue to work hard on physical fitness," said Lang. "The competition is only four or five days, but endurance has always been key in previous competitions. Mentally, I am preparing by training for the Audie Murphy board, to help me to practice [for] the board portion."

Lang, who says he tries to run at least three "hard" miles daily, also leverages experts to help him prepare for tasks and drills tested in Best Warrior. But, beyond the need for physical endurance, there is a massive amount of knowledge to remember.

"I recite my creeds, biographies and songs to myself when I'm walking somewhere by myself – if I'm alone in my room, even in the shower or lying in bed," said Lang.

According to Lang, the biggest benefit from the competition is personal growth. And, the man himself is characteristically humble.

"I couldn't have done it without the support of my chain of command," he said. "And, it's an honor to represent my unit."

The Army's Best Warrior Competition will be Oct. 15-18 at Fort Lee, Va. The winners will be announced at the Association of the U.S. Army awards ceremony the following week in Washington, D.C.



Lang competes in the M249 Squad Automatic Weapon disassembly -
reassembly event during the 2nd Inf. Div. Best Warrior Competition.

FOLLOW ME! US, KATUSA AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARMY SOLDIERS ATTEND THE US ARMY'S WARRIOR LEADERSHIP COURSE AT CAMP JACKSON



Cpl. Ahn Byung-hoon, a public affairs soldier with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, directs his squad during his leadership course evaluation at Rodriguez Range.

STORY BY
STAFF SGT VINCE ABRIL
2ND CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Through bitter cold, torrential rains, sweltering heat and unforgiving terrain, American and Republic of Korea soldiers fought side-by-side for a common cause: defending the sovereignty of the nation. That goal was realized. But, it was dearly bought with the loss of many lives during the war.

Now, 62 years later, a new generation stands together, deterring an enemy just a stone's throw away. This was achieved by the efforts of past generations and through the initiatives of leaders such as Gen. Douglas MacArthur who, on Aug. 15, 1950, started the Korean Augmentation to the United States Army program. The KATUSA program was designed to help U.S. forces fill manpower needs and to put useful equipment into able hands.

Today the KATUSA and U.S. Soldiers share a bond forged through history. Cpl.

Ahn Byung-hoon, a KATUSA soldier with the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade public affairs office, and Spc. Jeffery Hicks, an Apache helicopter repairman with Company A, 4th (Attack) Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd CAB, are two modern troops who directly benefit from that history.

Ahn and Hicks spent 24 days living, eating, training and developing their leadership skills as they went through the intense training offered at the Warrior Leaders Course at Camp Jackson in Dobong San, South Korea. WLC is an introductory leadership program designed for all U.S. junior enlisted personnel.

Volunteering to attend the course, Ahn looked forward to receiving first-hand experience training with U.S. Soldiers outside of his normal duty. As the only KATUSA in his squad at WLC, this opportunity came with certain doubts.

"There were many aspects I did not know about the U.S. Army. This leadership

training helped me to understand how to work even more effectively with U.S. Soldiers for the duration of my 21 months of service," said Ahn.

Like many new experiences, sharing a room with a total stranger, who is also from a different country, has its own challenges. Ahn and Hicks vigorously tackled that challenge, which eventually formed the basis of a new friendship.

"Living in the same room was awkward at first because of the culture difference. But, through time, we became good friends. Spc. Hicks helped me train and I learned many things from him. He is one of the best Soldiers I have ever met," said Ahn.

A native of Spokane, Wash., Hicks appreciates the KATUSA program and is no stranger to working with soldiers of different countries during his eight years of service.

"Working with host nation soldiers definitely helps during military operations.

Through my experience, this is true of the KATUSA program and working down range with many soldiers from different countries," Hicks said.

While KATUSAs attending such training as WLC is an obvious benefit to the U.S.-ROK alliance, the training opportunities and benefits have recently expanded as a memorandum of understanding was signed by the 8th U.S. Army and the Republic of Korea army last month. It allows ROK army NCOs to train at the 8th U.S. Army NCO Academy.

This new development is a testament to the dedication the two armies have for one another. The academy allows Korean soldiers to train cohesively with U.S. personnel, ultimately enhancing communication, leadership skills and military operations.

As the month of August marked the anniversary of the KATUSA program's creation, it is evident that the program continues to reinforce the bond forged so long ago, one friendship at a time.



Ahn calls in a report over the radio after his squad notices an improvised explosive device during a training scenario at Rodriguez Range.



Spc. Jeffery Hicks of Company A, 4th Battalion (Attack), 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, reacts to incoming simulated mortars at Rodriguez Range.



Gen. of the Army Douglas MacArthur meets with the president of the Republic of Korea, Rhee Syng-man. Together, they were responsible for the creation of the KATUSA program.

THE KATUSA EXPERIENCE

A BRIEF LOOK THROUGH THE EYES OF SOME OF OUR MOST UNIQUE SOLDIERS

(U.S. Army photo courtesy of the National Archives)

STORY BY
SGT RO JIN-HWAN
STAFF WRITER

The Korean Augmentation to the United States Army program began during the Korean War through an agreement between the president of the Republic of Korea, Rhee Syng-man, and Gen. of the Army Douglas MacArthur. Originally intended to match able-bodied Korean personnel with available U.S. equipment, the program evolved into a cultural exchange and a symbol of friendship between the two nations.

Despite a long and fruitful relationship, it is not entirely uncommon to hear of KATUSA soldiers being generalized as disinterested or unmotivated. Or, at least, that is the perception many KATUSA soldiers have of others' opinions. It is a stereotype, most KATUSAs will admit, with a grain of truth. But, it is not without good reason.

As conscripted Soldiers, young Korean men can expect separation from their families and friends, disruption of education and relationships, monthly compensation of less than \$200 U.S. Dollars per month, and very little free time. It lasts for approximately two years and any refusal to meet this requirement is met with either jail time or a loss of citizenship.

The vast majority serve out their time with the ROK army and then happily return to civilian life. The story is much the same for those who are accepted into the KATUSA program. And, while they enjoy much-improved living conditions, it is a highly competitive process exacerbated by extremely limited availability.

Despite the challenges facing these young men, regardless of their station, most serve their time honorably.

"Unlike what some people think of us,

most KATUSA soldiers actually try to get something out of their service," said Sgt. Won Jung-ho, a noncommissioned officer in 2nd Infantry Division safety office.

Won, though approaching the end of his service requirement, continues to set goals for himself. In the last 18 months he has worked diligently to improve his English, earned the U.S. Army Physical Fitness Badge, competed in a battalion-level NCO of the Quarter board, volunteered to train KATUSAs who fail to meet physical fitness standards, and given safety briefs to KATUSA soldiers in-processing at the Warrior Readiness Center. He is also preparing to attend the Warrior Leadership Course.

In fact, many U.S. Soldiers are grateful for the expertise and professionalism of their KATUSA counterparts.

"One of the KATUSA soldiers I worked with was Sgt. Cho Sang-ho, who was in charge of alert rosters and slides for the battalion. He also translated road maps for the battalion to use," said Spc. Skyler Howell, a command driver for Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion.

"He was a really dedicated and motivated worker. He never complained about anything," added Howell. "I think a lot of KATUSAs still try their best [...] because they were raised in a culture where it is a virtue to be hard-working."

The gratitude and respect goes both ways, as many KATUSAs are aware of how fortunate they are to be a part of the program, as it allows more time to study, weekend passes and a more diverse selection of foods than does life in the ROK army.

"Since we have more free time compared to ROK army soldiers, it is easy to feel guilty if we waste our time. It is really a blessing to become a KATUSA," concluded Won.



KATUSA and U.S. Soldiers work, live, sleep, eat and train together. While it bolsters manpower and serves as a constant source of cultural exchange, the end result is a true strengthening of both nations. (Photo courtesy Chosun Ilbo)

2ND INFANTRY DIVISION GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM STRIVES TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN UIJEONGBU



STORY BY
PFC HAN CHOL-HWAN
STAFF WRITER

The Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Center was recently visited by a small group of Korean women. Young and still basking in the vitality of their early 20s, most of them could easily pass for students. But, for these young women, not all is as it appears.

Each is unmarried and pregnant, a status that still

carries a stigma in Korean society.

Driven from their homes and families in one way or another, they've found shelter in Uijeongbu at Evergreen House, which is dedicated to the care of unmarried pregnant women.

Evergreen House offers a one-year stay, providing protection, room and board. For fear of being recognized, the young women cannot leave the premises without permission.

When Camp Red Cloud opened its doors to them recently, it did so as part of the 2nd Infantry

Division Good Neighbor Program, which fosters good relations between the 2nd Inf. Div. and Korea.

They visited the post under an agreement worked out several years ago between Evergreen House and the chaplain for the 2nd Infantry Division's Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion.

Under that agreement, Camp Red Cloud makes its facilities available to the women of Evergreen House once a week. It gives them a much-needed opportunity to get out and interact with others, and helps ease the strains of their situation – pregnant while estranged from family and friends.

At Camp Red Cloud, the women play board games, visit the 2nd Infantry Division Museum and take walks. But they also get to spend time with volunteers from the Red Cloud community, who talk about their own experiences with pregnancy, and answer questions the visiting women may have.

While the program has been in place for a few years, the latest visits have taken on a new tone, said Cpl. Lee Jae-heon, a chaplain's assistant with Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion.

Recently, the volunteers came up with a number of ways to help the program reach its full potential, including inviting the young women to unit events – such as Warrior Friendship Week – and providing them with donated baby clothes.

"I want to help these ladies in any way we can," said Tina Chu, a civilian volunteer. "I'm hoping that there will be more activities, more structure."

As the division strives to be a good neighbor, those wanting to volunteer their time with the young women are encouraged to get involved.

For more information, call 732-6428.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY



Seoul American Elementary School students cross the street while garrison MPs control traffic.

STORY AND PHOTO BY
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To make sure kids are safe when walking across roads, the U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan's Directorate of Emergency Services, Military Police, organized roadguard teams to provide safety to children before and after school, Aug. 27.

MPs conducted school zone enforcement throughout the school year to let drivers be aware of

school zones and allow them to be more cautious when driving. It also followed one of the MP's mission priorities: to provide safety for Servicemembers, Families and civilians.

The school zone enforcement included traffic control points, school zone parking, and kiss and drop zones.

Matthew Elam, traffic noncommissioned officer in charge from 142nd Military Police

Company, explained that it was necessary to give more attention to children because it was sometimes hard to see kids while driving and vice versa.

"It is important to the Community, especially the kids, because they sometimes are not accompanied with their parents and go somewhere they are not supposed to," Elam said. "We also enforce parking areas, so that when an emergency vehicle needs to come arrive on scene, it can have

enough room to maneuver in there."

Deno Burton, a logistics command specialist for the 403rd Army Field Support Brigade, accompanied his kids after school and was satisfied with Yongsan's support and shared his gratitude toward such service.

"I think it is an excellent thing to do," Burton said. "I've seen how people come down the road dangerously, but the road guard team is providing a valuable service for the Community."



THE JOYS OF CHUSEOK

STORY BY
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STAFF WRITER

Chuseok is a major Korean holiday, similar to the American Thanksgiving. It is an ancient tradition with deep cultural roots and holds a place of real significance for the Korean people. Beginning on Aug. 15 of the lunar calendar, Chuseok will fall on Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 in 2012. Keep those dates in mind. You'll see why.

The name, Chuseok, means *an autumn night with the best moonlight*. Historical records place the origin of Chuseok in the Three Kingdoms period, approximately 2100 years ago. Beginning as an agricultural celebration, teams of women from neighboring villages would compete against one another to see who could weave more cloth.

At stake was a meal prepared from the year's first harvest. They would then use the resulting cloth to make new clothes, which would

be worn to pay respect to ancestors at their burial mounds.

Together they would celebrate the change of season with various activities. Gang Gang Sul Lae is the most well-known of these. It translates, roughly, to *the turning of the wheel*, and was a circle dance the women would perform beneath the light of a full moon. Together, the women and the full moon formed a strong symbolism for wealth and served as a prayer for a blessed year.

However, as Korea transformed from an agrarian to an industrial society, many of the community traditions fell away and their significance was transferred to the remaining family level events. Today, everybody returns to their hometown and gathers with their family for Chuseok.

Now, back to those dates mentioned earlier. Don't even think about traveling. The national migration always creates a national

traffic jam. The highways turn into gigantic parking lots. But, people endure the quadrupled travel time because, well ... it's Chuseok.

Actually, to be fair, some people dread the holiday. For them, after enduring the unique pain of the journey, they must then navigate the inevitable comments and judgments from their numerous relatives on every aspect of their life — from career and financial status to personal relationships. While it may sound awful, you don't have a choice. It's Chuseok.

However, despite all the hassle, Chuseok is still a very special time for Korean families. Most of the large-scale celebrations are gone, now. But, the closeness of the holidays survives with holiday foods, family gatherings and the traditional honoring of ancestors.

So, if you know any Korean families, wish them speedy travels and a peaceful Chuseok. They're going to need it.



a somber anniversary remembering the 1976 DMZ killings

The tree as it appeared in 1984, eight years after Task Force Vierra cut it down. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. (4) Long; image from Defense Media Archive).

Soldiers pay their respects to their fallen predecessors during the annual remembrance of Capt. Arthur Bonifas and 1st Lt. Mark Barrett.



(Photo courtesy of Yonhap News Agency)

It is the annual memorial that could just as easily have been the anniversary of a reignited Korean War. Varyingly called the “axe murder incident,” the “hatchet incident,” the “poplar tree incident” and the “Panmunjom axe murders,” the 1976 slaying of Capt. Arthur Bonifas and 1st Lt. Mark Barrett by North Korean troops is one of the moments the two Koreas have come closest to full-on conflict since the 1953 armistice.



STORY BY
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“With regard to Korea, these two officers died in a way that was both horrid and honorable,” said Lt. Col. Daniel Edwan, present-day commander of the unit to which the officers belonged. “They died while performing their duties in accordance with the armistice agreement.”

Their unit, the United Nations Command Security Battalion – Joint Security Area, is permanently stationed on the demilitarized zone. They honor the men’s deaths each year with a somber roll call and wreath-laying. The battalion’s senior noncommissioned officer, Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Hidalgo, calls both men’s names three times. For both of them, he is met with silence, then a lone voice.

“He is no longer with us, sergeant major.”

They died on Aug. 18, 1976, within site of the “Bridge of No Return” between the divided Koreas. Bonifas died where he fell. Reports differ as to whether Barrett died with the captain or en route to medical care shortly after.

Their assignment had been to trim a poplar tree obscuring visibility between two United Nations Command checkpoints on the southern side of the border.

Victor Vierra, then a lieutenant colonel, was the battalion commander in 1976. He sent Bonifas on the mission.

“This place was a tinderbox with almost daily incidents with the KPA [Korean People’s Army],” said Vierra in a 2007 interview with the daily newspaper Stars and Stripes.

Circumstance worked against them, heightening tensions on the already-tense border. On Aug. 5, troops exchanged fire over the demilitarized zone. North Korea responded by accusing the United States and South Korea of completing “war preparations” according to a CIA report.



Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Hidalgo of the Command Security Battalion lays a flower on the memorial dedicated to Bonifas and Barret. (Photo by Capt. Matt McMillan)

The same report claimed half of North Korea’s troops were battle-ready within 50 miles of the border and could mount a significant attack with “little or no warning.”

Into this powder keg, Bonifas brought 14 men – Barrett, another officer, five laborers and seven American troops. They drove toward the tree at 10:30 a.m. Bonifas did not know he only had 20 minutes left to live.

A North Korean contingent of 11 personnel confronted Bonifas and his men shortly after the laborers began trimming. Again, reports differ. Some accounts said the captain slighted his aggressors by turning his back to them. Some said the North Koreans at first acquiesced, then threatened the group.

Reports do not differ on the fact that at 10:50 a.m., around 30 more North Korean troops appeared, wrested axes and other tools from Bonifas’ laborers and attacked. They bludgeoned Bonifas to death.

Eyewitnesses claimed the attackers smashed the captain with the blunt ends of axes while he lay on the ground. They also mortally

wounded Barrett before the Command Security Battalion dispersed them.

Washington responded with a carefully-calculated operation. Then-Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, tasked by President Gerald Ford, had to plan a forceful response without sparking armed conflict.

The finalized plan was to destroy the now-symbolic poplar tree, completing the fallen officers’ mission. Fittingly named Operation Paul Bunyan, the assignment was routine. The force sent to accomplish it, however, was not.

On Aug. 21, the United States and South Korea mobilized an 813-man contingent named Task Force Vierra. In total, six batteries of U.S. and South Korean artillery, 12 Cobra helicopter gunships, multiple F-111 and B-52 bombers, 40 more aircraft from the USS Midway in the East Sea, 50 South Korean special forces soldiers and multiple infantry units all supported American engineers armed with chainsaws, who destroyed the tree.

The act could have shattered the armistice. “It was my estimate, shared by many of the

staff, that the operation stood a 50-50 chance of starting a war,” wrote then-Maj. Gen. John Singlaub, chief of staff, United States Forces Korea, at the time. Singlaub planned the operation alongside other high-level leaders.

However, North Korea responded with an uncharacteristic formal apology and did not interfere with the cutting.

Pointedly, Task Force Vierra left the wrecked tree trunk jutting from the ground.

Today, a bronze and stone monument stands where the tree once did, next to a narrow asphalt road.

On a drizzling and overcast Aug. 18, 2012 ceremony, without remarks, Soldiers moved wreaths into place around the monument. Korean dignitaries, veterans’ organization leaders and representatives from UN member states followed. They took turns laying single white flowers on the stone.

1st Lt. Christopher Taylor, assigned to the Command Security Battalion, paid respect with his fellow Soldiers.

“This is a superb event that honors two great Americans,” said Taylor. “It’s rather impressive that not only [South] Korean, but other nations participated – that they came to show their respect.”

Edwan, serving in the same position Vierra did 36 years ago, walked to the monument with Hidalgo.

“When we honor Captain Bonifas and 1st Lieutenant Barrett, we are honoring every Soldier who died while performing their duties,” said Edwan. “They all deserve to be recognized every day of the year.”

The battalion conducts the memorial the same way each year and has done so since 1976.

“This ceremony ensures the event never falls into obscurity,” said Edwan, “and it is my honor to ensure its continuance.”

Both Bonifas and Barrett were posthumously promoted to major and captain, respectively.

NEW APPROACHES TO SOLDIER FITNESS BEGINNING TO SHAPE UP



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The Army saw a change in its physical readiness doctrine in March 2010, with the introduction of TC 3-22.20, an action taken in accordance with its 2009 posture statement on the issue. But, this was only a part of a changing approach to comprehensive Soldier fitness, which included a slew of new programs at varying levels of command.

Some of these programs deal with

general fitness, while others are specifically targeted at select groups, such as new and soon-to-be mothers. Others, yet, focus on nutrition and preventative health.

For the new Physical Readiness Training Program, the exercises were designed to meet the demands of combat and combat-specific tasks.

"The intent of the changes was to improve the overall fitness of the Soldier while focusing on the movements you make in combat," said 1st Sgt. Mark Bedwell, the senior enlisted advisor to the commander for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

The old warm-up drills have now been replaced by a preparation drill consisting of the same ten exercises, done in the same sequence every time, for a maximum of ten

repetitions. The changes made to the warm-up activities are just the start of the changes introduced by TC 3-22.20; everything from the beginning to the end of a PT session has been modified.

"PT used to be, basically, a three event affair: pushups, sit-ups and a run," said Bedwell.

By increasingly developing the warrior to better adapt to the stresses of the battlefield, the changes introduced by PRT are designed to ensure Soldiers are always prepared for the next fight.

"Every Soldier knows that when you are in a stressful environment, you revert back to your training," said Bedwell, highlighting the importance of combat-oriented physical training.

While intended as a general solution to Soldier fitness, each individual has different requirements. To meet these needs, some units are embracing the CrossFit approach as a supplement to the Army's new PRT program.

"CrossFit is not going to replace the Army Physical Readiness Training as (210th Fires') primary physical training," said Sgt. 1st Class Remi Riverarodriguez, a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and the 210th Fires Brigade's plans noncommissioned officer.

But, Warrior Division Soldiers from across the peninsula attended a two-day CrossFit Level One Trainer Course July 31 – Aug. 1 at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan's Collier Center.

Soldiers who completed the training gained a fundamental understanding of the CrossFit program's unique approach to fitness and many of them will become unit-level CrossFit trainers for their fellow Soldiers.

"The training is very beneficial for everyone's overall health," said trainee Sgt. Keith Caldwell, a San Diego, Calif., native, of Company B, 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th FiB.

In general, CrossFit bases its workout program around short, intense functional fitness sessions. The program delivers a fitness that is, by design, broad, general, and inclusive, according to the CrossFit corporate website.

Soldiers of the 210th FiB will use their CrossFit training in a special fitness program unique to that unit.

Still, there are other fitness needs that must be addressed, especially among pregnant Soldiers and new mothers. At Camp

Casey, military and civilian women gather at Carrey Gym for a program called Pregnancy and Post-Partum Physical Training.

Although this class is intended to help meet the physical needs of women who are going through pregnancy, that is only the very beginning of what it is all about. Sgt. Robin Flores of Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, who has been teaching such classes ever since she got introduced to them at Fort Sill, Okla., calls it a "morale booster."

"We are our own support groups. This is for everyone who is, or has been, pregnant," said Flores.

While the men in their lives can attend the educational classes that accompany the exercise sessions, the physical training portion is intended for women only.

But, these changes are much larger than anything limited strictly to the division. Nutritional programs are developing in units Army-wide. Some are even branching out and specializing, like the weight-control and sports nutrition classes offered to Soldiers stationed at Sather Air Base in Baghdad.

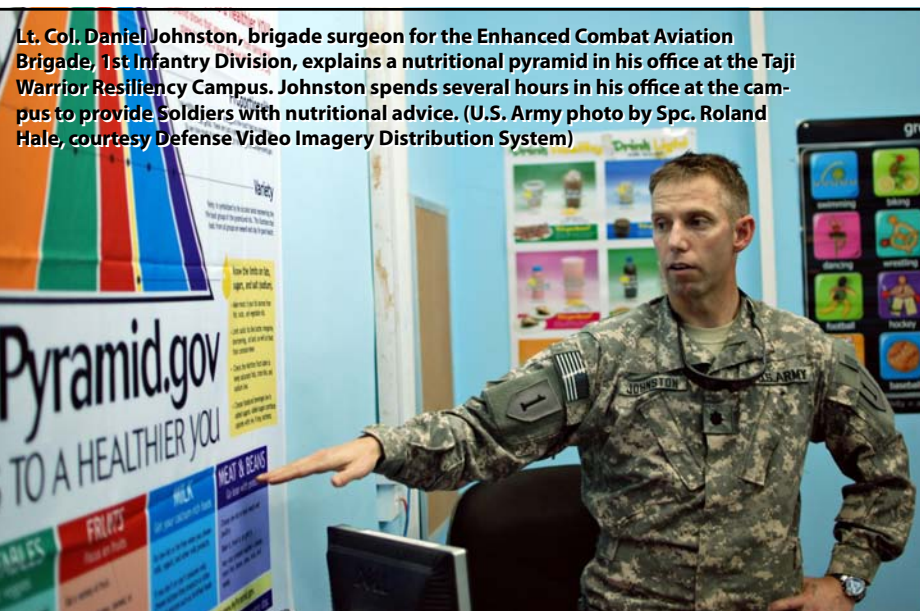
The hour-long weight control class aims at balancing and changing an individual's overall lifestyle to have lasting success with weight control. Whereas, the 90-minute sports nutrition class stresses the importance of carbohydrates in an athlete's diet and touches on supplement use.

"The weight control class is to keep everyone in line with Army standards, and the sports nutrition class is more about fueling for exercise," said Capt. Ryan P. Koelsch, class instructor and chief of nutrition care division with 86th Combat Support Hospital, United States Forces-Iraq, who is also a registered dietitian.

As these changes are gradually absorbed by an evolving Army, Soldiers can expect to encounter them, eventually, in one way or another. But, as the Army changes, so must the force, and education is always a good start.

"Educating someone to make their own good decisions is always going to be important because they are going to be the one who puts the food on their tray," said Koelsch. "Nutrition and physical fitness really do go hand in hand and to make the most out of anyone's training I think there's some nutrition education people could use."

(Sgt. T.J. Moller of the 305th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment contributed to this report.)



ROCKIN' THE ROK TALES FROM LEISURE'S FRONT LINES ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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One of the hardest things to do in Korea is getting away from other people. Especially near the Seoul metropolitan area, which is home to over 25 million people.

For Soldiers in 2nd Infantry Division based around Seoul, finding some peace and quiet outside your barracks room can be challenging.

However, with a little research and planning it is possible.

Korea is home to over 3,000 islands — many are uninhabited.

The Incheon coast line is dotted with numerous islands that can be explored. Sa Seong Bong Do Island is one of them. The

little privately owned island for the most part is completely deserted. Most Koreans have never heard Sa Seong Bong Do Island.

For the past 40 years, the island has only had two permanent residents.

"A man and his wife have a small house over on the hill side," said Skofe A. Lofe, an English teacher from Sarnia, Ontario. Lofe helps organize group tours for a Facebook group called "When in Korea" (WINK).

To camp on the island you have to pay a small fee.

In July and August WINK held two separate weekend camping trips to Sa Seong Bong Island. To get to island you have to take a ferry from Daebu Ferry Terminal located near Jeong Wang Station on Line 4.

The ferry ride takes about an hour and half to the first island. During the ferry ride seagulls fly circles around the boat. And

will eat food right out of your hand.

After the first ferry ride you have to contract a second boat to take you to Sa Seong Bong Island. For this reason it is highly recommended to go with an organized group — many can be found on Facebook or found on the internet.

Trying to get to this island without someone who speaks Korean would be extremely difficult.

The second boat is much smaller, and only takes your party to the island. Upon reaching the island you will have depart the boat down a ladder to the beach. After unloading your supplies, it is a short walk to the other side of the island.

Half of Seong Bong Island is covered in sandy beaches, which is something to treasure. Most beaches in or near Incheon are covered in mud. The other half of Seong

Bong Island coast line is covered in large rocks, which make for numerous tide pools. The middle of Seong Bong Island is covered in forest, which looks more like a jungle.

The ocean off Seong Bong Island is crystal clear and is fairly warm. At night you can see bioluminescent plankton in the water.

The incoming and outgoing tide on the island is very large. At low tide the water goes out for hundreds of meters exposing clam beds. The clams can be dug up and cooked for food. There is no running water on the island, but there are two fresh water wells. You are allowed to have camp fires on the island and shoot off fireworks.

The island is perfect weekend getaway for someone trying to find a little peace and relaxation.

SPECIAL TO THE INDIANHEAD: SPOUSES' COLUMN

Back to school

STORY BY
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WARRIOR COUNTRY SPOUSE

The academic year has begun on the South Korean Peninsula. 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers, Families and Department of Defense educators need to be ready for the challenges of the upcoming school year. I interviewed Tracy Stockdale, a teacher of nine years who is currently working at Casey Elementary as a first grade teacher, and is the 2013 Korea Teacher of the Year.

During our discussion, she emphasized the importance of parental involvement and an application of resources in overcoming the challenges students and military Families face on the road to academic achievement.

Canaday: How critical is a parent's involvement in their child's education?

Stockdale: A parent is a child's first teacher. However, that doesn't stop when they begin school. Parents and teachers have to work together to provide the best education opportunities for their children.

At home, parents need to offer structure, guidance and support. Ask your child how their day was at school. Let them shine when they learn a new word,

concept or read. Have a positive attitude about school. Stay on top of your child's progress. Developing open communication with your child's teacher is important.

Canaday: What are some simple ways parents can consistently get involved?

Stockdale: Teachers can always use an extra hand or another set of eyes in their classroom. Parents can volunteer to read to students and help monitor classrooms. If your student is older, work with a special interest group like drama, football or science club. Attend parent/teacher conferences.

It takes a strong teacher/parent partnership to provide the building blocks for a child's education.

Make reading and literacy important. Read to your children daily, discuss their school day, study vocabulary words and fill your home with the written word.

Canaday: Do you have recommended resources for parents?

Stockdale: Your child's teacher is a great one. They have insight and tips about your students learning style. The website www.militarychild.org has ideas to get parents involved and resources to help children learn.

Another site is www.scholastic.com/parents. It has

innovative concepts of how to foster a literacy centered home.

Casey Elementary has quarterly Family Fun and Learning Nights which present a wealth of ideas and activities.

Canaday: What about one for kids to access and reference throughout the year?

Stockdale: Yes. The site www.tutor.com/military is a place for students to get homework support and other resources. Students just need to ask the school for the username and password.

Canaday: What are the major challenges students from military Families need to overcome?


Stockdale: Military Families are always on the move. As soon as students become familiar with a school and educational setting, orders are cut and they have to start all over again.

Another is the fear of the unknown; military students have parents deployed or who are training for weeks on end.

Canaday: How do you overcome challenges with your students and do you have any closing comments?

Stockdale: I make transitions as smooth as possible for the children as they enter and leave my classroom. I provide love and dedication to each student.

dirty jobs



**STORY AND PHOTO BY
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Sgt. Jonathan Tirado, a Purple Heart recipient and former infantryman, is now serving as a human resources specialist. And, he loves the fact that he is still able to serve his country.

Tirado, who hails from Quebradillas, Puerto Rico, is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th Fires Brigade, where he works in the brigade personnel management shop.

"I was injured when an improvised explosive device hit my convoy during my deployment to Iraq in 2005," said Tirado. "I was forced to change my job in order to continue to serve my country."

Tirado went from making things happen outside the wire to taking care of Soldiers inside it.

"My job now is strength management," said Tirado. "I track every Soldier in our unit – whether they are on leave, on pass or even in school. It is my job to send that

report up to division to ensure the unit is fit to fight tonight."

According to Tirado, the main priorities for a human resources specialist are to help Soldiers with their finances, ensure they have their paperwork updated for promotion and keep their insurance information up to date.

"If Soldiers are having pay issues or any other type of issues, then it's hard for them to focus on their jobs," said Tirado. "If they are not focused on the mission, then not only are they putting their lives in jeopardy, but also their fellow Soldiers."

When it comes to helping Soldiers, there isn't enough time in the day, Tirado said.

"Human resources personnel put in a lot of late hours," Tirado continued. "We have come in on the weekends to take care of paperwork for Soldiers before."

We like to know that our Soldiers are taken care of," said Tirado.

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My Korea, My Life

A brief insight into Soldiers, Civilians and Family members in Warrior Country

My name: Staff Sgt. Elliott W. Ingram, from Chattanooga, Tenn.

My job: Career Counselor, HHC, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

What I like about Korea: The fact that I don't have a car. I am not paying for gas and I am saving a lot of money.

What meal I miss most: My own cooking, because I don't have a kitchen.

Where I see myself in five years: On the lake fishing. I will be retired!

It's the zombie apocalypse. Survival is your only mission, but you must pick the other members of your squad from your current unit: I would go pick four overweight guys on profiles because I know they would be slower and I could get away.

In a fight between Macguyver and Chuck Norris, I'm putting my money on: Chuck Norris, for just obvious reasons. He is Chuck Norris!

If I were a color: I would be beige. That way, I could blend in and not stand out.

What is the worst band in history: Billy Ray Cyrus or Yellow Wolf because their music sucks.

Worst movie: That would have to be anything with Will Ferrell in it; he is not funny.

Lessons learned in Korea: How important good leadership is to maintain operation readiness.

After this tour: I am dropping my retirement packet as soon as I get back to Fort Hood, and I will go to school full time for heating, air-conditioning, and ventilation.

Do you have a story to tell?

If you would like to share your experiences in Korea with the division, please contact your public affairs office.



WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS



Become an Army JAG officer

The Funded Legal Education Program is seeking qualified 2nd Inf. Div. applicants to help fill the ranks of the Army's JAG Corps.

Applicants should be aware of the following points of interest:

- Eligibility requirements are governed by statute and cannot be waived;
- Up to 25 officers will be selected to participate in the program for the Fall 2013 semester;
- Officers must attend law school in their state of residence or at a school that grants military members in-state tuition;
- The average LSAT score for last year's selectees was 160 and the average GPA was 3.6;
- Officers must submit applications through their chain of command and their individual branch at HRC. The suspense date for their branch is Nov. 1.

For more information, call Yvonne Caron at DSN 865-2843 or email at yvonne.caron@us.army.mil.

New SAPR website

A new website has been launched for the sexual assault prevention and response program. The site contains information on the USFK sexual assault prevention objectives, the UMCJ amended definition of sexual assault, victim resources, commander resources and training tools.

The address is www.usfk.mil/usfk/hot-topic.sexual.assault.prevention.and.response.program.299.

Hanson outdoor pool closing

The Hanson outdoor swimming pool will be closed for the season, beginning Sept. 7.

If you have any questions, please contact Randy Behr at 010-3147-1700.

Pools to reopen

The newly renovated indoor swimming pools at Camps Red Cloud and Hovey have reopened.

Hours are Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

For more information call DSN 732-6928.

HAHA Asian Library now open

Uijeongbu city has recently opened HAHa Asian Library, where foreigners can browse Asian titles in their native language.

HAHA Asian Library is located in the Uijeongbu Support Center for Foreign Workers and it has a collection of more than 4,500 volumes, 300 audio or visual materials, and exhibition materials of various Asian traditional cultures from 15 different nations.

For more information, call 031-838-9111.

Veteran employment resources

The DoD has established a special website to help provide veterans with all the resources they need during their employment search. For more information, please visit www.defense.gov/home/features/2012/0712_vetemployment/

USAG Yongsan job fair

A job fair will be held at the Dragon Hill Lodge Naija Ballroom, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For more information, please visit the Yongsan ACS Facebook page.

International mountain bike race

The 6th Wangban San (Mountain) International Mountain Bike Match will be held, rain-or-shine, on Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Dongducheon City General Sports

Complex Stadium.

Entry fee is 30,000 KRW, but fees are waived for the first 200 Soldiers who enter.

There will be prizes for top finishers in the individual and team categories.

Soldiers can register through their unit protocol office. Others can register on the event website at www.bikelife.or.kr.

For more information, call 031-860-2467.

Gyeonggi-do Peace Marathon Festival

The sixth annual Gyeonggi-do Peace Marathon Festival will be Sept. 16, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Imjingguk/Pyeongghwa-nuri. Events include a full marathon, 10K and 6K runs, and a 6K walk as well as cultural attractions.

For more information, call 02-338-0344, 02-338-0878, or email webmaster@peacemarathon.org.

8th Korean-American Friendship Festival

The 8th Korean-American Friendship Festival will be held Sept. 22, from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., at the ROK-U.S. Cultural Plaza in downtown Bosan-dong.

Free food and entertainment will be provided, including live music, break dance groups, and traditional Korean cultural events.

West Casey Chapel hours

Reopening Sept. 16 following recent renovations, the hours for service times are as follows:

- 9:30 a.m. - Protestant service.
- 11:30 a.m. - Catholic mass.
- 4 p.m. - Latter Day Saints service.

Stork's Nest

The Stork's Nest at the Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital in Seoul provides safe, comfortable, temporary

lodging for obstetric out-patients who are at 39-weeks gestation, and for their Family members.

Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis and must be made by calling the NCOIC at 010-5351-9982.

BAACH is the only military treatment facility in Korea that provides labor and delivery services for those living outside Area II.

AFAP recommendations

Army Family Action Plan is your voice in the Army. If you have a quality of life issue or recommendations on how to reduce government spending, please submit them to your Army Community Service office or any drop box in the community. Issues can also be submitted on-line at www.mymilitarysource.com. Issue submission deadline is Oct 8.

Do you want to "Stay Army?"

Retention priorities and policies are evolving. Contact your local retention office for more details on your career options.

- *Command Career Counselor:*
730-3140 - Sgt. Maj. Willene Orr
- *Division Retention Operations:*
730-3139 - Master Sgt. Jeffrey Helms
730-4134 - Sgt. 1st Class Samine Parris
- *Reserve Component Counselor:*
730-3188 - Sgt. Maj. Willene Orr
- *1st Armored Brigade Combat Team:*
730-1133 - Master Sgt. Enrique Rose
- *2nd Combat Aviation Brigade:*
753-8892 - Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Smith
- *210th Fires Brigade:*
730-2656 - Sgt. 1st Class Walter Simmons
- *HHBN, 2ID:*
010-6339-0587 (government cell) - Staff Sgt. Robert Goulsby

THIS MONTH IN BASE THEATERS

Prices: \$5 for first run movies. \$4.50 for regular releases. Children 12 and under: be \$2.50 and \$2.25 respectively. Find the full list of movies online at: <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reeltimeattheatres/reeltime-landing.htm>

ABRAHAM LINCOLN VAMPIRE HUNTER



CAMP CASEY
SHOW TIMES: MON. & WED. 7:30 P.M.
FRI. & SUN. 6:30 & 8:30 P.M.
SAT. 3:30, 6:30 & 8:30 P.M.

DSN : 730-4856

RESIDENT EVIL RETRIBUTION



CAMP HOVEY
SHOW TIMES: MON.-SUN. 7 P.M.

DSN : 730-5196

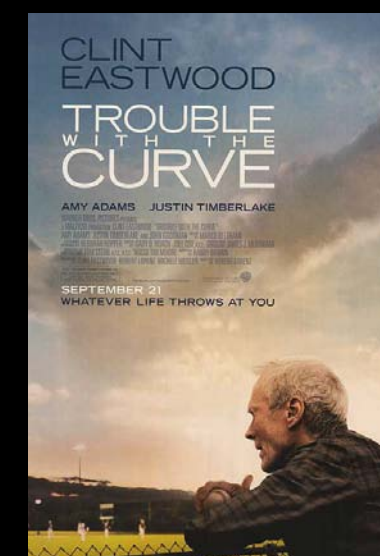
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CAMP RED CLOUD
SHOW TIMES: MON. & WED. 7:30 P.M.
FRI. & SUN. 6:30 & 8:30 P.M.
SAT. 3:30, 6:30 & 8:30 P.M.

DSN : 732-7214

TROUBLE WITH THE CURVE



CAMP HUMPHREYS
SHOW TIMES: MON.-FRI. 6:30 & 9 P.M.
WED., SAT. & SUN. 3:30, 6:30 & 9 P.M.

DSN : 753-7716

♥ 보고 싶은 재환이에게

인디언헤드는 사랑을 싣고

♥ 지연이에게...

지연아, 예전에는 신문에서 커플들이 글을 기고한 것을 보고도 무심코 지나쳤는데 이제는 우리가 이런 글을 올리게 되었는데. 2007년부터 시작된 우리 만남이 어느덧 2013년을 향해가고 있다. 고등학생이던 19살 지연이, 재환이가 이제는 대학교 졸업을 눈 앞에 둔 24살이 되어버렸네. 해가 갈수록 네가 내 인생에서 차지하는 비중이 커져만 간다. 모든 걸 다 나열할 수는 없지만 너와 함께 본 수 많은 영화와 뮤지컬들, 소소한 버스 데이트부터 우리 둘만의 꿈같았던 미국 여행까지 한 순간 한 순간 정말로 행복했어. 군대에 와서 우리 사랑을 잘 이어갈 수 있을까란 걱정도 했지만, 그런 걱정을 싹 날려버리게 그 자리에서 그대로 묵묵히 기다려주는 너를 보며 내 마음을 다잡아. 매일 같이 붙어다니던 우리에게 지금 잠깐의 떨어짐은 위기라기보다 어쩌면 너무 익숙해져 있는 우리를 다시 설레게 만드는 기회가 되는 것 같아. 긴 훈련 기간 끝에 첫 외박을 나가 너를 안았을 땐, 마치 처음처럼 내 마음이 떨렸어. 그 때의 그 떨림 절대 잊지 않고 변함없는 사랑을 할게. 5년 동안 한결같이 나만 바라봐줘서 고마워. 늘 내 곁에만 있어줘. 지연아, 사랑한다.



재환아 안녕? 이번 주말엔 네가 나오지 못해서 많이 아쉽지만 편지로 내 맘을 전하려니 새삼스럽게 설레기도 해^^ 약 2개월 간의 긴 훈련을 너무나도 멋지게 마치고 동두천에 배치를 받은 후에도 긍정적인 마음으로 항상 최선을 다하는 널 보면 여자친구로서 너무 자랑스럽고 또 많은 걸 배워. 우리가 이렇게 서로 좋은 에너지를 주고 받으면서 같이 발전적인 방향으로 나아간다는 게 우리를 더욱 특별하고 단단하게 만들어 주는 것 같아. 재환아. 지난 5년을 돌이켜 보면, 너와 함께 웃으며 행복하게 보냈던 시간들이 차곡차곡 쌓여서 우리 둘, 그리고 또 각자에게 그 어떤 힘든 일도 이겨낼 수 있는 너무나도 소중한 자산이 되었다는 걸 느껴. 우리 지금처럼 그리고 앞으로도 각자의 위치에서 최선을 다하고 서로를 더욱 더 존중해줄 수 있는 멋진 커플이 되자. 내가 학교 공부에 매여 널 잘 챙겨주지 못했을 때에도 늘 그 자리에서 묵묵히 날 응원해줬던 너^^ 너무나도 고맙고 감사해. 이젠 내가 널 묵묵히 기다려야지. 한결 같은 사랑과 믿음으로 열심히 응원할게. 사랑해♥

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이번호의 주인공은 제 302여단지원대대 B 중대 임재환 이병과 여자친구 양지연 양입니다. <인디언헤드는 사랑을 싣고>는 여러분의 참여로 이루어집니다. 게재를 바라시는 분은 미 2사단 공보실 노진환 병장 jinhwan.ro.fm@mail.mil 또는 732-9518로 연락주시기 바랍니다.



지난 8월 31일 의정부시 부대찌개 거리 앞에서 미 2사단 사단본부대대 공보실 소속 마이클 개럿(SFC Michael Garrett) 중사가 펀칭머신 (Punching Machine)을 가격하고 있다.

<사진 - 병장 노진환 / 미 2사단 공보실>



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인디언헤드 한글판은 미 2사단 카투사들을 위해 공보실에서 발행하는 미국방성 공인신문입니다. 신문 내용은 미 육군의 의견이 아닐 수 있습니다. 인디언헤드지는 일성 인쇄소에서 월간지로 발행됩니다. 취재 요청은 732-9518로 전화 바랍니다.

인디언헤드가 만난 사람들



"내가 만났던 가장 힘이 센 미군은?"



제 302여단지원대대 B 중대
중대 선임병장 병장 전동준

제 기억에 힘이 가장 셌던 미군은 제릭 큐리(PV2 Zerrick Currie) 이병입니다. 이 미군은 선천적으로 힘을 쓰기 좋은 신체조건을 가지고 있었습니다. 2m의 장신, 긴 팔, 큰 손을 가지고 있어 '걸어다니는 지게차'를 연상시킬 정도로 엄청난 노동의 효율성을 보여주었습니다. 그 예로, 훈련 시 다용도 트럭에 물건을 실어 나르는데 보통 사람이라면 밑에서 두 명이 받치고, 트럭 위에서 한 명이 받는데, 큐리 이병은 특유의 신체조건과 힘으로 모든 것을 자기 혼자 한 번에 해결하였습니다. 단, 특유의 성격으로 평소에 그 힘을 다른 곳에 써서 부대 내에서 매우 유명했던 것이 생각납니다. 앞으로는 부대생활에 충실했으면 합니다.



제 302여단지원대대 A 중대
공구보급병 상병 전진원

여태까지 본 미군중에 가장 힘이 셌던 사람은 제 302여단지원대대 A 중대에서 2소대 소대장을 하였던 히크스(SSG Hicks) 하사가 아니었을까 생각합니다. 저는 매우 화요일마다 아침 체력단련 때 군격투기를 하였습니다. 그러던 어느 화요일 히크스 하사와 대결을 할 기회가 생겼습니다. 그 당시 저는 꾸준히 운동을 하고 있었고 원래 체력이나 힘에 자신이 있었기에 이길 수 있겠다고 생각했는데 지금 생각하면 무슨 자신감으로 그랬는지 모르겠습니다. 그렇게 패기 넘치던 저는 기술 하나 걸어도 못하고 짓눌려 제압 당했습니다. 하지만 덕분에 그 뒤 운동할 때마다 패배를 생각하며 열심히 할 수 있었던 것 같습니다.



제 302여단지원대대 본부중대
행정/PC 운용병 일병 이태륜

3년 전 사망한 팝의 황제와 이름이 동일한 그는(그 친구의 실명은 거론하지 않겠습니다) 237파운드로 107kg의 거구입니다.

얼마 전 화장실이 급했는데 그 안에 누가 있었는지, 문을 두드리다가 화장실 문을 박살내는 위엄을 보여주었습니다. 급한 나머지 화가 나서 문을 부숴내고 물었지만, 단지 노크만 했다는 그의 주장에 따르면 그는 비범한 힘을 가진 사람이라는 것이 확실합니다. 우월한 힘으로 저를 좌지우지하여 항상 그를 큰 형이라고 생각했는데, 놀랍게도 그의 나이는 불과 19살 정도였습니다. 하지만 아직도 그가 하이파이브를 요청하면 무섭습니다. 너무 아프기 때문입니다.



제 302여단지원대대 C 중대
전산기운용병 이병 박헌수

저희 중대에서는 가끔 체력단련으로 군격투기를 합니다. 종합격투기를 이용한 운동인데 암바나 조르기 등으로 항복을 받아내면 이기게 됩니다. 제가 처음 만난 상대는 로저스(Rogers)라는 여군이었습니다. '여자라서 살살 해야겠다'는 생각은 시작한 지 10초만에 암바에 걸리면서 바뀌게 되었습니다. 자존심이 상한 저는 전력으로 임했지만 다시 조르기로 기권패를 당하였습니다. 남자로써의 자존심을 구기고 여자에게 처참히 짓밟힌 저의 한계를 느꼈습니다. 저는 아직도 그녀에게 복수를 꿈꾸며 열심히 운동하고 있습니다. 체력을 중시하는 미군들과 함께 일하는만큼 꾸준한 자기관리와 강한 정신력으로 미군에 뒤처지지 않는 카투사가 되겠습니다.

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제 302여단지원대대 본부중대 대대 선임병장 상병 노윤방

인- 자기소개를 부탁드립니다.

노- 제 302여단지원대대의 대대 선임병장직을 맡고 있는 상병 노윤방입니다. 저는 1988년 9월 1일 생이며, 외국에서 영화학과 4학년 1학기를 마치고 11-06기로 입대하였습니다. 자대 전입후 제 302지원대 인사과에서 근무하다 금년 6월부터 대대 선임병장직을 맡고 있습니다.

인- 부대소개를 부탁드립니다.

노- 제 302여단지원대대는 제 1기갑 전투여단을 지원하는 임무를 맡고 있습니다. 본부 중대부터 G 중대까지 8개의 중대로 이루어져 있으며 각각의 중대는 분배지원, 정비지원, 의무지원, 제공하고 있으며, D 중대부터 G 중대까지는 전방지원중대로서 제 1기갑전투여단 예하의 전투대대에 예속되어 있습니다. 전투의 승패는 현대전으로 갈수록 최전선에서만 이루어지는 것이 아니라 이를 뒷받침해 주는 지원대의 지원능력에서 판가름나고 있습니다. 이에 저는 미 2사단의 핵심적인 역할을 하는 부대에서 근무할 수 있다는 것에 큰 자부심을 느끼고 있습니다.

인- 가장 기억에 남는 일은?

노- 작년 한 겨울 어느 날 부대사정으로 인해 부대원 대부분이 쉬는 마틴 루터 킹, 크리스마스, 설날 기간에 저는 몇몇 소수대원들과 캠프 케이스 (Camp Casey)와 캠프 호비

(Camp Hovey) 지역에서 보초를 서는 임무를 맡게 되었습니다. 그 때 임무를 교대로 매일 12시간 혹은 6시간씩 쉴던 기억이 납니다. 그 긴 시간을 함께한 미군들에게 한국의 명소나 먹거리들을 소개하며 이 일이 끝나면 꼭 가서 같이 먹자고 했던 기억이 납니다. 날씨는 춥고 몸은 힘들었지만 마음만은 따뜻하게 보냈던 잊지 못할 추억입니다.

인- 가장 기억에 남는 미군은?

노- 제 302여단지원대대 B 중대 모터풀(Mortorpool)에서 일하고 있는 클라크(CPL Clark) 상병입니다. 제가 인사과에 배치되어 몇 달도 채 되기 전에 보산초등학교에서 영어교육을 함께 나가던 병사입니다. 그는 반 년에 가까운 기간동안 저와 함께 아이들을 어떻게 하면 잘 가르칠 수 있을까, 오늘은 무엇을 가르쳐야 아이들이 좋아할까 고민하며 자기가 맡은 일에 있어 책임을 다하였습니다. 그는 이 애들만 한 딸이 자기 부인과 미국에 있다며 애들을 가르키고 있으면 자기 딸이 떠오른다고 했습니다. 군대는 이 아이들을 내일도 교실에서 다시 보게 해주는 최소의 보험같은 것이라고 저의 군생활에 큰 인식의 변화를 가져다준 소중한 동료이자 친구입니다.

인- 전역 후 계획은?

노- 전역 후에는 복학하기 전 국내

여행을 많이 해볼 계획입니다. 미국에서 생활하면서 한국에 나올 기회가 별로 없어 한국의 문화 유적지나 관광명소들을 나 사진으로 밖에는 접해 볼수 없었습니다. 군 생활 기간중 휴가때나 외박을 나가게 되면 계획을 세워 가보려 했으나 생각처럼 되지 않았습니다. 전역을 한후 복학하기전 두달의 시간동안 한국을 더 알아 나갈 계획입니다.

인- 중대원들에게 한 마디 부탁드립니다.

노- 항상 전파하고 지시하기에 바빴던 저를 지금까지 군소리 없이 잘 따르고 지지해주신 부대원들에게 모두 고맙다는 말을 전하고 싶습니다. 저를 이해하고 격려해주신 여러분이 있어서 여태까지 잘 해올 수 있었고 앞으로도 잘 할 수 있을거라 믿어 의심치 않습니다. 군대라는 조직, 특히 카투사라는 특수한 조직 안에서 이렇게 만나 서로 돕고 의지하며 끝까지 자신이 맡은 임무를 책임감 있게 다하는 여러분을 만나게 된 것은 저에게 큰 축복인것 같습니다. 앞으로도 모두에게 모범이 되는 제 302여단지원대대의 선임병장이 되겠습니다.

IRON HORSE!!

<기사 및 사진 : 일병 한철환 / 미 2사단 공보실>



미국 부사관 과정에 참여한 카투사



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한국군과 미군은 동일한 이유 때문에 살을 에일듯한 추위와 폭우, 땀이 뚝뚝 떨어지는 더위와 험준한 지형 속에서 함께 싸웠다. 자유, 정의, 평화라는 이름아래 한국 전쟁, 혹은 “잊혀진 전쟁” 동안 많은 미군과 한국군 장병들의 목숨이 사라졌다.

그로부터 62년이 지난 지금, 새로운 세대의 미군과 한국군 장병들은 전쟁 억제력으로써 끈끈한 동맹을 이루고 있다. 이는 과거 세대의 노력과 1950년 8월 15일 카투사 (Korean Augmentation to the United States Army) 제도를 시작한 더글라스 맥아더(GEN Douglas MacArthur) 장군 같은 뛰어난 지도자들에 의해 얻어진 결과이다.

오늘날 카투사와 미군 장병들은 역사를 통해 구축된 유대감을 가지고 높은 강도의 훈련과 굳건한 연합을 통해 동맹군이 언제든 전투를 개시할 수 있는 상태를 유지한다.

제 2항공여단 본부중대 공보실 소속 안병훈 상병과 제 2항공여단 제 2항공연대 4대대 A 중대의 아파치 (Apache) 헬리콥터 정비공 제프리 히스(SPC Jeffery Hicks) 상병은 함께 훈련하면서 카투사 프로그램의 직접적인 수혜자가 되었다.

대한민국 의정부 근처의 캠프 잭슨 (Camp Jackson)에서 이뤄진 강도 높은 전사 지도자 과정에서 안병훈 상병과 히스 상병은 24일간 함께 생활하며 서로를 알아갔다. 전사 지도자 과정은 모든 미군 사병이 부사관이 되기 위해 거쳐야 하는 부사관 학교다.

안병훈 상병은 자신의 업무 외에 미군 장병들과 훈련하는 것을 기대하면서 이 훈련에 지원했다. 그가 전사 지도자 과정 분대에서 유일한 카투사였기 때문에 그 기회는 쉽게 왔다.

안병훈 상병은 “내가 미군에 대해 몰랐던 많은 점이 있었다”고 말하고 “이 훈련이 미군 장병들과 더 효율적으로 일하는 방법을 이해하게 도와주었다”고 덧붙였다.

많은 새로운 경험처럼, 외국에서 온 모르는 장병과 방을 같이 쓰는 것은 도전을 요구한다. 안병훈 상병과 히스 상병은 그 도전을 문화적 교류로 받아들였고 그 결과, 새로운 우정을 쌓을 수 있었다.

안병훈 상병은 “처음에는 문화 차이 때문에 같은 방을 쓰는 것이 어색했지만, 시간이 지나면서 좋은 친구가 될 수 있었다”고 말하고 “히스 상병은 내 훈련을 도와줬고 그에게 많은 것을 배웠다. 그는 내가 만난 가장 뛰어난 장병 중 한 명이다”고 덧붙였다.

워싱턴 (Washington) 주의 스포케인 (Spokane) 출신인 히스 상병은 카투사 프로그램에 감사를 표했다. 그는 8년간 군 복무를 했고 외국의 장병들과 일하는 것이 처음은 아니었다.

히스 상병은 “과병국가 장병들과 일하는 것은 군사작전에서 많은 도움이 된다”고 말하고 “내 경험에 비추어 볼 때 카투사 제도는 확실히 그랬고, 다른 국가에서 온 장병들에게도 적용이 되었다”고 덧붙였다.

카투사 장병이 전사 지도자 과정과 같은 훈련에 참가하는 것은 한미 연합에 확실한 이득이다. 이 때문에 최근 미 8군과 한국군은 이러한 훈련 기회를 늘리는 협약을 맺었다. 이제부터는 한국군 부사관이 미 8군 부사관 학교에서 훈련하는 것이 가능하다.

8월은 카투사 제도가 시작된 달이다. 올해 8월, 카투사 제도는 새로운 우정을 만들어 내면서 오랫동안 유지된 동맹을 계속해서 강화하고 있다.

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미혼모 돕기 프로그램, 보다 나은 역할을 위해

소규모 여성 그룹이 최근 캠프 레드 클라우드 (Camp Red Cloud)의 커뮤니티 액티비티 센터 (Community Activity Center)를 방문했다. 여성들은 모두 20대 초반의 나이였으며, 얼굴에서는 앓은 티가 났고 평범하게 학교를 다니는 소녀라고 봐도 어색하지 않을 정도였다. 하지만 이들에게는 보이는 것이 전부가 아니다.

그들은 모두가 미혼모다. 한국에서 한 부모 가정을 꾸린다는 것은 많은 편견을 견뎌야 하는 일이다. 이 때문에 한국에는 많은 미혼모 보호시설이 있다. 늘푸른집은 의정부시의 미혼모 보호시설로, 1년간 무료 입소가 가능하다. 미혼모들은 시설 내에서 공부, 수면, TV시청 등 자유로운 생활을 할 수 있지만 미혼모 보호를 위해 외출은 제한된다.

주한미군의 굿 네이버 프로그램 (Good Neighbor Program)은 지역 사회의 관계를 강화하기 위한 프로

그램이다. 사단본부대대 군중부에서는 굿 네이버 프로그램의 일환으로 늘푸른집과 협약을 맺어서 매주 한 번 미혼모들을 캠프 레드 클라우드로 초청하는 프로그램을 진행한다. 이러한 행사는 그들에게 세상과 소통하고 그들이 처한 상황에서 오는 스트레스를 해소하는데 도움이 된다.

이 행사에서 주로 하는 활동은 보드게임, 미 2사단 박물관 관람, 산책 등이다. 그 뿐만 아니라 부대에서 지원받은 자원봉사자들이 방문 여성들에게 자신들의 임신 경험을 들려주고 질의응답도 진행한다.

여성 봉사자들은 편안한 분위기를 만들어 주었고, 자신의 임신 경험에 대해 얘기하면서 미혼모들의 공감을 이끌어낼 수 있었다.

사단본부대대 군중병 이재현 상병은 “이 행사가 시작된 지 약 3년 정도 되었는데, 최근 몇 번의 방문들은 새로운 활기를 띄고 있다”고 말했다.

또한 자원봉사자들은 프로그램의 발전에 대해 여러 가지 제안을 했다. 전사친선주간 같은 부대 행사에 미혼모들을 초대하자는 제안이 나왔고, 보호시설에 아기 옷을 기부하자는 제안도 나왔다.

행사에 처음으로 참가한 자원봉사자 티나 추(Tina Chu) 씨는 “미혼모들을 위해 뭔가를 해줄 수 있다는 것은 굉장히 좋은 일이다”고 말하고 “이 행사가 좀 더 많은 활동을 포함했으면 좋을 것 같다”고 덧붙였다.

미 2사단이 좋은 이웃이 되려고 더욱 노력하는 와중에 자신의 시간을 내서 도움이 필요한 여성들을 도우려 하는 자원봉사자들은 언제나 환영이다. 이 프로그램에 대해 문의하고 싶으면 대대 군중 DSN 732-6428로 연락하면 된다.

<기사 _ 일병 한철환 / 미 2사단 공보실>

1976년 판문점 도끼만행 사건 기념일



(왼쪽) 장병들이 지난 1976년 8월 18일 북한군에 의해 자행된 판문점 도끼만행 사건으로 인해 희생된 두 명의 미군 장교들에 대한 경례를 하고 있다. (오른쪽) 미 2사단 장병이 지난 1976년 8월 18일 북한군에 의해 자행된 판문점 도끼만행 사건으로 인해 희생된 두 명의 미군 장교들을 기리고 있다.

희생된 두 장교들이 소속된 부대의 현 사령관인 다니엘 에드완(LTC Daniel Edwan) 중령은 “두 장교들은 끔찍하지만 명예롭게 순직하였다”고 말하고 “그들은 정전협정에 명시된 임무를 수행하다 순직하였다”고 덧붙였다.

그들이 소속된 공동경비구역의 유엔사령부 경비대대는 비무장지대에 주둔한다. 이 곳에서는 매년 전사자 호명과 헌화로 전사자의 죽음을 기린다. 유엔사령부 경비대대의 선임부사관인 다니엘 히달고(CSM Daniel Hidalgo) 원사가 두 장교의 이름을 세 번 호명하지만 그를 기다리는 것은 침묵뿐이다. 그리고 외로운 목소리가 “그들은 더 이상 우리와 함께 하지 않습니다, 원사님”라고 대답한다.

두 장교들은 지난 1976년 8월 18일 분단된 한반도 사이의 “돌아오지 않는 다리” 근처에서 사망했다. 보스파스 대위는 그가 쓰러진 장소에서 숨을 거뒀다. 배럿 중위의 사망 경위는 보스파스 대위와 함께였는지 병원으로 이송 중이었는지 명확하지가 않다.

그들의 임무는 휴전선 남쪽에 위치한 두 개의 유엔사령부 검문소들 사이 시야를 가리는 포플러 나무를 제거하는 것이었다.

지난 1976년 보스파스 대위에게 임무를 부여한 사람은 당시 대대 지휘관이었던 빅터 비에라(LTC Victor Vierra) 전 중령이다.

비에라 중령은 2007년 “성조신문 (Stars and Stripes)”과의 인터뷰에서 “이 장소는 인민군과 거의 매일 충돌이 벌어지는 화약고 같은 곳이었다”고 말했다.

그 당시의 상황은 이미 충분히 긴장된 분위기의 국경을 더 안 좋은 방향으로 이끌었다. 그리고 8월 5일, 비무장지대에서 총격전이 벌어졌다. 미 중앙정보부 보고서에 따르면, 북한은 미국과 대한민국이 전쟁준비를 마쳤다는 비난으로 대응했다.

동일한 보고서는 북한 부대의 절반이 국경 80km 이내에서 전투준비태세를 갖추고 있었고 경고 없이 심각한 공격을 할 수 있었다고 주장했다.

보스파스 대위는 배럿 중위, 다른 장교, 노동자 5

명과 미군 장병 7명을 인솔하여 이 화약고 속으로 들어갔다. 오전 10시 30분, 그들은 그 나무를 향해 운전을 했다. 보스파스 대위는 그의 생명이 20분밖에 남지 않았다는 것을 몰랐다.

노동자들이 나무를 자르기 시작하자마자 11명의 북한 분견대가 보스파스 대위와 그의 부하들과 대치했다. 여기서도 보고가 엇갈린다. 보스파스 대위가 등을 돌림으로써 도발을 무시했다고 주장이 있는 반면, 북한군이 처음에는 침묵했지만 후에 일행을 위협했다고 한다.

하지만 10시 50분 쯤 30명에 가까운 북한군이 합류했고 보스파스 대위 일행의 도끼와 다른 연장들을 빼앗아 공격했다는 점에서는 모든 보고서들이 일치한다. 그들은 보스파스 대위가 죽을 때까지 몽둥이질을 했다.

증인들은 북한군이 보스파스 대위가 땅에 엎드려 있는 동안 도끼의 몽툰한 끝으로 내리쳤다고 증언했다. 북한군은 또 경비대대가 들이닥쳐 그들을 해산시키기 직전에 배럿 중위에게 치명적인 상처를 입혔다.

워싱턴에서는 세밀하게 조율된 작전으로 대응했다. 제럴드 포드(Gerald Ford) 대통령이 임명한 헨리 키신저(Henry Kissinger) 국무장관은 무장병력 충돌 없이 강력한 대응을 계획해야 했다.

최종 계획은 상징적인 포플러 나무를 제거함으로써 사망한 장교들의 임무를 완수하는 것이었다. 작전명은 전설적인 나무꾼 폴 버니언(Paul Bunyan)의 이름을 따고 임무 또한 이름을 따랐다. 임무 수행을 위해 병력이 보내졌지만 임무는 완벽히 수행되지 않았다.

지난 8월 21일 미국과 대한민국은 태스크 포스 비에라 (Task Force Vierra)라고 이름 붙여진 813명의 분견대를 이동시켰다. 미군과 한국군 포대 6부대, 12대의 무장 코브라 (Cobra) 헬리콥터, 여러대의 F-111과 B-52 폭격기, 동해에 있는 미드웨이 (Midway) 항공모함에서 출발한 40대 이상의 전투기, 50명의 대한민국 특전사 장병과 여러 보병 부대들이 전기톱으로 무장하고 나무를 제거한 미군 공병들을 지원했다.

이 작전은 휴전 상태를 깰 수도 있었다.

그 당시 주한미군 참모장이었던 존 싱렘(MG John

Singlaub) 소장은 “많은 참모들과 내 예측으로는 이 작전으로 전쟁이 시작될 확률이 50대 50정도였다”고 말했다. 싱렘 소장은 고위 지휘관들과 함께 이 작전을 계획했다.

하지만 북한은 예외적으로 정중한 사과로 응답했고 나무를 자르는 것을 방해하지 않았다.

태스크 포스 비에라는 땅에서 튀어 나온 잘린 나무 줄기를 본보기로 내버려 두었다.

오늘 날에는 나무가 서 있던 자리 옆에 좁은 아스팔트 길이 깔렸고 나무가 있던 자리에는 동과 석조 기념비가 세워졌다.

그리고 지난 8월 18일, 이슬비가 내리고 흐린 날씨 속에서 장병들은 기념비 주위로 화환을 올렸다. 한측 인사들과 퇴역군인회 지도자들, 유엔 (United Nations) 회원국 대표자들이 뒤를 따랐다. 그들은 기념비 위에 차례대로 헌화했다.

경비대대의 크리스토퍼 테일러(1LT Christopher Taylor) 중위는 휘하 장병들과 경의를 표했다.

테일러 중위는 “이 훌륭한 행사는 두 미국인을 기리는 것이다”고 말하고 “한국인 뿐만 아니라 다른 국가에서도 경의를 표하기 위해 참석한 것이 인상 깊다”고 덧붙였다.

36년 전 비에라 중령의 보직에 복무하고 있는 에드완 중령은 히달고 원사와 함께 기념비를 향해 걸어갔다. 에드완 중령은 “우리가 보스파스 대위와 배럿 중위를 기리는 것은 임무 수행 중 사망한 모든 장병들을 기리는 것도 똑같다”고 말하고 “그들은 매일 기리는 것은 그만한 가치가 있다”고 덧붙였다.

1976년부터 경비대대는 매년 해왔던 방식으로 추모식을 거행해왔다.

에드완 중령은 “이 추모식으로 인해 그 날의 일은 절대 잊혀지지 않을 것이다”고 말하고 “그들의 뒤를 잇는 것은 나에게 큰 영광이다”고 덧붙였다.

보스파스 대위와 배럿 중위는 각각 사후 소령과 대위로 진급되었다.

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"카투사인 것을 감사하게 생각해라"

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<인디언헤드>가 기획한 선배들과의 만남 그 4탄.
지난 9월 3일, 의정부시 도봉구에 위치한 캠프 잭슨(Camp Jackson)에서 카투사 전우회의 이승준 현 카투사 교육대 교관을 만났다. 병장 만기 제대 후 7개월 만에 하사로 재입대 한 그는 현재 베테랑 육군 중사다. 다음은 카투사 교육대 교관으로써 진정한 카투사 양성에 힘쓰는 그와의 인터뷰 내용이다.

자기소개 부탁드립니다. 아주대 영문학과 재학 중 2003년 1월 입대해서 2005년 2월 병장 만기 제대했다. 제 17항공여단 제 164항공관제단에서 보급병 임무를 수행했고, 상병 때 부사관 학교 (Primary Leadership Development Course: 현재의 Warrior Leadership Course)를 다녀와서 카투사 선임병장으로써 임무를 수행했다. 2005년 9월 부사관 학교에 지원해서 2005년 11월 하사로 임관했고, 2011년 중사로 진급했다. 그리고 2011년 10월 카투사 교육대 교관으로 선발되어서 현재 캠프 잭슨 (Camp Jackson)에서 카투사 교관 일을 수행하고 있다.

카투사 생활 중 가장 기억에 남는 사람이 있나? 내가 현역 카투사로 복무할 때 지원받았었던 오창우 상사가 가장 기억에 남는다. 현재는 준위가 되었고, 제 6사단 수송대장으로 일하고 있다. 내가 육군 부사관에 지원하고 카투사 교육대 교관이 될 수 있게 해준 나의 멘토다. 군대를 제대한 뒤부터 현재까지도 계속 연락하며 지내고 있다.

카투사 생활 중 가장 기억에 남는 일이 있나? 원래는 내가 2002년 10월에 입대할 예정이었다. 그런데 육군훈련소에서 신체 검사를 받을 때 폐에 종양이 발견되어서 귀가 조치를 받았고, 빠른 기간 내에 완치하지 못하면 일반 육군으로 입대해야 할 상황이었다. 그 때 했던 일들은 진짜 책 한권으로 써도 모자랄 정도지만 짧게 말하면 급히 수술을 받고 열심히 운동을 한 끝에 정상적으로 입대할 수 있었다. 이 때문에 나는 카투사 생활을 하나의 선물로 생각하고 열심히 생활했다.

육군 부사관에 지원하게 된 이유가 궁금하다. 나는 제대할 때 미군들에게 "I'll be back as a Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Training Academy instructor," 라고 했었다. 군 생활을 하면서 여단 보드 우승, 부사관 학교 3등 졸업 등 여러가지를 이뤄 갈수록 다른 사람들이 인정해 주는 것을 느꼈다. 또한 입대하기 전에 학교에서 배웠던 것보다 카투사 생활을 하면서 영어가 훨씬 많이 늘었다. 군대에서 내가 정말로 무엇을 하고 싶은지 생각해 보는 과정을 거치면서 부사관에 지원하는 것을 결정하게 된 것 같다.

육군과 카투사 생활을 둘 다 경험했는데 육군이 카투사보다 힘든 점이 있다면 무엇이 있나? 사병 생활과 간부 생활이 완전히 다르기 때문에 내 경험에 비추어서 육군 사병과 카투사 사병의 비교를 하기는 어렵다. 그러나 대체적으로 볼 때, 카투사가 생활 환경이나 식사가 훨씬 낫다는 것은 부인할 수 없는 사실이다. 그리고 훈련을 봐도 그렇다. 미군의 훈련이 한국군보다 더 원리원칙대로 하고 힘들게 하는 면도 있다. 하지만 미군은 훈련이 끝난 후에 충분히 휴식 시간을 주는 반면 한국군은 휴식 시간이 적어서 힘들었던 경험이다.

카투사 교육대 교관이 되는 과정이 궁금하다. 카투사 교육대 교관은 중사 이상의 계급을 가진 부사관만이 지원할 수 있다. 교관을 뽑을 때가 되면 육군본부에서 카투사 교육대 교관 선발 공고가 내려온다. 지원하면 육군 본부에서 영어 필기 시험, 미국인과 면접식으로 하는 영어 능력 평가 시험 등을 보게 된다. 내가 지원할 당시에는 2명을 뽑는데 11명이 지원했었다.

최근 1년 간 가장 기뻐했던 일은? 역시 카투사 교관으로 선발된 것이라 생각한다. 정말 온몸이 짜릿해 질 정도로 기뻐했고, 내가 병장으로 제대할 때 했던 말을 지키게 되어서 좋았다.

카투사 교관인데 신병들을 보면 어떤 생각이 드나? 일단은 신병들이 군인다움, 정확히는 한국군 다워야 한다고 생각한다. 한국군이 자주국방을 수행할 힘이 부족하기 때문에 주한미군이 존재하는 것이고, 그 미군의 업무를 보조하는 것이 카투사라는 생각을 갖고 있어야 한다. 그 때문에 퇴계원역에서부터 신병들의 군기를 잡고

긴장을 시켜서 더 많은 것을 더 빨리 배울 수 있게 해주는 것이다. 신병들이 카투사 교육대에만 오면 편하게 지낼 수 있다는 얘기도 이해가 간다. 나 때도 '젓과 꿀이 흐르는 카투사 교육대'라는 말은 있었다. 피부로 느껴지는 것, 즉 에어컨, 침대, 식사 같은 것도 논산훈련소보다 카투사 교육대가 훨씬 낫지 않은가?

카투사 교관으로써 현역 카투사들에게 하고 싶은 말이 있나? 현역 카투사들의 말을 들어보면 불만이 많다. "미군들이 명칭해서 일을 잘 못한다, 주말 중간에 당직이 걸렸다, 여자친구랑 500일인데 훈련 때문에 못 만난다, 밖에 나가면 돈이 없다" 등 하튼 별 얘기를 다한다. 힘든 마음 충분히 이해한다. 하지만 합격 당시에 뭘 듯이 기뻐했던 기분을 떠올려 보면, 그리고 만약 육군이라면 어땠을까 하는 것을 생각해 본다면 자신이 얼마나 행복한 고민을 하는 것인지 알 수 있을 것이다. 특히 상, 병장들에게 이 말을 해주고 싶은데, 자신이 행복한 상황이라는 것을 알고 즐겁게, 보람있게 생활하다 보면 전역일도 가까워 올 것이고 전역하고 군생활을 돌이켜 볼 때 좋은 경험이었다고 생각할 수 있을 것이다.

현재 군 생활하는 후임들에게 가장 해 주고 싶은 조언은? 사람이 1~2년 앞을 내다보기가 어렵다. 그런데 내가 아무래도 먼저 카투사 생활을 한 입장에서 보면, 카투사에서 보낸 시간은 무엇과도 바꿀 수 없는 소중한 재산이고 사회에 나갔을 때 다른 사람들도 부러워하는 경험이었다. 열심히 생활하고 최대한 많이 배워라.

<기사 및 사진 - 일병 한철환 / 미 2사단 공보실>



(왼쪽) 이승준 중사가 카투사로서 복무 당시 부사관 학교 ((Primary Leadership Development Course: 현재의 Warrior Leadership Course)에서 교육받고 있다. (오른쪽) 이승준 중사가 병장 만기 제대 할 당시 사진이다.

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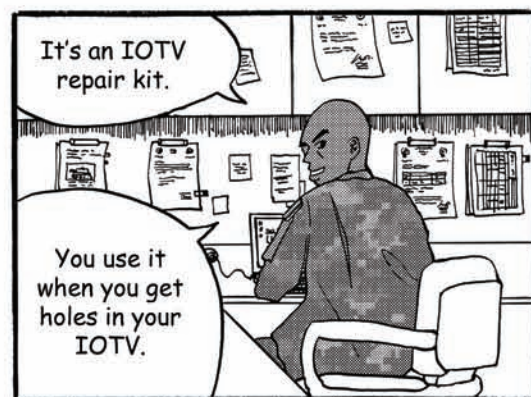
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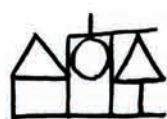
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