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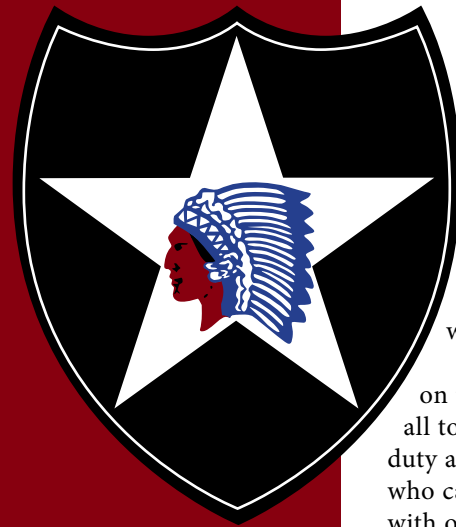
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Corrections: Last issue's article, I am a Weapon, credited Sgt. Brad Cannon as the division combatant noncommissioned officer when he is the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion combatant noncommissioned officer. The *Indianhead* regrets the error.

It was a cold foreboding fight just 62 years ago this month, when for the first time during the Korean War, 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers and our ROK partners held back the numerically superior Communist Chinese Forces at Kunu-ri, marking a crucial turning point in the war for Coalition Forces.

Celebrating Veteran's Day here on the Korean Peninsula causes us all to reflect on the professionalism, duty and sacrifices of those Warriors who came before us. Every day we see with our own eyes the great success of Korea, and it is fitting to recognize the role 2nd Infantry Division had and continues to have in providing freedom and security for this economic miracle. The incredible achievements of the Korean people are recognized around the world, and everyone who serves here is part of the security that makes it all possible. What you do to secure these remarkable advances is important.

It is a time of transition here in Korea. Our own election is decided, and the ROK presidential election is in just a few weeks on Dec. 19, and north Korea is as challenging as ever. As our Nation rebalances toward the Pacific, more eyes are on us here in Korea and we will continue to improve in our manning, equipping and training.

We want to welcome back the newest members of the Warrior Division – the 23rd Chemical Battalion rejoins us here in Korea after an eight-year absence from the peninsula. The capabilities they bring to the division are world class and critical to enabling our Division to accomplish its wartime mission if called upon. Welcome back!

We continue to field new equipment across the force, and more importantly, we are growing our capabilities. We have been extremely busy over the last few months culminating recently in our War-path series of exercises in October and November.

I am very proud of the continued progress we make each day. I especially appreciate the positive attitude that is the hallmark of 2nd Inf. Div. Soldiers. Our growing warfighting capabilities are well known and respected due to your hard work. As always, our Soldiers are our real strength.

We also have an important military-to-military role to play in building combined interoperability and partner capacity – and that is what the great ROK-U.S. Alliance is all about, deterring aggression here on the Korean Peninsula.

We have made tremendous strides over the past year, and we have to continue to work our partnership. We are stronger together, and as our greatest contribution to the Alliance is readiness, we can best achieve that through a sustained commitment to combined training at all levels.

Finally, Thanksgiving is upon us! It is a time for friends and Family to come together to give thanks for all the blessings in our lives. I want to thank every one of you—our Soldiers, Families and Civilian employees—for your hard work and dedication.

I know it is not always easy and I want you to know that you have proven yourself over and over again by continuing to meet the distinguished reputation we have as being "SECOND TO NONE." I can assure you, the Army's senior leaders have taken notice of your efforts. You set the standard and lead the way with



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

our many critical mission sets. Let me take this time to personally thank you for your contributions to our Division, our Army, our Nation and the great ROK-U.S. Alliance.

I hope each of you takes the time to catch your breath a little bit and spend time with your family, whether they are here in Korea or back in the States. Let them know how thankful we are for the support they provide, which ultimately enables us as a brethren of Soldiers to work hard to make this Division and our Alliance stronger every day.

I am so very proud of each and every one of you and what we have accomplished together as a team. You really are "Second to None!"

Happy Thanksgiving!

Warrior 6



Soldiers of 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade, and the Republic of Korea Army's 2nd Battery ROKA 5000, celebrate after the successful completion of a field training exercise at Firing Point 28 in June.

Photo courtesy of 1st Sgt. Joseph M. Taylor

GIVING THANKS, PAST AND PRESENT



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When some Americans think of Thanksgiving, they think of when the European Pilgrims first arrived in America. They were hungry and struggling to survive in a country where they were complete strangers. The indigenous people educated them on the flora and fauna, teaching them how to survive in an unknown wilderness. These first settlers were strangers in a strange land, and needed help to survive. We now hold a celebration every year to honor this act of generosity and to give thanks for the blessings in our lives.

In modern times, our Korean hosts serve some of the same functions, albeit in different ways. Whether it is teaching Americans about their unique foods, rich culture, or just going out of their way to help a foreigner on the street, many Korean citizens have helped us in the same way as the Native Americans helped those early settlers in the new world.

"American Soldiers don't know much about Korea, so they don't know how much Korea and America [are] alike," said Cpl. Han Sang-yun, a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

It may seem like a relatively small thing for someone to share their favorite foods or to explain how to eat that especially foreign-looking substance on one's plate, but this small act of kindness is the embodiment of an attitude that forges bonds between nations.

"When I showed Jocabal to my American coworkers, they really liked it and then wanted to try other food," said Han. "I love showing my culture to U.S. Soldiers!"

But, that is not the only way the Korean people have extended their welcome. An 8th Army initiative, the Korean Head Start program, is conducted with local universities and offers language training, cultural awareness and tours.

While cultural and educational programs are useful, many day-to-day issues are still handled one-on-one, as situations arise.

"I have been helped a lot, especially at train stations," said Spc. Octavia L. Clayburne, from Jacksonville, N.C., an information technology specialist with HHC. "When I don't know which line or train to take, Koreans have gone out of their way to help me even though I am a complete stranger."

So this year when sitting down with loved ones, take a moment to remember some of the things that our current Korean friends and mentors have done to help us better enjoy life in their land.

"Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse."

- Henry Van Dyke



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1ABCT SOLDIERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

72ND ARMOR REGIMENT
SOLDIERS MENTOR YOUTH

MAKE A CONNECTION
WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY



STORY AND PHOTO BY
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The U.S. and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers from Company D, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, have a reputation of working tirelessly to better their local Korean community. Recently, these Dragon Warriors served as mentors to the children of Yeoncheon Youth Center.

"The Yeoncheon Youth Center community service project is an effective way to strengthen the relationship between the community and U.S. Soldiers," said Sgt. Song Sin-young, a senior KATUSA soldier with 1st Bn., 72nd Armor Regt. The youth center provides opportunities for U.S.



Soldiers with 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team recently mentored young people at a local youth center in Yeoncheon.

and KATUSA Soldiers to mentor, interact with and build a big-brother relationship with local children.

For Daniel E. Sheppard, a Soldier with Company D, sharing his time with the local community is not something new.

"I have done community service back home," said Sheppard. "It's something I have always felt I had to do and I enjoy helping children out."

The Soldiers from Company D made it their responsibility to build and maintain a good relationship with the center.

"We have been working with the youth center for more than six months and we enjoy going over

and spending some time with the children," said Song.

More than 40 children spend a great deal of time at the center due to their parents having long work hours.

"Most of the kids at the center have only one parent," said Sheppard. "I remember what it feels like to have your one parent work all the time."

For Sheppard, growing up without a brother is what initially motivated him to volunteer at the youth center.

"Something as simple as throwing a ball or playing soccer with kids brings joy to me and to

them," said Sheppard, "they appreciate it."

Finding volunteers in Company D to spend time with these children is never an issue.

"Soldiers in this unit are always volunteering," said 1st Sgt. David A. Snyder, the unit's first sergeant. "Sometimes we have too many and we have to turn some guys away."

Such an outpouring of support is actually the result of passion, not obligation, said Sheppard.

"I am honored to give back to the community," said Song. "It's not every day we get the chance to be big brothers and mentors to kids in our community."

IRON BRIGADE BRINGS THE FIGHT TO BREAST CANCER



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Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness and to raise funds for research. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, and more than 260,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer were reported this year.

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team sponsored an event that allowed Soldiers to show their support.

More than 150 Soldiers paired with the Lady Redlegs, a women's mentorship program on Camp Hovey, to jumpstart their day with a four-mile walk in support of breast cancer awareness, Oct. 17.

Breast cancer affects thousands of individuals and some of the Soldiers

within the ranks of the 2nd Infantry Division have experienced the loss and burden associated with the disease.

Pfc. Lavonna D. Barker, a Soldier with Company G, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, was affected when she lost someone very special in the fight against cancer.

"My grandmother raised me," said Barker, "and I lost her to cancer."

While going through several remissions over a period of more than 20 years, Barker's grandmother raised three children and one grandchild, she explained.

"I remember seeing my grandmother going to the hospital several times a week for chemotherapy," said Barker, explaining how the situation for her grandmother never got any easier.

However, with the support of friends and family, she was able to manage her daily life.

Singing and cooking were some of the ways Barker's grandmother was able

to cope while fighting the illness that weakened her little by little.

"I remember her singing even when she was hurting," said Barker. "Listening to my grandmother sing would put me at ease[...], allowing me to feel like I could conquer anything."

Even with the joy that Barker's grandmother's singing brought, the ultimate reality remained.

"The seriousness of her conditions never really sank in until one day she never came back from the hospital," said Barker.

Barker's grandmother lost her fight with cancer in 2004.

"Losing my grandmother changed my life tremendously," said Barker. "I joined the military and I started attending college once again."

"I honor my grandmother by living the values she instilled in me growing up," said Barker. "She was a firm believer in the Bible. She passed that down to me and I still read over the scriptures she left for me before she passed away."

"The last thing my grandmother told me was to go back to school and get my education," said Barker.

After the death of Barker's grandmother, she transitioned to a role in her family that she never thought she would have.

"I took the role of big sister and big cousin in my family," said Barker. "I wanted to be a good role model for my family like my grandmother was to me."

After the painful experience of losing her grandmother, Barker would soon find herself reliving and facing some old feelings.

"Finding out my aunt was diagnosed with cancer was a shock to me," said Barker.

"I wished my grandmother would have known more about breast cancer and maybe she would have been here today," said Barker. "That's why I am here supporting this event."

"I'm always trying to inform others about this disease," said Barker. "We as women may have to face it one day. I know if my grandma was here with me, she would be proud of me and she would be supporting this event too."

Someday, Barker hopes to organize an event to help contribute to the fight against breast cancer.

BACK TO SCHOOL

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LANGUAGE, CULTURE
AND ETIQUETTE DURING
THREE-WEEK COURSE

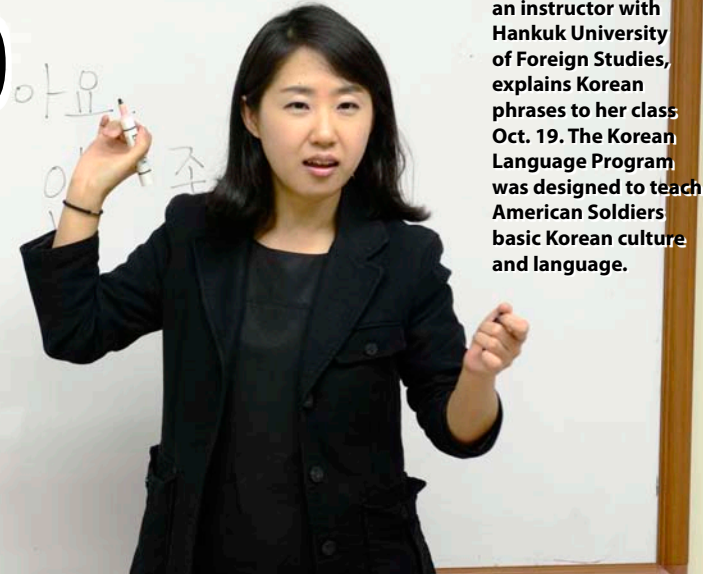


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As a group of uniformed students entered the classroom, they quietly took their seats and waited for their instructor. A well-dressed young lady walked into the classroom, sat her briefcase on the table and politely greeted the class with ahn-nyeong ha-sae-yo, a standard greeting in the Korean language.

Together, the class responded with ahn-nyeong hashim-nika, a more polite and formal version of the same greeting.

Approximately 60 students from 2nd Infantry Division participated in the Hankuk University Culture and History



Lee Seung-yeon, an instructor with Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, explains Korean phrases to her class. Oct. 19. The Korean Language Program was designed to teach American Soldiers basic Korean culture and language.

Program, an initiative designed by Gyeonggi Province to teach American Soldiers basic Korean language and culture. "The course is a basic Korean class where they teach you to read, write and speak the Korean language," said 1st Lt. Joaquin B. Jucaban a native of Killeen, Texas, and the civil affairs officer for 1st ABCT.

"The program began September 5 and it is scheduled to run through October 31," said Lee Seung-yeon one of the three instructors for the Korean Language Program.

The course brought challenges to the students and the instructors. Some of the instructors were nervous about working with Soldiers at first.

"This was my first time working with U.S. Army Soldiers," said Lee. "I knew that teaching them would be a challenge because this course is designed to be taught for

WARPATH



STORY BY
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The 2nd Infantry Division completed its Warpath III training exercise Nov. 9, marking the end to the major exercise series for the year.

Warpath III is the division's annual combined, command-post exercise conducted at echelon up to the combined joint task force level, with a focus on brigade and division mission command, to enhance readiness and ensure the division is trained and ready to accomplish its mission in the Republic of Korea. This year's week-long exercise involved both ROK and U.S. Forces on and off the Korean Peninsula.

The Warpath III exercise demonstrates the U.S. Army's unwavering commitment to the ROK-U.S. Alliance by enhancing the combat readiness of ROK and U.S. supporting forces through combined and joint training while improving ROK and U.S. combat readiness and joint, combined interoperability. Carried out in the spirit of the 1953 ROK-U.S. Mutual Defense Treat, Warpath III highlights the longstanding and enduring partnership between the division and its ROK army partners.

"The ROK-U.S. Alliance has continued to strengthen its relationship through various training events and exercises since 1953," said 2nd Lt. Sung Ha-jun, public affairs officer for the ROK army 102nd Regiment. "Lots

of preparation and coordination has been done prior to the exercise and this effort was a key to successfully creating the best possible teamwork. This helps to grow, and improve, both nation's military power together."

The U.S. Army is supporting numerous efforts to improve mission command in the Republic of Korea. This annual division exercise allows it to exercise mission command with partnered and combined formations and echelon. The combined nature of this exercise

highlights interoperability requirements of conducting unified land operations between the ROK and U.S. Army from the platoon to the combined division level. The 2nd Infantry Division routinely conducts combined training at every echelon with their ROK counterparts to illuminate the challenges and potential solutions for mission command in a combined and joint environment.

With the Department of Defense's rebalance to the Pacific, the readiness of forces on the Korean Peninsula is paramount.

"We are the Army's forward edge for the execution of unified land operations, and our annual exercise program provides units across the force opportunities to sharpen their core war-fighting skills in Korea," said Lt. Col. Joe Scrocca, spokesman for the 2nd Infantry Division. "Warpath III helps ensure our Soldiers, as well as our ROK army counterparts and partner units from the U.S., are trained and ready to respond to any contingency."

four hours a day, every day, for 10 weeks."

However, due to the Soldiers' busy work schedules, the course was condensed to twice a week, three hours per class, for eight weeks.

"I was worried that the Soldiers wouldn't be able to remember what we taught them," said Lee. "However, the Soldiers participated diligently amidst their busy schedules and they showed passion for learning Korean throughout the course."

For some, the class offered personal rewards. But, for Jucaban, the class held professional implications as well, who works closely with the local community.

"I want to understand the culture, I want to be able to read and write Korean and to be able to communicate better," he said.

Though the class was open, engaging and actively facilitated a productive learning environment, it required a lot of work. Soldiers were required to retain all of the class material and pass an exam in order to graduate in the reduced timeframe.

"There's an oral and written exam, plus the Soldiers must at least get a C or higher in order to pass the class," said Lee.

A lot of the Soldiers felt they have progressed in understanding the culture and the language, as well as having gained an experience they never thought possible.

"It might be baby steps, but I know now that I can speak some Korean," said Jucaban.

The feeling of accomplishment, shared by students and instructor alike, may have its own benefits to relations with the local community.

"I hope the Soldiers feel more familiar with the Korean Culture and its language," said Lee. "The Soldiers have put so much time and effort and I feel proud and thankful for having the chance to teach them."



A UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter flies alongside a CH-47 Chinook helicopter as they descend during an air assault mission Oct. 15 in South Korea.



Soldiers of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, are inserted into a training area during air assault operations while conducting a joint training exercise with ROK army soldiers from 1st Battalion, 102nd Regiment, 17th Infantry Division.



ROK soldiers of 1st Battalion, 102nd Regiment, 17th Infantry Division charge to secure a hillside during an air assault while conducting a joint training exercise with 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers.

US-ROK FORCES HONE SKILLS IN THE AIR

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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The roaring sound of UH-60 Black Hawk and CH-47 Chinook helicopters echoed through the nearby mountains as they approached their landing zone. These rotary wing vehicles and their lethal Soldiers were part of "Operation Salmusa," a large-scale air assault exercise named after a deadly snake found in the Republic of Korea and in other parts of Asia.

Assets from the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade's 2nd Battalion (Assault), 2nd Aviation Regiment, and 3rd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, flew in more than

600 U.S. and Korean Soldiers to an undisclosed location.

During the rapid descent, soldiers of the Republic of Korea army's 1st Battalion, 102nd Regiment, 17th Infantry Division, focused on their mission.

They did so with the help of U.S. troops from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, who also participated in the joint training exercise.

Continuous joint U.S.-ROK training exercises are a combat multiplier but, perhaps more importantly, the experiences shared during training will enhance future combined war fighting capabilities between allies.

"What we learn from this is each other's doctrine. We have the opportunity to share tactics, techniques

and procedures, develop a common understating of how we'll do business and we get away from the uncertainty of what combined operations will bring," said Brig. Gen. J.B. Burton, the 2nd Inf. Div. deputy commanding general for maneuver.

1st Lt. Cho Nam-ho, a member of the 17th Inf. Div. who trained alongside 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt. troops, expressed how grateful he was for the opportunity to conduct such crucial training with U.S. Soldiers.

"U.S. Soldiers look very energetic and robust. They look very willing to train as we fight and I am very thankful for such activeness. This training will help us to close the gap between the two teams and this helps us to understand each other, which is key to successful missions," said Cho.

The 2nd Inf. Div. commanding general, Maj. Gen. Edward C. Cardon, said he was pleased with how U.S. and ROK forces trained and communicated during the exercise.

"I'm very impressed by the communications capabilities, [in] that we have a ROK lieutenant talking to Apache aircraft. That is the way that we need to operate as we continue to work our way ahead with greater communication capabilities," said Cardon. "This is exactly the kind of combined training we need to be doing to have options and war-fighting capabilities. This is really impressive."



ROK soldiers of 1st Battalion, 102nd Regiment, 17th Infantry Division, charge to secure a hillside during an air assault while conducting a joint training exercise with 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers.



Soldiers of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, assist in securing battle space while conducting a joint training exercise with soldiers from 1st Battalion, 102nd Regiment, 17th Infantry Division.



Staff Sgt. Tavares Wilson, a career counselor with 210th Fires Brigade, answers questions before the board Oct. 11.



Brig. Gen. J.B. Burton, 2nd Infantry Division deputy commanding general for maneuver, congratulates Wilson on his victory.

2ID CAREER COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR

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Staff Sgt. Tavares Wilson, recently named the 2nd Infantry Division Career Counselor of the Year, planned his victory months in advance. Who could blame him? He's been telling other Soldiers to do it for years.

Wilson, a 27-year-old native of Las Vegas, is the battalion career counselor for 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade. When he won the career counselor of the year competition, he was following his own advice.

"[During counseling], I try to let Soldiers know that NCOs push them to participate [in boards] for a reason ... they should always make themselves more competitive for promotion and this is definitely a way to do that," he said.

It's not surprising, considering one of his duties – in his own words – is to coach Soldiers on that very thing.

"I counsel them on how to be

competitive for promotion, how to make them all-round better Soldiers ... anything to help the Soldier. That's what I do," said Wilson.

A lesser-known fact is that Wilson counsels spouses, as well.

"It's not like a psychological counseling, or anything," he said. "I ensure that the spouse understands what options the Soldier has, to make sure the transition [between careers] goes smoothly."

Wilson and some of his fellow career counselors know all about the board. Similar to the Best Medic and Best Warrior competitions, winning career counselor boards enough times will eventually send a candidate to an Army-level competition.

"I have known about the [Career Counselor of the Year Board] since I have been a career counselor," said Wilson, who transferred into the MOS in 2009. "Being a junior career counselor as a staff sergeant, one of the things that set me apart from my peers is this board. All battalion career counselors help Soldiers. This was a

way for me to set myself apart."

And, set himself apart he did. The competition was a one-day affair, beginning with an Army Physical Fitness Test, followed by a written exam and ending with a formal question-and-answer session in front of a panel comprised of senior leaders.

Wilson found out he won that same day.

"I felt pretty excited, like a lot of weight had been lifted off my shoulders," he said.

Unfortunately, however, Wilson would advance no further. At the 8th Army Career Counselor of the Year Board, he lost after a tie-breaker decision by the senior board member.

There is always next year, of course. And, at present, Wilson is happy with his job.

"Sometimes I think about being a commissioned or warrant officer," he said (Wilson counsels Soldiers on those options as well). "But, mostly I see myself staying. I love being a career counselor. I think I have the best job in the Army."



1st Sgt. Stevan Nave now applies the same skills he once used as an NFL linebacker to excel as a leader of Soldiers.

THE LINE

ONCE A YOUNG NFL LINEBACKER, STEVAN NAVE NOW MANS A DIFFERENT LINE



STORY AND PHOTO BY
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Down by three, five seconds left on the clock. Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Montana of the San Francisco 49ers fades back; he eludes one man, rolls to his right and throws the ball to Jerry Rice, a Hall of Fame wide receiver, who comes down with the ball in the end zone – and the crowd goes wild.

Growing up, almost every kid played this scenario over and over in their mind, either as Montana, Rice or the hero of their chosen sport.

For one of 210th Fires Brigade's own, the dream of making it to the National Football League came true back in May of 1986, a dream decades in the making.

1st Sgt. Stevan L. Nave, 49, originally from Nowata, Okla., was a child of the 1960s.

"[With] everything back then, you had to either fight or be competitive," said Nave, the first sergeant of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th Fires Bde. "So, my father pushed me, knowing my athletic ability was going to carry me through those tough times."

Just as his father pushed him, Nave gets more out of his Soldiers.

"I remember struggling during physical training one day," said Pfc. Cornelius Lott, a native of Newton, Miss., who is a fire direction specialist, also assigned to HHB. "I heard first sergeant pushing me on, telling me I still have something left to give. Just seeing him continue to go and push through gave me the extra motivation I needed to drive on."

Nave lived in Nowata with his grandmother until the age of 5, when his family relocated to Coffeyville, Kan., where he played football for the Coffeyville High School Golden Tornados.

"My biggest thing was that even though our [football] record was 0-9 my senior year in high school, I continued to play," Nave said. "We had a bad team, [but] I came to play, and that is what landed me a full scholarship to the University of Kansas."

With his determination, Nave understood a good work ethic would provide a better life.

He was ranked 284 out of the top 300 draft picks as a defensive lineman, coming out of college. His stock fell from going from defense to offense, causing him not to get drafted into the National Football League, but it did open him up for rookie free agency.

"I think for the physical training the Army asks a Soldier to endure, him playing football has allowed him to have the mindset of he could accomplish anything," said Lott. "There isn't anything thing that will keep him from accomplishing things he set his mind to."

Nave was not drafted into the NFL when he came out of college; however, because of his work ethic, he was still given an opportunity to try out for a professional team.

"I impressed the Washington Redskins enough that they signed me as a rookie free agent in May of '86," said Nave. "It was an eye-opening experience, going from a small town in Kansas, to the University of Kansas, and now starting my NFL career with the Washington Redskins."

His time with the Redskins was rocky. He went through their rookie minicamp, made it through the team training camp and played in all four games of the preseason – only to be released the week before the regular season began.

"I was not the type of player who plays for money, but I played for the love of the game," Nave said.

He had another shot to play for the Redskins when its players went on strike.

"I was excited, because I went through the whole preparation, I knew their system," said Nave. "So, I called my agent down in Dallas, and said they wanted me to come back. He tells me 'NO! They aren't offering enough money, we are going to go with the Cleveland Browns' ... so I agreed, but when I was lying in my bed watching the clock, and when 11:30 a.m. came and went, and I knew that the plane was flying by – my stomach started to ache, and I felt it in my gut that I just made the wrong decision."

Right or wrong, Nave chose the Browns.

"Even though I was playing in the NFL, I wasn't happy," said Nave. "Instead of playing middle linebacker for the Browns, I was playing inside left linebacker. The position is typically the same, but the concept is different because of the defensive scheme."

Nave played in two of the three Browns games during the player strike helping them secure a spot for the playoffs. When the other players came back and reached an agreement with the NFL, he was released.

After the NFL, Nave moved to Tulsa, Okla., and worked at a Wal-Mart unloading trailers and immediately began thinking about another job. A friend advised him to join the police department, but his mother didn't agree with the career path when he told her about it.

"Back in the '80s, Tulsa was a rough place, and, for all the shooting, the hazard pay wasn't worth it," said Nave.

And, that is when Nave decided on the Army – beginning a second career at the age of 25.

Just like his stint in the NFL his decision to join the Army didn't go as smoothly as he thought.

"I believe him playing football shaped him as a person. It builds character and the never-quit attitude the Army instills in its Soldiers," said Spc. Ryan Smith, 27, a supply specialist with HHB, from Denver.

Nave came in the military back in October of 1988, less than three months after he ended his NFL career, weighing around 280 pounds. However, it took him three attempts to actually get approved to join.

The first attempt, they flat-out told him no, because they said he was fat ... the company commander submitted the paperwork [himself], and they told him no, as well.

After the recruitment battalion commander personally took a photo of Nave as proof of his fitness, the Army relented. Nave's second career had begun.

He completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and received his military occupational specialty training – as an artillery forward observer at Fort Sill, Okla.

He followed with airborne school, graduating successfully, but was not allowed to complete the Ranger Indoctrination Program because of his MOS was over quota. He was offered choice of duty station where he chose Fort Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska, for his first duty assignment.

That was more than two decades ago.

Over his 24 years of service, Nave has deployed twice to Iraq and once to Bosnia, on a humanitarian mission. Because of his perseverance, he has held the position of acting sergeant major as a sergeant first class.

"Nave is always clear-cut [and] to the point," said Smith. "There is never a question on what your duties are."

Nave has seen every aspect [of the Army] throughout his 24 years of service. And, even though the Army has changed, one thing has not.

"It's about the Soldiers," said Nave.

"First sergeant is truly a leader for the Soldiers," said Lott. "He is approachable and easy to talk to; no matter what he has going on at the time he will stop doing what he is doing to assist them with it."

An indomitable spirit and positive attitude helped pave the way for Nave throughout his life. When life threw unexpected obstacles in his path, he found a way around, over or through them. Now, finishing up his second career, Nave has no regrets on how he got here.

SOLDIERS, STUDENTS EDUCATE ONE ANOTHER



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Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division and students from Dongducheon Foreign Language High School participated in the Dongducheon Foreign Language High School Tour at Pocheon and Yeoncheon Oct. 26.

The all-day outing, an initiative of the 2nd Infantry Division's Good Neighbor Program, brought together students seeking English practice and Soldiers curious about Korean culture beyond the limits of their posts.

"What we are trying to do is to expose [Soldiers] to another side of Korea," said Capt. Lee Wright, a Birmingham, Ala., native. Wright is 210th Fires Brigade's civil-military officer. "After this, I expect Soldiers to know more about Korea and realize there are more things to do out there."

Soldiers boarded busses at Camp Casey in the early morning to make their rendezvous with the students, then spend the day museum-hopping with them.

"I attended to have cultural experiences, know the other culture, and learn other people's points of view," said Sgt. Edward Florence, a native of Ocala, Fla., an infantryman in 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team.

For one Soldier, the differences between education systems were significant.

"It is interesting to see students' perspectives on things, because when I went to high school, it was a lot different," said Pvt. James Hufford, a native of Livermore, Calif., a cavalry scout in Troop B, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st ABCT.

Hufford said he felt excited to talk to people from another culture.

"What they go through here is a lot different from what we go through back in America. To see how their school system works is really interesting," he continued.

For the students, the tour was a good opportunity to improve their English skills.

"I ... do not have many chances to talk in English with foreigners. This is the second time I participated in this tour because it allows me to have time to speak English freely," said student Lee Su-ho.

According to Shin Jae-ok, an English teacher on the trip, the Good Neighbor program allows Soldiers and students to learn from one another.

"It is a good chance to share American and Korean cultures between Soldiers and students, and we can learn different point of view from each other," said Shin.

"Students can learn that Americans are both the same and different from Koreans; it's a valuable experience to interact with them," said Cho Joon-ho, another English teacher, adding a note of thanks to the Soldiers who attended.

Before the event, however, some teachers had worried about whether the Soldiers and students would mingle well enough.

"When we interacted with Soldiers from Camp Casey before, the Soldiers and students tended to hang out separately. So, I was worried a little before this event," said Shin. "But, it was a lot better this time. I was so happy they hung out with each other so well."

"It was well worth attending this," said Hufford. "It was a good opportunity to get out, meet local people, experience a new culture, and meet new friends."



A Soldier and students examine artifacts on public display during a museum stop on the tour.

WINTER IS COMING



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Editor's note: Winter on the Korean Peninsula may be, for some Soldiers and Families, an abrupt departure from what they have come to expect from the season. This is especially true for those coming from duty stations in warmer climates. The Department of the Army has prepared a few winter safety tips that may be quite useful over the next few months. And, as always, refer to your chain of command for unit-specific policies and requirements.

For many people, working or playing in cold weather can be a positive experience. You may feel invigorated by the bracing air and feel like doing your work with more physical energy than usual. When it comes to leisure, cold weather offers many enjoyable activities whether it's skiing, skating, snowmobiling or ice fishing.

Unfortunately, all the enjoyable aspects of working or playing out in cold weather can turn negative if you are not dressed warmly or dryly enough. Never underestimate winter's blast. They call winter an "old man" but he's far from frail. In fact, he's apt

to strike a deadly blow when you least expect it. Here are some tips for battling old man winter:

- **Watch out for the sun.** The season's frigid temps shouldn't fool you — snow reflects more than 75 percent of the sun's damaging ultraviolet rays. Protect your face and eyes from the sun before they go out to work or play.

- **Make sure your winter gear is the right fit.** Winter wear should fit properly, but gear shouldn't be so tight that it restricts movement. This is particularly true for footwear. Boots

that are too tight constrict blood flow, causing feet to become even colder. When sizing shoes for outdoor winter activities, allow room for an extra pair of socks.

- **Be smart about clothing choices.** When heading out to work or play, make sure you are dressed warmly in layers that are wind and waterproof. If possible, opt for wool instead of cotton.

- **Get around safely.** Driving in winter can be dangerous, so you should make sure you're ready for any situation. Make sure your car is winterized with

proper tires, antifreeze, and windshield washing fluid. Prepare your car for emergencies by keeping a first-aid kit, blankets, shovel, rock salt, ice scraper, water, and nonperishable snacks in your trunk.

- **Practice safety when playing outdoors.** Ice skating should only be done on ice that has passed proper inspection. Sledding paths shouldn't be too crowded or too close to roadways. If you're trying skiing or snowboarding for the first time, consider getting lessons from an instructor. While out on the slopes, consider wearing helmets

and gloves with built-in wrist guards. This can prevent serious injuries.

- **Eat healthy snacks.** Good nutrition can help fight off colds and flu, so strengthen your immune system with a balanced diet. Try dried and fresh fruits, sliced raw vegetables, whole-wheat crackers with cheese, and yogurt for snacks instead of that donut or cookie.

- **Stay hydrated.** Although you may not be sweating as much as you do in warm-weather, you still need to keep hydrated. In addition to water, consider low-sugar juices or decaffeinated tea

and hot cocoa. Avoid caffeinated and alcoholic beverages. They can dehydrate you more.

- **Make sure your home is safe and ready for winter weather.** Be prepared for unpredictable weather conditions by stocking up on essentials, such as extra batteries for flashlights, bottled water, first aid staples, and nonperishable food items. Safety kits can help protect your family in extreme situations.

- **Get your kids prepared.** Make sure your kids have the right clothing for the weather conditions. Place an extra pair

of gloves and tissue packs in their book bags. These necessities will help prevent the spread of germs, and come in handy if a glove goes missing.

- **Heat your home safely.** Make sure your home's heating equipment and your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors function properly. If you use a space heater, make sure it is UL or CE approved and keep it away from pets and small children. Finally, don't forget to discuss fire safety with your family each winter; the likelihood of indoor fires increases during the colder months.



U.S. Army aviators prepare for flight at Camp Humphreys during a surprise winter storm. (Photo courtesy of CW2 Joseph Deschner)

DIVISION AIRMEN GRADUATE



STORY AND PHOTO BY
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On Nov. 12, 40 Airmen including Maj. Gen. Kurt F. Neubauer and Chief Master Sgt. Scott Delveau, vice commander and chief master sergeant of 7th Air Force, respectively, gathered in a small room inside the Air Force gym at Camp Red Cloud.

They celebrated the graduation of 11 Airmen and six instructors from the Pacific Air Force Tactical Skills Training Course conducted Oct. 8 to Nov. 2.

The PACAF TST Course is designed for those Airmen who work in tactical air-control career field. The course consists of 138 items, which include tactical communications equipment, foot navigation, water confidence and weapons training. However, the training took place in Korea because its uniquely challenging weather conditions require the most rigorous training in the region.

"These Airmen came from all over the Pacific region, including Alaska and Hawaii," said Maj. Jonathan Mueller of the 604th Air Support Operations Squadron. "That's because of Korea's special conditions. The other bases don't have these requirements."

Additionally, other bases in the Pacific region don't have as many readily-available training resources, such as weapons and CBRNE ranges. The large number of



On Nov. 12, Pacific Air Force Tactical Skills Training Course graduates and Maj. Gen. Kurt F. Neubauer took a picture in front of the Air Force gym after the graduating ceremony. The course was conducted Oct. 8 to Nov. 2 and consisted of 138 tasks.

nearby installations also increases training opportunities for flight-centric education.

"I think the exercise was the hardest part, because it's cold at night nowadays," said Airmen 1st Class Zachary James Miller, an airman from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., and one of the courses top graduates. "I feel pretty excited, but not just for me, for all of us."

After the ceremony, it was time for graduates, instruc-

tors and visitors to say their goodbyes and returned to their station of origin. However, some of them may have the opportunity to use their training sooner than others.

"I'll go back to Washington. I'm getting deployed soon," said Miller.

The 604th Air Support Operations Squadron provides tactical command and control of air power assets to the 2nd Infantry Division..



DISTINGUISHED VISITOR ON THE DMZ

Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, peers across the border into North Korea during a recent visit to the peninsula. (Photo by Miles Cullen)

A member of the 4th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, loads rockets onto an AH-64D Longbow Apache helicopter Oct. 11 during a quarterly aerial gunnery at Rodriguez Range near Paju.



Spc. David Smith a member of Company E, 4th Bn., 2nd Avn. Regt., kneels in preparation to refuel an AH-64D Longbow Apache helicopter Oct. 11 during a quarterly aerial gunnery at Rodriguez Range.



The pilot of an AH-64D Longbow Apache helicopter and member of the 4th Bn., 2nd Avn. Regt., qualifies on his weapons system Oct. 11 during a quarterly aerial gunnery at Rodriguez Range.



TEAMWORK KEEPS 2CAB SOLDIERS AND CREWS BATTLE-READY



**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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In a northern valley Soldiers scurry around working diligently to keep combat operations running smoothly during the battalion's training mission. This mission is just one of many that ensure Soldiers the opportunity to develop and maintain proficiency on their essential tasks and drills.

The 4th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, conducted its quarterly aerial gunnery qualification Oct. 11 at Rodriguez Range.

The exercise allowed AH-64D Longbow Apache helicopter pilots to qualify on their aircraft's weapons systems.

But, this is not the only opportunity the gunnery provides. In order for a pilot to shoot and qualify, much preparation must be done behind

the scenes. Soldiers with different specialties also honed their crafts as well in the process.

Getting ready for air operations requires an integrated team of experts. Soldiers ensure the aircraft are mechanically sound, weapon systems are functional and loaded with ammunition, fuel is tested and the helicopter's tanks are topped off. These tasks sound easy, but it requires hard work and a dedicated team.

"To train like we fight, it's necessary for our Soldiers to rely on one another. Team work definitely plays the major role out here. Precision and coordination are relied upon for accuracy and safety in everything we do during gunnery," said Command Sgt. Maj. Lloyd Ankrum, the 4th Bn., 2nd Avn. Regt., senior enlisted advisor.

Spc. David Smith, a native of Portland, Maine, and member of Company E, 4th Bn., 2nd Avn. Regt., is part of a team of that executed important tasks during the training mission. Smith provided fuel to the aircraft but also performed another

very important task relevant to safety.

"We conduct an aqua-glo test, which is a test for water in the fuel. This is very important in aviation because our aircraft can incur damage if water is found in the fuel. The quality of fuel needs to be guaranteed in order to keep our pilots and crews safe," said Smith.

Another team member knew how to take advantage of the time spent at gunnery.

In charge of the Soldiers loading ammunition, Sgt. Kevin McAtee, a member of Company D, 4th Bn., 2nd Avn. Regt., took the opportunity to train his team.

"I've got guys who need to be trained up on doing their job, which is loading the ordnance, so it's a lot of good training," said McAtee.

Each Soldier provided support essential to ensuring operations ran smoothly. The pilots qualified on their weapon system and Soldiers sharpened the skills necessary to win battles as they trained to fight tonight.



A member of the 4th Bn., 2nd Avn. Regt., feeds ammunition into an AH-64D Longbow Apache helicopter Oct. 11 during a quarterly aerial gunnery at Rodriguez Range.

2012 COMMEMORATION EVENT

ROK ARMY SUPPORT GROUP



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Nearly 800 Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army soldiers from across Area I congregated in the Dongducheon Sports Complex Nov. 14 for the 2012 KATUSA Republic of Korea army support group commemoration event.

This event first began in 2010 to commemorate the establishment of the KATUSA organization and to strengthen the solidarity and cohesion among KATUSA soldiers.

Composed of athletic events like soccer, group jump rope, relay races, and five-men-six-feet, a footrace where five-man teams compete with their legs tied to one another, the event was a great success.

The soldiers were divided into roughly battalion-sized teams and competed throughout the day. All qualifying matches took place throughout the morning with the finals kicking off immediately following the lunchtime break.

Taking home top honors in the relay race and the five-men-six-feet events was Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion. The 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion earned gold in the soccer event, and 302nd Brigade Support Battalion dominated the jump rope competition.

"There are approximately 1,200 KATUSA soldiers on duty in Area I, but they are not provided many opportunities to associate with each other," said Maj. Lee Jung-hoon, an officer from the 2nd Infantry Division Republic of Korea army supply group.

"Throughout this event the KATUSA soldiers will have a chance to communicate and grow an amicable relationship with each other. In doing so, they should develop a deeper appreciation of the value of being a KATUSA soldier. Also, by giving out prizes, it helps strengthen unity."

Cpl. Lee Seung-bum, a senior KATUSA from the ROK army staff office, participated as a goal keeper during last year's event, which took place at Camp Casey.

"It gave me a good opportunity to make friends with other KATUSA soldiers," said Cpl. Lee. "Also, it helped me build up my confidence by talking with them."

"Our battalion did not anticipate to win," said Cpl. Kim Jun-young, a senior KATUSA currently serving with Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion. "But all our soldiers seemed to be motivated and willing to cooperate. Also our leadership helped us out a lot, which enabled us to win the championship title."

In general, the program was energetic and fast-paced, with all the soldiers participating enthusiastically. In the future, there are hopes the program will improve even further.



KATUSA soldiers compete in the five-man-six-feet event during KATUSA sports day at Camp Casey.



Many KATUSA soldiers simply enjoyed spectating the event.



KATUSA soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion finished with top honors in two separate events, including the relay race.



Sgt. 1st Class Matthew "Smoke" Cowan, a chemical supervisor from Michigan City, Ind., serving with the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, breaks up a pass at a football field on Camp Hovey Nov. 9. The Spartans were the runners-up for Area I flag football teams.



Spec. James German, a Methuen, Mass., native, with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, gets doused with water after winning the the Army in Korea flag-football tournament championship. German played on the defense and was the head coach for the Manchu team.

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

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The Manchu fans flooded one side of the field, spilling out of the bleachers and chanting "Manchu, Manchu, Manchu!" The Spartans, the defending team, appeared unaffected by the dramatic antics coming from the Company A, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment sideline.

After two grueling days of a flag-football competition, the chill surrounding Liscum Field came more from the two opposing teams than the decreasing temperature.

The Manchu Soldiers faced off against Soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, for the fourth and final time during the championship game of the 2012 Army in Korea Flag Football Tournament, Nov. 9-10, hosted by the department of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The championship game was action-packed, from the first kickoff to the final whistle blow. The surplus of energy resonated through the crowd. But in the end, only one team could claim victory. After two 24-minute halves, the Manchu Soldiers earned the championship title

winning the game 35-29.

Flag football is one of many events hosted through the FMWR office. The FMWR program provides an opportunity for Soldiers and Family members to have fun and bond with one another.

"I like the fact that the battalions within the 1st Brigade have been very active within the sports program and using that as a tool to promote physical fitness and esprit de corps," said Col. Louis Rago, a Chicago native and brigade commander for the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. "FMWR does a great job setting up these types of events."

The Manchu and Spartan battalions were both involved in the opening ceremony.

"I appreciate all the support from the MWR and IMCOM to make this game more than just an average sandlot pickup game," said Rago. "This is really a first class event. It's good to see that my units help to give back to these programs as well as take advantage of them."

FMWR programs provide chances for Soldiers to gain new experiences and have an alternative fun while getting out of the barracks.

"I think it's a good thing that the Army likes to invest in intermural sports programs because it allows that

alternative fun for Soldiers," said Sgt. Zano Harris, a Miami native, coach and battalion schools noncommissioned officer for HHC.

With these types of special programs, MWR provides unique moments for units to bond and build camaraderie.

"Before I was involved with flag football, I wasn't involved with anything FMWR-related and I really didn't see the effects of it and how it helps to boost morale. But, now that I've been a part of it and I can see the effects, I love it," said Spec. James German, a Methuen, Mass., native, coach and an assistant gunner for Company A, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt.

"It's just been tremendous for the Soldiers, building pride within the unit and within the battalion. It's incredible how this effects us all," he continued.

As the FMWR philosophy goes, Soldiers need a balance of work and play. The program will continue to facilitate and support the troops and Family members.

"It's great that FMWR does these things for us," said Pfc. Joshua Miller, a Los Fresnos, Texas, native with Company A. "It gives us something to do without having to spend money, and I don't mind receiving trophies for the things that I do. I really appreciate FMWR being here for us."

SPECIAL TO THE INDIANHEAD: SPOUSES' COLUMN

Herb Island

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Recently, a military spouse asked me where my favorite place to go in South Korea was. I told her I visit Jeju Island annually, Seoraksan National Park seasonally and Pocheon's Herb Island monthly.

The Spouses' Column has consistently added visit-worthy Korean locations to its archives. Its contributors have examined and shared about both Jeju and Seoraksan in previous months. Herb Island will complement this list.

Contrary to its name, Herb Island is not an island. The garden and its attractions are located in Pocheon, a north central town of the South Korean Peninsula. Opened in 1998, it features indoor and outdoor botanical gardens, restaurants, a café, bakery, gift shop, herbal exhibition hall, museum, aroma therapy center, a do-it-yourself craft studio, small animal

exhibit, outdoor stage featuring various artists, Venetia and a Christmas village. Making Herb Island a great place to explore.

Mediterranean herbs are the highlight of Herb Island. Its botanical gardens are both indoor and outdoor, offering a generous 180 herbal varieties for visitors to enjoy in engaging arrangements.

There are inviting archways covered in flora surrounded by potted greenery with simple benches. A unique tunnel through rosemary bushes with a walking path extending 200 feet is worth checking out. It is constructed from gigantic shrubs of the spice, molded around gardening mesh. Waterfalls appear in several alcoves adding to the ambience while also misting the nearby vines. These gardens have plenty of nooks creating quiet moments to be filled with its lovely scenery.

A scattered assortment of restaurants, gift shops, a small animal exhibit, a café

and bakery are found throughout Herb Island. These all feature food, drink or souvenirs that include the locally grown herbs. The bakery is particularly well known for its breadsticks.

During peak hours the fast moving line to buy them extends over 10 feet (about a 15-minute wait). Are you wondering if it is worth the wait?

In my opinion, absolutely.

Below the major gardens rests a miniature Venetia. This is where attractions such as the herbal exhibition hall, museum, aroma therapy center, a do-it-yourself craft studio and an outdoor stage can be found. The small Italian themed town has a man made river that runs in a circle near the center of it. Small paddle boats and water spheres can be taken out on the watercourse. The view of kids and parents, couples and friends is amplified by this neat feature.


Do you love Christmas? There is an entire village you can visit all year round

at Herb Island. During the season there is an ice skating rink, warm beverages and food. The charming chalets are decorated to evoke the holiday spirit. Many statues of Santa can be found to pose with for picture time. Off season the large melted snow field blooms with lavender; the perfect time to purchase any lavender paraphernalia (eye masks, lotion, soap, sachets est.).

Getting to Herb Island is easy by public transportation. Take Line 1 to Soyosan Station or take an express bus to Pocheon Intercity Bus Terminal. Next, leave the station or terminal to find the nearby local bus stop. Take Bus 57 toward Sinbuk Oncheon (Hot Spring, 신북온천).

Get off the bus at Samjeong-ri (삼정리). Go straight on Samcheongol-gil street. There will be signs to point you to Herb Island. It is open everyday. General admission fees are 3,000 won for adults. Children under 4 years old receive free admission.

dirty jobs



**STORY AND PHOTO BY
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Behind a three-inch steel door, guarded by a security system, stands a set of bars – the kind of bars that lock inmates away. But, these bars don't hold in prisoners. They keep unauthorized personnel from getting their hands on deadly weapons.

The Soldier who holds the key to this valuable room is Pfc. Justin Stroud, a multiple launch rocket system crew-member assigned to Battery A, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade.

The Mohave Valley, Ariz., native has been in the unit for almost a year and serves as its armorer, a job that comes with a lot of responsibility.

"Being in here, this job, you are always 'on call' – you have to be in 30 to 45 minutes earlier than anyone to make sure your paperwork is correct before passing out weapons, so there are a lot of early days for me," said Stroud.

If a weapon is "down" (not functional) it is Stroud's job to get it fixed.

"I am certified as a level two arms room operator; I pretty much can fix almost every weapon in here besides the

M16 [which has to be repaired by other Soldiers]," Stroud continued.

According to Stroud, the weapon he likes to work with most is the M249. It is a gas-operated, air-cooled, light machine gun that allows a Soldier to put massive firepower down-range at his target.

Overall, said Stroud, you have to find out what works best for you.

"When I came into this position, I followed the standard operating procedure which was emplaced before me," said Stroud. "Although, my chain of command has been the biggest supporters while I have been in this position. If it wasn't for the chain of command here in [Battery A], it would have been a lot harder for me to get this arms room up to standard."

Unit armorers must complete a two-week course, 80 hours of training, at Camp Casey.

"For someone who is seeking promotion points, this is a good course to have because it awards you 10 points," said Stroud.

"Working here has allowed my leadership skills to grow – I work down here by myself, I have other Soldiers who come down here to work with me, and as a PFC, I'm in charge," said Stroud.

Special Duty - Unit Armorer

My Korea, My Life

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

My name: Staff Sgt. Antoinette Fisher from Shreveport, La.

My job: Aviation operations specialist (15P), with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th (Attack) Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

What I like about Korea: I like everything; it's my third tour and I brought my kids. I like how Koreans always seem to work as a team, so I am showing my two teenagers that.

What meal I miss most: Anything that my mama cooks! She cooks everything. I am from Louisiana so my favorite is crawfish fettuccini.

Where I see myself in five years: Retired, hopefully! But I have as much time to give to the Army as it needs.

If I were a color, I would be: Purple. It's calm, relaxing and pretty.

In a fight between Hancock and Superman, I'm putting my money on: Superman; he's more disciplined.

The world is going to end in one week. I would spend my time: I would spend my time with my family – my four kids, my mom and dad, as well as my sister, her husband and son.

Lessons learned in Korea: I've learned that you can adapt in any environment. You can communicate without learning the language.

My favorite place to shop in Korea: I like going to E-mart because it reminds me of Wal-Mart.

My special shout out: I want to send a shout out to Rainetta Brown who works at Osan American High School. She's a great lady and she's always helping the kids.

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



New off-limits establishments

Two locations in Bosan-dong, outside of Camp Casey, are now off-limits: the Harley Club and the Glass House District.

If you have any questions on off-limits establishments, always utilize your chain of command.

Tree lighting

Santa Claus will join the 2nd Infantry Division and U.S. Army Garrison Area I at each of the tree lighting events.

- Dec. 4, 5 p.m., Camp Stanley
- Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m., Camp Red Cloud
- Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m., Camp Casey

2012 America-Korea Friendship Holiday Concert

There will be a performance by the Eighth Army Band and the Prima Donna Ensemble, celebrating the friendship between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea.

The concert will be held at the Seoul Arts Center, Dec. 10, at 4 p.m., and is free to the public.

For tickets, military personnel and their Families should contact their command.

Holiday mailing deadlines

The deadline for mailing from military post offices in Korea are as follows.

For CONUS destinations: Dec. 10 (1st class cards and letters, priority mail), Dec. 3 (service/parcel air mail), Dec. 17 (express mail).

For APO/FPO AP, APO/FPO AE: Dec. 10 (1st class cards and letters, priority mail), Dec. 3 (service/parcel air mail).

SPECIAL NOTES:

APO/FPO AE with zip code 093: Dec. 3 (1st class letters and cards, priority mail), Nov. 30 (service/parcel air mail).

APO/FPO AA with zip code 340: Dec. 10 (1st class cards and letters, priority mail), Dec. 3 (service/parcel air mail), Nov. 13 (all service air mail over 15 pounds and 60 inches combined length and girth).

Telephone prefixes to change

Effective Dec. 1, telephone prefix 0505 will be replaced with 05033 on all U.S. Army posts throughout South Korea when dialing from a commercial line to the DSN. The service provider will give a 12-month grace period for numbers that currently use 0505. However, newly assigned numbers will be accessible with the 05033 prefix ONLY.

Air Force and Navy bases will not be affected by the prefix change at this time.

Hangul Facebook page

As we strive to embody the Katchi Kapshida mindset, the 2nd Infantry Division wants to share those stories with our Korean allies. We are proud to announce our new Hangul Facebook page. Please visit and share with friends and family at www.facebook.com/pages/주한미군-제2-보병사단-2nd-Infantry-Division-Korean-ver/318145054942383?fbref=pb.

Commissary rewards card available

The Commissary Rewards Card is now available in the Camps Red Cloud, Casey and Stanley commissaries. The card allows customers to access digital coupons online and redeem them in

any commissary by scanning the card at checkout.

Thrft Savings Plan changes

Thrft Saving Plan now offers ROTH TSP after-tax contributions.

For more information, visit www.dfas.mil/militarymembers/rothtspformilitary.html.

New suicide-prevention hotline

A new 24-hour suicide prevention hotline has been established by the U.S. Army Garrison Red Cloud and Area I for anyone in Warrior Country considering suicide or trying to help someone who may be suicidal. The hotline number is 010-3762-0457.

2012 Area I holiday worship schedule announced

Nov. 18
• Camp Casey - Communitywide Thanksgiving Service & Luncheon, 9:30 a.m. at West Casey Chapel.
Thanksgiving fellowship for gospel congregation at the Warrior's Club, at noon.
• Camp Red Cloud - Thanksgiving service and luncheon at Warrior Chapel: 9 a.m. - Catholic; 11 a.m. - Protestant; 12:30 p.m. - GOGIC.

Nov. 21
• CRC - Presentation of the blessed virgin Mary, 11:30 a.m. at Warrior Chapel. Communitywide Thanksgiving service and meal, 5:30 p.m. at Warrior Chapel.

Nov. 24
• Camp Casey - Thanksgiving Day mass,

11:30 a.m. at West Casey Chapel.

Dec. 3
• CRC - Daily mass (Mon.-Fri.), 11:30 a.m. at Warrior Chapel.

Dec. 8
• Camp Casey - Mass - immaculate conception, 6 p.m. at West Casey Chapel.

Dec. 12
• Camp Casey - Mass - our lady of Guadeloupe, 6 p.m. at West Casey Chapel.

Dec. 23
• Camp Casey - Christmas candlelight and communion service, 6 p.m. at West Casey Chapel.

Dec. 24
• Camp Casey - Christmas night vigil, 10 p.m. at West Casey Chapel.
• CRC - Christmas night vigil, 10 p.m. at Warrior Chapel.

Dec. 25
• Camp Casey - Thanksgiving Day mass, 11:30 a.m. at West Casey Chapel.
• CRC - Mass - Christmas day celebration, 9 a.m. at Warrior Chapel.

Dec 31
• Camp Casey - Mass - Vigil of solemnity Mary mother of God, 10 p.m. at West Casey Chapel.

Jan. 1
• Camp Casey - Mass - New years celebration, 11:30 at West Casey Chapel.
• CRC - Mass - New years celebration, 9 a.m. at Warrior Chapel.

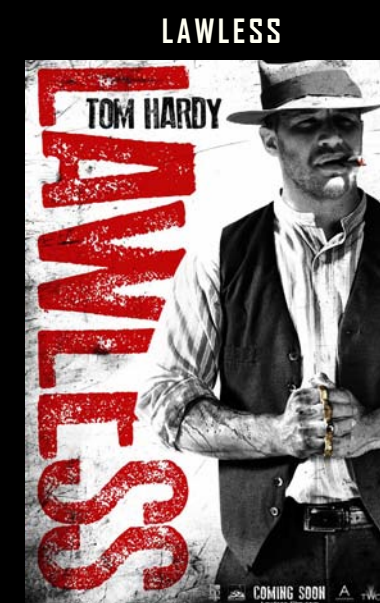
THIS MONTH IN BASE THEATERS

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/reeltime theatres/reeltime-landing.htm>



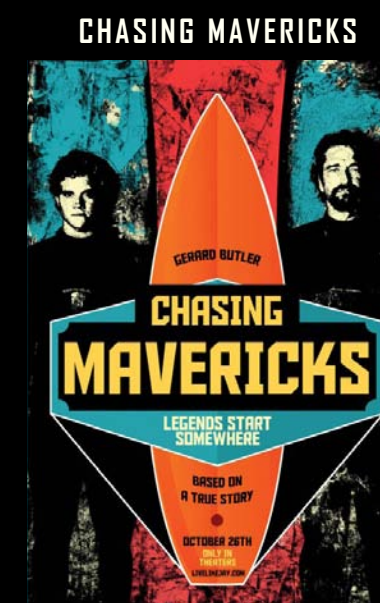
CAMP CASEY
SHOW TIMES: MON. & WED. 7:30 P.M.
FRI. & SUN. 6:30 & 8:30 P.M.
SAT. 3:30, 6:30 & 8:30 P.M.

DSN : 730-4856



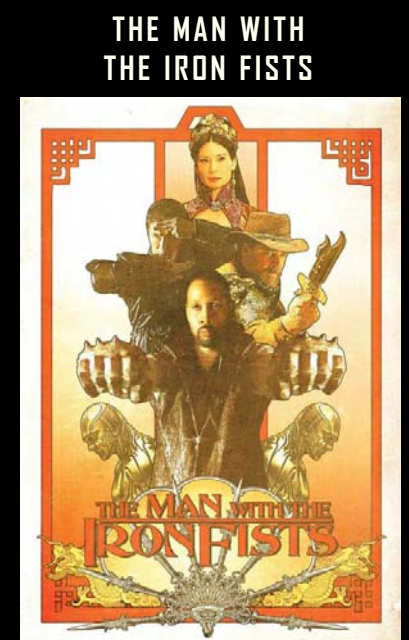
CAMP HOVEY
SHOW TIMES: MON.-SUN. 7 P.M.

DSN : 730-5196



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



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

DSN : 753-7716



11월 15일 카투사 체육대회에서 장병들이 싸이(Psy)의 '강남 스타일'에 맞춰 춤을 추고 있다.

<사진_이병 이지환 / 미 2사단 공보실>



미 2사단 페이스북 페이지에 방문하십시오

영문판 페이지 : 페이스북에서 2nd Infantry Division(Official page)를 검색하십시오
한글판 페이지 : 페이스북에서 주한미군 제 2 보병사단을 검색하십시오

좋아요! 공유하기! 부탁드립니다

군인 할인

- ◆KTX 군전세객차
하루에 1~2회 편성되며 국군수송사령부를 통해 무료로 이용 가능.
- ◆음식점 '헤이리 목' 할인
파주시 탄현면 성동리(통일동산) 맛고을내 목집인 헤이리 목은 군인할인업소로 지정되어 있음.
- ◆대전지역 롯데리아 할인
대전 내 43개의 가맹점에서 대리버거 세트 등 인기있는 5종 세트를 시간대 관계 없이 점심특선 가격으로 이용 가능.

인디언헤드 한글판 스태프

미 2사단장
소장 에드워드 C. 카든
한국군지원단 지역대장
중령 김종욱
공보참모
중령 조세프 스크로카
공보행정관
상사 리바 크라이처
공보관
편집장
상병 한철환
기자
상병 임형섭
상병 김명인
상병 윤성용
일병 박성진
이병 이지환
사진 전문가
김성남
박진우
심화자
상병 심한준

인디언헤드 한글판은 미 2사단 카투사들을 위해
공보실에서 발행하는 미 국방성 공인신문입니다. 신문
내용은 미 육군의 의견과 다를 수 있습니다.
인디언헤드지는 일정 인쇄소에서 월간지로 발행됩니다.
취재 요청은 732-9518으로 전화 바랍니다.

인디언헤드가 만난 사람들

"나에게 전역이란?"



사단본부중대 H중대 의전실
행정/PC 운용병 병장 오재혁

전역 하루 전이라 할지라도 저는 자랑스
러운 대한민국 육군이고 제 군인정신은 전
역까지 변치 않을 것입니다. 제게 전역이란
새로운 출발입니다. 2년간의 군생활은 사
회인이 되기 전 준비과정이고 밑바탕을 마
련하기 위한 기간입니다. 사회로 돌아가는
것을 걱정하는 사람들도 있는데 저는 사회
로 돌아가는 것이 딱히 걱정이 되지는 않습
니다. 그동안 목표를 이루고 후회없는 군생
활을 한 것 때문인 것 같습니다. "전역 언제
하지?"라고 많이들 생각하시는데 그건 잘
못된 생각입니다. 하루하루를 알차게 보낸
다면 언젠가 전역이 올 것입니다.



사단본부중대 H중대 박물관
행정/PC 운용병 상병 신재용

작년 여름 논산훈련소에서 장마비를 맞
으며 했던 수류탄 훈련과 카투사 교육대에
서 자대배치를 받았던 기억이 불과 몇달
전 같은데 남은 군생활이 몇개월 안된다고
생각하니 아쉬운 마음과 전역까지 남은 시
간을 소중히 보내야겠다는 다짐이 듭니다.
그 동안의 군생활에서 여러가지 일들이 있
었지만, 되돌아보니 참 고마운 시간이었습
니다. 남은 군생활동안 군인 정신을 굳건
히 하고 대한민국의 자랑스런 육군이자 시
간을 소중히 여기고 아직 배울것이 많은
20대 청년으로서 한치 부끄러움과 후회없
는 시간을 보내고 싶습니다.



사단본부중대 H중대 지휘부 비서실
행정/PC 운용병 일병 황기훈

저에게 전역이란 현재 인생 최대의 목표가
아닐까 싶습니다. 아직 전역일이 오려면 1년
이나 남았기에 멀게만 느껴집니다. 그래도
그날은 반드시 올 것 이므로 희망을 갖고 살
아야겠습니다. 전역 후 복학을 하면 아마도
휴학없이 바로 졸업을 하게될 것 같습니다.
졸업 후 더 이상 학생이 아니라 사회인으로
살아야 하기 때문에 어쩌면 지금 이 순간이
제 인생에서 가장 여유있는 시간일 수도 있
겠다는 생각이 들기도 합니다. 전역은 자유
로의 복귀이지만, 새로운 속박의 시작이기도
한 것 같습니다. 그래도 전역일은 빨리 오는
것이 좋겠다고 생각합니다.



사단본부중대 H중대 의전실
행정/PC 운용병 이병 조우연

저에게 있어 전역은 너무 먼 이야기 처
럼 느껴집니다. 하지만 언젠가 시간이 지
나고 그 날이 올 것이라고 믿고 하루하루
를 살아가고 있습니다. 전역은 저에게 있
어서 인생의 전환점이 될 것입니다. 전역
을 하게 되면 평상시 신경 쓰지 못한 학교
생활을 열심히 할 것 입니다. 또한 모든 매
사에 예전과는 다르게 좀 더 신중한 자세
로 일할 것입니다. 인간관계에 있어서도
상대방을 배려하며 이해하려고 노력 할 것
입니다. 마지막으로 전역을 하면 다시 입
대를 안해도 되기에 매우 행복할 것 같습
니다.



사단본부중대 H중대 팀 1 선임병장 상병 권순규

인- 자기소개를 부탁드립니다.
권- 안녕하십니까. 사단본부중대 팀
1 선임병장을 맡고 있는 상병 권순
규입니다. 고려대학교 경영학과 3학
년 1학기를 마치고 11-07기로 입대
하였습니다. 자대전입 후 사단본부
공보실 브로드캐스트룸에서 근무하
다가 7월부터 선임병장직을 수행하
고 있습니다.

인- 부대소개를 부탁드립니다.
권- 사단본부중대는 미2사단의 가장
중추적인 행정업무를 수행하고 있으
며, 130여명의 카투사들로 구성된
대규모의 지원대입니다. 그 중에서
팀 1은 공보실, 군중부, 밴드, 박물관
으로 구성되어 있습니다. 주로
Special Staff Platoon의 인원들로
구성되어 있어서 공보, 공연, 전시,
홍고 같은 특수한 업무성격을 띠고
있습니다.

인- 가장 기억에 남는 일은?
권- 특별히 기억에 남는 일보다는
공보실에서 선취임들과 함께 보냈던
시간이 가장 기억에 남습니다. 6명
의 카투사들로 구성된 저희 PAO공보
실 사람들은 선취임이기 전에 좋은
친구나 형, 동생으로서 인간관계를
맺고 있기 때문에 항상 화목한 분위
기와 서로 도우는 마음으로 지냈
다. 제가 신병일 때부터 신병이라는
이유로 차별받은 일 한번 없고 항상
대등하게 일하는 구성원으로서 대

했습니다. 어쩌면 당연한 일이지만
저는 항상 마음속 깊이 고마운 마음
을 갖고 있었고, 그러한 대접을 받고
지내왔기에 선임이 된 지금도 후임
들이 제가 받은 대접을 동일하게 받
을 수 있도록 노력하게 되는 것 같
습니다. 지금까지 이곳에서 받은 크
고 작은 배려와 함께 한 추억 그리
고 즐거운 경험들은 지금도 가장 소
중한 기억이고 앞으로도 잊지 못할
것 같습니다.

인- 가장 기억에 남는 미군은?

권- 많은 미군들이 기억에 남지만,
제가 선임병장이 되기 전에 근무했
던 공보실 브로드캐스트룸의 데이비
드 랜킨 병장(SGT David Rankin)이
특히 기억에 남습니다. 제가 처음 왔
을 때부터 함께 일했고, 많은 비디오
촬영 기술을 가르쳐주었습니다. 특
히 저의 상급자이기 이전에 동료라
는 인식이 뚜렷하여 저를 신병때부
터 잘 챙겨주고 배려해주었습니다. 또
한 한국에 대한 애정도 많고, 한국어
도 열심히 공부하기 때문에 제가 가
끔 한국어와 한국문화를 알려주기도
했고 개인적인 도움을 주기도 했습
니다. 지금도 항상 고맙게 생각하고
있고, 전역한 후에도 계속 연락하면
서 지낼 계획입니다.

인- 전역 후 계획은?

권- 전역 후에는 개강 때까지 4개월
의 시간이 남기 때문에 전전히 지금

공부하고 있는 시험을 마무리 짓고,
중국어와 영어 등 하고 싶던 외국어
공부를 하고 싶습니다. 또한 시간이
허락한다면 틈틈히 외국 여행도 다
니면서 여유를 즐겨보고 싶습니다.

인- 중대원들에게 한 마디 부탁드립니다.

권- 사단본부중대에 배정 받은 것을
항상 행복하게 생각하고 있습니다.
다른 중대보다 규모가 훨씬 크고 많
은 섹션들이 있지만, 그 어느 중대보
다 서로 가깝고 친하게 지내는 것
같아서 참 좋게 생각하고 있습니다.
앞으로도 사단본중 고유의 화목한
분위기를 잘 유지하면서, 각자 남은
날이 다르지만 모두 힘내서 그 날을
바라보며 힘차게 달려갔으면 합니
다.

SECOND TO NONE!!



<기사 및 사진_이병 이지환 / 미 2사단 공보실>

Ahn nyeong ha-shim-nika?

학생들은 교실에 들어왔다. 그들은 조용히 의자에 앉아 교사를 기다렸다. 잘 자리잡은 젊은 여성이 교실 안으로 들어와 가방을 책상에 내려놓고 “안녕하세요!”라고 인사했다. 학생들은 정중하게 “안녕하십니까?”라고 대답했다.

약 60명의 학생들이 한국외국어대학교 역사문화과정에 참가했다. 이 프로그램은 미군들에게 기초 한글을 가르치기 위해 경기도에서 계획한 프로그램이며 9월 5일에 시작했고 10월 31일까지 진행되었다.

1 전투여단 민사장교인 조아킨 주카반(ILT Joaquin B. Jucaban) 중위는 “이 수업은 한글을 읽고, 쓰고, 말하는 법을 배우는 기초 한국어 교실이다”고 말했다.

이 코스는 학생들과 교사들에게 쉽지 않은 도전이었다. 처음에 몇몇 강사들은 장병들과 같이 수업하는 것을 걱정했다. 이승연씨는 “이번이 미군 장병들과 하는 첫 수업이다”고 말하고 “이 수업이 원래 10주간 매일 4시간씩 가르치는 것으로 계획되어 있었기 때문에 상당히 힘들 것이라 예상했다”고 덧붙였다.

하지만 장병들의 바쁜 일과 때문에 수업과정은 8주간 매주 2일 3시간씩 수업하는 것으로 줄어들었다.

이승연씨는 “우리가 가르쳐준 것들을 병사들이 기억하지 못 할까 봐 걱정했다”고 말하고 “하지만 병사들은 바쁜 일과 속에서도 열심히 수업에 참여 하였고 강의 내내 한국어를 배우는 것에 열정을 보였다”고 덧붙였다.

몇몇 장병들은 자발적으로 원해서 한국의 문화와 언어를 배웠다. 주카반 중위는 그의 업무에 도움을 받기 위해 한국어를 배워야 했다.

주카반 중위는 “한국어를 배우기 시작한 이유 중 하나는 제가 맡은 일이 지역 사회와의 연계가 많기 때문입니다.”고 말하고 “저는 한국의 문화를 이해하고 한국어를 읽고 쓸 줄 알며 더욱 원활한 의사소통을 원했습니다”고 말했다.

수업을 통해 장병들과 선생님들은 사제 관계를 맺었다. 수업은 자유로운 분위기에서 진행되었지만, 항상 재미있지만은 않았다. 병사들은 시험을 통과하고 졸업할 하기 위해 줄어든 시간 내에 모든 과제를 해결해야 했다.

이승연씨는 “구술 및 지필 시험이 있고 C학점 이상의 성적을 받아야만 수업을 수료할 수 있다”고 말했다.

많은 병사들은 이 수업에서 문화와 언어를 이해하는데 큰 진전이 있었다고 느꼈고 불가능하다고 생각하던 경험을 했다.

주카반 중위는 “시작에 불과할 지라도 이제 조금이나마 한국어를 할 수 있게 되었다.”고 말했다.

이승연씨는 “병사들이 한국의 문화와 언어에 좀 더 친숙해 졌기를 바란다”고 말하고 “병사들은 많은 시간과 노력을 투자하였다. 이들을 가르칠 수 있었던 것이 자랑스럽고 감사하다”고 덧붙였다.

<기사 및 사진 ... 후안 히메네즈(SGT Juan F. Jimenez) 병장 / 1 전투여단 공보실
번역 ... 상병 임형섭 / 미 2사단 공보실>



10월 19일 한국외대 강사 이승연 씨가 캠프 케이시 (Camp Casey) 교육센터의 미 2사단을 위한 한국어 프로그램에서 한글 문장을 설명하고 있다. 이 프로그램은 경기도에서 미군들에게 기초 한글을 가르치기 위해 계획했으며 한글을 읽고, 쓰고, 말하는 법을 가르친다.



10월 19일 캠프 케이시 교육센터에서 1 전투여단 민사장교 조아킨 주카반(ILT Joaquin B. Jucaban) 중위 (우측)가 한글 읽기를 연습하고 있다.

하루동안의 망중한

미 2사단 장병들과 동두천 외국어 고등학교 학생들이 지난 10월 26일 포천과 연천에서 동두천외고 여행에 참가했다. 미 2사단 좋은 이웃 프로그램의 일환으로 주최된 이번 1일 여행은 영어 연습이 필요한 학생들과 부대 밖의 한국 문화에 대해 궁금해하는 장병들이 동행했다.

210 화력여단 민사장교 리 라이트(CPT Lee Wright) 대위는 “장병들이 한국의 다른 측면을 볼 수 있는 기회를 제공하고 싶었다”고 말하고 “장병들이 앞으로 한국에 대해 더 많이 알고 기지 바칼에 재미있는 일이 많다는 것을 알기 바란다”고 덧붙였다.

이번 약속을 지키기 위해 장병들은 아침 일찍 캠프 케이시 (Camp Casey)에서 버스를 탔고 학생들과 함께 하루 동안 박물관 관람을 했다.

1 전투여단 2-9 보병대대 보병인 에드워드 플로렌스(SGT Edward Florence) 병장은 “문화 체험을 하며 다른 문화를 알고 다른 사람들의 관점을 배우고 싶다”고 말했다.

양국간 교육방식의 차이는 한 장병에게 깊은 인상을 남겼다.

4-7 기갑대대의 기갑 수색병 제임스 허포드(PVT James Hufford) 이병은 “학생들의 관점이 내가 학생일 때와는 많이 달라서 흥미롭다”고 말했다.

허포드 이병은 다른 문화권의 사람들과 말하는 것이 재미있다고 했다.

그는 “학생들이 학교에서 배우는 것이 내가 미국 학교에서 배웠던 것과 많이 다르다. 한국 교육과정에 대해 배우는게 흥미롭다”고 말했다.

학생들에게는 이번 여행이 영어 실력을 늘릴 좋은 기회였다.

이수호 학생은 “저는... 외국인들과 영어로 얘기할 기회가 많지 않았습니다”고 말하고 “이 여행에서는 영어로 자유롭게 말할 수 있기 때문에 두 번째 참가했습니다”고 덧붙였다.

이번 여행의 영어교사인 신재욱 씨에 따르면, 좋은 이웃 프로그램은 학생과 장병들이 서로를 배울 수 있는 기회를 제공한다.

신재욱 씨는 “이 여행은 장병들과 학생들이 서로의 문화를 공유하며 다른 관점을 배울 수 있는 좋은 기회이다”



장병들과 학생들이 여행중에 방문한 박물관에서 전시물을 보고 있다.

고 말했다.

다른 영어교사인 조준호씨는 “이 여행에서 학생들은 미국인과 한국인의 공통점과 차이점을 배울 수 있다”고 말하고 “그들과 교감하는것은 귀중한 경험이다”고 덧붙였다.

하지만 행사가 열리기 전에는 학생들과 장병들이 잘 어울릴 수 있을지 걱정하는 교사들도 있었다.

신재욱씨는 “지난번에 캠프 케이시에서 온 장병들과 교류했을때는 장병들과 학생들이 잘 어울리지 못했다. 그래서 이번 행사가 시작되기 전에 걱정했다”고 말하고 “그런데 이번에는 훨씬 나아졌다. 학생들과 미군들이 같이 다니는걸 보니까 기쁘다”고 덧붙였다.

허포드 이병은 “이 행사를 참여한 보람이 있었다”고 말하고 “밖에 나가서 지역 주민들을 만나고 새로운 문화를 경험하며 새 친구를 사귄 수 있는 기회였다”고 덧붙였다.

<기사 및 사진 ... 이병 김한별 / 210 화력여단 공보실
번역 ... 상병 한철환 / 미 2사단 공보실>



지난 10월 15일, 한반도의 공공기지에서 미 2사단 2-9 보병대대 8 중대의 병사들이 17 보병사단 1 -102 보병대대 병사들과의 공중강습 합동 훈련을 위해 투입되고 있다.



10월 15일, 한반도의 공공기지에서 17보병사단 1-102 보병대대의 병사들이 미 2 사단 병사들과의 합동 훈련 도중에 공중강습을 통해 언덕을 점령하기 위해 돌격하고 있다.

워패스 3 (Warpath III) 훈련 종료

지난 11월 9일, 미 2사단은 워패스 3 (Warpath III) 훈련을 종료하며 계속되었던 큰 훈련들에 마침표를 찍었다.

워패스 3은 제대별로 치뤄지는 미 2사단의 연합 전투사령부 훈련으로, 여단과 사단 지휘사령부에 집중하여 전투준비태세를 강화하고 미 2사단의 훈련상태와 임무수행 준비상태를 확인한다.

워패스 3은 한국과 미국의 전투준비태세와 연합합동 상호 운용 능력을 증강시키는 연합 합동훈련으로 한미 지원병력의 전투준비태세를 증강시킴으로써 한미동맹에 대한 미군의 변함없는 공헌을 보여주었다.

워패스 3은 1953년 한미 상호방위조약의 정신을 계승하여 미 2사단과 한국군의 지속적이고 오래된 관계를 강조하고 있다.

한국군 102 연대 공보장교 성하준 소위는 “한미 동맹은 1953년부터 다양한 훈련과 연습을 통해 강화되어왔다”고 말하고 “이번 훈련 전에 많은 준비와 협력이 이루어졌고 이것이 최상의 팀워크 (teamwork)를 만드는 핵심이었다. 우리의 노력은 양국의 군사력이 성장, 발전하는 것을 도와준다”고 덧붙였다.

미 육군은 대한민국 내의 임무형지휘를 발전시키기 위해 많은 지원을 하고 있다. 본 사단훈련은 매년 미 2사단이 관련된 제대들과 임무형 지휘를 훈련할 수 있는 기회를 제공한다. 이 훈련의 연합적 성격은 소대에서 사단까지 지상작전을 수행하는데 필요한 한국군과 미군 사이의 상호운용사항들을 요구한다. 미 2사단은 연합 작전환경에서 임무형지휘의 문제점과 그 해결책을 명확히 하기 위해 한국군측과 함께 정기적으로 연합 훈련을 수행한다.

미국방성의 태평양 전력 제배치에 따라 한반도에 주둔하는 병력들의 준비태세가 최우선 과제로 떠오르고 있다.

미 2사단 대변인 조셉 스크로카(LTC Joseph Scrocca) 중령은 “우리는 미군의 연합 지상작전에서 최 전방에 있으며 우리의 연간 훈련 프로그램은 휘하 부대들이 전투 기술을 갈고 닦을 기회를 제공한다”고 말하고 “워패스 3 훈련을 통해 미군 장병들과 한국군 장병들, 미측 관련 제대들이 훈련되고 만일의 사태에 대처할 수 있다”고 덧붙였다.

<기사 _ 마이클 개릿(SFC Michael Garrett) 중사 / 미 2사단 공보실
번역 ... 상병 한철환 / 미 2사단 공보실>

나비처럼 날아 뱀처럼 문다

UH-60 블랙호크 (UH-60 Blackhawk)와 CH-47 치누크 (Chinook)이 대형을 갖추고 공공기지로 시끄럽게 접근했다. 여기에 탑승한 장병들은 한국에서 발견되는 치명적인 독사의 이름을 따서 명명한 “살무사 작전”에 참가했다.

제 2 항공여단 2-2 전투항공대대와 2-3 전투항공대대는 제 17 보병사단 1-102 보병대대와, 미 2 사단 2-9 보병대대 B중대 소속의 병사들을 포함, 총 600명이 넘는 병사를 비행편으로 수송시켰다.

항공기들이 하늘에서 하강하는 동안 병사들은 이 합동 항공 훈련의 주 목적인 대항군 제거 및 대량살상무기 압수에 초점을 두었다.

지속적인 한미 연합 훈련은 전투력을 항상 시켜 주지만, 무엇보다 중요한건 이 훈련을 통해 얻게 되는 경험이다. 이 경험은 미래의 전투력 향상에 크게 기여할 것이다.

미 2사단 작전 부사령관 제이비 버튼(BG JB Burton) 준장은 “우리는 이 훈련을 통해 양국의 정책을 배웠다”고 말하고 “우리는 서로간의 전술, 기술, 과정을 나눌 수 있었고 어떻게 함께 작업을 하는지 알게 되었으며, 이후에 합동 작업이 원활히 이루어지지 않을 거라는 불확실함에서 벗어날 수 있었다”고 덧붙였다.

2-9 보병대대 병사들과의 훈련에 동행한 제 17 보병사단의 조남호 중위는 미군 장병들과 함께 훈련을 할 수 있는 기회가 주어진 것에 감사를 표현했으며 이 훈련의 중요성을 다시 한번 강조하였다.

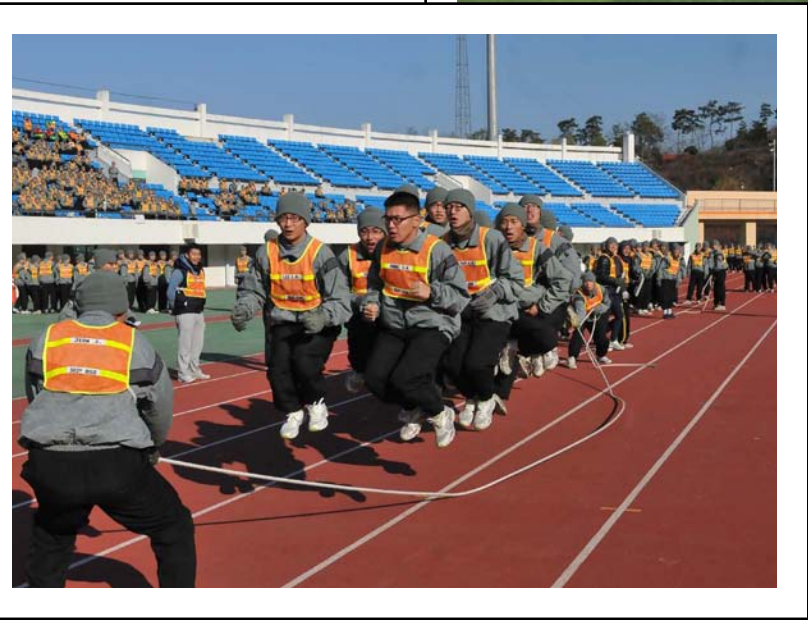
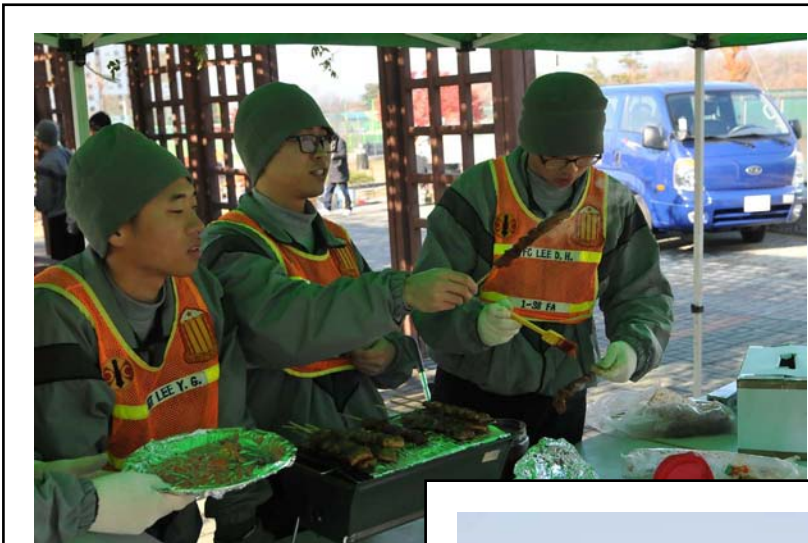
조남호 중위는 “미군들은 상당히 활동적이며 훈련 내내 활력이 넘쳤다. 그들은 훈련을 하면서 항상 전투에 준비된 마음가짐을 가지고 있으며, 이에 대한 감사를 표하고 싶다”고 말하고 “이 훈련은 두 집단 사이의 공백을 메워줄 것이며, 이는 서로의 이해를 돕고 앞으로의 임무를 성공적으로 마치는 열쇠가 될 것이다”고 덧붙였다.

이러한 작전 중에 서로를 이해하는 것은 연습을 필요로 한다. 미 2사단 사단장 에드워드 카돈(MG Edward C. Cardon) 소장은 이번 훈련에서 미군과 한국군 장병들이 같이 훈련하고 의사소통하는것에 기뻐했다.

카돈 소장은 “이러한 훈련이야말로 우리가 전투능력과 선택권을 갖기 위해 해야 하는 훈련이다. 매우 인상적이다”고 말하고 “아파치 (Apache) 헬리콥터와 통신하는 한국군 소위의 의사소통 능력에 매우 감명받았다. 바로 이것이 더 나은 의사소통 능력을 발전시켜 나가면 서 현재 우리가 작전을 수행해야만 하는 방법이다”고 덧붙였다.

11월, 하얗게 불태우다

지난 11월 14일, 동두천 종합운동장에서 제 1지역 카투사 체육대회가 열렸다. 이번 대회에는 약 800명의 카투사 장병들이 참가하였으며 장병들은 5인 6각 달리기, 이어달리기, 단체줄넘기, 축구 등의 종목에서 자신의 기량을 뽐냈다. 또한 장병들은 운동장 외부에서 진행된 음식 판매 행사와 특별행사로 편성된 간부축구 등의 행사를 통해 바쁜 일과에서 벗어나 여유를 즐겼다. 최종 우승의 영광은 사단본부대대가 차지했다.



11월 14일, 수요일, 800여명의 카투사 (KATUSA, Korean Augmentation to the US Army) 장병들이 제 1 지역 체육 대회에 참여하기 위해 동두천 종합 운동장에 모였다. 이 행사는 2010년부터 매년 한국군지원단 창설기념의 일환으로 실시하는 것이며, 제 1 지역 카투사들의 단결과 화합을 추구한다.

체육대회 종목에는 축구, 단체 줄넘기, 이어 달리기, 5인6각이 있다. 팀편성은 미 2사단, 시설 사령부, 304 통신 대대, 55헌병 중대에서 근무하는 800여명의 카투사들을 대대급 기준으로 부대별 편성하여 이루어진다. 오전에는 예선전을 치렀으며 오후에는 결승전을 진행

하였다.

이어달리기와 5인6각은 사단본부대대가 우승을 차지하였으며 축구와 단체 줄넘기는 1여단 특수근무대대와 302 여단 지원대대가 각각 차지하였다.

이 행사는 카투사 장병들에게 단합과 화합의 기회가 되었다.

미 2사단 지역대 정보작전과장 이정훈 소령은 "제 1지역에 근무하는 카투사는 1200여명이 있는데 이들은 서로 교류가 많지 않다. 이 행사를 통해 서로 원활한 의사소통의 기회를 가질 것이며, 카투사들이 상호 대화를 통해 군 외교관이 라는 자부심을 가질 수 있는 기회가 될 것이다"고 말하고 "각 경기를 진행하여

우승팀에게는 트로피와 상금을 주어 부대단합의 기회를 제공할 것이다"고 덧붙였다.

작년에 골키퍼를 맡았던 미 2사단 인사과 선임병장 이승범 상병은 "이 행사를 통해 선임들과 자연스럽게 교류를 하며 얼굴을 익히고 친해질 수 있었다. 또한 카투사들과 대화를 나누면서 군생활에 있어서 자신감이 생겼다"고 말했다.

사단본부대대 선임병장 김준영 상병은 "솔직히 우리가 우승할줄은 몰랐지만 모든 카투사 병장들이 단합되고 동기부여가 되있는 모습을 보여주었으며, 지원대장님도 많은 도움을 주셨기에 우리가 우승을 하게 된 것 같다"고 말했다.

이 행사는 전반적으로 많은 장병들이 활기찬 모습으로 열정적 참여를 하였지만 어떤 부분에서는 개선이 필요했다.

이승범 상병은 "인원이 워낙 많기 때문에 통제 안되는 부분이 많았다"고 말하고 "이를 방지 하기 위해서 구기종목과 같이 많은 인원의 참여를 요구하는 운동을 추가했으면 좋겠다. 그리하여 앉아서 응원만하는 인원이 없고 모두 경기에 참여했으면 좋겠다"고 말했다.

카투사 체육대회는 매년 실시 될 것이다. 현재 원활히 진행이 되고 있지만 좀 더 적극적인 참여와 노력으로 더 성공적인 행사로 변할 것이다.

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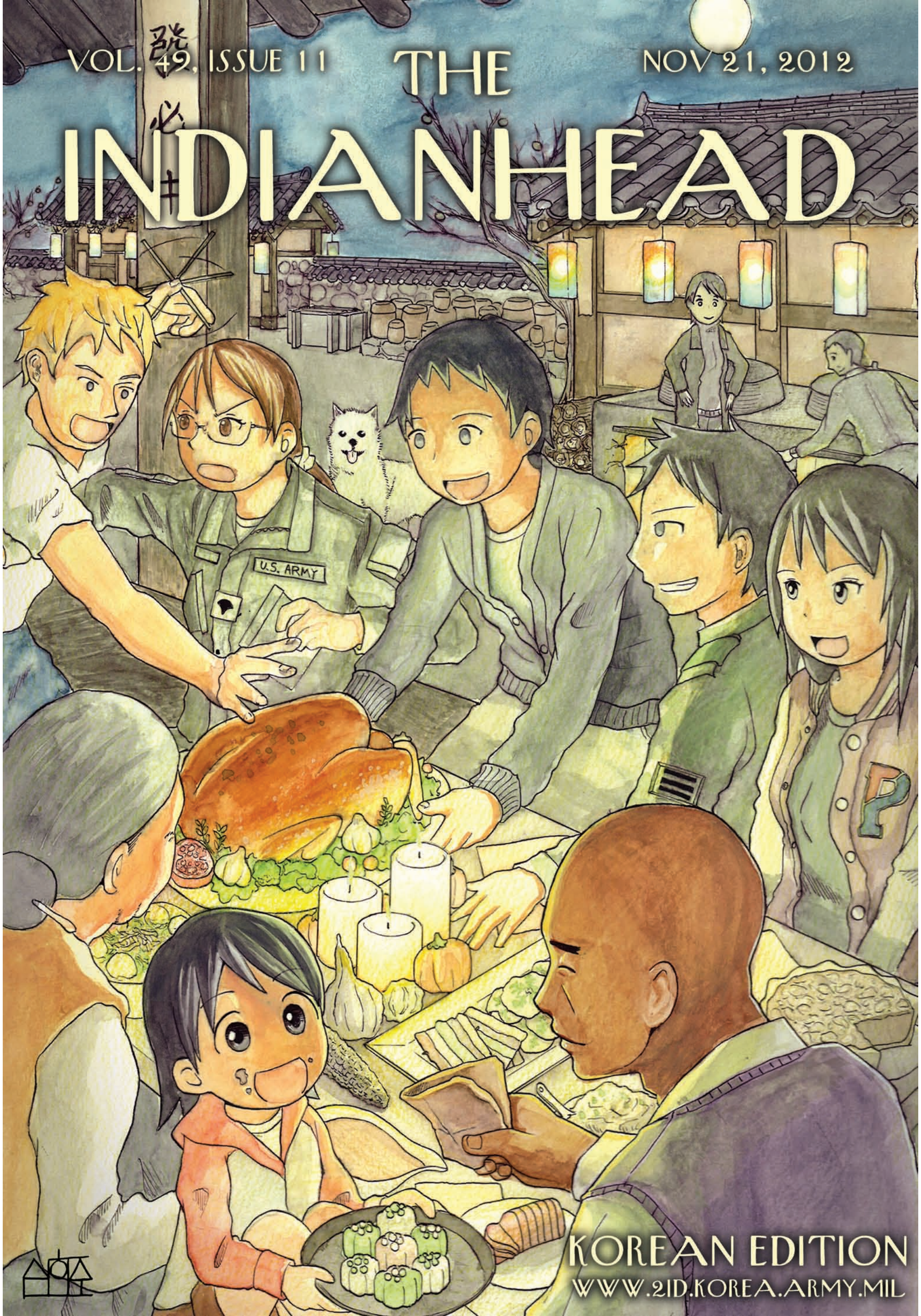


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