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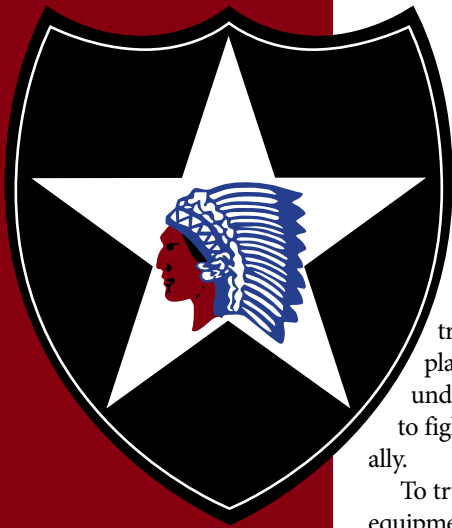
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As winter comes to a close and we've completed our collective training period of Key Resolve and 1/2ABCT's Gunnery, it's a good time to think about readiness.

The reason for our focus on training and rehearsing our war plans is to ensure that every one of us understands our mission and is ready to fight: Physically, mentally, and morally.

To truly be ready, we have to ensure our equipment is fully mission capable, that we sustain high levels of physical fitness, that we know our battle drills and that we understand our mission and the mission of our higher headquarters.

We also must take every opportunity to train as we fight. Exercises like Key Resolve 2015 are perfect opportunities to hone our skills in Mission Command in conjunction with our higher headquarters that serve to strengthen the Alliance. While this was an annual exercise, this one was unique in that it was the first exercise to include ROK Army officers of the Combined Division. The establishment of a Combined Division is significant, and it is a perfect example of how we focus on readiness. The contributions of ROK leaders in our formations allow us to better refine our interoperability with planning and coordination in the event of hostilities.

It's also the last theater exercise for the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. The pending deactivation this summer of 1ABCT marks a milestone in the lineage of the 2nd Infantry Division, and it also represents the first deployment of a Regionally-Aligned Brigade with 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. This is yet another example of our "Fight Tonight" attitude. The Brigade recently concluded

the last step in their Army Force Generation cycle by completing their rotation at the National Training Center. They will arrive fully manned and fully trained to assume the role of supporting the defense of the Korean peninsula.

We do all of this because we are the Warrior Division; the last forward stationed Division in our Army with a unique mission to always be ready to fight tonight. We have the advantage of a 62-year Alliance with a professional, dedicated ally in the ROK Army. We live and work in one of the most developed nations in the world and have the opportunity to really study the terrain and environment that we may one day be called upon to defend. Also, we have the privilege of training with our ROK counterparts while standing shoulder-to-shoulder with our Allies on Freedom's Frontier, starting down a despotic enemy whose human rights record is among the most deplorable on Earth.

Despite our advantages, we must never assume things will go our way. We will always strive to improve ourselves and our materiel. Our mission must always be our main priority. We can't always control the conditions under which we may have to fight, but we can make the most of our time and resources through hard, realistic training, leader development, and ensuring our equipment is fully mission capable. In other words, the harder you work, the more you sweat, the more effort you put now into your unit and your people, the more successful we will be if called upon to defend the Korean peninsula.

Every Soldier in the Division, from Private to Major General has a mission requirement to be ready to fight. Because of the DPRK's Asymmetric capabilities, we will have less advance warning before we transition to war. During our N Hour sequence, if alerted for exercises or in a real contingency,

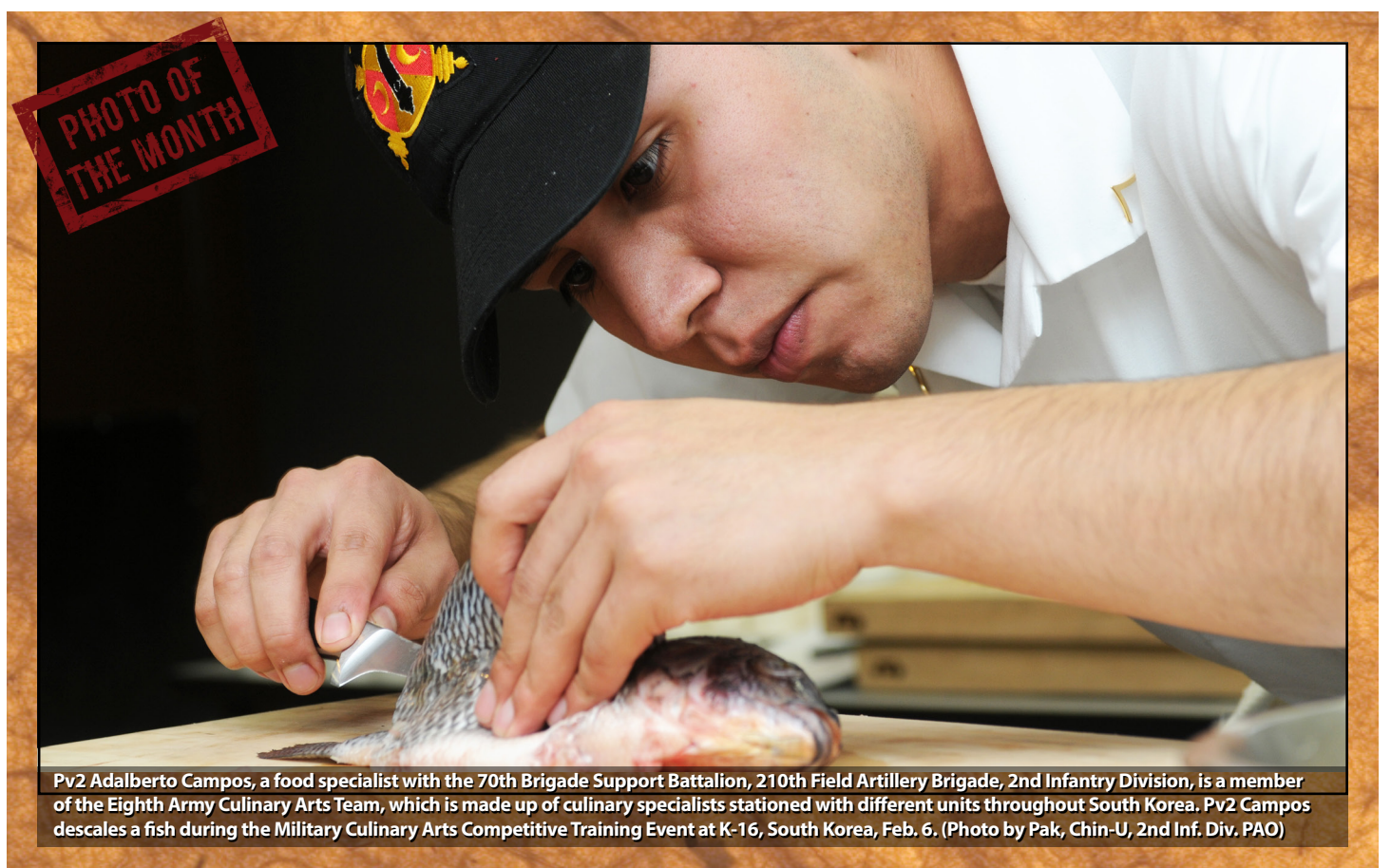


Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal
2nd Inf. Div. Commander

that means we have four hours from alert until we are in our mounted combat platforms uploading our ammunition to prepare for war. That requires all of us as part of the team we are in - from the squad/crew to the Division - to be ready. Teamwork is about trust; our faith in each other that we will be able to do our mission in support of the overall unit mission. When one of us is not ready to fight because they are not accounted for due to curfew or pass violations, or because of alcohol intoxication levels, then the squad/section/crew will not be ready. When this occurs, the trust in each other is destroyed, and the unit cohesion and mission is undermined because someone else has to "carry your rucksack".

You are all Warriors, and you are a part of the best Division in the U.S. Army. You have earned the respect of our nation and this Alliance with your dedication to service. We must strive daily to keep earning that respect through our actions.

Fight Tonight!
Katchi Kapshida!



Pv2 Adalberto Campos, a food specialist with the 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, is a member of the Eighth Army Culinary Arts Team, which is made up of culinary specialists stationed with different units throughout South Korea. Pv2 Campos descales a fish during the Military Culinary Arts Competitive Training Event at K-16, South Korea, Feb. 6. (Photo by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Inf. Div. PAO)

INSIDE THE ARMY

Bystanders need to protect victims of *sexual predators*, Soldiers say

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Victims of sexual assault who reported what happened faced disbelief and retaliation from others, according to five Soldiers who spoke to dozens of general officers, including the Army chief of staff.

They spoke at the “Survivor and Bystander Experiences: Retaliation and the Break of Trust” panel here during the 2015 Army Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention, or SHARP, Summit, Feb. 18.

Although more and more Soldiers are feeling confident to report sexual assault and harassment and the number of assaults are going down, challenges still remain and “the predators need to become the pariah, not the victim,” Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno said during the summit before the panel.

There are non-commissioned officers, or NCOs, and officers who still don’t know what behavior is acceptable and what is not, Odierno said. The changing culture needs to begin with them and there needs to be conversations about it all the way down to the lowest levels.

Here are some of the stories of the victims, minus the graphic details:

OVERSEAS IN HARM’S WAY

Upon arriving in Afghanistan, a married female specialist said her worst fears were getting shot at by insurgents. Little did she realize, she said, that she would be harassed day after day, and then assaulted by her staff sergeant.

After this went on for a long time, she mustered the courage to tell her squad leader everything that happened, expecting him to elevate her concerns up the chain of command.

Instead, she said, he told her “let’s squash this,” so the perpetrator doesn’t get in trouble. At that point, she said she lost faith in her leadership.

Eventually, another Soldier advised her to see the brigade SHARP representative, which she did. Word quickly spread throughout her company that she was a snitch, she said.

When she returned to a new unit stateside, she was approached by Soldiers she had never met who called her a snitch and a whining victim. The word had spread. The effects on her were devastating from emotional, mental and physical aspects, she said.

Her perpetrator, incidentally, was her own battalion SHARP representative.

SOCIAL MEDIA SEXUAL ASSAULTS

A female senior NCO was repeatedly humiliated and sexually harassed online in blogs and forums by Soldiers she knew and some who remained anonymous.

She explained what it means to be assaulted online. It is not just comments, she said. Soldiers post memes, which are “poignant and powerful messages.”

Memes are images or graphics of people, usually accompanied by a few words, she explained. Memes are usually positive, with inspirational messages. However, sexual predators can use memes to attack their victims.

She showed a number of slides where Soldiers had appropriated her photos and added words or graphics to them with sexual innuendos. There were comments sections where others commented on her in disturbing and negative ways. Also, private information was released about her.

When she took her concerns to the leaders of two Soldiers she had clearly identified as being perpetrators, she was told, she said, to shut off her computer or just not look at the offending content.

What occurred, she said, was especially difficult, because she had to continue to lead a large number of Soldiers and remain strong for them. “My leadership did not back me,” she said. “As a leader, I want to change that for my Soldiers. I don’t want this social media to control my life.”

However, once content is on the Internet, it will always be there or on another site for future employers and others to see, she said, adding that she hopes the Department of Defense will get a better handle on what to do about this.

MALES GET ASSAULTED TOO

A male specialist checked into a new unit not realizing the severity of his welcoming initiation.

A number of Soldiers, including sergeants, came into his room, ripped off his pants and sexually assaulted him, he said.

What happened left him feeling emasculated and ashamed, he said, adding that he had trouble sleeping and functioning.

But the welcoming didn’t stop there.

The hazings continued for him and others. For example, on his 22nd birthday, he was stripped and whipped with a thick leather belt until he was bleeding and could not sit for three days. All of this took place while his platoon sergeant, first sergeant and command-

er were watching. He said some of the Soldiers who did this were Rangers and snipers, who had medals for valor. In short, they were highly respected.

Eventually, he reported what took place and that is when the retaliation took place, going as far as having death threats, he said.

Yet, nothing happened, and he was forced to continue to live and work alongside his tormentors. He too, said leadership had failed him.

WEST POINT SHUNNING

A second lieutenant, who graduated recently from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, told her story.

Her company’s tactical NCO secretly filmed her and other cadets in the shower for at least her freshman year, she said, explaining that tactical NCOs are charged with looking after the welfare of around 100 to 120 cadets.

The videos came to light by chance, she said. Someone had left a disc in a computer and a cadet had found it and brought it to her attention.

After discovering what happened, she asked for an investigation. Two investigations went unfounded, meaning nothing happened, she said.

While the investigations were ongoing, she requested to change companies. “This is where the retaliation piece comes in,” she related. “It’s shocking to see your whole company, except for a handful of people, turn against you, not talk to you, physically turn their backs to you.”

Her leadership failed her as well, she said. Her tactical NCO, a sergeant first class, had many awards and was beloved. “I was just a cadet with no credentials,” she said.

“I don’t blame any of my classmates or my company mates for turning their backs on me,” she said. “I blame the leadership, which failed me on so many levels.”

The second lieutenant said she hopes to use her experiences to help change Army culture, emphasizing that character is just as important as competence and commitment. People fail when it comes to judging character, she said.

It is hard to disbelieve a Soldier with a stellar record and reputation. Leaders need to do a better job following through when an assault or harassment is reported, she added.

RAPIST CONTINUED RAPING

A female specialist was a private at the time. One day, her sergeant drugged her and assaulted her all night in a hotel.

When she reported the incident, those in her chain of command did not believe her, she said. The Soldier who did this had a good record and was well liked by everyone.

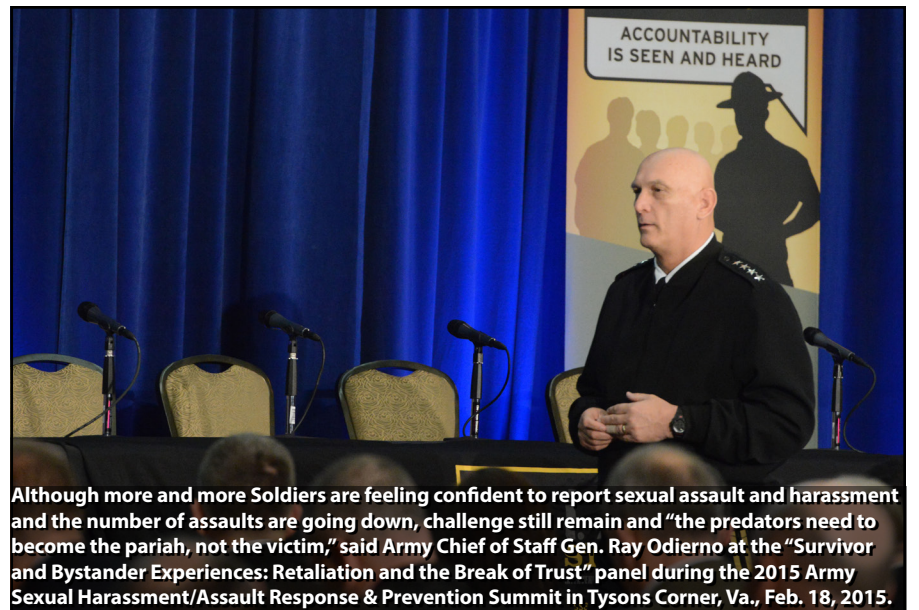
Then the retaliation started. She was called names, hazed, counseled and belittled and degraded in front of her platoon with her first sergeant and commander present, she said. “I didn’t know who to trust or who to go to.”

Her platoon sergeant, a sergeant first class, told everyone that “she has a whore in her ranks.” So she elevated her concerns all the way to the battalion commander and still nothing was done.

Six months later, her perpetrator raped another Soldier. “Another woman was assaulted who didn’t need to be,” she said, adding that she had feelings of guilt. “Did I elevate my concerns high enough?” she often wondered.

Eventually, after a fourth woman was raped, the perpetrator was nabbed and is now serving a 35-year sentence.

The takeaway from all this is that “as leaders you have to protect the victims and follow through with an investigation, even when it’s your buddy,” she said, adding that it’s especially hard because there is “a human tendency to want to side with those who you respect and serve with -- sweep it under the rug.”



Although more and more Soldiers are feeling confident to report sexual assault and harassment and the number of assaults are going down, challenge still remain and “the predators need to become the pariah, not the victim,” said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno at the “Survivor and Bystander Experiences: Retaliation and the Break of Trust” panel during the 2015 Army Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention Summit in Tysons Corner, Va., Feb. 18, 2015.

Soldiers of the 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, run through mortar firing procedures during an exercise at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex, South Korea Feb. 12. Troops conducted fire missions while navigating combat scenarios that included a tactical road march, reacting to a chemical attack, transmitting information and treating casualties.



4-7th Cav. Regt. gunnery boasts Alliance



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Soldiers of the 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, conducted their last gunnery exercise at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex, South Korea Feb. 11-17.

This final gunnery ensured Soldiers were trained and proficient on their weapon systems, ready to deter aggression and 'Fight Tonight' if necessary.

"Today we are conducting crew gunnery," said Maj. Joseph Wells, commanding officer of the 4-7th Cav. Regt. "The focus of this exercise is to make sure that our crews, that includes our drivers, our gunners, and our Bradley commanders, are trained not only on their individual tasks, but also that they are able to work together as a team and maintain their proficiency."

Laid out in a progressive series, the overall gunnery exercise allows Soldiers to refine the individual skills necessary to progress toward conducting the live fire mission and qualification as a unit. Crews ran through final preparations, while additional crews conduct the live-fire qualification.

"Today, we are focusing primarily on crew drills and processing the different type of firing missions these guys will be expected to execute in a combat scenario," said Capt. Kevin Malmquist, a squadron fire support officer with the 4-7th Cav. Regt, who directed his troops through final missions prior to live fire.

Prepared to apply these skills in a combat environment, Soldiers must stay focused and ready to tackle any unforeseen challenges.

"The tactical scenario is built around exercising all of these different fire missions and allows us to incorporate some tasks that are specifically mortar related, such as conducting a tactical road march, reacting to a chemical attack, sending tactical information, as well as treating and evacuating a casualty," said Malmquist.

Safety is also an important aspect of the Soldiers' missions, further establishing the need to be well trained and confident with their equipment and each other, explained Malmquist.

"They have to rely on their training and their expertise, as well as their digital systems to ensure that round gets onto the target and we are shooting safely," said Malmquist. "Safety is always paramount not only in the aspect of shooting indirect artillery, but also when handling live ammunition."

Through careful coordination, the Soldiers are trained and ready to continue fulfilling their role on the Peninsula.

"It has allowed our new crews to build their confidence, hone their skills, and build and strengthen the relationship with our Republic of Korea allies," said Staff Sgt. Joseph Hranek, a vehicle commander with Troop B, 4-7th Cav. Regt.

Gunnery reinforces the commitment 1ABCT has with its Korean allies.

"We understand how important the Alliance is and we are all very appreciative and respectful of the relationship we have with the Republic of Korea," said Wells. "It's our goal at our level to maintain readiness ... so we are able to respond with our partners, to defend the country."



Soldiers of the 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division rehearse reacting to a chemical attack during a gunnery exercise at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex, South Korea Feb. 12. Troops conducted fire missions while navigating combat scenarios.



A Soldier of the 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, dons his protective mask during a gunnery training exercise at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex, South Korea Feb. 12. Troops reacted to a staged chemical attack while conducting mortar fire missions.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING: *Iron Brigade to be replaced by rotational unit*



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The 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, has been on the Korean Peninsula continuously since 1965. During that time, it has built a shared history with the Republic of Korea army, and the local population. Through combined training and operations, Iron Brigade has stood shoulder-to-shoulder with its ROK Army counterparts to deter the hostile North Korean regime.

Now history is in the making as the 2nd BCT, 1st Cavalry Division, from Fort Hood, Texas, replaces 1st ABCT; a first of many future rotations to the Peninsula.

"It changes a little bit how the United States puts ground forces in Korea, but it does not change the commitment to the armistice at all," said Maj. Timothy Ferguson, the operations officer in charge for 1st ABCT. "It still puts a capable, highly trained force on the ground to help with deterrence and to strengthen the Alliance with the Republic of Korea."

"Every course of action has pros and cons, and by using a rotational brigade there are more pros in the long-term," said Ferguson. "Rotational brigades receive a lot of collective training and evaluations in places such as the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. They come over with a lot of capabilities and very ready to 'Fight Tonight.'"

As part of the rotation process, 2nd BCT conducted a pre-deployment site survey Jan. 26-30 at Area 1, in order to further their understanding of their mission. The survey included a Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers' engagement, multiple orientations of the local ranges, an aerial reconnaissance, unit footprint tours, and a tour



Col. Matthew Eichburg (left), commander of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division speaks with Col. Sean Bernabe, commander of the 2nd BCT, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, during an operations plan brief Jan. 27 at Camp Casey, South Korea.

of Osan Air Base.

"A PDSS is a chance to really understand the entirety of the situation we are going into," said Lt. Col. Jason Tussey, commander of 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd BCT. "Being here on the ground allows us to see and touch everything, which is invaluable; it helps us see what resources and training facilities will be available for our Soldiers to use."

"The movement of all the Soldiers has to be carefully coordinated," said Col. Sean Bernabe, Commander of the 2nd BCT. "There has to be an exchange of information, such as the intricacies of the mission and what tasks to perform to help support allies, between incoming and outgoing units. That is key to making a smooth transition between the brigades."

"I have seen rotations both in Iraq and Afghanistan ... what that experience has taught us is how to understand the environment we are going to operate in," said Tussey. "You have to understand the culture, the people, the economics, the government and local military forces. You just have to understand all those things in order to maintain a good relationship with the population."

"Having just finished a rotation from the National Training Center, 2nd BCT is ready to begin its mission as soon as it is on the ground," said Bernabe. "The brigade is going to train hard and work rapidly to learn the local area in order to hone its combat skills."

"The reality is, we are the first rotational brigade to deploy to South Korea, so we have the task to help the Army think through how to make the next rotation better and as smooth as possible for the next brigade coming in. Our nation has decided that we are going to start addressing this mission with a rotational brigade, so we will do it, and we will do the best we can."

Gunnery *ensures readiness, builds cohesion*



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A cold wind swept across the land in the early morning as a Bradley made its way into position. Inside the 27 tons of steel, a crew scanned for targets in the area while another Bradley moved up nearby. Suddenly, a deafening and repeating boom was heard as one of the Bradley's opened fire with its main gun, followed by bursts from its M240C machine gun.

With targets destroyed, the two Bradley Fighting Vehicles pressed on through the seemingly endless and unforgiving terrain.

This was part of the gunnery skills training for members of 3rd Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. The 3-8 Cavalry held their gunnery at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex, South Korea, Feb 5-8. The gunnery, which will be one of the last ones 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team will conduct before rotating out, included training for Bradley Fighting Vehicles and M1A2 Abrams Tanks.

The Soldiers of 3-8 Cavalry are on a nine-month rotation to South Korea and currently fall under the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division.

Inside every tri-color camouflage-painted Bradley is a three-member crew of Soldiers, each with a specific job that is important for the successful operation of these lethal machines. The crew is comprised of: a driver that operates and positions the vehicle to fire on target, a gunner who locates targets and employs its weapons systems, and a Bradley commander who commands and supervises all operations of the vehicle.

Crew members must train on Gunnery Table V and qualify on Gunnery Table VI in order to sustain their communication, technical, and firing skills.

"A big part of the operation within the vehicle is the crew's fire commands, which is the communication among the BC, gunner, and driver," said Staff Sgt. Jose Trejo, the master gunner for Company B, 3-8 Cavalry. "An engagement cannot even begin without the BC acknowledging there is a target. A gunner cannot fire without the acknowledgment or the command of execution, and a driver cannot move the vehicle without the BC saying 'driver up or driver down.'"

Before training on gunnery table V and VI, crews trained in the Bradley Advanced Training System, which is a simulation of tasks they performed on the other gunnery tables, said Trejo. During that time, they will perfect their communication and firing drills. Crew cohesiveness was 75 percent of the performed task.

"We have to be a team of three doing three jobs equally well to ensure we stay alive in a combat situation," said 1st Lt. Mitch Figgat, a platoon leader with Company B. "That team cohesion is built by spending hours and hours in the brad, syncing movements and engaging targets. A lot of training has to be done because that communication has to be extremely efficient and succinct."

In order to perform their jobs equally well, the crew members learn each other's duties to ensure everyone is ready to perform any position when necessary.

"The cross training goes as far as the dismounted squads," said Trejo. "The squads will come out and train with some of the mounted guys; the crew will train the squad to task and go over scenarios or any gunnery

skills that the mounted guys would do out here. We are never supposed to have a block where we cannot fill a Bradley crew position."

"All the crews arrived here from Fort Hood, Texas, already qualified," said Figgat. "This gunnery was an opportunity for the crews to perfect their skills in order to be ready to 'Fight Tonight.' They need to become masters of their craft in order to be better than the enemy they will fight."

"Upon successful completion of the gunnery, the lethality of the crew will fully develop," said Trejo. "The commander knows at any given time he can call that crew, push that platoon or section forward, and know that they will engage and destroy the enemy with that vehicle."



A Soldier with Company B, 3rd Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, sits in his Bradley Fighting Vehicle's turret before going through gunnery table V at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex, South Korea, Feb. 5.



FROM ONE CAV TO ANOTHER



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The 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division cased its colors while the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cav-

alry Regiment uncased theirs inside the 6-17th Cav. Regt.'s hangar on Camp Humphreys, South Korea, Feb. 9.

Lt. Col. Matt Ketchum, the 6-17th Cav. Regt. commander, reflected on the unit's time here in Korea and said he believes the unit completed what they came here to do.

"Nine months ago, the squadron was tasked with joining the 2nd Infantry Division team, increasing the readiness, and to deter aggression while maintaining peace on the peninsula," Ketchum said. "Mission accomplished."

Ketchum said his Soldiers received amazing training while deployed here and he wanted to welcome the 2-6th Cav. Regt. to Korea.

"It is an honor to have served on the Korean Peninsula alongside our host nation partners," Ketchum said. "While we leave here today, you are in good hands with the Lightning Horse Squadron. The Korean Peninsula provides a wealth of training opportunities as well as time for your Soldiers to explore the Korean culture."

Lt. Col. Aaron Martin, the 2-6th Cav. Regt. commander, welcomed the new mission his Soldiers will be taking on and thanked the 6-17th Cav. Regt. for the smooth transition and the hard work they put in over their deployment.

"Thank you for all of your efforts to welcome

and prepare us for this mission," Martin said. "The saber squadron has performed superbly for the past nine months, and we hope to live up to the high standard the 4-6th Cav. Regt. and the 6-17th Cav. Regt. have set for rotational Kiowa warrior squadrons."

Martin said he is ready to move forward from the transition phase and start completing the missions his unit was sent here to do.

"To the troopers of the 2-6th Cav. Regt., well done," Martin said. "Now we can focus on what we do, and that is to fly for the troops. The cavalry troopers standing before you are ready to mount their steeds, draw their sabers and stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our ROK allies to deter and if necessary, defeat any threats to the Republic of Korea."

The 6-17th Cav. Regt. received praise from many key leaders in the 2nd CAB to include Col. Hank Taylor, the 2nd CAB commander.

"I am confident saying the 6-17th Cav. Regt. demonstrated to all the effectiveness of regionally aligned rotational units," Taylor said.

The 2nd CAB, 2nd Inf. Div. says goodbye to one great organization, but welcomed another.

"The Talon Warriors look forward to continue to improve our alliance and deter enemy aggression as part of the 2nd Infantry Division," Taylor said. "Second to none!"

A SOLDIER'S BEST FRIEND



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Who is a Soldier's best friend? Some would say their battle buddies, roommates or maybe the other Soldiers in their squad. Sgt. 1st Class Duane Harrison would say his German Sheppard, Lucy, and said he believes that other Soldiers feel the same way about their dogs too.

Harrison, an aero medical platoon sergeant with the Co. C, 3-2 GSAB, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, brought Lucy into work to visit with Soldiers and civilians in the Super Hangar Feb. 10.

Harrison is a volunteer with a Red Cross community program at Camp Humphreys that is just starting out and wants to use dogs to help comfort Soldiers minds while at work.

"It's good for them to just take two minutes away from their desks to see the dogs," Harrison said. "It makes them more comfortable in the workplace."

Harrison came with a group of three other volunteers and their dogs that day. Ebony Bradley, the Red Cross station manager, was also there for a little while to see how everyone was doing. She explained how the program is a Red Cross volunteer program for both Soldiers and civilians, and she is helping to get the program started.

Liz Joffrion, Pam Frandrich, and Sgt. Teka Brown, a flight medic with Co. C, 3-2nd GSAB, were the other volunteers in the group. Joffrion is a Red Cross volunteer and is also the primary trainer for an obedience course the dogs have to go through to become certified to be a part of the program. All of the dogs in the program are privately owned and go through the certification process.

All of the volunteers said they think that having the dogs around the Soldiers just makes the environment more inviting and friendly.

"It's just nice to be able to bend down and pet a little furry friend," Joffrion said.

Harrison said that he has experienced the power dogs can have on Soldiers when he brought Lucy in one day and a Soldier who hadn't wanted to talk about his problems, immediately started talking when he saw Lucy.

"This is what we want to see," Harrison said. "We want to see Soldiers react to the dogs and be more comfortable around them."

Although the program is just starting out, Harrison said they have great plans for the future of the volunteer program and look forward to seeing any new volunteers.

A lot of the Soldiers said that seeing Lucy made them remember their own dogs back home. Harrison said he loves to bring Lucy around them and remind them about their furry friends they have waiting back home because he knows how much their dogs mean to them. He knows that a dog can be a Soldier's best friend.



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The gym is as big as a basketball court and is dimly lit. White powder chalk hangs in the air. Sweat drips from a Soldier's forehead. He walks with his barrel-chest out up to a squat-rack and stares at the weight. He looks at it as though he is staring down an enemy on a battlefield. His eyes fixated on it like an animal stalking its prey. Once he feels ready to defeat this enemy, he steps underneath the bar.

The Soldier was Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Vann, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the communications section of the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, and a native of Chicago, Illinois.

Vann is training for the upcoming 2015 Crossfit Games open competition which begins on Feb. 26. A workout of the day will be posted online and he will have a week to complete the exercise and be judged by one of the certified judges here on Camp Humphreys, South Korea.

He will then upload his scorecard online after which he will be ranked among all of the other competitors in the world based on his score.

But Vann did not always think that crossfit was the

sport for him.

Vann first heard about crossfit after redeploying or coming back from Afghanistan in 2011. Once back in the U.S. he was able to watch the 2012 Crossfit Games and he said that it caught his attention. He said he didn't actually begin doing crossfit until early 2013 because he thought you needed to be special.

"Once I found the courage to actually come in and try it, I saw that I could do it," Vann said. "Anyone who puts in the time can do the same thing."

Vann said he believes that crossfit training can benefit Soldiers due to its varied ranges of workouts and how it builds confidence in your own abilities.

He said that it needs to be engrained in every Soldier to be prepared for the unknown and crossfit can help your body be physically ready for any task.

"It makes us mentally and physically fit at any given time should we have to be ready to 'Fight Tonight,'" Vann said.

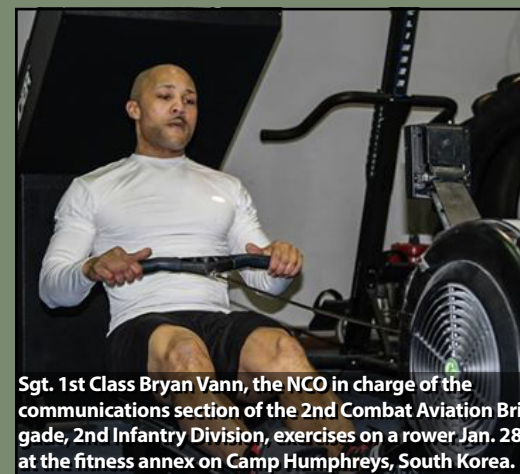
Vann said he tries to do at least two workouts everyday to include a specific muscle strength workout and a crossfit workout of the day. He does one in the morning and then another in the evening.

RAISING THE BAR

Vann said he hopes to one day retire and become a trainer at his own crossfit gym.

"I feel like I am good at motivating others and I really just love to be in the gym," Vann said.

Just like he does in the gym, Vann will continue to step under the bar and lift it and his fellow Soldiers to higher standards.



Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Vann, the NCO in charge of the communications section of the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, exercises on a rower Jan. 28 at the fitness annex on Camp Humphreys, South Korea.

GROWTH THROUGH SHARED LANGUAGE, SENSE OF COMMUNITY

**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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For more than half a century, Soldiers from the U.S. Army's 2nd Infantry Division have lived alongside the residents of Dongducheon, a small city near the Soyosan Mountains, just below the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea.

While it has long been a strategic location in the deterrence of North Korean aggression, Dongducheon has also been a rich and vibrant community that shares its well-being with American neighbors.

In reciprocation for all they offer, members of the 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Inf. Div., actively participate in several community outreach programs throughout the year, to include the Korean and American English Village program.

The program, which is coordinated through the Dongducheon Volunteer Center, pairs U.S. Soldiers with local community members to improve and instill confidence in their conversational English skills.

Earlier this week, the English Village hosted their annual opening ceremony at the DVC to officially commence the year-long course and to recognize two Soldiers for their dedication in helping community members learn the English language.

Korean army Cpl. Song, Gun Woo, a public affairs specialist and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th FA Bde., 2nd ID, and Pfc. Brent A. Francis, an air defense artillery crewmember assigned to Company E, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, which falls under 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th FA Bde., 2nd ID, were both presented with volunteer awards Feb. 3 from the Dongducheon mayor, Oh, Sea Chang.

"It's definitely been a great experience," said Francis, a Miami, Florida native. "When I first started, my goal wasn't about awards or anything. Sometimes [that] creates an ulterior motive and stuff like this has to be done from the kindness of your heart."

For Francis, Korea isn't just his first duty assignment;

it also marks his first time traveling outside the United States. His positive immersion into the Korean culture was heavily influenced by volunteering in the community, something he says all Soldiers should consider doing.

"This is a great way to show Soldiers how caring people really are, by learning their culture from the locals themselves," he said. "Doing this will definitely make your experience [in Korea] better."

With an increasing number of Soldiers moving from Camp Casey into Dongducheon, more multi-cultural families are emerging in the community, said Mayor Oh, through a translator.

The fusion of Korean and American cultures offers both sides an opportunity to share one another's

language; something the English Village provides every Tuesday and Thursday night.

"These English classes are a wonderful opportunity for our Soldiers who want to serve in more ways and to get to know the people of Dongducheon better," said Lt. Col. Timothy D. Labahn, deputy commanding officer for the 210th FA Bde. "Together, we are all part of the strongest Alliance in the world, and we renew that Alliance each time our Soldiers enter the Dongducheon Volunteer Center."

"Along with events like kimchi making and the upcoming Sincheon river cleanup, our work together brings us closer to our neighbors and gives us a sense of belonging."



Pfc. Brent A. Francis, an air and missile defense crewmember assigned to E Company, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Regiment, and attached to 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, evaluates a student's English proficiency Feb. 3 at the Dongducheon Volunteer Center following the Korean and American English Village Opening Ceremony. Francis, who is a Miami, Florida native, was recognized at the ceremony for his volunteer efforts in assisting local Korean citizens learn the English language.



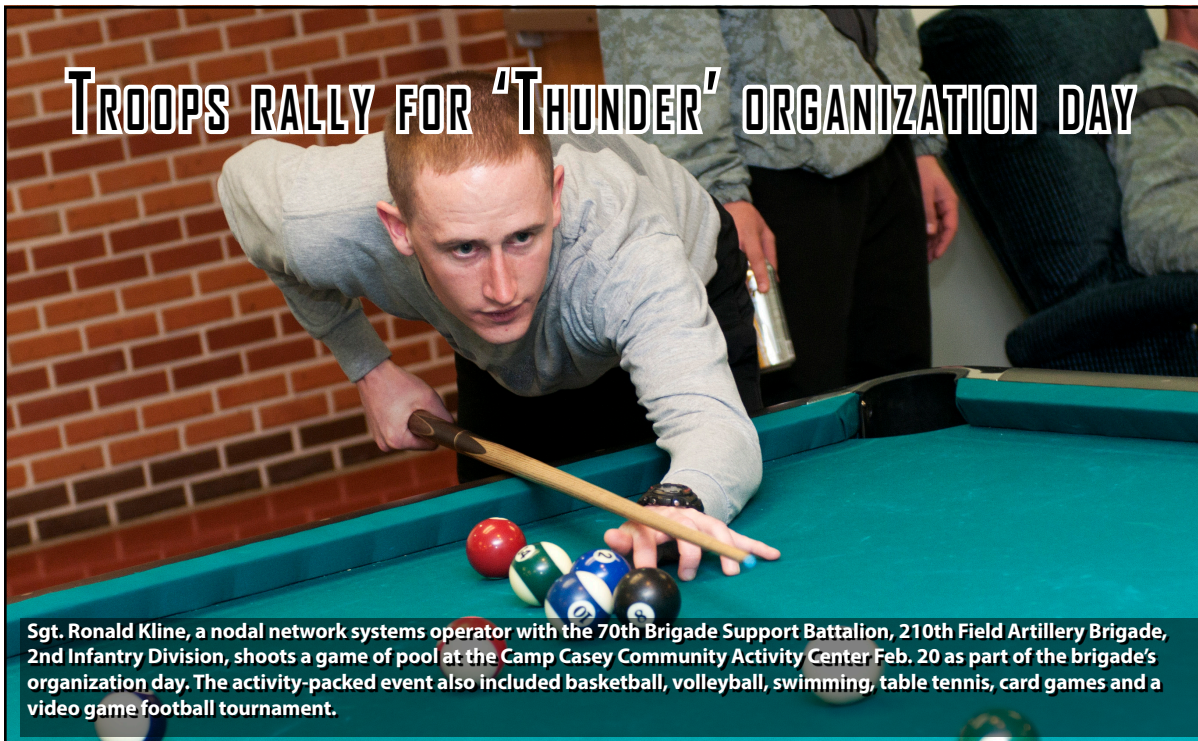
1. Lt. Col. Timothy D. Labahn, deputy commanding officer, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, praises Soldiers for their involvement in the Korean and American English Village program and their effort in strengthening relationships with the local community during the program's opening ceremony at the Dongducheon Volunteer Center located inside City Hall, Feb. 3.

2. Pfc. Brent A. Francis, an air and missile defense crewmember assigned to E Company, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Regiment, and attached to 6th Bn., 37th FA Regiment, 210th FAB, 2nd Inf. Div., receives an award from Dongducheon Mayor Oh, Sea Chang. Francis, a Miami, Florida native, was recognized with the award for his dedication to helping teach English to local Korean citizens.

3. Dongducheon Mayor Oh, Sea Chang, Lt. Col. Timothy D. Labahn, deputy commanding officer, and Maj. Kim, Myoung Weng, Republic of Korea senior officer, 210th FAB, 2nd Inf. Div., display their unified effort in building community support with the teachers and students of the Korean and American English Village following the program's opening ceremony at the Dongducheon Volunteer Center Feb. 3.



TROOPS RALLY FOR 'THUNDER' ORGANIZATION DAY



Sgt. Ronald Kline, a nodal network systems operator with the 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, shoots a game of pool at the Camp Casey Community Activity Center Feb. 20 as part of the brigade's organization day. The activity-packed event also included basketball, volleyball, swimming, table tennis, card games and a video game football tournament.

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With today's high operational tempo and continuous battle-focused demands of Army units on the Korean Peninsula, it's important to ensure morale and cohesion are consistently maintained among the ranks.

One method leaders at the 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, use to balance productivity and amusement is through the implementation of its annual organization day.

Soldiers of the 'Thunder Brigade' recently participated in the unit's yearly occurrence at several locations across Camps Casey and Hovey in northern South Korea, Feb. 20.

Troops from each of the battalions spent the day engaging in the activity-packed event, which included everything from sports and card games to billiards, table tennis and a video game football tournament.

"A lot of Soldiers come to Korea on a one-year tour and do three years of work in that one-year time," said Command Sgt. Maj. Mark L. Brinton, the brigade's senior enlisted leader. "I think it's good for the Soldiers to take the day to relax and recharge."

"Everyone here works hard," mirrored Pfc. Tyler Carson, a wheeled vehicle mechanic with the brigade's 333rd Forward Targeting Acquisition Battery, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment. "Being able to come here and take a day off to have fun means a lot."

For Carson, taking a break and having fun meant outshooting some of the brigade's best pool players to become champion of the event's nine-ball pool tournament.

"The first couple of games I was nervous," said Carson, a native of New Castle, Colorado. "But I was feeling ready and prepared. I was told by everyone in FTAB that I better win this, or if I couldn't, at least make sure anyone else who's playing from 1-38 does."

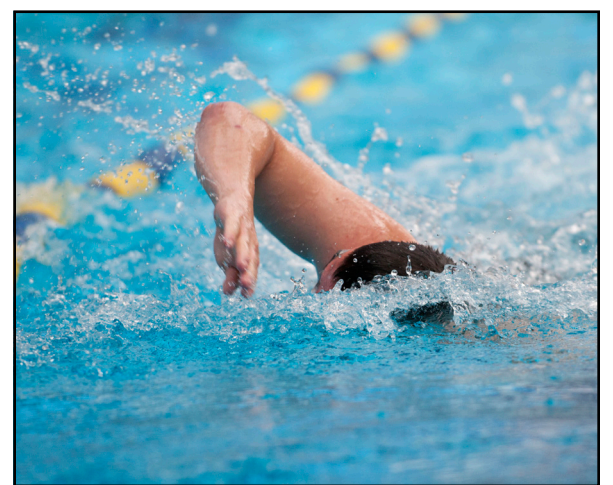
The day of events culminated with a no-holds dodge ball match among the battalion's officers, something

Brinton says helps Soldiers see leaders in a different light -- one of shared appreciation for fun.

"I think it's good for young Soldiers to see that their officers can have fun just as they were able to and that they're not always strictly about business every day," said Brinton.

The implementation of organization days is not local to Army units in Korea. In fact, organization days are a military tradition practiced Army-wide near the anniversary date of a unit's initial activation.

"Despite being held a few weeks after the brigade's anniversary of January 24, 1944, the event still served as a means to honor their lineage through individual and team-building competitions," said Brinton.



AIRMEN VISIT THUNDER BRIGADE, *GAIN INSIGHT ON CAPABILITIES*

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Leaders and pilots from the 25th Fighter Squadron, 51st Fighter Wing, located at Osan Air Base, South Korea, visited 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division Feb. 6, to gain insight on the mission capabilities of the brigade.

During the visit, officers were briefed on the brigade's tactical assets and shown vehicles and military equipment demonstrations to maximize knowledge about their joint partners.

"The purpose of this demonstration and visit is for the Air Force to see the capabilities of 210th Field Artillery Brigade," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Andre Stewart, the senior targeting officer for 210th FA Bde. "It's important to improve partnership with our combined and joint brethren."

Following the demonstrations, leaders were escorted to static displays of several pieces of Army equipment for a more detailed view. The guests were able to mount vehicles to see how they operate while also getting hands-on experience from Soldiers specializing on those vehicles.

"The [210th Field Artillery Brigade] is on the ground doing something very similar to what we are doing from a different perspective," said Air Force Capt. Joe Jonas, the assistant director of operations, 25th Fighter Squadron. "To see their perspective and see how their vehicles work, and what kind of channels they are working with is very important."

"It's important for us to see what our Army units up here in the north are doing and it's important for us to know what units are on the ground, see what missions they are doing and see how they train," said Air Force Capt. Ryan Young, a native of Vancouver, Canada and an A-10 Thunderbolt 2 pilot assigned to the 25th Fighter Squadron.

For Young, the visit was an opportunity to visualize both the brigade's role and the types of equipment they employ.

"Through the visit, leaders from the 25th Fighter Wing enhanced their tactical perspective of U.S. military operations and capabilities in defense of the Korean peninsula," said Young.

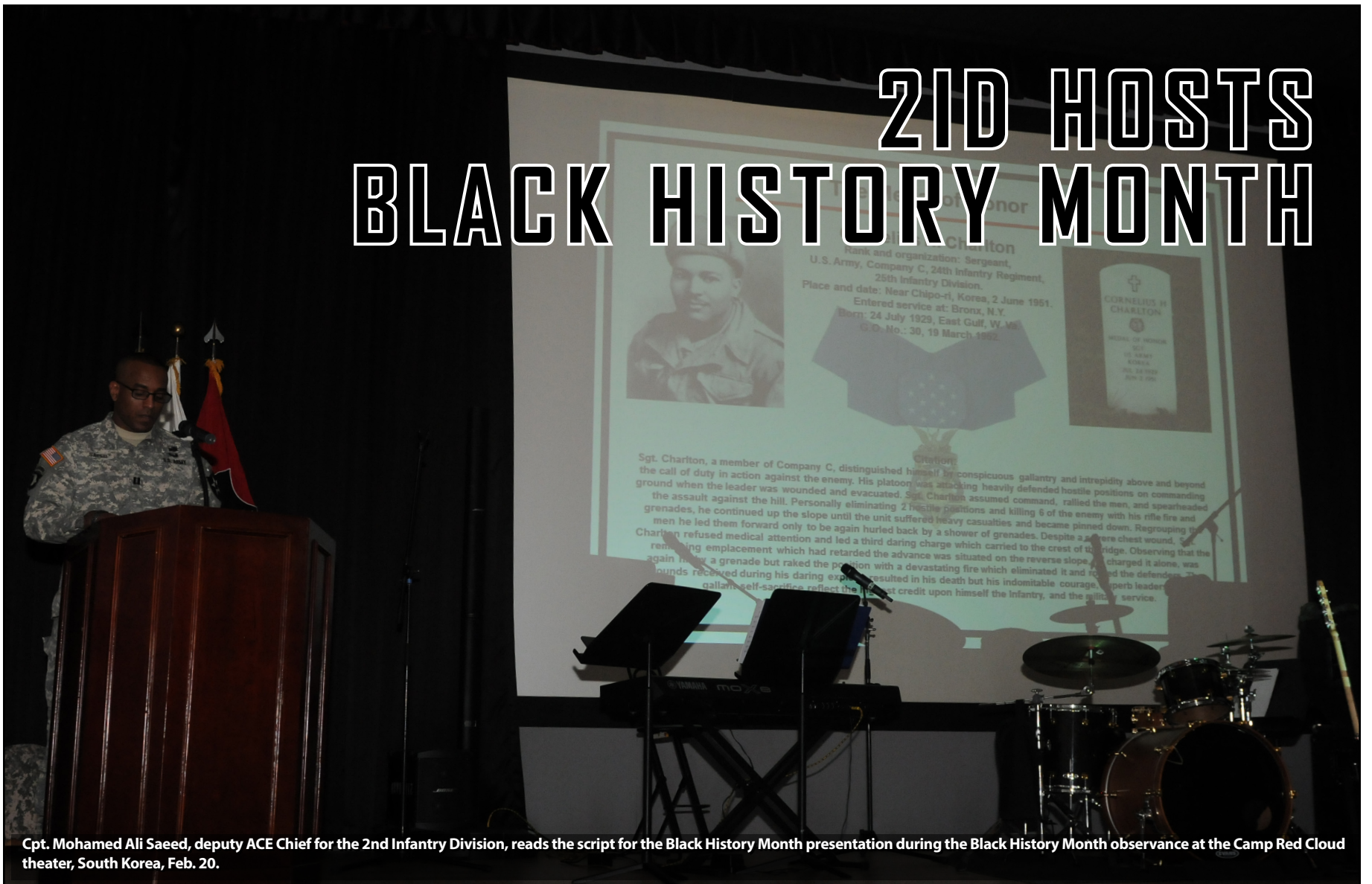


Leaders and pilots from the 25th Fighter Squadron, 51st Fighter Wing, take a look around an M270 Multiple Launch Rocket System from the 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, during their visit to the brigade Feb. 6, on Camp Casey, South Korea.



Leaders and pilots from the 25th Fighter Squadron, 51st Fighter Wing, watch how Multiple Launch Rocket System pods are loaded to a Heavy Extended Mobility Tactical Vehicle during their visit to the 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Feb. 6, at Camp Casey, South Korea.

2ID HOSTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Cpt. Mohamed Ali Saeed, deputy ACE Chief for the 2nd Infantry Division, reads the script for the Black History Month presentation during the Black History Month observance at the Camp Red Cloud theater, South Korea, Feb. 20.



STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Company B from Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division hosted the African American History Month Observance at the theater at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, Feb. 20.

The guest speaker for the observance was Sgt. Maj. Tammy White-McKnight, the Sexual Harassment Assault Response Prevention (SHARP) Program Manager for the 2nd Inf. Div.

"This month is important," said White-McKnight. "It is important to honor and recognize those African Americans who have contributed and continued to contribute to the shaping and defense of this great nation."

McKnight shared with the audience some highlights from African American history that varied from the 369th Infantry Regiment, known for being the first African-American regiment to serve during World War I, to the U.S. Coast Guard's 1st Chief Journalist, Alex P. Haley, best known as the author of "Roots."

"We must provide examples of leadership for our younger African American service members to emulate," said White-McKnight.

Also the Korean and United States national anthems were sung, and the audience was encouraged to follow along with singing of the Black National anthem. The anthems were then followed by a gospel, a poem reading, and a presentation on the progression and contributions of African Americans throughout the years.

The 2nd Inf. Div. Band then got the audience cheering and clapping by playing a variety of songs from the different ages of music.

As the observance nears the end, you can begin to smell the delicious aroma of Southern cooking coming from the front of the theater. After the observance was complete the guests were invited to get a plate of smoked ribs, cornbread, cat fish and a couple other side dishes.

Staff Sgt. Michael Berrios, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the observance, said that this observance was important to him because he wanted to be able to highlight all the military members of African American descent for the Soldiers to see.

"This way the Soldiers can see that they can be generals and command sergeants major and that they can have those positions that they don't see everyday," said Berrios.

White-McKnight stated that it's important for all Soldiers to know their history. Not only black history but all history because it shows the struggles that have been overcome.

"It's important that we learn about each other's cultures," said White-McKnight. "The only way we can move forward is to learn about what happened in the past."



The guest speaker Sgt. Maj. Tammy White-McKnight, guest speaker and the sharp program manager for the 2nd Inf. Div spoke of African American history at the theater at Camp Red Cloud South Korea, Feb. 20.



Command Sergeant Major for Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, Command Sgt. Maj. Ira Russey, presents an award to the guest speaker Sgt. Maj. Tammy White-McKnight at the Camp Red Cloud theater, South Korea, Feb. 20.

FELLOW WARRIOR

"FADES AWAY"



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Retired Army Lt. Gen. Henry Everett "Hank" Emerson had a saying on his wall which stated "Old Soldiers never die, they just fade away." On Feb. 4 our fellow Warrior "faded away" at the age of 89.

Emerson, who was born in Washington, D.C., on May 28, 1925, was best known for being the commander of the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea during the mid-1970's.

Emerson began his military career in 1947 when he graduated from West Point and was commissioned to second lieutenant. He then served as a company commander with the 5th Regimental Combat Team during the Korean War. He went on to serve as staff and faculty for the Infantry school and tactical officer at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

He was not only a company commander during the Korean War, but he also held high level positions during Operation Power Pack in the Dominican Republic and the Vietnam War.

As he moved up in the ranks, his assignments included assistant division commander for the 82nd Airborne Division, commanding general for the 2nd Inf. Div., and commanding general for the John F. Kennedy Center for Military Assistance. His last assignment was as the commanding general for

the XVIII Airborne Corps from 1975 to 1977.

During an interview with Jonathan Jackson in 2004 Emerson stated "If I couldn't stay at Bragg, and if I couldn't go to the job in Korea, I would just as soon retire." Emerson soon then retired on June 30, 1977.

Emerson served a total of 30 years in the U.S. Army and during his time he served overseas in Korea, Japan, Hawaii, London, Dominican Republic and Vietnam.

Emerson who was often called "The Gunfighter" by his troops, and was known as one of the most decorated officers in the history of the Army. He received the Master Parachutist Badge, Combat/Infantry Badge with a star, Army Aviator Badge, two Distinguished Service Crosses, three Distinguished Service Medals, five Silver Stars, and two Purple Hearts among a few others.

His memorial services will be held late this spring at the Arlington National Cemetery. The exact date will be announced at a later date.

Emerson is survived by his nephew, Richard Emerson Wilkins, a niece, Marie Page Riggle, a grandniece, Elizabeth Page Wilkins, and her husband Lt. Col. Joseph G. Marine, and two great-grandnephews, William Quinn Hardisty and Joseph William Marine.



'THUNDER BRIGADE' Hosts ANNU



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The commander of the 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, hosted the annual Saint Barbara's Day Ball February 12, 2015 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Seoul, South Korea, to celebrate her honor as the patron saint of artillery.

The legend of Saint Barbara dates back to 300 A.D. in Asia Minor, when a nobleman kept his daughter from the world for fear of having her beauty courted in marriage. Later in life, when her father left on a journey, she spent much time in contemplation and began to accept the teachings of Christianity.

Her conversion to Christianity enraged her father, who ordered to have her killed. Immediately following her death, the father was struck by lightning as punishment for his deed. The legend of the lightning strike caused Barbara to be regarded as the patron saint of sudden death.

With the invention of gunpowder, she was invoked by many for protection against accidental explosions, leading her to become the patroness of the artillerymen.

"Early artillery pieces were very dangerous and had the tendency to blow up," said Col. Michael Lawson, the event's host. "Soldiers that were in artillery often put their life in their hands by firing the artillery piece itself. Having a patron saint, that they could look to when things were tough, was always very rewarding for them."

The ball, which was attended by more than 500 guests, began with a social hour outside the hotel's grand ballroom. There, guests enjoyed unit pride tables that were set up by the brigade's battalions. The displays showcased the mission capabilities of individual units, including a model rocket pod and an intricate ice sculpture in the shape of a Heavy Extended Mobility Tactical Vehicle.

After dinner, the field artillery punch bowl ceremony took place, a tradition dating back to the Continental Army.

Command Sgt. Maj. Mark L. Brinton, the brigade's senior enlisted leader, began the tradition by pouring the base charge while senior noncommissioned officers from individual battalions and battalions poured additional charges; each symbolizing the heritage of artillerymen and





ANNUAL BALL IN HONOR OF PATRON SAINT

all who serve.

"It's carrying on a tradition dating back over 200 years," said Brinton. "Senior artillerymen of the brigade, who are all Saint Barbara's members, will add ingredients to make a combination that all the new members have to drink to be officially inducted into the ranks of the honorable Orders of Saint Barbara."

Inductions of the Order of Saint Barbara followed the mixing of the artillery punch where 60 artillerymen were inducted into the Order.

The Order of Saint Barbara is a recognition to contributions of commanders or recognition by our brothers-in-arms, whether infantry, armored or aviation, said Lawson.

"For the noncommissioned officers, it's a recognition of a life of professional Soldiering that has contributed to the development of not just them personally but a large number of Soldiers who help the traditions of the artillerymen," added Lawson.

During the event, the Artillery Order of Molly Pitcher awards were also presented to nine spouses for their significant contributions to improving the field artillery community. Mary Ludwig Hays, better known as "Molly Pitcher," served bravely alongside her husband William Hays in the American Revolutionary War by carrying water to tired Soldiers and firing artillery rounds when her husband was wounded. The Order of Molly Pitcher was later made in dedication to her service.

"The opportunity for artillerymen, and those that artillerymen support, to see the traditions of the artillery expressed through Saint Barbara's Day Ball is very important," said Lawson.

The brigade's annual Saint Barbara's Day Ball is the only celebration held in honor of Saint Barbara in Korea. Because of the uniqueness in the peninsula, it was possible for artillery units around the country to gather, including guests from the Republic of Korea Army.

"Today's event is very meaningful because it is an event that both the U.S. Army and ROK Army are participating with the same idea and purpose," said Maj. Gen. Jung-il Oh, the former commandant of ROK Field Artillery School and now Chief of Civil Military Operations, Joint Chief of Staff, Republic of Korea.

According to Oh, the ball was a chance for both U.S. and ROK artillery forces to get to know each other better, strengthening the alliance through friendship.

"To show them the awareness of tradition that we have, share it with them and recognize their contributions - not just to their artillery, but to our alliance - is very valuable," said Lawson.





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Warrior Inspector General Message

★ SUSPENSION OF FAVORABLE PERSONNEL ACTIONS (FLAG) ★

Flags are not used for punishment or restriction, but as an administrative tool for commanders. There are several types of FLAGs some for disciplinary action and others for administrative action. Commanders should review and verify their unit's FLAG report (AAA-095) each month for accuracy. Listed below are a few of types of flags and their codes:

Non-Transferable FLAGs

A- Adverse Action
B- Involuntary Separation or discharge
C- Removal from a selection list
E- Security Violation
L- Commander's Investigation
M- Law Enforcement Investigation
U- Drug Abuse Adverse Action
V- Alcohol Abuse Adverse Action

Transferable FLAGs

H- Punishment Phase
J- Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT)
K- Army Weight Control Program (AWCP)

status and removed within three working days after determination of the final disposition. The suspension of favorable actions (Flags) on a Soldier is mandatory when military or civilian authorities initiate any **investigation or inquiry** that may potentially result in disciplinary action, financial loss, or other loss to the Soldier's rank, pay, or privileges. The chart above indicates these are non-transferable FLAGs. A Soldier can find their flag code on their ERB Section one assignment information there is a box name flag code. Officer's codes are located on their ORB in Section one assignment information there is a box name flag code

For more guidance on initiating, transferring and removing a flag, refer to AR 600-8-2 Suspension of Favorable Personnel Actions, 23 October 2012

The Warrior IG team is available to provide training on this topic to Soldiers and Leaders at your location. You can contact us at DSN 732-8767/8774.

SECOND TO NONE!



2ID SAFETY



ASIAN DUST / YELLOW SAND / HWANGSA SEASON MARCH THROUGH MAY

Asian Dust / Yellow Sand / HwangSa originates in the Gobi Desert which is part of Mongolia in Northern China. It is a result of several factors that have impacted eastern and southern Asia as far back as 1150 B.C. and Korea as early as 147 A.D.

It is a weather phenomenon that picks up sand from the Gobi Desert, but it now also picks up dust and air pollutants from industrialization of China and the desertization of Mongolia secondary to the diverting of rivers and seas for mass irrigation in China.

Not only do the irritants of sand and dust agitate existing respiratory illnesses, but pollutants also make up a portion of the Asian Dust. These include: sulfur, soot, ash, carbon monoxide, as well as viruses, bacteria, fungi, combustion by-products, and others. With all these things in the dust, it is easy to understand how those with already weakened immune systems have increased problems when Asian Dust arrives.

The best preventive measure is avoidance. If you are not able to avoid the dust, then taking precautions such as wearing a barrier mask is the next best option to limit your exposure.

Commanders and leaders should identify those at high risk and implement appropriate protective measures and include Asian Dust conditions in Training Risk Assessments. Profiles & fitness for duty evaluations can also be reviewed to make informed decisions.

During an Asian Dust plume people should avoid outdoor activities, especially the elderly, young children and

people with lung diseases (such as asthma), heart disease or diabetes; dust tends to make their conditions worsen.

- Keep windows and doors closed.
- Remove contact lenses; wear glasses
- Brush your teeth; wash your hands, face and eyes with warm water upon returning indoors & before handling food
- Drink plenty of water to keep you well hydrated & your tears flowing
- Use air filters &/or a humidifier to keep air clear and moist to improve comfort
- Wash fruits and vegetables exposed to yellow sand before consumption
- Don't burn candles or spray aerosols
- Don't smoke indoors
- Vacuum or dust off outer garments, shoes, purses, backpacks and clothing before storing them in a closet with clean clothes
- If you must be outdoors, you may want to invest in a mask or other barrier. Masks commonly seen worn by locals are readily available at many stores and may help reduce exposure.

The above suggestions are to allow you to make an informed decision to care for those you are responsible for. There is no way to totally eliminate the exposure, only minimize or manage it. You need to make an informed decision and implement what best helps you and others from succumbing to the effects of the dust if you are vulnerable.

Dust conc. in micrograms per cubic meter of air (µg/m³)	Level of Health Concern	Health Alert Color Code	People at High Risk*	People without respiratory or cardiovascular health problems
0-399 µg/m³	Low	No Alerts	No activity limitations	
400-799 µg/m³	Moderate	Health Advisory	Avoid or minimize all outdoor activities	Do not conduct outdoor physical training: Cancel outdoor activities with prolonged or heavy physical exertion [†]
800 or greater	High	Health Warning	Remain indoors as much as possible. Keep physical activity levels low if you must go outside	



View of Yeouido, Seoul on a day with yellow sand (top) and on a normal day (bottom) (Courtesy photo by Joo, Gi Jung)

JIHAENG PROVIDES A TASTE OF KOREA AND MORE



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Soldiers who want to spend a night out and enjoy some traditional South Korean food in the Camp Casey and Camp Hovey area might want to check out the Jihaeng Section of Dongducheon, South Korea.

Also referred to as New City, Jihaeng is located only two subway stops south of Bosan Station, which is near the Camp Casey Main Gate. Only a six dollar cab ride from Camp Hovey.

Jihaeng features a wide variety of restaurants, from Italian to Chinese, to beef and leaf, and fried chicken, as well as an array of street food to include egg bread, golden fish bread filled with red beans, fish cakes and fried sweet potatoes.

Pvt. Logan Ernspeker, a cavalry scout in Troop A, 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, said getting chicken in a cup in Jihaeng is one of his favorite Korean experiences and recommends it to everyone.

The variety of restaurants helps provide for a different experience for each visit. Soldiers can cook up a variety of meats as a beef and leaf one night and enjoy a pizza buffet the next. If they'd rather just grab a chicken salad, they can do that too.

Some places even offer new twists on traditional

American staples such as blueberry pizza with a honey dipping sauce.

The atmosphere for dining varies as much as the meal choices. There are quaint locations all the way up to large bustling restaurants that even offer private rooms for larger parties.

There are also several dessert locations, which feature traditional Korean pastries.

Regardless of what someone is looking for as far as cuisine, be it Korean or otherwise, there should be something to satisfy their craving.

But food is not the only attraction Jihaeng has to offer. Other activities for troops to enjoy and occupy their time include playing arcade games, a digital shooting gallery, shooting pool and karaoke rooms.

There is also an array of shopping opportunities to include cosmetics, candles and clothing.

Sgt. Katrice Wilson said she enjoys the different types of products available in Jihaeng, she wouldn't be able to find in the United States.

"You can get a colorful scarf if you want," said Wilson, a human resource sergeant with HHC, 1st ABCT, 2nd Inf. Div. "You can get a stuffed animal hand warmer, and I won't have to go buy hand warmers. I can just go get stuff animals that are hand warmers."

One Soldier said he just enjoys getting out in the community and getting to know the Korean people.

"I guess America is more closed; where I find

Korean people are more opened to discussions on topics and (are) just friendly," said Pfc. Adderly Lovett, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st ABCT, 2nd Inf. Div.

So Soldiers thinking of going to the Ville to enjoy their evening should think twice and consider spending a night of fun and dinner in Jihaeng.



New City or the Jinhaeng district of Dongducheon is located only two stops south of Bosan Station and features many shops, restaurants and other leisure activities for Soldiers. (Photo courtesy of Dongducheon City)

SPOUSE'S COLUMN

2ND INFANTRY DIVISION SPOUSES VISIT THE BLUE HOUSE



**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Spouses from the 2nd Infantry Division visited the Blue House, the official residence of the Korean president, at Seoul, South Korea, Feb. 12.

Blue House, or Chung Wa Dae, is a complex of buildings built in the traditional Korean architectural style. The name Chung Wa Dae literally means pavilion built of blue tiles. Buildings with roofs made of traditional Korean blue tiles (Chung Wa) are therefore symbols of the presidential residence.

Spouses toured the Blue House with the official guide from the presidential secretary's office and got to see many beautiful buildings of the Blue House, gardens and even one area that is not normally available for tourist visit.

Maj. Gen. Jang Hyuk, secretary to the president for national defense, greeted the spouses and presented them with gifts to show their appreciation for 2nd Inf. Div.'s contribution to the Republic of Korea-United States Alliance.

Maj. Gen. Jang said, "The 2nd Inf. Div. is a true symbol of the ROK-US Alliance, which has spent more than a half century of its prestigious history side-by-side with the Republic of Korea."

Spouses were very satisfied with the trip and the rare opportunity they had to visit the Blue House.

"I enjoyed it very much and feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to go [to the Blue House]. It is definitely a once in a lifetime experience that I will not soon forget," said Kelly Brock, wife of Lt. Col. Mark Brock, commander of 6th Battalion 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th FA Brigade, 2nd Inf. Div.

"It was a very special and enlightening occasion for us to visit the Blue House, and we received a better understanding of the Korean people and their culture from this trip. It's beautiful inside ... and I'd like to see it during other seasons as well," said Doreen Vandal, wife of Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal, commanding general for the 2nd Inf. Div.

(Top) Doreen Vandal, wife of Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal, commanding general for the 2nd Infantry Division, receives a welcome gift from Maj. Gen. Jang Hyuk, secretary to the president for national defense at the Blue House, South Korea, Feb. 12.
(Bottom) Spouses from the 2nd Inf. Div. take a group photo in front of the main building of the Blue House, Feb. 12.



DIRTY JOBS



STORY AND PHOTO BY
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Behind every Soldier there is a mountain of supporting paperwork. Soldiers take leave, qualify on their assigned weapons, receive special duty pay, and take physical fitness tests; all of which require documentation.

The training room is responsible for tracking and maintaining Soldiers' paperwork. With some company level units having as many as 200 Soldiers, this is no easy task.

Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldier, Sgt. Ham, Dongmin, training room noncommissioned officer from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, distributes and provides required documents for Soldiers.

Ham is easily the most proficient training room clerk, said 1SG Robert A. Hughes, first sergeant for HHC, 1st ABCT.

"I handle documents for American Soldiers, which can affect their personal data, service terms and wages," said Ham. "When Soldiers need official documents, I fill out the documents. When Soldiers move in or out, I assist them by providing the required documents."

As the 1st ABCT is leaving Korea, the date of return from overseas for some Soldiers has been extended. Through a service called assignment incentive pay, these Soldiers can receive extra payment. Ham ensures all these documents are processed correctly so Soldiers can get the right pay, at the right time.

There are about 240 Soldiers in HHC; therefore, administering their data can be very troublesome. Ham explained the pressure for maintaining all this data is what makes the job hard.



Sgt. Ham, Dongmin - Training Room Noncommissioned Officer

"The difficulty I have for this job is simply the fact that sometimes there are too many people to assist," said Ham. "I am very concerned about handling all the Soldiers' data accurately. I need to be very responsible with their information to ensure no mistakes happen."

However, what makes the job worthwhile for Ham is the responsibility.

"When Soldiers feel happy due to my assistance, I smile sometimes," said Ham. "I feel proud of myself when I help others with their Army issues. I am proud that I can be a part of this Company and that I can assist my commander and first sergeant."

Ham said working in the training room requires good communication skills since it is a position that introduces him to a lot of different Soldiers with different issues.

"I think I learned a lot from this job," said Ham. "I learned how to communicate with different people and to be considerate, which are all skills that will help you with your future in the Army."

My Korea, My Life

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



STORY AND PHOTO BY
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Dogs have been used in many different roles to help the military from service dogs to bomb dogs. Some are used to help comfort Soldiers and have been doing so since World War II. Who would have thought a dog whose mother was saved from a South Korean meat market could maybe one day serve our Soldiers? Amanda O'Leary does.

1st Lt. Amanda O'Leary, the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade medical operations officer, is trying to get her dog, Marley, into a Red Cross volunteer animal visitation program on Camp Humphreys, South Korea.

Marley's mom was rescued from a meat market in South Korea and had nine puppies that were split into different homes. O'Leary was able to Foster one and took home Marley on April 28, 2014.

She said she first started to realize the visitation program would be good for Marley when one day O'Leary had to bring Marley into work after getting him shots at the vet. She said something interesting happened when she had to go to a meeting and left Marley with one of her Soldiers.

"When I came back from my meeting all of the Soldiers were crowded around him and really excited to see him," O'Leary said.

From then on she started to take Marley to her unit's organization days and to staff duty during off-duty hours. She said Soldiers make it a point to come see him.

Another instance from which O'Leary thought the program would be great for Marley was when she brought him in and a Soldier who had been bottling up his emotions changed when he saw Marley.

"While he was holding Marley, he was telling us all of these problems that we didn't know were going on in his life," O'Leary said.

She said she thinks Marley can help Soldiers by just being there to comfort them, but he has to become certified through the Red Cross to be a part of the program.

"First he has to go through a temperament test to make sure he is a good fit for the job," O'Leary said. "Next he will go through a canine good citizen test through the Red Cross."

She said there is an obedience course the dogs can go through first to help them become certified.

"We are hoping to get Marley certified within the next couple weeks, so he can get out there and start helping Soldiers," O'Leary said.

She said she is optimistic about Marley becoming certified and is proud about how far he has come. O'Leary believes he can truly serve U.S. Army Soldiers.



1st Lt. Amanda O'Leary, the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade medical operations officer, and her dog, Marley, visits with a Soldier on Camp Humphreys, South Korea. O'Leary is currently in the process of getting Marley certified to be a part of a Red Cross volunteer pet visitation program.



WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS



SHARP:

The Sexual Harassment Assault and Response Prevention Program reinforces the Army's commitment to eliminate incidents of sexual assaults through a comprehensive policy that centers on awareness and prevention, training and education, victim advocacy, response, reporting, and accountability. The Army's Policy promotes sensitive care and confidential reporting for victims of sexual assault and accountability for those who commit these crimes.

2ID: The Hotline is available 24/7 call DSN 158 or from any phone, 0503-363-5700

USFK 24/7 Sexual Assault Response Hotline DSN: 158 Commercial: 0503-363-5700, from US: 011-82-53-470-5700

DoD Safe Helpline: 1-877-995-5247. For more information, visit www.safehelpline.org

LEGAL UPDATE:

The Judge Advocate General is responsible for assigning a Division Level Special Victim Advocate Counselor. The counselor provides legal advice and representation to victims of sexual assault throughout the military justice process. The Hotline is available 24/7. Call: DSN 158 or from any phone, 0503-364-5700.

MILITARY SEPARATION:

Initiating Separation Proceedings and Prohibiting Overseas Assignment for Soldiers Convicted of Sex Offenses (Army Directive 2013-21)

Commanders will initiate the administrative separation of any Soldier convicted of a sex offense, whose conviction did not result in a punitive discharge or dismissal. This policy applies to all personnel currently in the Army, regardless of when the conviction for a sex offense occurred and regardless of component of membership and current status in that component.

For more information, visit http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/pdf/ad2012_24.pdf

FAMILY BENEFITS:

Extending benefits to same-sex Spouses of Soldiers (Army Directive 2013-24)

The Army will treat all married couple Soldiers equally. The Army will recognize all marriages that are valid in the location the ceremony took place and will work to make the same benefit available to all spouses, regardless of whether they are in same-sex or opposite-sex marriages.

For more information, visit http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/pdf/ad2013_17.pdf

2ID EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:

EO is looking for talented individuals who would like to participate in future special observances. Whether you sing, dance, or write poetry, come out and share your talents in an effort to increase cross-cultural awareness.

Contact Master Sgt. Chaelie Carrasco at 732-6549.

UPCOMING SPECIAL OBERVANCES:

Women's History Month Special Observance

27 Mar 2015 at 1300 - 1430

CRC Theater

Guest Speaker: To be determined

AMERICAN RED CROSS:

The American Red Cross Emergency Communications Center is available to help 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

When calling the Red Cross, be prepared to provide as much of the following information about the service member as is known: Full legal name, Rank/rating, Branch of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard), Social Security number, Date of birth, Military unit address, Information about the deployed unit and home base unit (for deployed service members only).

The American Red Cross also offers classes from lifeguarding to babysitting to first aid, CPR/AED training, learn lifesaving and caregiving skills from experts.

For more information:

Call (877)-272-7337 (toll-free)

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Women's History Month Picture Display

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WARRIOR JUSTICE



2nd INFANTRY DIVISION SOLDIER MISCONDUCT



On 23 February 2015 at a General Court-Martial, a Military Judge found a specialist (E4) from Battery A, 1-15 FA, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2d Infantry Division, guilty of one specification of making a false official statement in violation of Article 107, UCMJ; one specification of wrongful use of a controlled substance in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ; one specification of aggravated assault in violation of Article 128, UCMJ; one specification of assault consummated by battery in violation of Article 128, UCMJ; and one specification of communicating a threat in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. The Military Judge sentenced the specialist to be reduced to private (E1), to be confined for 17 months, and to receive a bad-conduct discharge.

On 30 January 2015 at a General Court-Martial, a Military Judge found a specialist (E4) from HHB, 1-15th, 210th FA, guilty of three specifications of assault consum-

mated by battery in violation of Article 128, UCMJ. The specialist was sentenced to reduction to private (E1), seven (7) months confinement, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

On 29 January 2015 at a General Court-Martial, a Military Judge found a private (E1) from B Battery, 1-15th, 210th FA, guilty of one specification of assault consummated by battery in violation of Article 128, UCMJ and one specification of aggravated assault in violation of Article 128, UCMJ. The private was sentenced to ten (10) months confinement, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

On 15 January 2015 at a Special Court-Martial, a Military Judge found a private (E1) from HSC, 602d ASB, 2CAB, guilty of one specification of aggravated assault in violation of Article 128; one specification of assault consummated by battery in violation of Article 128; one specification of insubordinate conduct toward a noncommissioned officer in violation of Article 91; one specification of destruction of nonmilitary property in violation of Article 109; two specifications of wrongful appropriation in violation of Article 121; and one specification of disorderly conduct in violation of Article 134. The Military Judge sentenced the private to a Bad Conduct Discharge; to be confined for 140 days; and to forfeit \$600 pay per month for four (4) months.



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매달 영문판에는 들어가지만 한글판에는 들어가지 않는 기사들을 보면서 아깝다는 생각을 했습니다. 그래서 만들었습니다! 간추린 뉴스! 한글판에는 넣지 않았지만, 영문판에 실린 기사들을 사진으로 정리하는 지면입니다.



지난 2월 12일 포천 로드리게스 사격장(Rodriguez Range)에서 제17갑전투여단 소속 제4-7기갑대대 소속 장병들이 포격 훈련을 진행했다.

<사진 _ 상병 로렌 완다(Spc. Lauren Wanda) / 제17갑전투여단 공보처>



지난 2월 22일 제2전투항공여단 장병들이 일요일 쉬는 날을 반납하고 평택시에 있는 고아원을 방문하여 아이들과 즐거운 시간을 보냈다.

<사진 _ 대위 제시카 메이어(Cpt. Jessica Meyer) / 제2전투항공여단 공보처>



2015년부터 제17갑전투여단이 그동안의 임무를 마치며 미국으로 귀환하고 제17기갑사단 제2기갑전투여단이 그 자리를 채우게 된다.

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지난 2월 4일부터 5일까지 이틀동안 캠프 레드 클라우드 (Camp Red Cloud)에서 진행된 워리어 스테이크 (Warrior Stakes)대회에서 제2보병사단 장병들이 독도법에 대해 배우고 있다. 워리어 스테이크 대회는 무전기 송수신, 독도법, 폭발물 대처법, 각개전투, 응급처치 등의 장병 기본과제 수행에 대해 배우는 훈련이다.

사진 _ 박진우 / 제2보병사단 공보처>

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흑인 역사의 날 행사에서 미래의 길을 묻다

지난 2월 20일 캠프 레드 클라우드 영화관에서 제2보병사단 본부 및 본부대대 B중대는 흑인 역사의 날 기념행사를 주최했다.

애국가와 미국 국가가 울려 퍼지고 난 후, 관객들은 ‘흑인 애국가’(Black American National Anthem, Lift Every Voice and Sing이 원래 제목이다)를 제창했다. 애국가를 부르고 나서는 찬송가를 부르고 시를 읽고 프레젠테이션을 진행했다. 프레젠테이션의 주제는 흑인들이 미국 역사의 진보에 기여한 점이었다.

프레젠테이션이 끝나고, 2사단 군악대는 관객들의 환호를 받으며 다양한 시대의 음악을 연주했다. 이번 기념행사의 초청 연사는 사단 성추행 및 성폭행 예방교육 담당자인 타미 화이트-맥나이트 원사 (Sgt. Maj. Tammy White-McKnight)였다.

화이트-맥나이트 원사는 “이번 달은 우리에게 큰 의미를 가지고 있다”며 “우리는 이 위대한 국가가 오늘날의 모습으로 발전하고 스스로를 지키는데 기여한 많은 흑인들의 공헌을 인정하고 기려야 한다”고 말했다.

화이트-맥나이트 원사는 관객들에게 제1차 세계대전의 제369보병연대부터 미군 최초의 흑인 해군중사이자 뛰어난 작가였던 알렉스 헤일리 (Alex P. Haley)에 이르기까지의 흑인 역사에 대해 이야기했다.

화이트-맥나이트 원사는 “우리는 우리보다 어린 흑인 장병들에게 본보기가 될만한 훌륭한 리더십을 선보여야 한다”고 말했다.

기념행사가 끝나갈 무렵, 갈비 굽는 냄새가 영화관에 퍼지기 시작했다. 행사가 끝나고 난 후, 관객들은 훈제 갈비와 옥수수빵, 메기 요리와 같은 음식을 제공 받았다.

이번 기념행사의 담당자인 마이클 베리오스 하사 (Staff Sgt. Michael

Berrios)는 미군에서 복무하는 흑인들에게 다른 장병들이 주목할 만한 기회를 마련하고 싶었고, 그래서 이 행사가 더 큰 의미가 있다고 말했다.

베리오스 하사는 “이 행사를 통해 다른 흑인 장병들도 자신이 장군이 나 주임원사 같은 높은 자리에 오를 수 있고 그런 높은 위치를 향해 노력할 동기를 부여 받게 된다”고 말했다.

화이트-맥나이트 원사는 역사가 위기를 극복하는 방법을 가르쳐준다며 장병들이 흑인 역사뿐 아니라 모든 역사에 관심을 갖는 것이 중요하다고 말했다.

화이트-맥나이트 원사는 “다른 문화를 배우려는 노력도 중요하다”며 “우리가 나아갈 수 있는 유일한 길은 과거를 통해서이다”고 말했다.



<기사 및 사진 _ 병장 네이사 캔필드 퀸테로 파체코 (Sgt. Neysa Canfield Quintero-Pacheco) / 제2보병사단 공보처
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브래들리 승무원 포격 훈련을 통해 성장하다

브래들리 (Bradley, 미군 장갑차량)가 지나간 자리를 차가운 바람이 반기는 이른 아침, 27톤에 달하는 쇳덩이 안에서 승무원들은 다른 브래들리가 가까워지는 동안 목표물 수색을 시작했다. 갑자기 브래들리 주포가 사격을 시작하고 이어 M240C 기관총의 연사가 시작되자 귀가 멀 듯 요란한 소리가 공간을 울렸다.

목표물을 손쉽게 파괴한 두 대의 브래들리 전투장갑차량은 끝없이 이어질 것만 같은 평야를 계속해서 나아간다.

제1기갑사단 제 3기갑전투여단, 제3-8기갑대대가 실제로 겪었던 훈련의 현장이다. 제3-8기갑대대는 2월 5일부터 8일까지 로드리게스 실사격장에서 포격훈련을 진행했다. 제1기갑전투여단이 본국으로 귀국하기 전 행해지는 마지막 포격훈련중 하나였던 이번 훈련에는 브래들리 전투장갑차량과 M1A2 에이브람 탱크가 (M1A2 Abraham Tank) 주를 이루었다.

제3-8 기갑대대 장병들은 대한민국에 9개월 순환 체제로 제2보병사단 제1기갑전투여단 예하에 배치되었다.

세 가지 위장패턴으로 이루어진 브래들리들 안에서는 세 명의 장병들이 임무를 수행했다. 그들은 각자 이 막강한 전차가 수행하는 임무에 있어서 중요한 역할을 맡았다. 전차 승무원의 구성은 전차를 조종해서 사격을 위한 위치를 선점하는 운전자와 목표물을 찾아서 무기를 가동하는 사수, 그리고 전차의 모든 작전을 감독하고 지휘하는 브래들리 지휘관으로 이루어진다.

통신 능력과 기술적 능력, 그리고 사격 능력을 유지하기 위해 부대원들은 거너리 테이블 V (Gunnery Table)에 맞춰서 훈련하고 거너리 테이블 VI를 통과할 수 있어야 한다.

제3-8기갑대대, B 중대 지휘 사수인 호세 트레호 하사 (Staff Sgt. Jose Trejo)는 “전차 작전에 있어서 가장 중요한 요소중 하나는 승무원에 대한 사격 지휘다”며 “사격 지휘는 브래들리 지휘관과 사수, 그리고 운전자 사이의 의사소통으로 이루어진다”고 말했다. 그는 이 점에 대해 “브래들리 지휘관이 목표물을 인지하지 않으면 사격은 시작될 수도 없다”며 “사수 또한 목표물을 인지하지 못하거나, 사격 명령이 없으면 임무를 수행할 수 없다. 운전자는 브래들리 지휘관의 명령없이 전차를 움직일 수 없다”고 말했다.

전차 승무원들은 거너리 테이블 V와 VI를 훈련하기 전 브래들리 고급 훈련 체계라는 훈련을 먼저 행한다. 브래들리 고급 훈련 체계는 사격 훈련에 필요한 각 요소들을 집중적으로 훈련할 수 있는 시뮬레이션이라고 트레호 하사는 말한다. 이 훈련 동안, 승무원들은 서로간의 의사소통과 사격 실력을 갈고 닦을 것이다. 실제로 임무 수행평가에서 75%는 이런 전차 승무원 간의 단결력을 측정하는 항목이다.

B중대에서 소대장을 맡고 있는 미치 피갯 중위 (1st Lt. Mitch Figgat)는 “전투 상황에서 살아남기 위해서는 한 팀의 세 명이 각자 맡은 임무를 동등하게 잘 수행해내어야 한다”며 “이런 팀 단결력은 브래들리에서 움직임을 맞추고 목표물에 사격을 실시하는 등, 훈련하며 함께 보내는 시간이 많아질수록 늘어난다”고 말했다. 그는 또한 “이런 의사소통이 효과적이고 간결하게 이루어지려면 많은 훈련이 필요하다”고 강조하여 말했다.

업무 수행을 위해, 승무원들은 다른 구성원의 임무도 배워서 필요할 때 어떤 자리도 맡아서 임무를 수행할 수 있도록 한다고 피갯 중위는 말했다.

트레호 하사는 “이런 교차 훈련은 브래들리 뒤에 탑승한 다른 분대원들까지 적용된다”며 “분대원들은 브래들리 안에서 임무를 수행하는 다른 부대원들과 함께 훈련한다. 브래들리 안에서 이루어지는 시나리오들이나 사격 훈련같은 것을 가르친다”고 말했다. 그는 “브래들리를 운용하는 데 있어서 빈자리가 생기는 일이 없도록 하는 것이 목적이다”고 말했다.

피갯 중위에 의하면 모든 부대원들은 텍사스 주의 포트 후드 (Fort Hood, TX)에서 이미 모두 훈련을 끝마쳐 자격이 입증된 상태였다고 한다. 이번 사격 훈련은 부대원들이 당장이라도 전투를 실시할 수 있도록 그들의 실력을 완벽히 갈고 닦는 기회를 부여했다. 그들이 상대할 적보다 더욱 뛰어나도록, 맡은 임무에서 최고의 실력을 보여야 한다는 것이다.

트레호 하사는 “사격 훈련을 성공적으로 마침으로써, 부대원들의 전투 수행능력이 최고조에 다를 것이다”며 “지휘관은 우리가 어떤 상황이든 즉시 준비된 부대원들을 불러 출전시킬 수 있으며 그들이 훈련받은 전차로 적을 격파할 능력이 있다는 것을 알 것이다”고 말했다.



브래들리 승무원은 운전자, 사수 그리고 지휘관으로 이루어진다. 각자가 맡은 역할을 유기적으로 수행해야 전투를 승리로 이끌 수 있다.

<기사 및 사진 _ 병장 새뮤얼 노스럽 (Sgt. Samuel Northrup) / 제 1기갑전투여단 공보처
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상) 동두천 시민들과 미 2사단 제210 야전포병여단 장병들이 지난 2월 5일 영어 마을 출범식에서 결의를 다지고 있다. 영어 마을은 동두천 시민들과 미군 사이의 교류를 통해 동두천 시민들의 영어 실력 향상을 도모하는 프로그램으로 동두천 자원봉사센터에서 주최한다.

좌) 브랜트 프랜시스 일병 (Pfc. Brent Francis)이 동두천 주민과 영어로 대화를 나누며 서로의 문화를 공유하고 있다.

우) 제210포병여단 공보처 소속 송건우 상병이 오세훈 동두천 시장에게 표창장을 수여받고 있다. 표창장은 영어 마을을 비롯하여 동두천 주민들과 미군 장병들 사이의 우호적인 관계를 위한 프로그램에 적극적으로 참여한 송 상병을 치하하기 위해 수여되었다.



언어 교류를 통해 자라는 소속감

반 세기 이상, 제2보병사단의 장병들은 비무장 지대 바로 아래에 위치한 동두천시의 주민들과 함께 살아왔다.

동두천시는 북한군의 도발을 억제하는데 있어서 전략적으로 중요한 곳에 위치해있으며, 미군들과 활기차고 좋은 관계를 유지해왔다.

이 도시에서 받은 것들을 돌려주기 위해 2사단 제210 야전포병여단 장병들은 적극적으로 사회 봉사 프로그램에 참여하였고 한미 영어 마을 프로그램도 이런 봉사 프로그램의 일환이다.

한미 영어 마을은 동두천 자원 봉사 센터에서 계획했으며, 미군과 지역주민들을 짝지어 주고 이를 통해 지역 주민의 영어 회화 기술과 자신감을 향상 시켜준다.

한미 영어마을 출범식은 동두천시 자원봉사 센터에서 진행됐다. 개막식에서 1년 과정 강화를 공식적으로 시작하고 지역 주민들의 영어 실력 향상에 많은 기여를 한 두 명의 미군을 발표하였다.

여단 본부및본부포대 공보처 송건우 상병과 제2보병대사단 제52방공포병연대 제6대대 E 중대 소속 방공 승무병 브랜트 프랜시스 일병

(Pfc. Brent Francis)은 지난 2월 3일에 오세창 동두천시 시장으로부터 자원 봉사상을 수여 받았다.

프랜시스 일병은 “좋은 경험이었다”며 “이 봉사활동을 시작한 계기가 상을 받고자 함은 아니었지만 마음에서 우러나는 친절함으로 활동하다 보니 상을 받게 되었다”고 말했다.

프랜시스 일병은 대한민국이 첫 과전 근무지이자 이번이 처음으로 가본 미국 이외의 나라이기도 하다. 프랜시스 일병의 봉사활동을 통해 한국 문화에 많은 것을 배웠고 프랜시스 일병은 다른 장병들도 이런 경험을 공유하길 바란다고 말했다.

프랜시스 일병은 “봉사활동에 참여함으로써 장병들은 지역 사회의 문화를 배울 수 있다”며 “이를 통해 한국에서 더 많은 추억을 쌓을 수 있었다”고 말했다.

“동두천시에 위치한 캠프 케이시로 이동하는 장병들이 점점 늘어나고 있고 그로 인해 다문화 가족들이 더 늘어나고 있다”고 오세창 동두천시 시장이 말했다.

한미 문화 교류는 언어를 공유할 좋은 기회

이며 영어마을은 매주 화요일과 목요일에 진행된다.

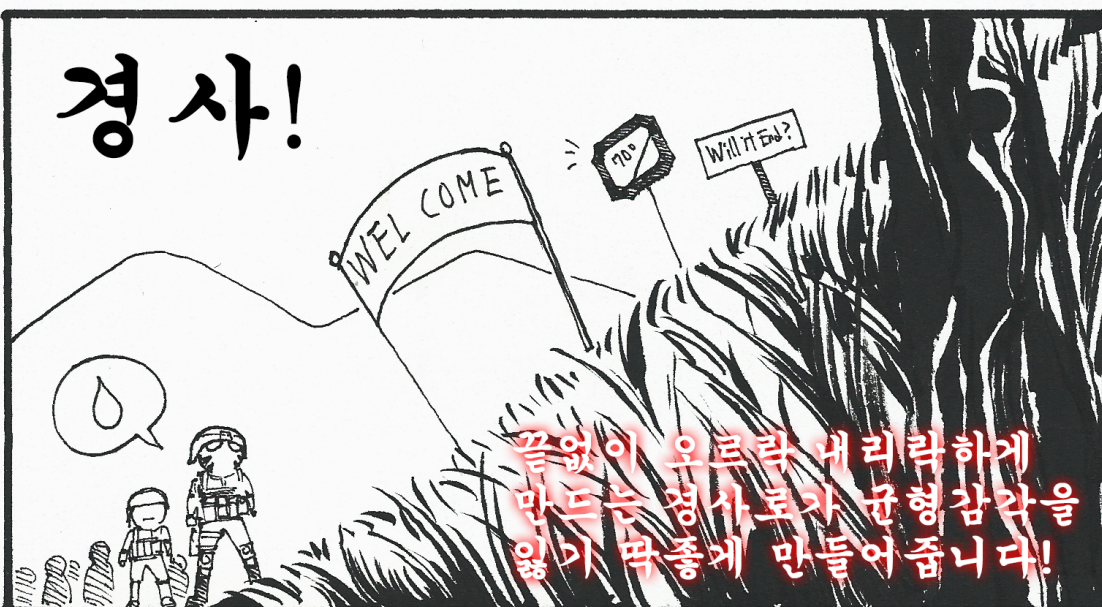
여단 부사령관 티모시 레반 중령(Lt. Col. Timothy Labahn, deputy commanding officer for the 210th FA Bde)은 “영어 봉사 활동은 동두천시 지역 주민들에게 도움을 주고자 하는 장병들에게 좋은 기회이다”며 “우리는 세계에서 제일 강한 동맹을 유지하며 장병들이 동두천시 자원봉사센터에서 도움을 줄 때 마다 굳건해진다”고 말했다.

레반 중령은 또한 “김치 만들기나 신친변 청소 같은 활동을 통해 우리는 지역주민들과 더 가까워지고 소속감을 느낀다”고 말했다.

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제1기갑전투여단 제4-7기갑대대
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제 기억에 가장 남는 설날은 2011년 설날입니다. 그 당시 저는 교칙위반으로 징계를 받은 상태였습니다. 질풍노도의 시기였던만큼 저는 제정신이 아니었나봅니다... 전 친척 어른들을 뵈면 면목이 없어 방 안에만 누워있었습니다. 그 때 막 기억나던 조카가 방안에 들어왔습니다. 걸지고 못하는 조카도 열심히 돌아다니는데, 방 안에 웅크리고 있는 제가 부끄러웠습니다. 그래! 나도 말 못하는 나의 작은 피붙이를 보며 힘을 내자! 내가 이려고만 있어서는 안돼! 그리고 용기를 내어 방을 나섰습니다. 처음에는 가시방석에 앉은 것 같았지만, 어른들의 충고와 격려를 받으니 편안해졌습니다. 그들의 인생에서 우러나오는 경향이 저를 한 단계 더 성장시켜주었습니다. 특별한 일이 없던 설날이었지만, 가족의 소중함을 깨닫게 해준 설날이었습니다.

인- 자기 소개를 부탁드립니다

전- 저는 제4-7기갑대대에서 인사과 선임병장을 맡고 있는 병장 전준호입니다. 1993년 국군의 날에 태어났고 부산대학교 지리교육과를 다니다 2013년 8월 군에 입대하게 되었습니다. 선임병장 직책을 맡기 이전에는 지원반 인사과에서 행정/PC운용병으로 근무했습니다.

인- 부대소개 부탁드립니다

전- 제4-7기갑대대의 정식 명칭은 제 7 기병연대, 4 대대입니다. 7 기병연대는 1866년 창설된 역사 깊은 부대로 제 2차 세계대전, 6.25 전쟁, 월남전 등에 참전하기도 했습니다. 그 중 4-7기갑대대는 1996년부터 미2사단에 예속되어 현재까지 한국에서 주둔 중입니다. 최근에는 용맹부대 표창상을 받은 것으로 자랑스럽게 인디언헤드에 등장하기도 했습니다.

인- 여태까지 본 미군 중 가장 기억에 남는 사람은?

전- 저희는 S-1과 함께 PT를 하는데 PT 시간에 달리기를 많이 하는 편입니다. 그 중 Jones라는 친구가 있었는데 달리기를 할 때 저와 파트너가 되어 대결을 하면 항상 저에게 지곤 했습니다. 그 친구는 저에게 '오늘은 어떻게 해서든지 너를 꼭 이긴다'라고 말했지만 저를 이긴 적은 한 손에 꼽을 정도입니다 (제가 한 때 별명이 Speedy J였습니다). 지금 그 친구는 미국에 돌아갔는데 가끔씩 옛날 생각을 하다보면 그 친구가 생각납니다.

인- 부대 내에서 자신의 외모 순위는?

전- 한 마디로 말하자면 저는 잘생기지 않았습니. 저희 대대에는 한 인물을 하는 장병들이 많아서 제가 옆에 있으면 제가 오징어가 될 정도입니다. 그런데 많은 사람들이 제 어릴 적 사진을 보면 다들 저 때는 잘생겼는데 지금은 왜 그러냐고 하는 걸 보아하니 살을 빼야될 것 같습니다...

인- 하루동안 대대 주임원사가 될 수 있다면 무엇을 할 것인가?

전- 하루동안 대대 주임원사가 된다면 우

선 미군 NCO (Non-Commissioned Officer, 부사관) 들을 모아놓고 카투사의 권익에 대해 이야기하고 싶습니다. 1년 4개월 정도 근무를 하면서 미군NCO와 마찰이 있는 선후임 카투사를 여러 번 본 적이 있습니다. 이야기를 들어보면 카투사가 상병 이상이 되었음에도 불구하고 NCO 대우를 해주지 않고 일반 일, 이병처럼 대우하는 경우가 많습니다. 제가 대대 주임원사가 된다면 주한미군 규정 600-2를 가지고 미군들을 확실하게 교육시켜서 카투사들이 미군과 동등하게 대우받을 수 있게 하고 싶습니다.

인- 전역 후 재입대를 해야한다면?

전- 재입대하게 된다면 어디라도 좋으니 미군 섹션에서 일해보고 싶습니다. 인사과에서 근무하면서 미군과 접촉할 기회가 거의 없었기 때문에 지금도 마음 한켠에는 미군들과 함께 일해보고 싶다는 생각이 남아있습니다.

인- 전역 후의 계획은?

전- 2학년 1학기까지 마치고 입대했기 때문에 남은 2년 반의 학교생활을 하기 위해 올해 2학기에 바로 복학할 예정입니다. 사범대생이기 때문에 복학하고 조금씩 임용고시 준비도 해야할 것 같습니다. 하지만 요즘 임용고시로 뽑는 교사의 수가 적어서 많은 대학생들이 임용고시를 포기하고 다른 진로를 찾고 있는 중입니다. 저 또한 예외가 되지는 않을 것 같아서 만약 제가 임용고시를 치지 않는다면 어느 진로를 택하는 것이 좋을 지에 대한 생각도 해보고 있습니다.

인- 중대원들에게 한 마디 부탁드립니다.

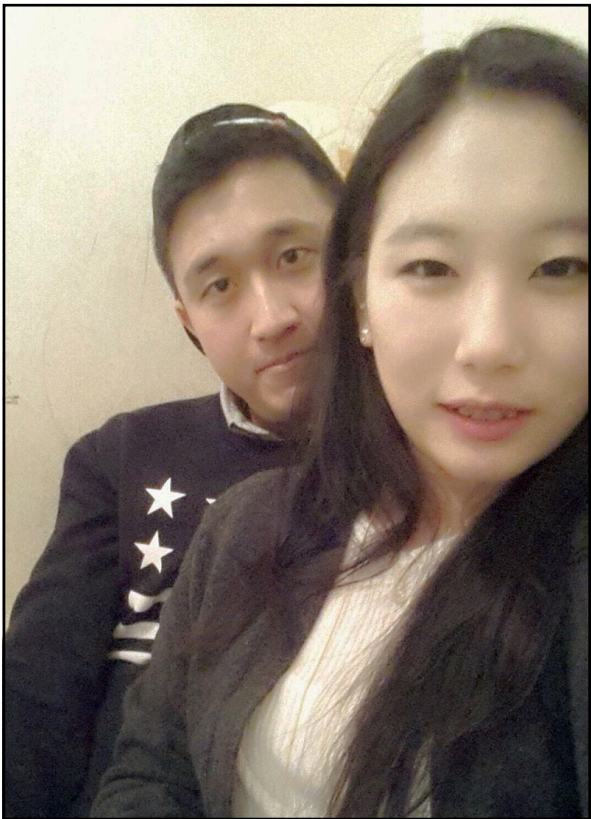
전- 저는 좋은 선임병장은 아니었습니다. 후임들에게 시키기만 하고 잘했을 때 칭찬 한 번 못해주고 못했을 때 나무라기만 하는 선임병장이었습니다. 말수도 많지도 않고 귀찮아하는 것도 많은 편이었습니다. 좋은 것은 먼저 앞장서서 하지만 하기 싫은 것은 떠넘기는 편이 많았습니다. 특히 인사과에서 같이 일하는 후임들이 가장 불만이 많았을 것입니다. 지금 생각해보면 내가 조금 더 힘들더라도 내가 앞장서서 할걸 하는 후회가 듭니다. 이제 남은 기간 동안은 어떤 일이 생기면 먼저 앞장서서 하려고 노력하는 선임병장이 되도록 하겠습니다. 모두 합심하고 협동해서 제4-7기갑대대를 잘 이끌어 나가봅시다.



병장 전준호

제4-7기갑대대 본부중대 인사과 선임병장

인디언헤드는 사랑을 싣고



이번 호의 주인공은 제4-7기갑대대 공구보급병 강서호 일병과 여자친구 신유나 양입니다.
<인디언헤드는 사랑을 싣고>는 여러분의 참여로 이루어집니다.
게재를 바라시는 분은 미 2사단 공보처 카투사 메일 2idkoc@gmail.com 또는 732-9132로 연락주시기 바랍니다.

To. 서호에게

서호야 안녕 우리 처음 만났을 때에는 한창 추웠었는데 아직 날이 덜 풀리기는 했지만 계절이 바뀌어 가고 있고 우리가 함께 맞을 두번째 계절이 다가오고 있어!! 이렇게 이야기 하는 이유는 바로 벚꽃 축제가 기대 되어서야! 같이 벚꽃 보러 갈 생각하니 벌써 신난다. 생각해보니 내가 연애 초반에는 짧게라도 편지도 써주고 했었는데 요새 이렇다 저렇다 하면서 편지도 제대로 써주지 못한거 같아 미안하네.. 매일은 못하더라도 가끔씩은 다시 써보도록 해 볼까봐! 사소한 약속에도 꼭 기억하고 지켜주고! 무슨 이야기를 하던 항상 내 편이 되어서 응원해주고 결정이나 고민이 있을 때에는 옆에서 든든한 조언자가 되어줘서 너무 고마워. 아직 군생활이 많이 남아 있지만 같이 보내다 보면 금방 갈 거라 믿어. 서로에게 힘이 되어주고 더 많이 같이 보낼 시간을 기대하면 설렌다! 가끔 다쳐서 오고는 하는데 아프고 다치지 말고 지금처럼 옆에 있어줘. 항상 고맙고 사랑해!

From. 유나

To 유나에게

안녕 유나야? 너랑 처음 만난 지 벌써 150일이 가까워져 가네! 처음에 어색 어색하게 친구들이랑 다같이 있는 자리에서 만났을 때가 엇그제 같은데 벌써 함께 해 온 시간이 많이 흘렀다. 지금까지 시간이 빨리 흐른 것처럼 앞으로의 시간도 함께 오래 오래 같이 있었으면 좋겠다! 너를 처음 만났을 때 한창 군대에서 적응하면서 일도 배우고 하던 시기였는데 그때 항상 옆에서 자매 밖에 없어서 군대에 대해 잘모르지만 항상 내 편에서 응원해주던 네가 있어서 큰 도움이 되었던 거 같아! 이제 네가 학교라는 작은 사회에서 나와 조금 더 큰 사회로 나아가는데 너가 나에게 해주었던 것처럼 비록 내가 너보다 조금 느리지만 항상 옆에서 힘이 되는 존재가 될 수 있으면 좋겠어 ㅋㅋ 지금까지 같이했던 크리스마스, 새해, 너 생일 그리고 다가올 내 생일 말고도 더 많은 기념일들과 내년 이맘때쯤 있을 내 전역식까지 각자의 자리에서 최선을 다하면서 서로 힘이 되는 존재가 되자~ 유나야 사랑해!!

From. 서호

한미 문화 교류

아카데미 시상식

The Oscars

영화 (Moving Pictures)는 우리를 꿈의 구장을 지나 무지개 너머로 데려가죠 악의 계획에 맞서는 밤의 열기 속으로 수영하고 휘두르고, 춤 추고 노래하고 무서운 비행을 편안하게 해주는 영화가 오늘 밤 삶 속으로 찾아오고 있죠

-닐 패트릭 해리스 (Neil Patrick Harris) 제87회 아카데미 시상식 오프닝 중

지난 2월 22일, 미국에서는 제87회 아카데미 시상식이 진행됐다. 많은 논란이 있지만, 여전히 아카데미 시상식은 세계에서 가장 권위있는 영화 시상식 중 하나이고, 200개 이상의 국가에 생중계되는 시상식은 그 자체로 매우 큰 행사이다.

첫 아카데미 시상식은 1929년에 열렸다. 이 때의 시상식은 사적인 저녁 식사 자리에서 270여 명의 관계자만을 초대하여 소규모로 개최되었고 총 15개의 상이 수여되었다. 이 때부터 아카데미의 상징이라고 할 수 있는 '오스카 (Oscar)' 트로피가 수상자에게 주어졌는데 이는 오늘날 시상식의 정식 명칭이 오스카 (The Oscars)로 바뀌게 된 이유이기도 하다. 그 후로 아카데미 시상식의 규모는 점점 확장되어 현재는 24개 부문에서 6,000여 명의 전문가들이 수상자를 결정한다.

세계 3대 영화제 (칸 영화제, 베를린 영화제, 베니스 영화제)에서 대상을 수여받는 것

만큼이나 아카데미에서 상을 받는 것은 명예로운 일이다. 그러나 아카데미 시상식에 대한 비판의 목소리도 갈수록 높아지고 있다. 가장 주요한 비판은 '아카데미에서는 영화의 작품성이 아닌 흥행성과 마케팅으로 수상 여부가 결정된다'는 것이다. 어쩔 수 없는 측면은 아카데미는 미국의 시상식이고 할리우드와 워낙 밀접하다보니 유럽의 영화제들에 비해 대형 영화산업에서 자유로울 수 없다. 아카데미에 대한 비판의 목소리는 몇몇 관계자들의 수상거부로까지 이어졌는데 가장 유명한 사례로는 1972년 [대부]로 남우 주연상을 받게 된 말론 브란도 (Marlon Brando)가 상을 거절한 것이다. 이 때 브란도는 영화 산업에서 만연한 차별과 미국 원주민들에 대한 학대를 지적하며 시상식에 참여하는 대신 15페이지에 달하는 비판글을 보낸다.

그러나 비슷한 비판을 받고 있는 그래미 시상식 (Grammy Award)등에 비하면 아카데미 시상식은 영화의 작품성에 대해 고려를 많이 하는 편이고 비주류 영화들에 대한 배려도 잘 되어있는 편이다. 가장 대표적인 예로는 2009년의 최대 흥행작인 [아바타]를 제치고 [허트 로커]가 최우수 작품상을 탄 경우가 있었다.

올해 열린 제87회 시상식에서도 가장 주목을 받은 두 작품, [버드맨]과 [보이후드]는 상대적으로 많은 예산이 들어가지 않은 작품들이다. 최우수 작품상과 최다 수상의 영예는 [버드맨]에 돌아갔지만 [보이후드]에서 뛰어난 연기를 선보인 패트리샤 아퀘트는 여우 조연상을 받았다. 최우수 작품상 후보에 오른 모든 작품들의 예산을 모두 합친 것 보다 많은 예산을 썼고 흥행에도 성공한 케빈 놀란 (Kevin Nolan)감독의 [인터스텔라]는 시각효과 부문의 상에 그쳤다.

오스카 트로피의 시중 가격은 얼마나 될

까? 2011년 12월, 1941년도 아카데미에서 [시민 케인]으로 오손 웰스 (Orson Welles)가 받은 오스카 트로피가 경매에 올라왔다. 아카데미는 트로피가 시중에 유통되는 것을 막기위해 모든 수상자는 트로피를 팔기 전에 아카데미에 먼저 1달러에 파는 것을 제안해야한다는 내용의 계약서를 요구한다. 그러나 웰스의 트로피는 그러한 내용이 제정되기 전에 수여된 것이고 법망을 피해 경매에 부칠 수 있었다. [시민 케인]과 오손 웰스가 모두 영화계에 엄청난 족적을 남긴만큼 어마어마한 가격이 예상되었고, 결국 86만 달러 (한화 약 9억원)에 낙찰되었다.



<기사 _ 상병 백성현 / 제2보병사단 공보처>