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(Cover photo) Competitors assigned to 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division, race up the hill, dragging simulated casualties during the Stress Shoot event of the second day of the 2ID/RUCD Best Warrior Competition at Camp Casey, April 10. (U.S. Army Photo by Cpl. YeonYo Kim, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



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CAMP CASEY, Republic of Korea – Best Warrior competitors engage targets at the Engagement Skills Trainer during the 2018 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division Best Warrior Competition, April 12. (U.S. Army photo by Mr. Chin-U Pak, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)

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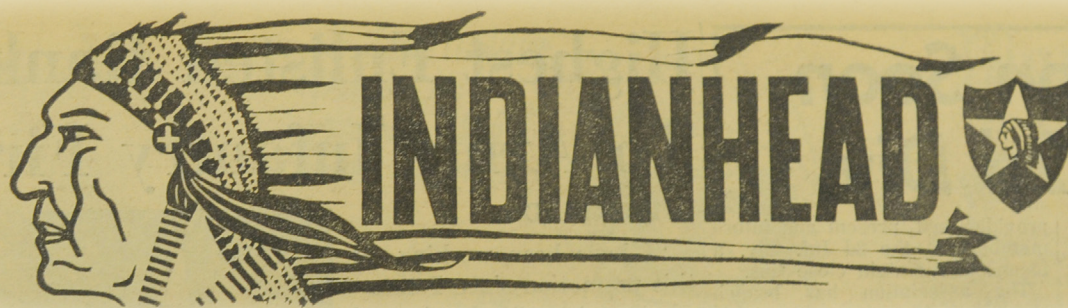
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Memorial Day Message

Duty. Honor. Sacrifice. These words come to mind this Memorial Day, a special day our nation has dedicated to the remembrance of the men and women who have served, sacrificed, and ultimately gave their lives in the protection of our great nation and to freedom around the world. On this day, I ask you to pause and remember those who have come before us, and in remembering them that you also take pride in your own sacrifice and service.


Memorial Day also marks the beginning of summertime activities. Many of us look forward to being able to get outdoors and enjoy the warm weather with friends and family participating in sport activities, cookouts, and traveling to the wonderful sites throughout Korea. Remember that this time of increased activity can also be a time of increased risk caused by accidents and injury. Traditionally it is also a time of increased indiscipline. We must all work together to reduce accidents, injury and indiscipline. Remember to include the principles of risk management in the planning and execution of everything we do – both on and off duty.

The keys to a safe summer season are leader involvement, safety awareness, discipline, and teamwork. Everyone should take prudent steps to mitigate potential issues. Use a "designated driver" and the "buddy system" to create safe environment where everyone has a good time in a safe and secure setting. Leader involvement is vital and makes the difference in how personnel respond in circumstances.

I want to express my thanks to all Soldiers, Civilians, and Family members across the Warrior Division for the hard work you do every day. We thank each of you for your selfless sacrifice and service.

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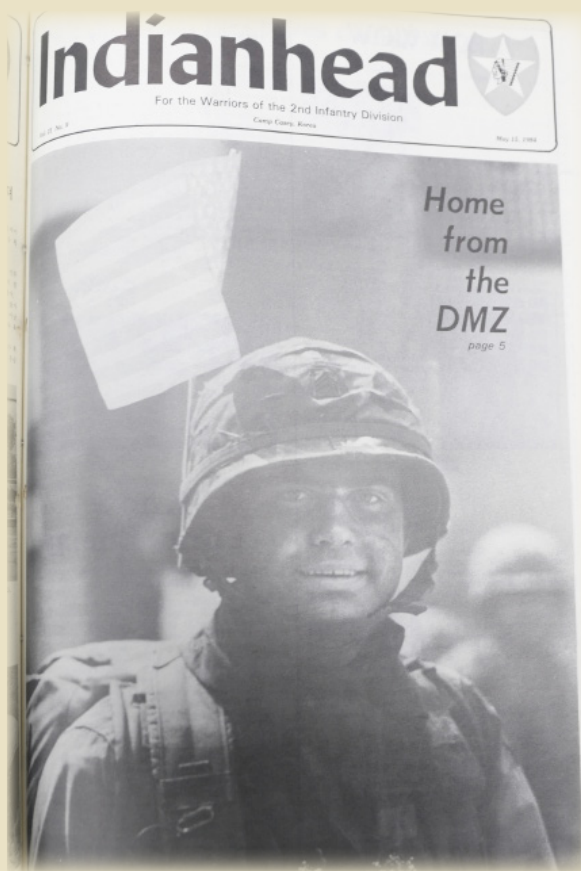

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LEGACY PAGE



MAY 15, 1984

Flags and flowers; a band and babies; smiles and waving greeted the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment Tomahawk Soldiers as they marched back from their annual 73 day mission guarding the DMZ.

MAY 14, 2004

Sgt. Maj. of the Army, Kenneth O. Preston presented the first ever SMA Safety Award to the 702nd Main Support Battalion. The award program was designed to showcase unit leaders who have established a program and made a difference in curbing the number of deaths and accidents that occur Army-wide.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



STORY BY
Ch (Maj.) Simon Chang
210th FAB CHAPLAIN

How's your heart? I am not asking about your physical heart health because I am not a doctor. But I know that spiritual heart health is as important as physical heart health is.

Now many people in modern-day society think that the heart stands just for feeling, passion, imagination and intuition, meanwhile the mind exclusively for reason. Speaking of faith, many of us believe that we have to surrender the head to the heart to believe in something.

The Bible, however, does not distinguish one from another. The heart is the innermost part of the human and the foundation for more than emotions. The heart also represents reason, intelligence and desire. The most important thing is that our thoughts, words and actions come out of our heart. Even courage comes from our heart.

We have seven Army Values, the Soldier's Creed and the Warrior Ethos to live by.

But those are all just vain words and mottos if we don't truly believe them in our heart. Education, training and discipline help us to guard what we believe in our heart.

As Soldiers, we care for our physical heart health through regular medical check-ups, proper eating and a variety of physical fitness training.

How about our spiritual heart?

Did you check on your spiritual heart lately?

How about spiritual exercise?

You can improve your spiritual heart health through worship services, Spiritual Resiliency Training, Strong Bonds Training and personal one-on-one counseling.

For more information or guidance, speak to your Unit Ministry Team members near you. You can also email the division UMT at: usarmy.redcloud.2-id.list.
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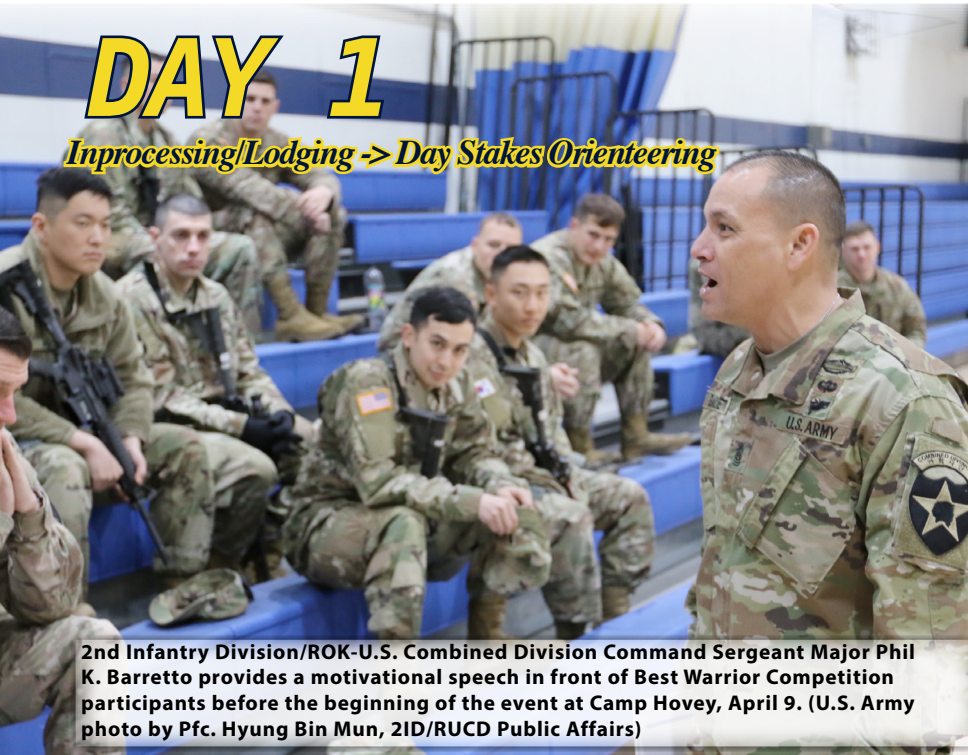


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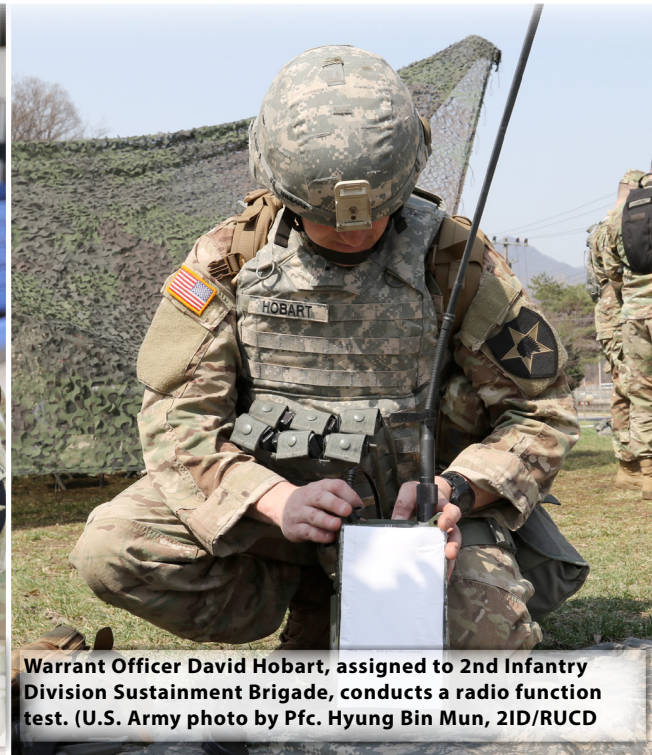
BEST WARRIOR

DAY 1

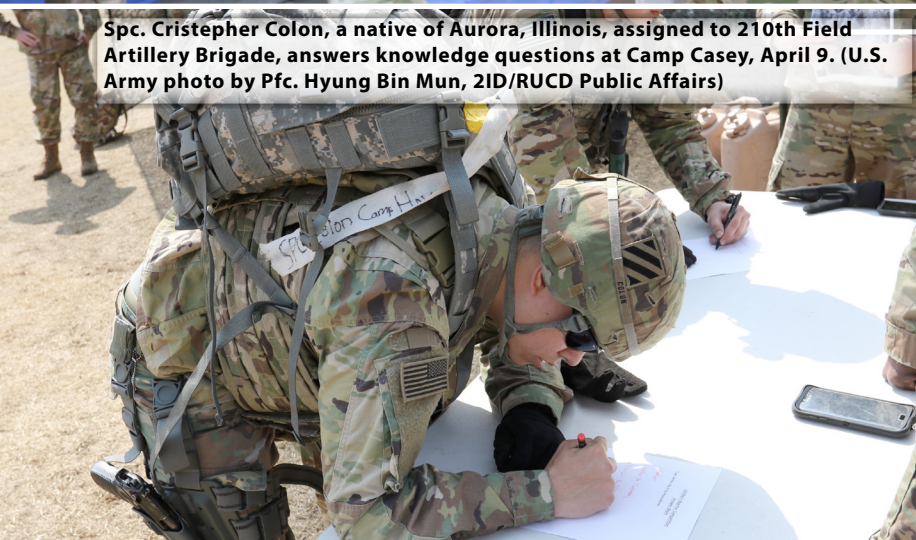
Inprocessing/Lodging -> Day Stakes Orienteering



2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division Command Sergeant Major Phil K. Barretto provides a motivational speech in front of Best Warrior Competition participants before the beginning of the event at Camp Hovey, April 9. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Hyung Bin Mun, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



Warrant Officer David Hobart, assigned to 2nd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, conducts a radio function test. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Hyung Bin Mun, 2ID/RUCD)



Spc. Cristopher Colon, a native of Aurora, Illinois, assigned to 210th Field Artillery Brigade, answers knowledge questions at Camp Casey, April 9. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Hyung Bin Mun, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



2nd Lt. Connor Gansrow, assigned to 210th Field Artillery Brigade, returns to the final station after finishing all other stations, including disassembling and assembling both an M249 and M9, during the Day Stakes Orienteering event at Camp Hovey, April 9. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Hyung Bin Mun, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



1st Lt. James Reed, assigned to 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, performs a functions check on an M9 during the weapons portion of the Day Stakes Orienteering event during the first day of the Best Warrior Competition. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Hyung Bin Mun, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)

COMPETITION



A competitor of 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division, 2018 Best Warrior Competition gets graded on push-ups during the APFT course at Schoonover Bowl, April 10. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Roger Houghton, 20th Public Affairs Detachment)

1st. Lt. Matthew Perdue, assigned to 2nd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, shoots an M4 during the Stress Shoot/M4 Known Distance event at Apache Range, April 11. (U.S. Army Photo by Mr. Chin-U Pak, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)

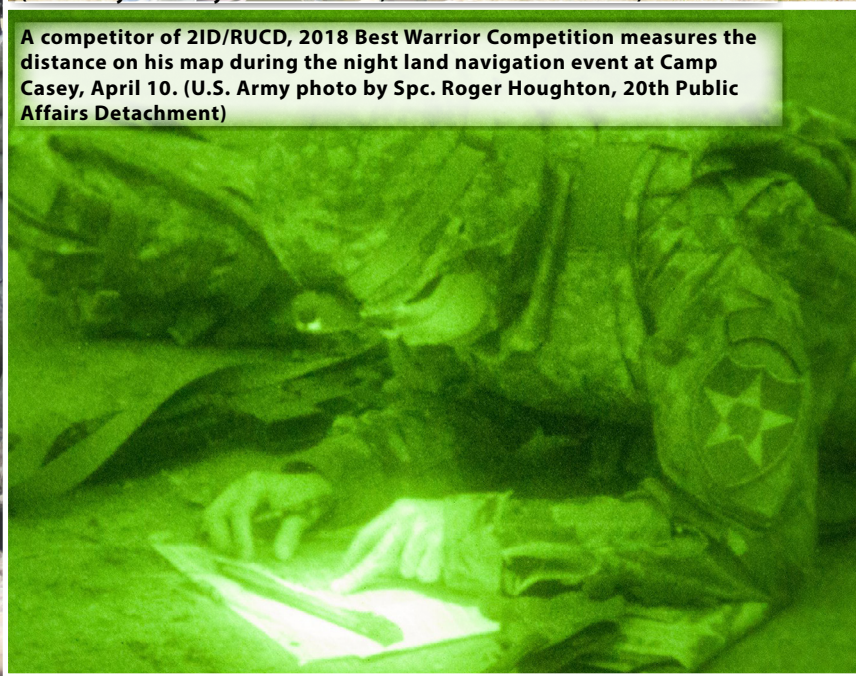


DAY 2
APFT-> Day Land Nav-> Stress Shoot-> Night Land Nav.
Spc. Sayedmendi Hashemi, a native of Frisco, Texas assigned to 2nd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, stops at a checkpoint to measure distances during the day land navigation event. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Roger Houghton, 20th Public Affairs Detachment)



Chief Warrant Officer 2 David Chang, assigned to 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, a Flushing, N.Y. native, drags a simulated casualty during the Stress Shoot event at Camp Casey, April 10. (U.S. Army Photo by Mr. Chin-U Pak, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)

A competitor of 2ID/RUCD, 2018 Best Warrior Competition measures the distance on his map during the night land navigation event at Camp Casey, April 10. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Roger Houghton, 20th Public Affairs Detachment)



BEST WARRIOR

DAY 3

Physical Fitness Challenge → Water Survivability → Media Engagement



Competitors of 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division, 2018 Best Warrior Competition perform the rope climb during the Best Warrior Functional Physical Fitness Challenge at Camp Casey, April 11. (U.S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Micah Vandyke, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



A competitor in 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-US Combined Division 2018 Best Warrior Competition participates in the Best Warrior Water Survivability event. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Hyung Bin Mun, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)

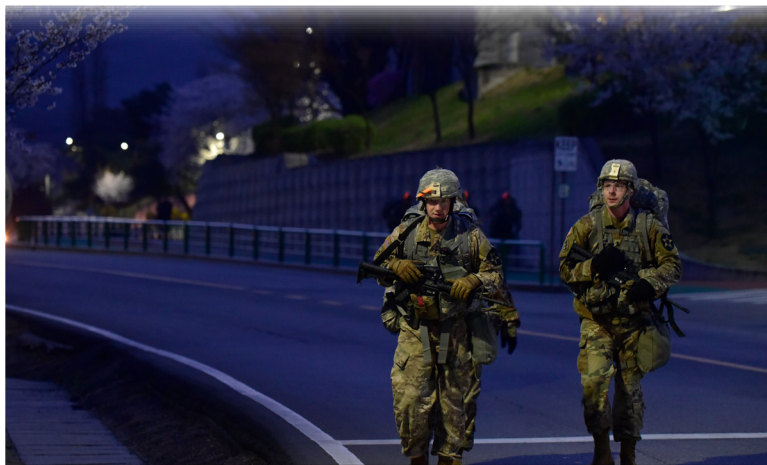


Warrant Officer David Hobart, assigned to 2nd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, participates in the media engagement event after completing several challenging courses. (U.S. Army photo by 2CAB Public Affairs)



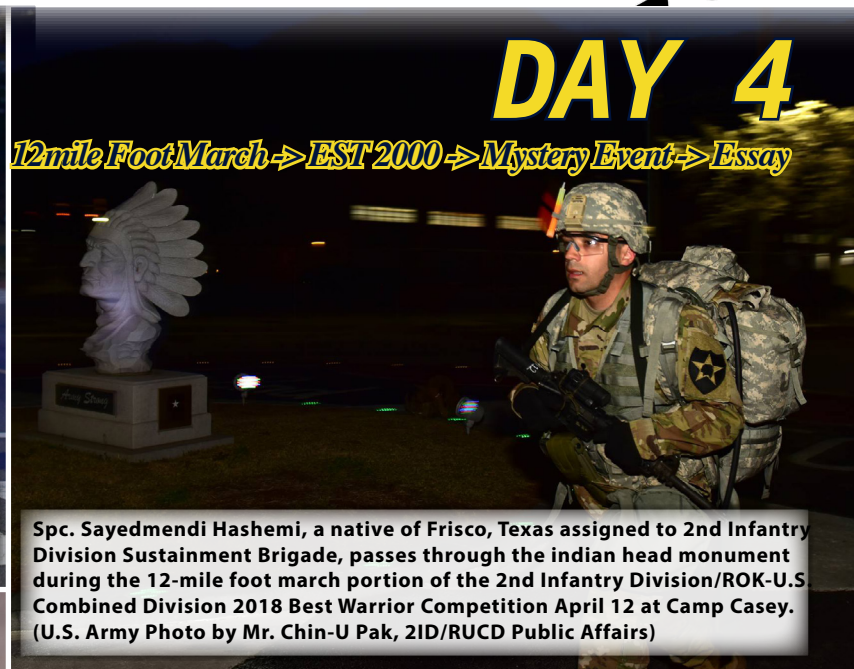
CPL Doyoon Kwon, a Korean Augmentation To the United States Army (KATUSA) Soldier, assigned to 210th Field Artillery Brigade, performs the rope climb during the Functional Fitness Challenge on the third day of the 2ID/RUCD Best Warrior competition. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Hyung Bin Mun, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)

COMPETITION



Warrant Officer David Hobart and 1st Lt. Matthew Perdue, who are both assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, bear the weight of their rucksacks during the 12-mile foot march. (U.S. Army Photo by Mr. Chin-U Pak, 21D/RUCD Public Affairs)

Sgt. Chad Jessie, assigned to 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, and a native of Jonesborough, Tennessee, checks his watch to track time during the 12-mile foot march portion of the 2018 Best Warrior Competition. (U.S. Army photo by Mr. Chin-U Pak, 21D/RUCD Public Affairs)



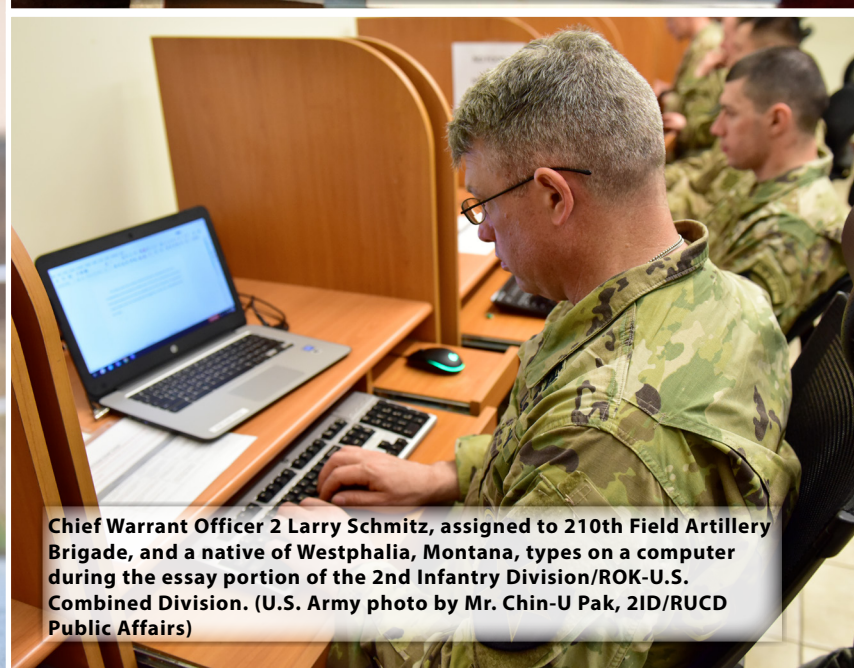
DAY 4

12mile Foot March → EST 2000 → Mystery Event → Essay

Spc. Sayedmendi Hashemi, a native of Frisco, Texas assigned to 2nd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, passes through the Indian head monument during the 12-mile foot march portion of the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division 2018 Best Warrior Competition April 12 at Camp Casey. (U.S. Army Photo by Mr. Chin-U Pak, 21D/RUCD Public Affairs)



Best Warrior competitors engage targets at the Engagement Skills Trainer during the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division Best Warrior Competition, April 12 at Camp Casey. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Roger Houghton, 20th Public Affairs Detachment)



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Larry Schmitz, assigned to 210th Field Artillery Brigade, and a native of Westphalia, Montana, types on a computer during the essay portion of the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division. (U.S. Army photo by Mr. Chin-U Pak, 21D/RUCD Public Affairs)

BEST WARRIOR

DAY 5

Outprocessing lodging → Formal Board → Award Dinner



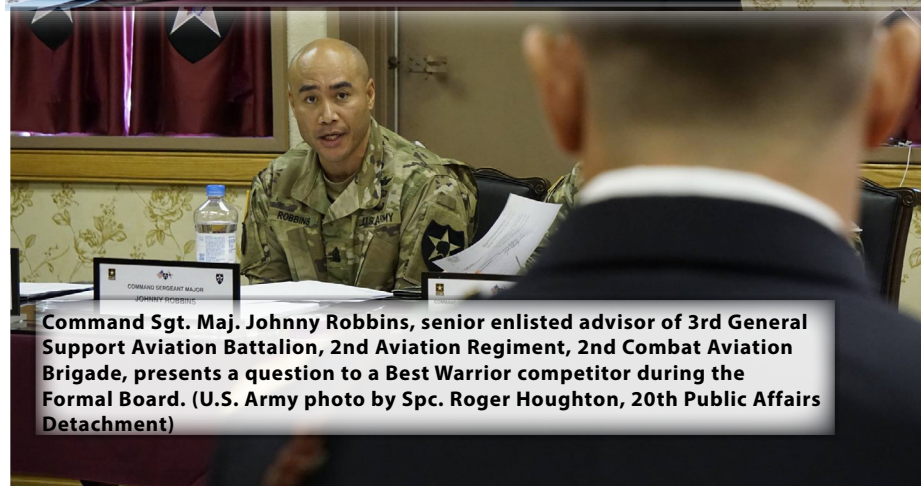
Maj. Gen. D. Scott McKean, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division Commanding General, Command Sgt. Maj. Phil K. Barretto, 2ID/RUCD Command Sergeant Major and competitors of 2018 Best Warrior Competition stand in front of Freeman Hall. (U.S. Army photo by Mr. Chin-U Pak, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division Commanding General Maj. Gen. D. Scott McKean provides motivational remarks during the Best Warrior Competition award dinner, April 13 at the CG's Mess, Camp Red Cloud. (U.S. Army photo by Mr. Chin-U Pak, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



Spc. Joong Gur Yoon, a Raleigh, North Carolina native assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division, performs a left-face for the sergeants major of the Formal Board, April 13 at Camp Red Cloud. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Roger Houghton, 20th Public Affairs Detachment)



Command Sgt. Maj. Johnny Robbins, senior enlisted advisor of 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, presents a question to a Best Warrior competitor during the Formal Board. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Roger Houghton, 20th Public Affairs Detachment)

COMPETITION



BEST JUNIOR ENLISTED

CPL. BEE, JACOB, 1-3 ID



BEST KATUSA

CPL. SONG, TAE HEON, 1-3 ID



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**BEST WARRIOR
COMPETITION**

WINNERS

BEST WARRANT OFFICER

WO1. HOBART, DAVID, 2SBDE



BEST SENIOR ENLISTED

SFC. WIDMER, TERRANCE, 2SBDE



BEST OFFICER

1LT. REED, JAMES, 1-3 ID



A soldier in a pool holding a rifle. The soldier is looking directly at the camera, and the rifle is held horizontally across his chest. The background shows a pool with other people and a building.

True Grit and Second to None Pride

CAMP HOVEY, Republic of Korea – Sgt. 1st Class Terrance Widmer, a native of Ancona, Illinois, assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, picks up his weapon during the Water Survivability challenge portion of the 2018 2ID/RUCD Best Warrior Competition at the Hovey Pool, April 11. The 2ID/RUCD conducted a weeklong Best Warrior Competition to identify and recognize the most outstanding officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, junior enlisted Soldier, and Korean Augmentation To the United States Army (KATUSA) within the division. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Maryam Treece 20th Public Affairs Detachment)



STORY BY

Sgt. Maryam Treece

20th Public Affairs Detachment

CAMP RED CLOUD, Republic of Korea – The 2nd Infantry Division/Republic of Korea-U.S. Combined Division hosted the 2018 “Best Warrior Competition” April 9-13 at Camps Casey and Hovey. The annual competition put Soldiers’ strength, stamina and military skills to the test.

The week-long competition featured events in orienteering, physical fitness, land navigation, marksmanship, water survivability, a 12-mile foot march, and a formal board, to identify and recognize the most outstanding officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, junior enlisted Soldier and Korean Augmentation To the United States Army (KATUSA) within the division.

“It’s a good test of our physical and mental ability as Soldiers, and to see our KATUSA partners there as well. It just solidifies the partnership and strong bond we have with our ROK partners,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick D. Thomas, senior enlisted advisor of the 2nd Inf. Div. Sustainment Brigade and New Orleans native.

For more than 60 years, 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers and the Republic of Korea Army have been working together for peace on the peninsula through a partnership of mutual trust and respect, growing and learning from one another.

“I really enjoy and harness the relationship we have with our KATUSA soldiers,” said Sgt. 1st Class Terrance Widmer, a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialist assigned to 2nd Inf. Div. SBDE and a native of Ancona, Illinois. “They are proud to be here, and I think that their overall ambition, integrity and loyalty to their country and culture is inspiring. They still seem to hang on to their culture, even though we have a completely different culture and have been here for over 60 years now,” he said.

The Best Warrior Competition is not just a competition to highlight the top competitors, but a method for the Army’s last remaining permanently forward stationed division, which has the motto “Second to None,” to continually train all levels of basic soldiering skills to be successful on the battlefield.

“Best Warrior is mastering the fundamentals and that’s the key to success here,” said 2ID/RUCD Command Sgt. Maj. Phil Barretto, a native of Honolulu. “It’s that true grit that they pull out and that intestinal fortitude to get past that next event; that’s the pride that every 2ID Soldier has,” he said.

On day two of the competition, during the stress shoot event, the 2ID/RUCD commander, Maj. Gen. D. Scott McKean, a native of San Jose, California, spoke with competitors about the configuration of their tactical gear for the competition. McKean related that to real-world events with the emphasis to be prepared at all times.

McKean also stressed the importance of discipline, comfort and ease with the wear and use of equipment, preparation for the transition from day to night-time training, and getting back to the fundamentals. He charged his non-commissioned officers with passing on their experience to the junior enlisted troops and using Sergeant’s Time training for coaching.



(Above) CAMP CASEY, Republic of Korea – Best Warrior competitors engage targets at the Engagement Skills Trainer during the 2018 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division Best Warrior Competition, April 12. (U.S. Army photo by Mr. Chin-U Pak, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



(Above) CAMP CASEY, Republic of Korea – Sgt. Alejandro Martinez-Franco, assigned to 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division, and Cape Coral, Florida native, checks his map during the land navigation event of the 2018 2ID/RUCD Best Warrior Competition, April 10. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Roger Houghton, 20th Public Affairs Detachment)

(Right) CAMP RED CLOUD, Republic of Korea – Sgt. Arthur Nisbeth, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division, and South Orange, New Jersey native, answers questions before a formal board during the 2018 2ID/RUCD Best Warrior Competition, April 13. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Roger Houghton, 20th Public Affairs Detachment)

Spc. Dylan Dashner, a signal support systems specialist assigned to 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, Peyton, Colorado native, appreciated what McKean had to say to the group and the overall awareness of his Soldiers, down to the tactical level.

“It was a reality check,” said Dashner. “I never would have thought to think of those things until he brought them up; explaining why things are the way they are and to always be prepared,” he said.

Sgt. Gregory Sakisat, a cannon crew member assigned to 210th Field Artillery Brigade and Agag, Saipan native, viewed the Best Warrior Competition not only as an experience to better himself, but to encompass lessons learned into his own leadership and mentorship styles for his Soldiers.

“It really opens your eyes to things you can work on, not only as a Soldier, but as a leader,” said Sakisat. “Things that you can take away from this competition to incorporate into your PT (physical training) plans, incorporate some of these events over towards Sergeant’s Time training, so that our joes are better trained and get the training they deserve,” he said.

“There were a lot of times that I was put outside of my comfort zone throughout this competition and I just had to keep motivating myself to push forward,” Sakisat added.

The BWC winners are as follows:

Officer: 1st Lt. James Reed, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division

Warrant Officer: WO1 David Hobart, 2nd Inf. Div. SBDE

NCO: Sgt. 1st Class Terrance Widmer, 2nd Inf. Div. SBDE

Junior Enlisted Soldier: Cpl. Jacob Bee, 1ABCT, 3ID

KATUSA: Cpl. Taeheon Song, 1ABCT, 3ID

“Eight and a half years of training at a very high level; I come here and I still find competition,” said Widmer who spent several years at a 75th Ranger Regiment unit. “I still find junior enlisted and KATUSA Soldiers performing on the same level as me, pushing me harder. It’s humbling,” he said.

“You don’t really know what you are made of until you put yourself against your peers, but I think daily discipline can prepare you for every kind of competition in the Army,” Widmer explained.

The winners will represent the 2nd Infantry Division/Republic of Korea Combined Division at the 8th Army’s Best Warrior Competition in May.



(Above) CAMP HOVEY, Republic of Korea – Spc. Dylan Dashner, a native of Peyton, Colorado, assigned to 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, picks up his weapon to maneuver along the length of the pool during the Water Survivability challenge portion of the 2018 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division Best Warrior Competition at the Hovey Pool, April 11. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Hyung Bin Mun, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



(Back) CAMP CASEY, Republic of Korea – Chief Warrant Officer 2 Larry Schmitz, assigned to 210th Field Artillery Brigade, and Westphalia, Montana native, shoots an M9 during the Stress Shoot/M4 Known Distance event during the 2018 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division Best Warrior Competition at Apache Range, April 10. (U.S. Army photo by Mr. Chin-U Pak, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



Raider Brigade leadership; Command Sergeants Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Lash Bailey, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment; Command Sgt. Major Robert Leimer, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division; Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Williams, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment. show unit pride with their Best Warrior team; Sgt. Chad Jessie, Cpl. Tae Heon Song, Chief Warrant Officer 2 David Chang, Cpl. Jacob Bee, 1st Lt. James Reed before the first even started at Camp Hovey, April 9. (U.S. Army photo by Maj. Pete Bogart, 1ABCT, 3ID Public Affairs)

DOG FACE SOLDIERS EXCEL IN 2ID BEST WARRIOR



STORY BY

Maj. **Pete Bogart**

1st ABCT, 3rd ID Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea – The 3rd Infantry Division patch was a frequent sight in the steep hills of Korea where Dog Face Soldiers won three of the five categories at the 2018 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division (RUCD) Best Warrior Competition.

The five-day competition tested the competitors on their tactical, physical, and mental soldiering skills. The events included a stress shoot, physical fitness test, 12-mile ruck march, combat swimming test, media engagement lane, and a formal board.

The 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division is deployed to Korea as the rotational brigade supporting 2ID. The “Raider Brigade” arrived in Korea in February, marking the return of 3rd ID to the Peninsula for the first time since the Korean War.

Winner of the Officer category, 1st Lt. James Reed, a platoon leader assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment (2-7 Inf.) and a native of East Islip, NY, trained for the competition while also preparing his infantry platoon for an air assault training mission.

“I was only able to successfully prepare for the Best Warrior because my excellent noncommissioned officers are always able to meet my intent, and operate within that intent without additional guidance,” said Reed. “They fully prepared our Soldiers for the operation, and this showed with our success during that mission,” he added.

Sgt. Maj. Joseph Gaskin, the 1st ABCT Brigade Operations Sergeant Major, was responsible for assembling and training the team.

“Upon receiving the opportunity to compete in the competition, the selection process was easy,” said Gaskin. “Every formation within the Raider Brigade had many quality, energized, and willing competitors eager for a chance to represent the Brigade.”

Gaskin said the real challenge was in selecting the right trainers and training plan on short notice and bringing the competitors from several battalions together as a cohesive team.

“Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Murray (HHC Brigade) and Staff Sgt. Jeremy Wood (2-7 IN) quickly rose to the challenge and prepared a first-rate training plan including weapons, medical skills, water survivability, CBRN, fitness, and board preparation training to name a few,” said Gaskin. “The training plan facilitated that needed team dynamic where each competitor assisted each other with their individual strengths.”

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(Left) Spc. Christopher Colon, a native of Chicago, assigned to 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, participates in the Best Warrior Stress Shoot event at Camp Casey, April 10. (U.S. Army photo by 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



(Top) The junior enlisted winner, Cpl. Jacob Bee (center), a native of Naples, Florida, assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, displays his award and trophy with Brig. Gen. D. Scott McKean and Command Sgt. Maj. Phil K. Barretto, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division command team, at the 2018 Best Warrior Competition Awards Ceremony, Camp Red Cloud, Korea, April 15. (U.S. Army photo by Mr. Chin-U Pak, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)

(Left) Cpl. Tae Heon Song, a native of Seoul, Republic of Korea, assigned to 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-US Combined Division, participates in the Best Warrior Water Survivability event at Camp Casey, April 11. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Hyung Bin Mun, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)

(Bottom Left) Sgt. Chad Jessie, assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, and a native of Jonesborough, Tennessee, leans into his steps during the 12-mile foot march portion of the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division 2018 Best Warrior Competition April 12 at Camp Casey. (U.S. Army photo by Mr. Chin-U Pak, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)

WARRIOR COMPETITION



That dynamic was on display throughout the week as the competitors pushed and encouraged each other through each challenging event. The 24 competitors were from 1st ABCT, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Sustainment Brigade, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, and HHBN, 2ID.

Five 1st ABCT Soldiers made up the "Raider" Brigade team and three field artillerymen from 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment competed as part of the team from 210th FA BDE, who they are attached to during the rotation.

Spc. Christopher Colon, a cannon crew member with B. Battery, 1-41 FA, was selected for the division competition after winning the 210th FA BDE's Best Warrior Competition. Colon, a native of Chicago who has been in the Army for less than two years, said that the 12-mile ruck march was the hardest event for him, but overall it was a great experience.

"My favorite part was meeting all the other competitors and bonding with them as the competition progressed," said Colon. "I learned a lot from the officers and NCOs who were competing alongside me," he said.

The other winners from 1st ABCT were: Cpl. Jacob Bee, an infantryman with 2-7 Inf. Reg. and Naples, Florida native and Cpl. Tae Heon Song, a Korean Augmentation To the United States Army (KATUSA) assigned to 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment and a Seoul native.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 David Chang (HHC BDE) was the runner-up in the Warrant Officer category and Sgt. Chad Jessie (2-7 Inf. Reg.) was the runner-up in the NCO category. The winners will be part of the 2nd Infantry Division team at next month's 8th Army Best Warrior Competition, with the winners there moving on to the Pacific Command Best Warrior Competition in Hawaii.



(Above) The tank crew from the 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division that will represent the "Raider" Brigade at the 2018 Sullivan Cup Competition at Fort Benning, GA. From left to right: Staff Sgt. Travis Connelly, Sgt. David Morales, Pfc. Thomas Deegan, and Pfc. Zachary Smith.

RAIDER BRIGADE SENDS TEAM FROM KOREA TO SULLIVAN CUP



STORY AND PHOTO BY

Maj. **Pete Bogart**

1st ABCT, 3rd ID Public Affairs

**"THE KEY TO SUCCESS FOR THE
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PROVIDED AT THEIR HOME STATION..."**

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea – Tankers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division are traveling back from the Republic of Korea to compete in the Sullivan Cup competition at Fort Benning, Georgia, from April 30th to May 4th.

The crew from Blitz Company, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, was selected from 87 tank crews to represent the Raider Brigade who are currently deployed to Korea as the rotational brigade supporting the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division.

The tank commander, Staff Sgt. Travis Connelly, has served in the Army for more than seven years and is competing in the Sullivan Cup for the first time. Connelly, who is from Vernon, New Jersey, said that his favorite part of being a tank commander actually has nothing to do with the M1 Abrams tank itself.

"I love leadership and having a greater sphere of influence to facilitate growth in my section," said Connelly. "Nothing is more satisfying to me than empowering Soldiers and junior NCOs to strive for greatness and not settle for average in an aspect of their lives," he said.

The Sullivan Cup is held every other year and is named after Gen. (Retired) Gordon R. Sullivan. Sullivan was commissioned as an Armor officer and commanded numerous armor formations throughout 36 years of service, which culminated in his service as the 32nd Chief of Staff.

Crews from across the Army, the Marine Corps, and international militaries travel to Fort Benning to test their physical and mental prowess in maneuver, maintenance, and gunnery skills during the competition.

The U.S. Army Armor School Command Sgt. Major, Command Sgt. Major Alan Hummel, stressed the importance of the non-commissioned officer in a welcome letter to competitors.

"The key to success for the winning crew will be the training provided at their home station by their unit's master gunners and tank commanders," said Hummel. "The tank commanders, primarily junior NCOs, are overall responsible for training each crewmember, ensuring proficiency in their assigned position and cross-training their crewmembers in other positions," he said.

Pfc. Thomas Deegan of Chicago, Illinois, has only been in the Army 17 months and is on his first overseas tour in Korea. He enjoys the camaraderie of life as a tanker.

"Being a tank driver for my crew enables me to be a part of a team," said Deegan. "Everyone on the tank has a role and mine is to drive the 70 ton beast."

The competition will feature 16 to 18 teams and will last five days. Crews will be evaluated on physical fitness, problem solving, and tactical and precision gunnery skills to identify the top tank crew.

U.S. Army tactics, techniques and procedures are used as the foundational reference to ensure the competition is conducted with the highest of standards.

2ID COMMANDING GENERAL REENLISTS 'DEEP STRIKE SOLDIER'



Spc. Suleyshka D. Williams Rios, a Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery Regiment motor transport operator from Milwaukee, Wis. poses for a photo with 2nd Infantry Division commanding general Maj. Gen. D. Scott McKean April 23 during her reenlistment ceremony at 210th Field Artillery Brigade conference room. Maj. Gen. McKean presented Spc. Williams with a copy of her reenlistment certificate signed by him.



STORY AND PHOTOS BY
Sgt. Larry Barnhill
210th Field Artillery Brigade

Camp Casey, Republic of Korea – 2nd Infantry Division commanding general Maj. Gen. D. Scott McKean gave the oath of enlistment to Spc. Suleyshka D. Williams Rios, a Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery Regiment motor transport operator, April 23 in the 210th Field Artillery Brigade conference room.

Williams, a Milwaukee, Wis. native, did her first reenlistment and was accompanied by her wife Sgt. Nykeya Williams, a A Co., 2-20th squad leader from Tampa, Fla.

"It's an honor to be here with her for this reenlistment and motivates me," said Sgt. Williams. "It's breathtaking and does nothing but make me happy to see her happy and accomplishing her goals," she added.

An excited Spc. Williams was happy to take the oath of reenlistment administered by the 2ID top officer.

"It's amazing that he (Maj. Gen. McKean) took time out of his busy schedule to do this for me because I honestly didn't think it was possible," said Spc. Williams. "I was speechless, shocked, nervous and excited all at once and it honestly made reenlisting that much more important and special," she continued.

Spc. Williams mentioned aspiring to become a drill sergeant and eventually achieving the rank of Command Sergeant Major and is an inspiration to her wife.

"She motivates me to be the best I can be and I wouldn't have reenlisted if it wasn't for her," Sgt. Williams said. "Although I've been to Fort Hood before, it's going to be a fresh start for both of us in a new unit," she continued.

The Williams' are scheduled to report to Fort Hood, Texas later this year after their nine-month rotation ends.



Spc. Suleyska D. Williams Rios (left) and her wife Sgt. Nykeya Williams display Spc. Williams' reenlistment certificate and oath of enlistment during Spc. Williams' reenlistment ceremony April 23 at the 210th Field Artillery Brigade conference room. 2nd Infantry Division commanding general Maj. Gen. D. Scott McKean performed the enlistment ceremony.

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YEUIDO HANGANG PARK

Yeouido Hangang Park is located at the riverside of Yeouido Han River, Yeouinaru subway station line 5. When the weather gets warmer, many people visit Yeouido Hangang Park for a picnic. In Korea, food delivery service is available all around and Yeouido Hangang Park is also a popular place to order food. It is also a great place to experience the seasons of Korea. In spring, there is the annual cherry blossom festival and in fall, Yeouido Hangang Park hosts the world fireworks festival. Currently during the spring season the park hosts an annual night market, Dokkaebi Night Market. It is a very popular annual event in Seoul that attracted approximately 4.94 million visitors last year. At Dokkaebi Night Market, you can see the handmade products, food trucks, and various cultural performances. It starts on March 30th and runs through October 28th. The opening hours are 17:00 to 23:00. Also, there is a Hangang River Cruise which is a ferry that sails through the Hangang river, the heart of Seoul, to see the sights of Seoul. When you get on that cruise, you can see the sights of Seoul such as 63 building, Hangang Bridges, Jamsil Stadium. When the night comes, you will be surprised to see the beautiful night view of Seoul.



BY ELLEN CHUNG
2ID/RUCD PUBLIC AFFAIRS INTERN



CHANGDEOK PALACE

Changdeok Palace was the second royal villa built following the construction of Gyeongbuk Palace in 1405. King Taejong built Changdeok palace as a second palace to stay anytime when prepare for a disaster and the king wants to move palace. During the Japanese Invasion of Korea, all the palaces in Seoul were burned down and it was later restored. It was the principal palace for many kings of the Joseon Dynasty, and is the most well-preserved of the five remaining royal Joseon palaces. Changdeok Palace and Huwan was recognized as a World Cultural Heritage site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization(UNESCO) World Cultural Heritage Committee in December of 1997. Changdeok Palace is the only palace in Korea that has become a World Heritage site. Huwan is a place in the Changdeok palace where the king rested. There is a beautiful green garden with more than 300 years of tall trees, ponds and pavilion.



SEODAEMUN PRISON HISTORY HALL

Seodaemun Prison opened October 21, 1908 during Japanese imperialism in the name of Gyeongseong Prison. Independence activists and pro-democracy activists were put in jail and tortured during that time. The Seodaemun Prison was renovated in 1998 as the Seodaemun Prison History Hall to honor the spirit of independence and freedom to learn from the past history. Seodaemun Prison History Hall is well-preserved, so the it looks like a real prison during the Japanese colonial era. The history hall's opening hours are 9:30 to 18:00 Tuesday - Sunday. It takes about 1 or 2 hours to look around History Hall. The building located in the center is the most popular place to visit. It was used for all kinds of torture during Japanese colonial era, and is now remodeled into an exhibition hall. In this exhibition hall, you can experience some of the torture yourself and share the feelings and pain of the prisoners from that time. The Seodaemun Prison History Hall represents the history of struggle to achieve Korea's independence and democracy with an indomitable spirit.



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2ND BATTALION, 17TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT

Crest



Description/Blazon

A Gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height consisting of a shield blazoned: Gules, a conventionalized castle of Ehrenbreitstein with ramp Or on mount Proper, debreused by a bendlet Argent bearing two ribbons of the field and Azure with seventeen mullets of the last. A sinister canton bendy of eight ermine and of the field, (for the 8th Field Artillery).

Symbolism

The field of the shield is red, the artillery color. The principal charge is the castle of Ehrenbreitstein debreused by a bendlet carrying the American colors and seventeen stars, to signify the occupation of that castle by the 17th Field Artillery. On a canton is a device from the arms of the parent organization.

Background

The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 17th Field Artillery Regiment on 8 May 1923. It was redesignated for the 17th Field Artillery Battalion on 2 August 1949. It was redesignated for the 17th Artillery Regiment on 28 November 1958. The insignia was redesignated effective 1 September 1971, for the 17th Field Artillery Regiment.

Coat of Arms



Description

Shield: Gules, a conventionalized castle of Ehrenbreitstein with ramp Or on mount Proper, debreused by a bendlet Argent bearing two ribbons of the field and Azure with seventeen mullets of the last. A sinister canton bendy of eight ermine and of the field, (for the 8th Field Artillery).

Crest: On a wreath of the colors Or and Gules, a mount Argent garnished Vert, bearing a linden leaf Proper charged with a fleur-de-lis of the first.

Symbolism

Shield: The field of the shield is red, the artillery color. The principal charge is the castle of Ehrenbreitstein debreused by a bendlet carrying the American colors and seventeen stars, to signify the occupation of that castle by the 17th Field Artillery. On a canton is a device from the arms of the parent organization.

Crest: The crest commemorates the two most noteworthy battle incidents. The white mountain is for Blanc Mont. The leaf is taken from Verte Feuille Farm, one of the positions occupied by the Regiment in the Soissons Offensive; the linden was chosen as being very common in the central empires. The fleur-de-lis is from the arms of Soissons.

Motto

IN TIME OF PEACE PREPARE FOR WAR.

Background

The coat of arms was originally approved for the 17th Field Artillery Regiment on 25 March 1920. It was amended to correct the blazon of the shield on 15 June 1920. It was redesignated for the 17th Field Artillery Battalion on 27 September 1944. It was redesignated for the 17th Artillery Regiment on 28 November 1958. The insignia was redesignated effective 1 September 1971, for the 17th Field Artillery Regiment.

History/2ID Relationship

On 26 March 1918 the battalion fired the first shot in support of 2nd Division (later redesignated as 2nd Infantry Division) during World War I. The mission of the 2nd Bn., 17th Field Artillery was to meet the availability requirement of light weight field artillery Battalion to support 2nd Brigade combat team, 2nd Infantry division. 2nd Bn. on 8 April 2008 2nd BCT, 2nd Inf. Div. was deactivated.

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베스트 워리어 컴피티션에서 3명의 우승자를 배출해낸 제1전투기갑여단의 기사를 수록하였다.

<사진 _ 제1전투기갑여단 공보처 소령 피터 보가트>



4월 9일부터 13일까지 열린 제2보병사단 베스트 워리어 컴피티션 특집으로 5일간의 일정과 사진들을 정리하여서 영문판에 실었다.

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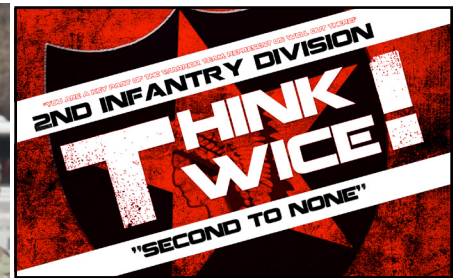


4월 23일, 제2보병사단장 소장 D. 스콧 매킨(Maj. Gen. D. Scott McKean)이 재임대식을 진행하였다.

<사진 _ 제210포병여단 공보처 병장 래리 반힐>



이달의 사진



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<사진 _ 제2보병사단 공보처 사진 전문가 박진우>

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<사진 _ 제2보병사단 공보처 일병 문형빈>

"레이더"여단, 설리번 컵 컴피티션에 출전하다



포트 베닝, 조지아에서 열린 2018 설리번 컵 대회에서 "레이더" 여단의 대표로 출전한 제1전투기갑 여단, 69기갑연대, 3대대 소속 전차병들의 모습이다.

<사진 _ 제1전투기갑여단 공보처 소령 피터 보가트>

대한민국 캠프 험프리스 - 4월 30일부터 5월 4일까지, 제1전투기갑여단의 전차병들이 조지아의 포트 베닝에서 설리번 컵 컴피티션에 참가한 후 한국으로 돌아왔다.

87명의 전차병들 중 제69기갑연대 3대대 블리츠 중대의 전차병들이 순환연대로서 제2보병사단/한미연합사단을 지원하기 위해 대한민국에 파견된 제1전투기갑 "레이더" 여단의 대표로 선발되었다.

전차장, 하사 트래비스 코넬리(Staff Sgt. Travis Connelly)는 7년이 넘는 복무 기간 중 처음으로 설리번 컵에 참가하게 되었다. 뉴 저지, 버논 출신의 코넬리 하사는 전차장으로 가장 좋아하는 부분은 사실 M1 에이브람 탱크 그 자체와는 상관이 없다고 말하였다.

"저의 영향력과 리더십을 발휘하여 저희 섹션을 발전시키는 것은 즐겁습니다." 코넬리 하사가 말하였다. "사병들로 하여금 삶에 있어서 '적당히'를 뛰어 넘어 더 큰 목표를 위해 노력하게 하는 것만큼 보람찬 일이 없습니다."

설리번 컵은 2년마다 열리며 대장(은퇴) 고든 R. 설리번(Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan)의 이름을 따왔다. 설리번 장군은 기갑 장교로 임관하였고 36년간의 복무 기간동안 다양한 기갑 부대를 지휘하였으며 32번째 참모장으로 복무를 마쳤다.

미육군, 해병대 등지의 전차병들이 포트 베닝에 모여 기동, 차량 보수, 사격에서 육체적, 정신적 기량을 시험받는다.

미국 육군기갑학교 주임원사 앨런 허멜(Command Sgt. Major Alan Hummel)은 참가자들에게 보내는 환영 편지에서 부사관의 중요성을 강조하였다.

"승리의 비결은 자대의 명사수와 전차장이 내리는 훈련을 제대로 받는 것입니다." 허멜 주임원사가 말했다. "주로 하급 부사관이 맡는 전차장은 각 전차병들로 하여금 자신의 역할의 숙련자가 되고 다른 직책의 전차병들에게 교차 훈련을 할 수 있는 수준까지 훈련시킬 의무가 있습니다."

일리노이, 시카고 출신의 일병 토마스 디건(Pfc. Thomas Deegan)은 육군에 입대한 지 17달만에 한국으로 첫 파병을 나왔다. 그는 전차병으로서 동료애를 즐기고 있다.

"전차를 운전함으로써 팀의 일부가 된 듯한 기분이 듭니다." 디건 일병이 말했다. "전차에 탄 모든 사람들에게겐 역할이 있으며 제 역할은 이 70톤짜리 괴물을 모는 것입니다."

이번 대회는 16에서 18개의 팀이 있으며 5일간 진행된다. 전차병들은 체력, 문제 해결, 전술 및 정밀 사격에 따라 평가받는다.

대회가 높은 수준을 유지할 수 있도록 미육군 표준 전술, 기술과 절차가 대회의 토대를 이루는데 참조되었다.

<기사 _ 제1전투기갑여단 공보처 소령 피터 보가트>

<번역 _ 제2보병사단 공보처 일병 문형빈>

베스트 워리어 컴피티션,

대한민국 캠프 케이시 - 4월 9일부터 13일까지, 캠프 케이시와 호비에서 제2보병사단 베스트 워리어 컴피티션이 열렸다. 4개의 여단으로부터 참가자들이 선발되어 총 24명이 대회에 참가하였다.

카투사는 각 연대와 본부대대에서 한 명씩 선발되어 총 5명의 카투사가 대회에 참가하였다. “최고임을 증명하고 싶습니다.” 경상남도 창원시 출신 제210포병여단 1-41 포병대대 C포대 1섹션 장전병 권도윤 병장이 말했다. “또한 다른 카투사들에게 동기부여를 하고 싶습니다.”

베스트 워리어 컴피티션은 사격, 행군, 체력장, 수영 등 다양한 종목으로 구성되어 있다. 참가자들은 월요일부터 목요일까지 매일 다양한 종목에서 경쟁하여 금요일, 최고득점을 한 병사를 위한 시상식을 진행한다. “저는 행군이 가장 힘들었습니다.” 충청남도 논산시 출신 제2보병사단 지원여단 23화학대대 501중대 화학병 최호남 일병이 말했다. “제가 평발이 있어서 행군을 하는데 어려움이 있었습니다. 하지만 수영은 어느정도 자신이 있었고, 실제로도 카투사들 가운데에서는 제가 1등을 한 것 같습니다.”

베스트 워리어 컴피티션은 미군들 사이에서도 어려운 대회이기로 정평이 나 있고, 카투사들 또한 미군들과 완전히 같은 조건에서 시험을 치르는 만큼 베스트 워리어 컴피티션에 출전하는 것 자체도 큰 용기와 정신력을 필요로 한다. “권도윤 병장은 훈련소때부터 항상 솔선수범하였으며, 중대에 힘든 일이 있으면 가장 먼저 나서서 해결하려고 하였습니다.” 권도윤 병장의 훈련소 동기, 제2보병사단 지원여단 23화학대대 501중대 선임병장 송진우 병장이 말했다. “미측의 이런 대회도 적극적으로 나서는 것을 보면, 다른 카투사들에게도 귀감이 됩니다. 확실히 본받을만한 카투사입니다.”

동등한 조건에서 어려운 과제에 도전한다는 점에서, 베스트 워리어 컴피티션은 한미 양국군간에 우정을 쌓는 화합의 장이기도 하다. “카투사와 미군이 함께 하는 모습을 보니 한미 관계가 좋아지는 계기가 되리라는 생각이 듭니다.” 제2보병사단 지원여단 23화학대대 지원대장 염창진 대위가 말했다. “앞으로도 계속 이런 대회를 개최하면서 한미간의 우애를 끈끈히 다질 수 있기를 바랍니다.”

한편 베스트 워리어 컴피티션의 우승자는 4월 13일 금요일, 캠프 레드 클라우드에서 최종 면접을 거친 후 발표되었다. 우승자는 장교, 부사관, 사병, 준위, 카투사 중 각 한 명씩 총 5명이 선정되며 차후 미8군 베스트 워리어 컴피티션에 제2보병사단 대표로 출전하게 된다. 최종 확정된 우승자는 다음과 같다.

장교 : 제3사단, 1전투기갑여단 중위 제임스 리드(1st Lt. James Reed)

준위 : 제2보병사단지원여단 준위 데이비드 호바트(Warrant Officer David Hobart)

부사관 : 제2보병사단지원여단 중사 테렌스 위드머(Sgt. 1st Class Terrance Widmer)

사병 : 제3사단, 1전투기갑여단 상병 제임스 비(Cpl. James Bee)

카투사 : 제3사단, 1전투기갑여단 상병 송태헌



제210포병여단 1-41 포병대대 찰리포대 1섹션 장전병 권도윤 병장이 4월 11일 로프 오르기를 하고 있다.

그 속에서 활약한 카투사들

<기사 _ 제2보병사단 공보처 일병 문형빈>



제210포병여단 1-41 포병대대 찰리포대 1색선 장전병 권도윤 병장이 4월 11일 기능적 체력 시험(Functional Physical Fitness Challenge) 중 달리기를 하고 있다.

<사진 _ 제2보병사단 공보처 일병 문형빈>



제2보병사단 지원여단 23화학대대 501중대 화학병 최호남 일병이 4월 9일 경로탐색 과제(Day Stakes Orienteering Event)를 마치고 시작지점으로 돌아오고 있다.

<사진 _ 제2보병사단 공보처 일병 문형빈>



제2보병사단 지원여단 23화학대대 501중대 화학병 최호남 일병이 4월 11일 베스트 워리어 컴피티션의 수중 생존 종목(Water Survivability)에 참여하였다.

<사진 _ 제2보병사단 공보처 일병 문형빈>

일 기능적 체력 시험(Functional Physical Fitness Challenge) 중

<사진 _ 제2보병사단 공보처 일병 문형빈>



진정한 기상, 그리고 둘째가라면 서러운 자부심

<기사_ 제20공보파견대 병장 메리암 트리스>
<번역_ 제2보병사단 공보처 일병 문형빈>

제2보병사단지원여단 화학병 중사 테렌스 위드머(Sgt. 1st Class, Terrance Widmer)가 4월 11일 베스트 워리어 컴피티션의 수중 생존 종목(Water Survivability)에 참여하였다.

<사진_ 제20공보파견대 병장 메리암 트리스>

대한민국 캠프 레드 클라우드 - 제2보병사단/한미연합사단은 4월 9일부터 13일까지 캠프 케이시와 호비에서 2018 "베스트 워리어 컴피티션" 을 주최하였다. 이 연례적 대회에서 장병들은 힘, 체력과 군사적 능력을 시험받는다.

1주동안 진행되는 이 대회는 경로탐색, 체력장, 사격, 수중 생존, 12마일 행군과 면접을 통해 사단내의 가장 우수한 장교, 준위, 부사관, 사병과 카투사를 가려낸다.

"베스트 워리어 컴피티션은 장병들의 육체적, 정신적 능력을 시험하기에 제격입니다. 또한 카투사 전우들도 대회에서 함께 할 수 있어서 아주 만족스럽습니다. 대회를 통해 한국군 전우들과의 동료애와 유대감을 강화시킬 수 있는 계기가 되리라 믿습니다." 뉴올리언스 출신의 제2보병사단지원여단 고문 주임원사 패트릭 D. 토마스(Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick D. Thomas)가 말했다.

60년이 넘게, 제2보병사단 장병들과 대한민국 육군은 상호간의 신뢰와 존중을 바탕으로 서로 배워나가며 한반도의 평화를 지키기 위해 함께해왔다.

"카투사 병사들과 관계를 쌓는 것은 정말 즐겁습니다." 앙코나, 일리노이 출신의 제2보병사단지원여단 화학병 중사 테렌스 위드머(Sgt. 1st Class Terrance Widmer)가 말했다. "이들은 카투사로서 복무하는 것을 자랑스러워 하며, 나라를 향한 열정과 충성심이 대단하며 훌륭한 문화를 가지고 있습니다. 우리가 한국에 온 지 60년이 넘었고 완전히 이질적인 문화를 가지고 있음에도 불구하고 고유의 문화를 유지하고 있습니다." 위드머 중사가 말했다.

"8년 반동안 매우 높은 수준의 훈련을 받았습니다. 그리고 이곳에 와, 대회에 참가하게 되었습니다." 위드머 중사는 제75 레인저 여단에서 수년간 복무한 뒤 한국으로 왔다. "다른 사병들과 카투

사 병사들이 저와 같은 수준에서 더 열심히 노력하는 모습을 보았습니다. 그들을 보고있자면 저도 모르게 겸손해집니다." 그가 말했다. "동료들과 겨루기 전까지는 자신이 어떤 수준인지 알 수 없지만, 매일매일 하는 훈련이 군 내의 모든 종류의 대회에 대한 대비가 된다고 생각합니다." 위드머 중사가 말했다.

베스트 워리어 컴피티션은 단순히 우승자를 가리기 위한 대회가 아닌 "천하무적" 이란 좌우명을 가진 최전방 사단으로서 전장에서 승리하기 위해 기초적 군사 기술을 지속적으로 단련시키는 방식이기도 하다.

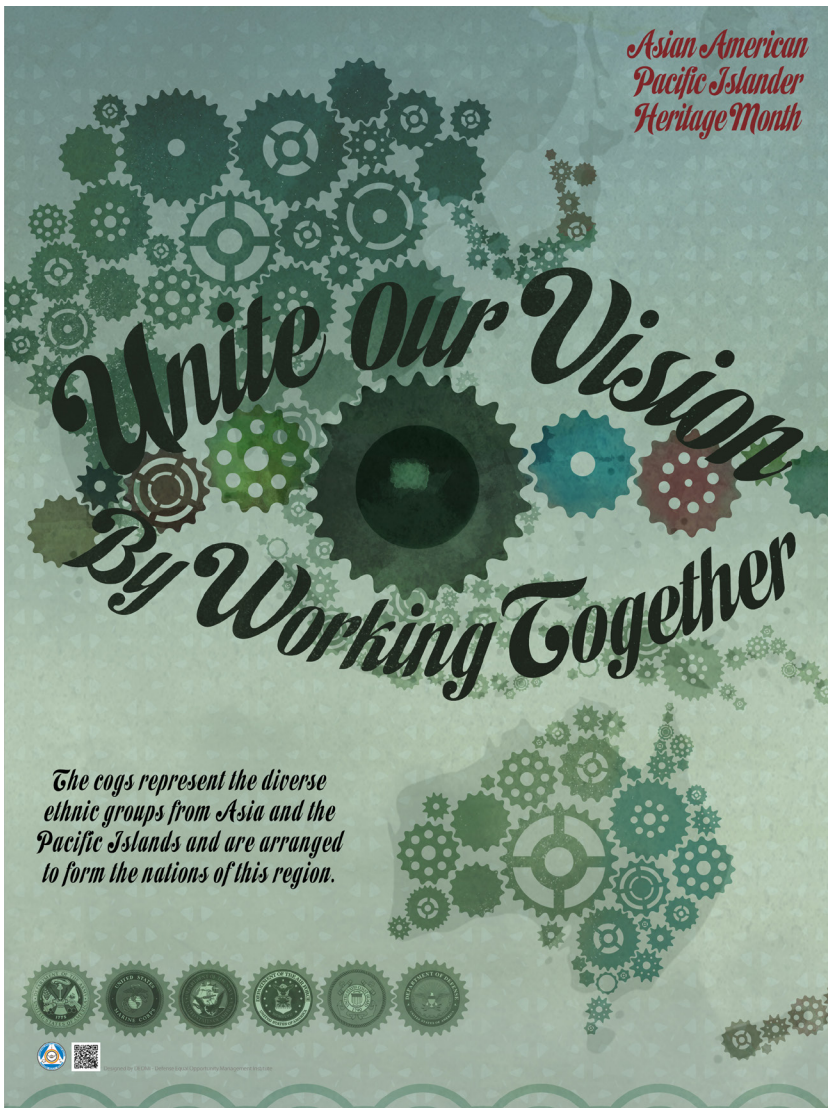
"최고의 전사란 기초를 통달하는 것이며 그곳에 성공의 열쇠가 있습니다." 호놀룰루 출신의 제2보병사단/한미연합사단 주임원사 필 바레토(Command Sgt. Maj. Phil Barretto)가 말했다.

"진정한 기상을 통해 우리는 앞으로 나아갈 수 있으며, 그것이 모든 2사단 장병들이 가지고 있는 자부심입니다." 바레토 주임원사가 말했다.

대회의 둘째 날, 사격을 진행하는 동안, 캘리포니아 산 호세 출신의 제2보병사단/한미연합사단장 소장 D. 스코트 매킨(Maj. Gen. D. Scott Mckean)이 방문하여 참가자들과 전술 장비의 상태에 대한 이야기를 나누었다. 매킨 소장은 실전과 연관지으며 장병들에게 항상 준비돼있어야 할 것을 힘주어 말했다.

매킨 소장은 또한 규율의 중요성, 장비의 사용과 착용에 있어서의 편안함, 낮에서 야간으로의 훈련의 전환에 대한 대비, 그리고 기초로 돌아가는 것을 강조하였다. 그는 부사관들로 하여금 자신들이 경험한 것들을 사병들에게 가르칠 것을 당부하였다.

우승자들은 5월에 열리는 미8군 베스트 워리어 컴피티션에서 제2보병사단/한미연합사단의 대표로 출전하게 된다.



Asian Pacific Heritage Month 아시아 태평양 문화의 달

매년 5월은 아시아 태평양 문화의 달이다. 아시아 태평양 문화의 달은 아시아/태평양계 미국인들의 문화, 전통과 역사를 기리기 위한 것으로, 1992년 공식적으로 5월을 아시아 태평양 문화의 달로 지정하였다.

5월이 아시아 태평양 문화의 달로 지정된 계기는 5월달에 일어났던 주요 사건 두 가지 때문이다. 첫번째는 1843년 5월 7일, 미국으로 첫번째 일본인 이민자가 도착한 것이다. 두번째는 1869년 5월 10일, 중국인 이민자들이 공사과정에 다수 투입된 대륙간 횡단철도가 완공된 일이다.

아시아/태평양계 미국인들은 미국에 여러가지 발자취를 남기기도 했다. 20세기 중반이래로, 아시아계 미국인들은 중소기업계를 지배하기 시작했다. 1990년부터 2004년까지, 그들의 구매력은 1181억 달러에서 3630억 달러로 증가하였다. 이 증가량은 207%로, 동기간동안 101.1% 증가한 미국 전체의 증가량에 비해 두 배 이상이다. 한편 33명의 아시아/태평양계 미국인 참전용사들은 미국 최고의 훈장인 명예훈장을 수여받기도 했다.

아시아 태평양 문화의 달이 기리는 문화들에는 물론 한국의 문화도 포함되어있다. 상원회 결의안 185호에 따르면, "한국계 미국인들은 미국을 건설하는데 큰 역할을 했다. 지난 세기동안, 한국계 이민자들과 후손들은 미국의 번영에 도움을 줬고, 미국의 공동체 사회를 강화시켰으며, 미국의 자원을 수호하였다. 세계 1차대전, 세계 2차대전, 한국 전쟁, 베트남 전쟁등 여러 전쟁 속에서 한국계 미국인들은 명예와 용기를 가지고 국가에 봉사하여, 우리나라를 강하게 하는 가치를 드높였다."

한미 문화 교류

Memorial Day

현충일

<기사 - 일병 문형빈/제2보병사단 공보처>

Memorial Day, 또는 Decoration Day라 불리는 이 날은 미군에서 복무 중 사망한 장병들을 기리는 기념일로, 매년 5월 마지막 주 월요일로 지정되어있다. 사망한 장병들을 기리는 날인 만큼, 미군에게 특별한 의미가 있는 기념일이기도 하다. 이 날, 미국인들은 국립 묘지에 방문하여 무덤에 성조기를 꽂는 방식으로 추모한다.

Memorial Day는 한국의 현충일과 성격 상 매우 유사하다. 우리나라의 현충일 역시 나라를 위하여 싸우다 숨진 장병들을 기리기 위한 기념일이고, 우리나라 국민들 또한 국립묘지인 현충원을 방문하고 태극기를 내거는 방식으로 추모한다.

군인들을 기린다는 점에서 Memorial Day는 11월 11일 기리는 또다른 공휴일, 베테랑의 날(Veterans Day)와 유사하다. 차이점은 Memorial Day는 사망한 장병들을 추모하는 날인 반면, 베테랑의 날은 복무중인 모든 장병들을 기리는 날이라는 것이다.

