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(Photo of the Month) CSMs and SGMs from 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division low crawl under concertina wire while participating in the 2018 Spartan Race in Inje, Aug. 28. to inspire esprit de corps and challenge themselves physically and mentally. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Raquel Villalona, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)

(Cover Photo) Sgt. Maj. Tommie Jones, a native of Middletown, Ohio and logistics sergeant major, climbs up a rope during the 2018 Spartan Race in Inje Aug. 25. CSMs and SGMs participated in the 2018 Spartan Race as a team-building exercise to inspire esprit de corps and challenge themselves, both physically and mentally. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Raquel Villalona, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



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CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea— Tiffany M. Bryant, principal of Humphreys Central Elementary School and Tampa, Florida native, rings the bell with other key leaders to signify the beginning of class for the first day of school, Aug. 27. Schools on Camp Humphreys opened their doors on Aug. 27 for the 2018-2019 school year welcoming new and returning students, faculty and accompanied family members. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Maryam Treece, 20th Public Affairs Detachment)

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GEN. JOHN N. ABRAMS PASSES AWAY AT 71

Gen. John N. Abrams, the former Army
Training and Doctrine Command command-
ing general whose father and two brothers
were also Army generals, has died. He was 71.

He was the son of Gen. Creighton Abrams,
the former Army chief of staff who died
in 1974, and the brother of Gen. Robert B.
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tive director of the campaign for the National
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SEPTEMBER 23, 1988

The United Nations Korean War Allies Associ-
ation will host its 6th annual program to honor
United States Forces, Korea personnel who
meet the criteria specified below. The program
includes a luncheon, presentation of mementos
and tours of the Seoul Sports Complex and the
Korean War Museum.



‘Deep Strike’ Hosts Women’s Equality Day Observance

Col. Monica Washington, a native of Mobile, Alabama, U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan/Casey Commander and guest speaker, gives a speech during the Women’s Equality Day Observance August 28 at the Carey Fitness Center gymnasium.



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CAMP CASEY, Republic of Korea – Soldiers assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery Regiment hosted the 2018 Women’s Equality Day Observance at the Carey Fitness Center Aug. 28.

Warriors were greeted by several displays honoring the lives of women who had made an impact on the history of the Republic of Korea and United States.

Col. Monica Washington, native of Mobile, Alabama and U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan/Casey commander, was the guest speaker for the event.

Col. Washington recognized Staff Sgt. Keisha Parker, a native of Atlanta assigned to 210th Field Artillery Brigade, as the only female noncommissioned officer radar operator serving in the Republic of Korea.

“I really enjoyed speaking with her and admire that she recognized females who strive to do their best in the Army,” said Parker. “The 2-20th FAR did a great job putting together this program by having Soldiers at each exhibit explain the story about the women shown on each display. “It felt like I was walking through a museum when visiting each station.”

Col. Washington also recognized Pfc. Yossline Herrera, a Houston native and the only female visual information specialist assigned to the Camp Casey Visual Information Center.

“Getting recognized by Col. Washington was both a humbling and ‘nerve-wrecking’ experience because she’s in charge of both USAG Yongsan and Camp Casey,” said Herrera. “I was fascinated by the video of Lt. Gen. Nadja West, the highest ranking female in the Army and the display of Yu Gwan-sun, a Korean peace activist who contributed to the eventual freedom of Korea.”

Females like Lt. Gen. Nadja West, the highest ranking female to have graduated from the U.S. Military Academy and Yu Gwan-sun, the 17-year-old who was willing to die for Korea’s independence from Japanese colonial rule, serve as examples of the invaluable service women have contributed to our nations.

The legacy of brave women will continue to further inspire people to strive for equality.



“It felt like I was walking through a museum when visiting each station.”

WARRIORS VISIT LOCAL SENIOR HOUSE



STORY BY
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POCHEON, Republic of Korea – When people from different cultures and generations get together in a friendly social setting, a unique bond normally surfaces.

An impromptu visit by 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division Soldiers with residents of Kyeong-ro-dang, senior community center, started a new bond to carry forward Aug. 8. This is part of the ongoing U.S. Forces Korea Good Neighbor Program implemented in 2002.

For 16 years, the Good Neighbor Program has strived to promote friendship, trust, and mutual understanding between USFK service members and the Republic of Korea citizens through volunteer service and activities.

Members of the 2ID/RUCD civil military operations section, along with the division chaplain, presented the residents with several gifts from small fans to name-brand cookies. The gifts were a way to pay respect to elderly at the center.

“I’m really pleased that they came in person. This is the first time they ever came to sit with us. In the past the good neighbor program wasn’t this intimate,” said Mr. Sung-Chun Park, Chairperson of Kyeong-ro-dang, senior community center. “Mingling together and seeing the effort is beautiful. Their willingness to understand us is the most important thing,” he added.

These ambassadors of the division were given a new perspective on the importance of the partner nation bond.

“It was great to be able to get out in the community and meet some of the wonderful people that live in our partner cities. Many of these residents have firsthand experience of life here during the Korean War,” said Maj. James Forsyth, deputy chief of

civil military operations and a native of Fort Myers, Florida. “Their stories give true meaning to the ROK-U.S. alliance and bring a fresh perspective to the reason why the U.S. is in the ROK to this day,” he added.

He also said that the civil military team within the combined division is developing a concept to expand visits to more community centers throughout the region.

At the end of the visit, the lead elderly resident smiled and stated in Hangul, “Mi casa es su casa,” a globally known Spanish statement of endearment stating “my house is your house,” signifying a solid bond has been created. One could say the Good Neighbor program is simply about bonding 2ID/RUCD and fellow USFK service members with the people of the Republic of Korea.



Soldiers of 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division and the senior residents of Kyeong-ro-dang (the senior community center) take a group photo during the division Civil Affairs-led visit to the center as part of the U.S. Forces Korea Good Neighbor Program August 8. The Good Neighbor Program aims to promote friendship, trust, and mutual understanding between USFK service members and the Republic of Korea citizens through volunteer service and activities. (U.S. Army photo by KATUSA Pfc. Park, Seung Ho, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



PAIR OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS KILLED IN KOREAN WAR FINALLY BEING SENT HOME FOR BURIAL

The remains of Army Cpl. Terrell J. Fuller were apparently among more than 200 boxes that North Korea handed over to the United States between 1990 and 1994.

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SEOUL, South Korea — Two 2nd Infantry Division soldiers killed in the Korean War were being returned home for burial this week, nearly seven decades after they perished in North Korea, a government agency said.

The remains of Army Cpl. Terrell J. Fuller and Army Sgt. William A. Larkins — both 20 when they died — were not among those returned last month by North Korea. Their remains were recovered as part of joint searches and unilateral handovers from North Korea that took place more than a decade ago. But the two men were only recently identified following a lengthy forensics process.

Fuller, of Toccoa, Ga., was assigned to Company D, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division when he was taken prisoner as his unit retreated in South Korea following battles with Chinese forces fighting with the North.

“After enduring sustained enemy attacks, the American units withdrew to Wonju, South Korea. It was during this withdrawal that Fuller was reported missing, as of Feb. 12, 1951,” according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, or DPAA.

The Chinese and North Koreans included Fuller’s name on a December 1951 list of troops who died while in their custody. A fellow soldier from the same company later said he had been held prisoner with Fuller but was unaware of his status, the DPAA said.

Fuller was declared dead when he was not returned after the 1953 armistice that ended the war in lieu of a peace treaty. His remains were apparently among more than 200 boxes that North Korea handed over to the United States between 1990 and 1994.

He was listed as accounted for in April and will be buried with full military honors on Saturday in his hometown, according to DPAA. The Hawaii-based agency also said a rosette will be placed next to his name on a memorial in Honolulu to indicate he has been accounted for.

“Finally this former #2ID #Warrior will get the proper burial he deserves,”

2ID wrote in a tweet on Tuesday.

Larkins, of Pittsburgh, who was assigned to A Battery, 503rd Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, was reported missing in action on Dec. 1, 1950, amid fierce fighting with Chinese-led communist forces in the North Korean town of Suncheon.

“Following the war, one returning prisoner of war reported that Larkins had been captured and had died at an unknown prisoner of war camp in January 1951. Based on this information, the U.S. Army declared him deceased as of Jan. 31, 1951,” the DPAA said.

His remains were among those collected during joint searches with the North Koreans in April and May 2005. A funeral was scheduled for Larkins Friday in Bridgeville, Pa., the DPAA said.

Larkins was accounted for on May 4, 2017. It wasn’t immediately clear why it took so long to return the remains for burial.

“The #2ID #Warriors, who paid the ultimate sacrifice during the #Korean-War have finally returned home,” 2ID wrote Tuesday in a tweet.

Scientists from the DPAA and the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System identified both men using DNA samples and dental and chest radiograph analysis as well as circumstantial and material evidence.

North Korea recently returned more remains in 55 cases as part of leader Kim Jong Un’s agreement with President Donald Trump during their June 12 summit in Singapore.

The administration called the repatriation an important goodwill gesture that may boost broader talks aimed at ridding the North of its nuclear weapons.

The DPAA also said it “looks forward to the continued fulfillment of the commitment” made at the summit, which included a promise to resume searches for more remains in the North.

The agency says 7,691 Americans remain unaccounted for from the Korean War, with some 5,300 believed to be lost in the North.

BELLS RING FOR HUMPHREYS CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



STORY BY

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CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea – Humphreys Central Elementary School (HCES) opened its doors for the start of the new school year Aug. 27.

New and returning students were greeted by faculty, staff and music performed by the Eighth Army Band. Soldiers and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army (KA-TUSA) lined the entrance way with greeting signs and passed out pencils to incoming students.

“The school is a lot bigger here and this is the first time the Army Band has greeted us on the first day of school,” said Sgt. Courtney Davis, a public affairs specialist from Tallahassee, Florida, assigned to the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

Davis, previously stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, arrived in Korea mid-August, accompanied by her husband, Justin, and three children, Julius, Genesis and Trinity.

“The transition has been stress-free and the administrators for DoDEA (Department of Defense Education Activity) PAC-West have made the registration smooth as butter,” said Davis.

Over the course of several years, United States Forces Korea personnel, to include the civilian workforce have begun a process known as ‘Transformation and Restoration’, relocating from the Greater Seoul Metropolitan Area to Camp Humphreys. This historic event of relocating Soldiers, accompanied family and Korean National civilian personnel is unprecedented and marks a significant change for forces in Korea.

This is the first year that Camp Humphreys’ schools will be affected by the transition, as service members and their families from around the peninsula have relocated to Camp Humphreys. More students than ever will fill the classrooms this school year.

“The transformation and movement of troops and families from USAG (U.S. Army Garrison) Yongsan affected the school year by emulating our enrollment from previous years prior to the establishment of two elementary schools at USAG Humphreys,” said Tiffany M. Bryant, principal of HCES and Tampa, Florida native.

Bryant, has been principal of HCES for two years and the 2018-2019 school year will be her third year as instructional leader for the area.

“In our previous year, our student enrollment was 350,” said Bryant. “To date, we have a total of 612 students enrolled, including our ‘Sure Start’ population,” she said.

The school is supporting the changes brought on by the transformation by being

prepared, said Bryant. The DoDEA utilizes staffing standards for student to teacher ratios, with class sizes reflecting that of previous years and creating an influx of staffing. So far, 53 new employees have been added to the HCES campus.

“Usually, you just go to school,” said Ashlie Webster, a third-grade teacher at HCES from Laramie, Wyoming. “There were so many people there to support the kids and there was a band so it was fun.”

Webster, who has been teaching for six years, says this is her first year with DoDEA.

“I previously worked in schools where there were no books, no workbooks,” said Webster. “I would create my own worksheets for the class or if there was one workbook, I would make copies for the students and sometimes they would have to share,” she added.

“Here, DoDEA is well-funded and there are consumable workbooks and resources for the students,” said Webster.

Webster’s previous work experience provides insight to the different culture that comes from working with DoDEA.

“Everyone has been supportive and it’s interesting to see how the kids are so open and accepting,” said Webster. “I’m interested to see how PCS (permanent change of station) season changes the classroom as we receive new kids throughout the year,” she added.

“With the transformation comes growth, and the faculty and staff at HCES continue to provide excellent customer service,” said Bryant.

“We are a dedicated team of professionals who keep the educational gains and safety of our students at the forefront of everything we do,” said Bryant. “This is witnessed in our scheduling, curriculum, collaboration, planning and more,” she said.

For Davis and her family, the transition from Fort Riley to Camp Humphreys has been positive. She said that during orientation, it was explained that much of the creative curriculum at her children’s previous school would apply here.

“My seven-year-old, Trinity, fell asleep when she came home, so they’re doing something right,” said Davis. “They (her children) all seem happy and willing to share their experience without hesitation, so I know this will be a good move.”



Sgt. Courtney Davis, a public affairs specialist assigned to 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, and her husband, Justin, walk their daughters, Genesis and Trinity, to their first day of school at Humphreys Central Elementary School, Aug. 27.



Sparky the Fire Dog, the Camp Humphreys Fire Department mascot, greets students and their family for the first day of school at Humphreys Central Elementary School, Aug. 27.



Sgt. Maj. Tommie Jones, a native of Middletown, Ohio and logistics sergeant major, emerges from the muddy water during the 2018 Spartan Race in Inje Aug. 25. CSMs and SGMs participated in the 2018 Spartan Race as a team-building exercise to inspire esprit de corps and challenge themselves, both physically and mentally.

SENIOR LEADERS BUILD CAMARADERIE DURING SPARTAN RACE



Command Sergeants Major and Sergeants Major of the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division negotiate the widely-spread monkey bar obstacle during the 2018 Spartan Race Aug. 25. CSMs and SGMs participated in the 2018 Spartan Race in Inje as a team-building exercise to inspire esprit de corps and challenge themselves, both physically and mentally.



STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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INJE, Republic of Korea – Warriors covered in mud, sweat and determination conquered the escalating challenges of a grueling obstacle course designed to test their physical strength and inner resolve.

Sergeants Major from units throughout the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division participated in the 2018 Spartan Race Sprint as a team-building exercise Aug. 25.

The formation of this year's CSM/SGM Warrior Team stemmed from a recent leadership development session with Command Sgt. Maj. Phil K. Barretto, a native of Honolulu, Hawaii, where he emphasized the importance of staff cohesion.

"I'm really glad that the division sergeant major took the time and energy to get all the sergeants major together to meet each other since our assignments are spread out across the peninsula," said Sgt. Maj. Norman W. Tatro III, Las Vegas native and C-5 plans sergeant major. "It builds better relationships across the division and provides a positive example for junior enlisted Soldiers."

The five-kilometer course boasts more than 20 obstacles between competitors and the finish line. The athletes pushed deep into their discomfort zone as they raced through unpredictable terrain. The team traversed a river, rocks, climbing walls,

"The teamwork between civilian local nationals and military members not letting anyone fall behind during the race emits an inspirational human dynamic."



Command Sergeants Major and Sergeants Major of the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division low crawl under concertina wire during the 2018 Spartan Race Sprint Aug. 25. CSMs and SGMs participate in the 2018 Spartan Race in Inje as a team-building exercise to inspire esprit de corps and challenge themselves, both physically and mentally.

ropes, underwater barriers, pulled cement blocks on chains, carried weights, and mastered widely-spaced monkey bars.

"The Spartan Race not only promoted teamwork, but also promoted resiliency," said Sgt. Maj. Anthony C. Gregerson, a San Diego, California native, and division fires operations sergeant major.

Gregerson is new to the division and remained motivated by his teammates throughout the race. He found the weighted rope pull as the most challenging event.

"Lifting weights with only a rope was physically exhausting, but being resilient and having teammates counting on me allowed me to power through and succeed," said Gregerson.

Competitors not only received inspiration from teammates, but words of encouragement from spectators along the course.

"The teamwork between civilian local nationals and military members not letting anyone fall behind during the race emits an inspirational human dynamic," said Sgt. Maj. Tyrone Murphy Jr., a native of Maysville, North Carolina, and 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade operations sergeant major. "Being new to this division, it was a positive, eye-opening experience to put a face to the name and race side-by-side with my peers and the civilian population," said Murphy.

The Warriors gleamed with unbridled elation in their accomplishments as they took their final step across the finish line as a team, signaling the end of their Spartan journey and beginning a new-found camaraderie.

(Bottom) **Command Sergeants Major and Sergeants Major of the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division proudly display their in InjeSpartan Race completion medals after completing the race as a team Aug. 25. CSMs and SGMs participated in the 2018 Spartan Race as a team-building exercise to inspire esprit de corps and challenge themselves, both physically and mentally.**



THE INDIANHEAD



Ms. Song Ok Namgung, contemporary Christian music jazz artist, sings the Korean Grill Aug. 13. The 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division Unit Ministry Day. (U.S. Army photo by Mr. Pak, Chin U., 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)

VICTORY PRAYER LUNCHEON

UNITES



STORY BY
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CAMP RED CLOUD, Republic of Korea – Warrior Division Soldiers came together for a unifying celebration that uplifted the spirits and fed the souls of those in attendance.

The 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division Unit Ministry Team held a 2018 Victory Prayer Luncheon in honor of Korean Liberation Day and Victory in the Pacific Day at Mitchell's Grill Aug. 13.

More than 150 members of the 2ID/RUCD community varying in rank, position, and background met in observance of the event.

"This is a two-part celebration as we commemorate the U.S. victory in the Pacific, which ended World War II and the liberation of Korea from imperial Japan rule," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Hyeonjoong Kim, 2ID/RUCD command chaplain and Seoul native. "We reflect on the spiritual fortitude of our Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in support of the nations," he added.

Following singing of the Korean and American national anthems by Ms. Song Ok Namgung, a contemporary Christian jazz singer, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion Chaplain (Capt.) Steve Love and Republic of Korea Army Chaplain (Capt.) Byungki Lee, 16th Mechanized Brigade gave the invocation in English Korean, respectively.



Guest speaker Chaplain (Col.) Chul W. Kim, Eighth Army command chaplain, addresses 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division Soldiers about the significance of spirituality during the 2018 Victory Prayer Luncheon at Mitchell's Grill August 13.

(U.S. Army photo by Mr. Pak, Chin U., 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



and American national anthems during the 2018 Victory Prayer Luncheon at Mitchell's Team hosted the event in observance of Korean Liberation Day and Victory in the Pacific

LUNCHEON

WARRIOR SOLDIERS



Soldiers from 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division enjoy the selection of Mexican food provided at the 2018 Victory Prayer Luncheon at Mitchell's Grill August 13.

(U.S. Army photo by Mr. Pak, Chin U., 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)

"There are two important days in your life: when you are born and when you discover the purpose of why you were born," said Chaplain (Col.) Chul W. Kim, Eighth Army command chaplain and Seoul native.. "Everyone has a purpose in this life, it's not random."

Chul Kim spoke about how strengthening spiritual fitness can help Warriors focus their core beliefs to understand their identity, purpose, and sense of connection.

Chul Kim's remarks resonated with Sgt. Nichole L. Olson, intel analyst and Beech Grove, Indiana native, who was inspired to attend future events as she enjoyed the communal atmosphere of the luncheon.

"It was altogether a wonderful time with the beautiful prayers, great music, and delicious Mexican food," said Olson. "Loved the fact that it was open to both nations, regardless of religious denomination. Everyone can enjoy the luncheon and freely talk to their neighbors."

After months of preparation, members of the 2ID/RUCD Unit Ministry Team agreed the event was a success.

"It was refreshing to see the immense involvement with this luncheon," said Master Sgt. David M. Kress, a Cleveland native and religious affairs leader. "The Victory Prayer Luncheon was a testament of members of the Warrior community gathering and celebrating the division's spiritual strength on a day fundamental in establishing ROK-U.S partnership on August 15, 1945."

More than 73 years later, spirits are uplifted in reverence, song, and prayer as the bonds formed within the combined division flourish with the common goal of perennial peace on the Korean peninsula.

CADETS RECEIVE 'SECOND TO NONE' LEADERSHIP



STORY BY
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Cadet Michael Bertlesman, a rising senior political science major at the Rochester Institute of Technology from Plainview, New York, and Cadet Troop Leadership Training program participant assigned to the 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, accepts a candy offering from a student at an orphanage July 31. Bertlesman accompanied his sponsor 2nd Lt. Seth Maddy, a fires platoon leader with 6-37th FAR. Soldiers attending the orphanage removed their shoes and wore sandals as is customary in the Republic of Korea. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Larry B. Barnhill, 210th Field Artillery Brigade Public Affairs)

CAMP RED CLOUD, Republic of Korea – The U.S. Army hosts Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from various schools across the U.S. during the late summer each year, temporarily assigning them to units for leadership experience. Cadets who join the ranks of the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division gain a unique experience from the Army's only permanently-forward stationed, combined division.

Cadet Troop Leadership Training (CTLT), as the program is called, is an opportunity for cadets to temporarily join the U.S. Army's formations during their initial entry training and gain firsthand experience.

"The CTLT program gives you the knowledge and experience about how the 'real Army' works and the role of the L-T (lieutenant)," said Cadet Michael Bertlesman, a Plainview, New York native who trained with the 210th Field Artillery Brigade. "It's a really refreshing experience to come here and see how it all works."

The cadets work alongside officer leadership at the platoon level and receive an officer evaluation report of their performance following their assignment.

"Since being here, I've spent time with the platoon leader, 2nd Lt. Seth Maddy, working on memos, awards, (vehicle) dispatches, planning (weapons) ranges, FTX's (field training exercises), learning platoon leader tasks," Bertlesman said.

"Being a CTLT sponsor, it gives affirmation of your own knowledge because you don't realize how much you learned until seeing the impact of knowledge you share," said Maddy, a fires platoon leader with 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment and Gilbert, Arizona native.

More than 60 cadets joined the division, assigned across five units: Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Rotational), and 210th Field Artillery Brigade.

The Republic of Korea offers a unique perspective for cadets like Bertlesman.

"It's interesting to be at the northern most post on the peninsula and the mindset of all the Soldiers and commands assigned to Camp Casey," Bertlesman said. "It's also interesting to see Western culture that Korea has embraced. I went to a baseball game and saw how 'into it' the local fans were."

Maddy shares Bertlesman's perspective as he himself participated in the CTLT program prior to commissioning as an officer.

"I did the CTLT program also via OCS at (Fort) Benning," said Maddy. I can fully understand where he came from. This is the closest he (Cadet Bertlesman) will get to being deployed without being on a combat deployment because of the high OPTEMPO (operational tempo)."

Maddy also expressed the importance of cadets experiencing the interaction platoon leaders have with junior enlisted Soldiers and noncommissioned officers.

The 21D/RUCD hosted the CTLT cadets for two iterations, July 11 - August 7, then July 16 - August 12.



"I like to travel in Korea because the public transportation is pretty efficient and everything is within four hours."

Pfc. William Mizzelle, native of Colerina, North Carolina, tactical power generation specialist, 3BSB, 1ABCT.



"Waegwan has a lot of offer. I know all the stores and I know where to get anything I need."

Sgt. 1st Class Stanley H. Osinki, native of Boston, Massachusetts, brigade master gunner, 2SBDE.

WARRIOR ON THE STREET



"Vietnam is one place I've always wanted to visit — all the history, the food, the amazing landscape — it's definitely on my bucket-list."

Spc. Trevon Fite, native of Youngstown, Ohio, aviation operation specialist, 2CAB.



"My favorite places to visit are Seoul and Osan. Every time I visit Seoul, I never see the same thing twice, new places to eat and venture each time."

Sgt. Kionte N. Askew, native of Atlanta, wheeled vehicle mechanic, HHBn.



Camp Humphreys in South Korea has a bustling airfield that includes helicopters from the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade. Many organizations have recently moved to the installation as part of a \$10.7 billion effort to consolidate American forces there. (Photo Credit: U.S. Army photo by Sean Kimmons)



STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Army News Service

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea -- Once a bustling U.S. Army post in the middle of one of the world's largest cities, much of Yongsan Garrison now resembles a ghost town.

While many Yongsan buildings sit abandoned next to blocked roads, the surrounding streets of Seoul outside its security gates pulse with life.

Both the headquarters for 8th Army and U.S. Forces Korea and many other organizations have packed up and left for Camp Humphreys, located about 50 miles to the south.

The 2nd Infantry Division will also move here from Area I, a collection of U.S. bases in between Seoul and the demarcation zone, as the Army changes its posture on the Korean Peninsula amid an emerging outlook on peace.

Part of the U.S. Defense Department's largest peacetime relocation program, Humphreys has slowly become the U.S. Army's main hub in South Korea. The city of Daegu, which is another 100 miles further south, is the other hub.

Even with fewer Soldiers near the DMZ, leaders believe the consolidation will actually improve readiness.

"It certainly helps us be ready and project power," said Col. Scott Mueller, the garrison commander at Humphreys. "This gives us an opportunity to be able to centralize functions and then be a launching platform should the need arrive."

SMALL CITY

Humphreys has transformed into a small city to make room for personnel and equipment trickling in from several camps in Seoul and north of the capital city. At almost three times its original size, it is now the largest U.S. military

base overseas.

Enough dirt to fill Yankee Stadium 29 times over was trucked in to provide the foundation for much of the revamped Army post. Nearly 700 new construction projects have already been built, including the newest post exchange and commissary, housing, medical facilities and schools.

In the past few years, the post's population has ballooned from about 6,000 to 28,000 Soldiers, family members, civilians, contractors, and South Korean army soldiers. By 2020, when the transfers should be complete, there will be about 42,000 personnel on post.

"It's been quite an enterprise to make this happen," Mueller said.

Consolidation efforts began in 2004 when the U.S. and South Korean governments agreed to relocate Soldiers to Humphreys while still providing them access to training sites north of Seoul.

The Humphreys project costs about \$10.7 billion -- roughly 90 percent of which is being paid by the Korean government.

Many of the sites left by Soldiers will be returned to South Korea's Ministry of National Defense or local governments. In Yongsan, for instance, there are plans to eventually construct a public park with a lake.

There is also cost savings associated with the U.S. Army having most of its facilities consolidated in one location. At Yongsan and other sites, this means less overhead resources required for schools, commissaries, security or other garrison services.

"We've reduced manpower requirements because it's all consolidated down there at Humphreys," said Paul Hubbard, the base closure team lead for Yongsan.

ACCOMPANIED TOUR

For those who live at Humphreys, they say the post has all the amenities they need and plenty of places to explore outside the gates.

Capt. Terrence Strahan decided to do his tour accompanied with his wife, Kendra. While Soldiers can do one-year assignments alone, those accompanied with family members must stay for two years.

During their tour, both have sightseen around the country, taken kimchi cooking classes, and attended a Korean baseball game, among other activities.

"It's been a great adventure, seeing the different culture and being able to travel around the country," said Strahan, a company commander in 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade's 4th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion.

On any given day, the airfield at Humphreys is buzzing with activity from helicopters and other aircraft. As an Apache helicopter pilot himself, Strahan said the semi-deployed environment also offers realistic training to him and his unit.

Kendra, a licensed practitioner nurse by trade, said she has enjoyed her time being fulfilled by the opportunities to volunteer. She teaches classes at the American Red Cross on post and assists in evacuation exercises and even at a local orphanage.

After seeing her husband deploy two times before to Iraq and Afghanistan, she jumped at the chance to go to Korea and support him.

AS LARGEST OCONUS MILITARY BASE CAMP HUMPHREYS BE

"It was so hard being away from him," she said. "It's a long time to be away, so if you can be here with them, be here with them."

Mueller described South Korea as a very safe country. His three boys will often travel outside the post, hop on a bus and head to the nearby city of Pyeongtaek and even Seoul.

His family has visited some of the country's beaches and skied in its mountains. They also went to this year's Winter Olympics, which were hosted a few hours away. "Quite frankly, if the Army hadn't put me here I'm not sure if I would have ever seen this part of the world," the colonel said.

While Humphreys boasts several fitness centers, pools and other recreation activities, and a large PX "with just about everything in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service inventory," Mueller said it would be a shame for a Soldier not to venture off post.

"You really could spend your entire year or your two-year tour here in Korea and never leave the garrison, except to maybe go train," he said. "To me, that would be a waste of a good opportunity. I tell the Soldiers to get out, to see Korea and experience the culture."

END OF AN ERA

Meanwhile at Yongsan, the Army has seen a steady reduction in its once large footprint.

At one time, the U.S. Army had occupied about 1,300 buildings in Yongsan. A small residual garrison that will stay there will eventually control just 38 buildings. Most of the structures will either be used by the Koreans or demolished.

Some of them date back to the Japanese occupation in the early 1900s. Those deemed to have historic value may be saved as part of a joint venture with the War Memorial of Korea across the street from the main post, Hubbard said.

"It's an honor to help facilitate that and to transfer the land back to them, so they can participate in a part of that history," he said. "A lot of Koreans have never even set foot on this soil."

The moves are also bittersweet for Hubbard, who has spent 13 years in Korea as both a Soldier and civilian. For two years, he served as a flight medic at the Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital. That hospital is set to close as a new one with the same name prepares to open at Humphreys in late 2019.

Many other structures are now vacant. Inside an old building that housed 8th Army's Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, offices sit empty except for a few chairs and desks. Cobwebs float in the hallways and internet cables that once connected the building to the outside world now lay abandoned on worn-out floors.

Because of its location within a megacity, Yongsan will likely be the most difficult camp the Army closes. Buildings need to be boarded up and fence lines moved in order to maintain security as parcels of land are handed back over.

"Until we get to closure, the consolidation has been our greatest challenge," Hubbard said. "We try to get rid of all the eyesores and block off areas as much as possible."

Brand new buildings with upgraded equipment greet those who make the move down to Humphreys. The major headquarters buildings, for instance, have all the modern communications infrastructure needed to operate mission command systems and talk with counterparts in country or globally.

"These headquarters are wired for sound," Mueller said. "It's a big leap forward in terms of capability."

Even as the garrison commander who has dealt with the transformation on a daily basis, Mueller said he is still amazed by the design and engineering efforts that went into creating such a large installation.

"This is no easy task. We've built a garrison essentially from the ground up," he said. "What we're sitting on here [now] was mostly rice paddies."



Inside the commissary at Camp Humphreys on June 3, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Sean Kimmons)

BASE, BECOMES MAJOR HUB IN SOUTH KOREA



3BSB CONDUCTS DECON TRAINING



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DAGMAR NORTH, Republic of Korea – Soldiers with the 3rd Brigade Support Battalion (3BSB), conducted Decontamination (DECON) lane training to test Soldiers' skills on reacting to a chemical attack, vehicle decontamination and patient decontamination Aug. 3.

The unit also tested the capabilities of the M26 Joint Weight Decontamination Apparatus.

"Before the battalions conduct any Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) training, we train all CBRN specialists at the brigade level quarterly to make sure they receive the proper training," said Staff Sgt. Jose Castro, a native of Bronx, New York and 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team CBRN specialist.

The battalion challenged Soldiers from different military occupational specialties (MOS) to perform the lanes. Soldiers face a specific challenge to overcome at each lane.

As the training started, the vehicles came to a complete stop and Soldiers dismounted to receive instructions on how to conduct the operational DECON.

Each DECON personnel used the M26 apparatus to wash down the vehicles to make sure the vehicles were decontaminated.

"My goal is to train all Soldiers individually on how to conduct DECON

operations on a vehicle and how to don Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) 4 gear," said Staff Sgt. Valeriy Vaquez, a native of Salinas, Puerto Rico, and 3BSB CBRN specialist. "The training was very challenging as Soldiers filled up the blivet with over 2,000 gallons of water in 100 degree weather, but we used our water sources to make the process go faster."

It took approximately 30 minutes to fill up the blivet that held more than 2,000 gallons of water, before the training started.

There were three stations the Soldiers had to complete. Station three was a little more challenging as Soldiers were required to exchange their MOPP 4 gear and receive validation that the gear was properly decontaminated.

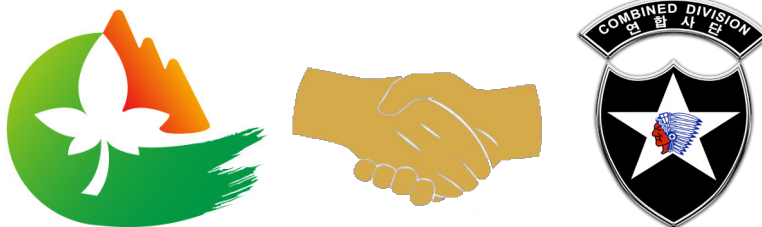
If the gear wasn't decontaminated, they were sent back to the original staging area to restart.

"The training was very interesting with different MOSs, but we stayed motivated as we completed the training," said Spc. Cory Houston, a native of Oakland Park, Florida, and 3BSB Combat Medical specialist. "This was my first time conducting vehicle DECON lanes and I learned a lot about M26s as a medical Soldier."

The battalion will continue to conduct quarterly DECON training to ensure all incoming Soldiers receive the training 'step-by-step.'

"The training wasn't easy, but it was an outstanding training to conduct because we can save lives in the future during chemical attacks," said Houston.

(Left) Soldiers with the 3rd Brigade Support Battalion unload an M26 Joint Light Weight Decontamination Apparatus during DECON training Aug.3. The battalion Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear specialist trained Soldiers how to remove the apparatus from vehicles and fill the apparatus with water. **(Right)** Soldiers with 3rd Brigade Support Battalion spray down a military vehicle during Decontamination training Aug.3. The battalion Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear specialist trained Soldiers how to DECON vehicle and personnel during chemical attacks. (U.S. Army Photos by 1st Lt. Meghan Winters)



WARRIOR LEADER MEETS WITH DONGDUCHEON CITY MAYOR

Maj. Gen. D. Scott McKean, commanding general, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division presents the traditional 2nd Infantry Division Tomahawk as a gift to Dongducheon City Mayor Choi Yong-deok at Dongducheon City Hall Aug. 14. The mayor of Dongducheon City and 2ID/RUCD commanding general met to discuss ways to enhance partnership between local citizens and U.S. Soldiers. (U.S. Army photo by Mr. Pak, Chin U., 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



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DONGDUCHEON, Republic of Korea – Maj. Gen. D. Scott McKean, commanding general, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division and Brig. Gen. Kim, Yong Chul, deputy commanding general for ROK met with Dongducheon City Mayor Choi Yong-deok at Dongducheon City Hall Aug. 14.

The mayor of Dongducheon City, which is home to Camp Casey, and 2ID/RUCD commanding general met for the first time to discuss ways to enhance partnership between local citizens and U.S. Soldiers.

Both leaders expressed their mutual goal of maintaining a strong partnership and the importance of Soldiers partaking in local customs, food and events with the local communities in which they live and serve.

The mayor presented McKean with a Certificate of Honorary Citizenship, while the commanding general presented Yong-deok with a Tomahawk to signify their enduring partnership between the City of Dongducheon and the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division.



Dongducheon City Mayor Choi Yong-deok and Maj. Gen. D. Scott McKean, commanding general, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division shake hands upon initially meeting at the Dongducheon City Hall Aug. 14. (U.S. Army photo by Mr. Pak, Chin U., 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



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SOYOSAN MOUNTAIN

Soyosan Mountain was designated as National Tourist Site on March 31, 1977. It is the most treasured mountain north of the Hangang River. Although it is relatively small, only standing 587m tall, it is covered by a lush forest, and dotted by waterfalls and peaks. On the slopes of Soyosan Mountain rest shrines commemorating Wonhyo and Uisang, two renowned Buddhist monks from the Silla Kingdom, and the Jajae Hermitage, a small temple where Wonhyo practiced asceticism. There are many small waterfalls including Wonhyo Falls, Uisang Falls, Cheongnyang Falls, and Seonnyeotang Falls, which are popular destinations for visitors. Nahanjeon, a natural stone cave, and Geumsonggul Cave, halfway up the mountain, still maintain an air of mystery.

Soyosan Mountain is located on the outskirts of Dongducheon City and can be accessed by taking the '1' train to the last stop, Soyosan Station.

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SOUTH KOREA ROTATIONS GIVE SOLDIERS DEPLOYMENT, CULTURAL EXPERIENCE



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DAGMAR NORTH TRAINING AREA, South Korea -- Not even a year in the Army, Pvt. Sadearious Purce was tasked to drive one of the world's most powerful vehicles in a foreign land.

Behind the controls of an M1 Abrams tank, the 18-year-old tanker and other Soldiers in his 3rd Infantry Division armored unit are learning vital skills within a semi-deployed setting.

In a recent exercise as part of his unit's nine-month training rotation, Purce breached a simulated minefield with the tank's plow, creating a safe passage for other tanks.

"Even if I make a mistake, I learn from that mistake," Purce, of Madisonville, Kentucky, said of the constant drills. "It gives me better driving experience."

As for how the 60-something-ton vehicle handles? "It's like driving a beast," he said, smiling.

Purce's unit -- the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, which had completed a National Training Center rotation in the Californian desert before deploying here -- currently serves as the lead rotational unit assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division.

As the Army's only permanently forward-stationed division, 2nd ID has turned to rotational units since 2015 to strengthen its mission on the Korean Peninsula.

The rotations supplement its forces with an ongoing supply of well-trained Soldiers fresh out of combat training centers and home station training. It's also an opportunity to train up newer Soldiers, like Purce.

At any given time, there are about 4,000 U.S. Soldiers on a rotational basis that fall under 2nd ID. While the majority of its ground combat power comes from an armored brigade, the division also receives artillery, aviation and other assets through rotations.

"Every rotational unit that arrives is really at the cutting edge of readiness," said Col. Andrew Morgado, the division's chief of staff. "Once they get on [the peninsula], we continue their training evolution and keep getting them better prepared for what our missions are here."

While talks of peace develop between the U.S. and North Korea, the division continues its work to deter aggression and maintain stability on the peninsula.

"It's a tremendous opportunity just to do basic soldiering," Morgado said of the mission here. "You never have to really think about why you're here or what your purpose is -- you understand that."

The pace of the training, which is often carried out in austere field conditions, also prepares Soldiers for what they may see one day on a battlefield.

"It's really benefitting them to see what it's like to come to work every single day and have a mission," said Capt. Ryan McCullough, one of the brigade's company commanders.

Being thousands of miles from their home at Fort Stewart, Georgia, has also made 1st ABCT Soldiers more focused on those missions.

"There's definitely the distraction of being away from your family, but there is an added benefit on the training side of that," McCullough said. "We know we're here to train and we're here to support and strengthen the alliance."

That alliance is something the brigade's Soldiers see firsthand with the KATUSAS, who are assigned to their tank crews. KATUSAS, short for Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army, are part of the South Korean army who work primarily with U.S. Soldiers.

For Pfc. Thomas Deegan, a 23-year-old loader in a tank crew, interacting with the KATUSAS has been a cultural learning experience. Originally from Chicago, Deegan has never traveled outside the U.S. until this mission.

"You form a bond with them outside of work, which is great," he said. "It only makes you stronger at the end of the day. It also increases the bond we currently have with South Korea."

The brigade's current rotation has also marked a historic return for the 3rd ID. It is the first time Soldiers with the 3rd ID patch have served on the peninsula since the division fought there during the Korean War.

In that war, the "Rock of the Marne" division had 13 Medal of Honor recipients, received eight Battle Stars, and were awarded a Presidential Unit Citation by South Korea.

To be able to train near those former war sites where their brethren once fought was not lost on McCullough and his unit.

"It's really amazing to be here and so close to some historic places and battlefields," the captain said. "My Soldiers have had the opportunity to see where some of the biggest battles happened during the Korean War."

"We can add this experience to our unit's heritage," he said.

Now in his third time being stationed in South Korea, Morgado said he has found personal satisfaction in coming back to the peninsula and supporting the Korean people. He hopes all Soldiers in the rotational units will realize their impact on the mission.

"They are an important link in the chain of our alliance," the colonel said.

"When their tour is done, whether they are here on a rotational basis or part of the standing forces here, they have made an active and positive contribution to the alliance -- and that is pretty powerful stuff."



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2nd Engineer Battalion, then designated the “Battalion of Engineers, Army of the United States,” was first organized in 31 December 1861 as a provisional engineer battalion from four new and existing companies of engineers. The Battalion fought with the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War from 1861 to 1865 and earned multiple campaign streamers for its achievements. During the Mexican expedition campaign, the 2nd Battalion of Engineers was reorganized as the 2nd Regiment of Engineers on 1 August 1916. Later, the 2nd Regiment of Engineers was re-designated in 29 August 1917 as 1st Battalion, 2nd Engineer Regiment.

HISTORY/2ID RELATIONSHIP

In September of 1917, the 2nd Engineer Regiment was assigned to the 2d Division. During World War I, it participated in multiple campaigns which earned it the Croix de Guerre from the French Government and the Belgian Fourragere from the Belgian government. In 1939, the 1st Battalion, 2nd Engineer Regiment was reorganized and re-designated the 2nd Engineer Battalion (Combat), as it became a part of the new streamlined 2nd Infantry Division. The Battalion was re-designated the 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion on 1 August 1942. On the D-Day 6 June 1944, 70 Soldiers from the Battalion came ashore on Omaha Beach at H-Hour to blow obstacles in the path of assault boats and landing craft carrying the Infantry. The Battalion continued to serve vital roles in combat during the remainder of World War II, and Soldiers in the Battalion were awarded the Medal of Honor, one Distinguished Service Cross, twenty-seven Silver Stars, eighty-five Bronze Stars, and 4 of the Croix de Guerre.

The Battalion also participated in the Korean War, and was part of the Division as it spearheaded a drive north to the Yalu River where the Communist Chinese Intervention had begun. On 1 July 1965 the 2nd Engineer Battalion was transferred to Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division, less personnel and equipment. For 40 years, the mission of the 2nd Engineer Battalion was as the most forward deployed engineers in the US Army, a vital part of the commitment to peace and freedom on the Korean peninsula. On 15 June 2005, as part of the reduction of US Forces in Korea and the transformation of the 2nd Infantry Division to the US Army's new modular force structure, the 2nd Engineer Battalion was inactivated. Its personnel were reflagged as the Special Troops Battalion, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division.

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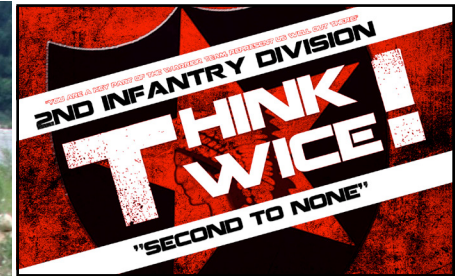
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9월하면 떠오르는 게 무엇이 있을까? 대학생이라면 9월달에 있는 연휴보다 10월 초에 보통 있는 중간고사를 먼저 걱정하게 될 것이다. 하지만 다른 사람들에게는 9월하면 바로 떠오르는 것이 바로 추석이다. 설날과 더불어 한국의 2대 명절 중 하나인 추석에는 전통적으로 전국에 흩어진 가족들이 한 곳에 모여 오랫동안 못 본 친척들의 얼굴을 보고 맛있는 음식을 먹으며 오랜 회포를 푼다. 추석 즈음에 휴가를 많이 가는 군인들도 예외는 아닐 것이다. 부대에서 받는 배식에만 익숙해진 군인들에게는 추석 때 먹을 수 있는 정성이 가득 담긴 명절 음식들이 굉장히 특별하게 다가올 텐데 이번 기회를 삼아 추석날 먹게 될 명절 음식에 대해 알아보도록 하자.



추석하면 가장 먼저 떠오를 만큼 추석 음식을 대표하는 것이 바로 송편이다. 본래 햅쌀과 햇곡식으로 오려송편(추석에 햅곡식으로 빚은 것)을 빚어 한 해의 수확을 감사하며 조상의 차례상 등에 바치던 것에서 유래된 떡이다. 솔잎과 함께 떡을 찌기 때문에 송병(松餅)이라고도 불린다. 소로 어떤 재료를 넣느냐에 따라 만드는 절차가 다르다. 예를 들면 팔고 녹두는 불린 다음 거피하여 찌고, 콩은 껍질을 까 놓고 깨는 볶아서 깨소금을 만든다. 흔히 솔잎으로 만들기에 색이 다 연두색이어야 하지 않냐는 생각도 들지만 노란색은 치자를, 분홍색은 소나무 속껍질을 이용하여 색을 보통 낸다고 한다. 매우 맛있어 남녀노소 누구나 즐겨먹지만 송편의 칼로리는 1인분 기준 338kcal, 약 5~6개 정도를 먹을 시 밥 한 공기(300kcal)의 열량을 자랑하기에 다이어트 중이라면 조심해야할 것이다.

송편만큼 선호되지는 않지만 추석을 대표하는 국을 논할때 토란국을 빼 수 없을 것이다. 토란국은 쇠고기 양지머리 육수에 토란을 넣고 끓인 국으로 토란탕 또는 토란곰국이라고도 한다. 정확히 언제부터 토란국을 먹게 되었는지는 불명이나 『동국이상국집』에 시골에서 토란국을 끓였다는 기록이 나오는 것으로 미루어 식용의 역사는 최소 고려시대 때부터로 추정된다. 만드는 법은 토란을 뜨물에 삶아 놓고, 큰 것은 두쪽으로 갈라 놓는다. 그 후 쇠고기를 채썰어 양념하여 맑은 장국을 끓이다가 다시마를 넣어 끓인다. 장국이 끓으면 다시마를 건기고 파를 채썰어 넣는다. 9~10월이 제철인 토란은 주성분은 당질로서 특히나 갈락탄이 많이 들어 있어 혈압을 내려 주고 혈중 콜레스테롤 수치를 낮춰주는 등 건강에 좋다고 한다.



앞서 말한 송편이나 토란국만큼 유명하지는 않으나 밤단자 역시 추석 때 즐겨먹는 떡이다. 밤단자는 찹쌀가루를 써서 오래 치대어 작게 끓고 밤을 삶아 체에 내린 밤고물을 묻혀서 만든 떡으로 손이 많이 가기에 궁중과 반가에서 추석 때 차례상에 올리고 겨울철 다과상에 내던 고급떡 중 하나다. 추석 절기에 맞춰 맛볼 수 있는 햅밤을 주로 이용하여 빚는 떡으로 《시의전서》, 《조선요리제법》 등에 그 조리법이 적혀있다고 한다. 원나라 시대 조리서인 『거가필용사류전집(居家必用事類全集)』에는 밤단자가 우리 음식의 하나로 소개되고 있어 최소 고려시대 밤을 사용한 떡을 즐겨먹었음을 알 수 있다. 밤에 들어 있는 폴리페놀 성분은 설사를 멈추게 하는 효과가 있어 변에 매우 좋다고 하니 변 때문에 고생하는 사람들을 위한 추석 음식이라 볼 수도 있다.

〈사진 _ 제2보병사단 공보처 일병 박승호〉



제2보병사단/한미연합사단 경로당 방문기

〈사진 _ 제2보병사단 공보처 일병 박승호〉



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대한민국, 포천 - 서로 다른 문화와 세대에서 살아온 사람들이 친목을 목적으로 한 자리에 모이게 될 때, 특이한 유대감이 형성되기 마련이다.

8월 8일, 즉석으로 진행된 제2보병사단/한미연합사단 장병들의 경로당 방문은 노인 분들과 연합사단과의 새로운 관계의 시작을 알렸다. 해당 방문은 2002년부터 도입된 주한미군 좋은 이웃 프로그램의 일환으로 행해진 것이다. 도입된 후 16년 동안, 주한미군 좋은 이웃 프로그램은 봉사활동 및 여러 행사를 통해 주한미군 소속 군인들과 대한민국 시민들간의 친밀감, 신뢰 및 상호 이해를 돕고 이를 향상시키는 데에 많은 기여를 해왔다.

제2보병사단/한미연합사단 민사작전부는 사단 주임 군종목사인 김현중 중령(Lt. Col. Hyeonjoong Kim) 과 같이 포천시의 한 경로당을 방문하여, 그곳의 노인 분들을 공경하려는 차원에서 소형 부채와 유명 브랜드의 쿠키 등을 포함한 선물을 드렸다.

경로당의 회장인 박성춘 씨는 “직접 방문해주셔서 너무 반가웠어요. 미군들이 직접 우리를 찾아와 같이 앉으면서 대화하는게 이번이 처음입니다. 과거의 좋은 이웃 프로그램은 이렇게까지 친밀 하지는 않았습니다.” 라고 말했다. “서로 같이 어우러지면서 함께 노력해가는 모습이 매우 아름답습니다. 가장 중요한 것은 미군들이 우리를 이해하려 최선을 다하는 모습을 보인다는 것입니다.” 라고도 덧붙였다.

사단에서 보낸 외교관들(민사작전부 및 군종목사 팀)은 해당 방문을 계기로 동맹국과의 유대를 새로운 관점으로 바라볼 수 있게 되었고 그 관점의 중요성도 새로이 인식한 계기가 되었다고 말했다.

플로리다 주 포트 마이어스 출신의 민사작전부 부참모인 제임스 포시스 소령(Maj. James Forsyth)은 “지역공동체로 직접 나와 이웃 도시의 이렇게 좋은 분들과 만남을 가질 수 있게 되어 매우 기쁩습니다. 이 지역 주민 분들 중 많은 분들이 한국전쟁을 이미 겪으신 분들입니다.” 라고 말했다. “그 분들이 들려주는 이야기는 한미동맹의 진정한 의미를 깨닫게 해주고 왜 미군이 한국에 주둔해 있는지에 대해 새로운 관점에서 바라볼 수 있게 해줍니다.” 라고도 덧붙였다.

소령은 더 나아가 사단의 민사작전부가 지역 내 다른 경로당 및 주민 센터 등을 방문할 계획을 세우고 있다고 말했다.

방문이 끝날 무렵, 가장 연로하신 주민분은 미소를 지으며 말했다, “미 까 사 에스 수 까사(Mi casa es su casa)” (세계적으로 널리 알려진 스페인어 관용 표현으로 “나의 집은 너의 집이나 다름없으므로 언제나 환영한다”는 의미이다.) 즉, 방문으로 굳건한 신뢰 관계가 형성되었다는 뜻이다. 이를 통해 주한미군 좋은 이웃 프로그램은 2사단 및 주한미군 장병들과 한국의 주민들을 서로 이어주는 역할을 함을 알 수 있다.

(왼쪽 위) 제2보병사단/한미연합사단 주임 군종 목사인 김현중 중령이 경로당 회장인 박성찬씨와 악수를 나누고 있다.

(오른쪽 위) 제2보병사단/한미연합사단 민사작전부를 주축으로 행해진 경로당 방문 중 장병들과 주민들이 단체 사진을 찍고 있다.

(오른쪽 중앙) 제2보병사단 군종 목사인 김현중 중령이 다른 사단 장병들에게 경로당 주민들이 들려주는 이야기를 대신 통역해 주고 있다.

(오른쪽 아래) 경로당 회장인 박성찬 씨가 장병들에게 자신이 어렸을 적 겪은 한국전쟁에 대한 이야기를 전해주고 있다.

전사사단 지휘부 동두천 시장을 만나다

더 좋은 동두천



〈사진 _ 제2보병사단 공보처 사진 전문가 박진우〉

대한민국 동두천 - 제2보병사단 / 한미연합사단 사단장인 스캇 맥킨 소장과 한국군 부사단장인 김용철 준장은 8월 14일 동두천 시청에서 최용덕 시장을 만났다.

캠프 케이시의 주둔지역인 동두천시의 시장과 2사단/한미연합사단 사단장은 처음으로 만나 지역주민들과 미군 장병들간의 동반자적 관계를 향상시키는 방안을 논의 했다.

양 지도자들은 강력한 동반자적 관계를 유지하는 것의 상호 공동 목표와 병사들의 지역 관습과 음식 및 거주하며 근무하고 있는 지역사회의 행사에 참여하는 중요성에 대하여 의견을 표 하였다.

최시장은 맥킨 사단장에게 명예 시민증을 수여하였고 사단장은 시장에게 동두천시와 2사단/한미연합사단간의 지속적인 동반자적 관계를 의미하는 토마호크 (손도끼) 를 전달하였다.



(가운데 위) 제2보병사단 / 한미연합사단 사단장인 스캇 맥킨 소장과 한국군 부사단장인 김용철 준장이 8월 14일 동두천 시청에서 동두천시 최용덕 시장과 시청 직원들과 함께 단체 사진을 찍고 있다.

(오른쪽 위) 제2보병사단 / 한미연합사단 사단장인 스캇 맥킨 소장이 동두천시 최용덕 시장에게 사단의 상징인 토마호크 도끼를 선물로 건네고 있다.

(오른쪽 아래) 제2보병사단 / 한미연합사단 사단장인 스캇 맥킨 소장과 동두천시 최용덕 시장이 서로 악수를 나누고 있다.





광복절 연합 오찬 기도회

캠프 레드 클라우드, 대한민국 - 제2보병사단의 장병들이 한 곳에 모여 정신을 고양하고 영혼은 고치시키는 행사를 가졌다.

제2보병사단/한미연합사단 소속 사단사역팀은 미첼 식당에서 한국의 광복절과 태평양 전쟁 승전 기념 2018년도 광복절 연합 오찬 기도회를 가졌다.

지휘고하를 막론하고 2사단 소속의 150여명이 넘는 장병들이 오찬에 참가하였다.

제2보병사단/한미연합사단 사단 주임 군종목사인 김현중 중령(Lt. Col. Hyeonjoong Kim)은 “오늘 오찬에서는 한국이 일본의 식민 지배에서 벗어난 날인 광복절과 2차 대전을 연합군의 승으로 이끈 태평양 전쟁에서의 승리를 기념합니다.”라고 말했다. “저희는 이 자리에서 조국을 위해 목숨 바쳐 헌신한 장병들의 숭고한 영혼을 기립니다.”라고도 덧붙였다.

크리스천 재즈 가수인 남궁송옥 여사의 한국과 미국 국가(國歌) 공연이 끝난 후 본부대대 군종목사인 스티브 러브 대위(Capt. Steve Love)와 대한민국 육군 소속 16 기계화 여단 군종 목사인 이병기 대위가 각각 영어와 한국어로 식전 기도를 올렸다.

서울 출신의 미8군 주임 군종 목사인 김철우 대령(Col. Chul W. Kim)은 “일생에서 가장 중요한 두 날이 있습니다. 하나는 여러분들이 태어난 날이고 다른 하나는 여러분들이 어떤 뜻을 갖고 태어났는지 깨닫는 날입니다.”라고 말했다. “여러분들은 다 뜻을 가지고 태어났습니다. 우연이 아닙니다.”라고도 덧붙였다.

김철우 대령은 영혼의 건강을 증진시키는게 장병들로 하여금 자신의 정체성을 확립하고, 삶의 이유를 찾고, 타인과의 연대감을 촉진하는데 도움을 준다고 말했다.

오찬의 분위기는 매우 화기애애 하였고 이러한 분위기 속에서

정보 분석가 이자 인디애나 주 비치 그로브 태생의 병장 니콜 올슨(Sgt. Nichole L. Olson)은 김철우 대령의 이와 같은 연설을 듣고 앞으로 있을 사단 군종 주최의 다른 행사에 참여하기로 마음먹기까지 했다.

올슨 병장은 “이번 오찬은 모두가 어우러져 아름다운 기도와 감미로운 노래를 듣고 맛있는 멕시코 음식을 즐기는 매우 멋진 행사였습니다.”라고 말했다. “오찬이 두 나라 모두를 위한 것이라는 것과 종교와 상관없이 참석할 수 있었다는 점이 매우 마음에 들었습니다. 모두가 모여 점심을 즐기고 자유롭게 옆 사람과 담소를 나누었습니다.”라고도 덧붙였다.

약 한 달간의 준비 작업 끝에, 행사를 주최한 사단 사역 팀 일동은 입 모아서 행사가 성공적으로 진행되었다고 얘기했다.

클리브랜드 태생의 군종 지휘자인 상사 데이비드 크레스(Master Sgt. David M. Kress)는 “오찬에 굉장히 많은 사람들이 참석해서 기분이 매우 신선했습니다.”라고 말했다. “광복절 연합 오찬 기도회는 한미 양국간의 역사적인 동반 관계가 시작된 1945년 8월 15일에 사단의 장병들이 모두 모여 사단의 정신을 되새겼음을 나타내는 증거가 될 것입니다.”

광복 후 73년이 지난 지금, 연합사단은 한반도 내의 영원한 평화라는 공통된 목표를 가지고 전진하며 이를 통해 형성된 상호간의 유대와 한미동맹의 정신을 찬송과 기도를 통해 고양하고 있다.

(가운데 위) 제2보병사단/한미연합 사단의 주임 군종 목사인 김현중 중령이 미8군 주임 군종 목사인 김철우 대령에게 사단 사역팀을 대표해 감사의 토건을 전달하고 있다.

<사진 _ 사진 전문가 박진우/ 제2보병사단 공보처>



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(왼쪽 위) 크리스천 현대 재즈 가수인 남궁송옥 여사가 오찬 중 한국과 미국 국가(國歌)를 부르고 있다.
(오른쪽 위) 미8군 주임 군종 목사인 김철우 대령이 오찬 중 모두를 위해 축도를 올리고 있다.
(오른쪽 아래) 제2보병사단/한미연합사단 징병들이 오찬 중 제공된 멕시코 음식을 그릇에 담고 있다.

<기사 _ 병장 라켈 비야로나/제2보병사단 공보처> <번역 _ 일병 박승호/제2보병사단 공보처>

한미 문화교류

Labor Day

노동절

<기사 _ 일병 박승호/제2보병사단 공보처>

메이 데이(May Day)라고도 알려진 노동절은 미국의 대표적인 연방 공휴일들 중 하나로 캐나다와 같이 매년 9월 첫째 주 월요일을 노동절로 삼는다. 따라서 2018년도 미국의 노동절은 9월 3일이다.

노동절은 이름 자체가 의미하듯이 노동자의 권익과 복지를 향상하고 안정된 삶을 도모하기 위한 날로 그 기원은 1886년으로 거슬러 올라간다. 1886년 5월 1일 미국 일리노이 주 시카고에서는 8만명의 노동자 및 그 가족들이 모여 8시간 노동 보장받기 위해 파업 집회를 열었고 미국 전역에서 대략 30~50만명의 시위자들이 집회에 참여했다. 이곳에서 경찰들과 충돌이 벌어져 수십명의 시위 인원들이 죽거나 다쳤고 이를 헤이마켓 사건이라 부른다. 이 사건을 계기로 하여 1899년 7월 세계 여러나라 노동운동 지도자들이 모여 결성한 제2인터내셔널 창립대회에서 5월 1일을 국제적 노동 기념일로 결정한다. 미국과 캐나다는 이러한 국제적 노동 운동과 차별성을 두기 위해 9월 첫 번째 월요일을 노동절로 삼게 되었다.

미국은 노동절을 비공식적 여름 시즌의 끝으로 간주하며 대부분 이때를 끼고 2주 이상의 장기 여행 계획을 세운다. 대부분의 학교도 이 때 즈음 혹은 노동절을 1주일 앞두고 개학을 하여 노동절 기간을 첫 3일 휴가로 삼는다.