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PHOTO OF THE MONTH

CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - The winners of the 2020 2ID/RUCD Best Warrior Competition were presented with ceremonial tomahawks during the awards ceremony, April 24, 2020 at Robertson Parade Field.

From left to right: Maj. Gen. Steven W. Gilland, Commanding General 2ID/RUCD ----- KSgt. Rhee, Jun Seo, 210th FAB, Training Room Clerk, Seoul, Republic of Korea native ----- Pfc. John Garnett, 2/1 ID, Calvary Scout, St. Louis, Missouri native ----- Sgt. Albert Rodriguez, 2CAB, UH-60 Helicopter Mechanic, Los Angeles, California native ----- Warrant Officer 1. Eric VanDunk, 210th FAB, Battalion Targetting Officer, Clarksville, Tennessee ----- 1st. Lt. Samuel Diehl, 210th FAB, Field Artillery Officer, Seattle, Washington native ----- Command Sgt. Maj. Phil K. Barretto, Division Command Sergeant Major.

(U.S. Army Photo by KPfc. Choi, Jae Won, 2ID/RUCD PUBLIC AFFAIRS)



Cover Photo: Front

Capt. Jacob Wells, 2ID/RUCD HHBN, Security Officer, Heath Springs, South Carolina native, fires the M320 grenade launcher at a live fire range in Camp Casey during the 2020 2ID/RUCD Best Warrior Competition.

(U.S. Army photo by KPfc. Choi, Jae Won, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



Cover Photo: Back

KCpl. Lim, Sijun, 2CAB, 2ID/RUCD, Communications Specialist, Busan, Republic of Korea native, fires the M4 rifle at a live fire range in Camp Casey during the 2020 2ID/RUCD Best Warrior Competition.

(U.S. Army photo by KPfc. Kim, Jaeha, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



WARRIORS ON THE STREET



*What do you appreciate the most about living overseas?
What do you appreciate about the opportunity to experience a different culture?*



Sgt. Nam, Jeonghyey

92A, Automated Logistics Specialist
Incheon, Korea native
520TH SMC, 194th CSSB,
2SBDE, 2ID/RUCD

"I lived in the United States for four years before joining the Army, and I appreciate the fact that the military and the Army has a long history in Korea. Living in a country that already has a history of the organization I work for is a special type of experience. The opportunity is great because I get to work here and at the same time experience the culture which is different than the American culture. It's killing two birds with one stone."

U.S. Army Photo by Spc. Darryl Briggs
2SBDE Public Affairs

"Experiencing a different culture makes you a better person. You get to know people, taste different foods, try new stuff. And being overseas makes you independent. You learn to be an adult."

U.S. Army Photo by Maj. Bryce J. Gatrell
2/1 ID Public Affairs



Pfc. David Darden

19D, Cavalry Scout
Honolulu, Hawaii native
HHC, 2/1 ID, 2ID/RUCD



Staff Sgt. Andrew Bergeron

74D, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear
(CBRN) Specialist
Lowell, Massachusetts native
61st CBRN Company,
23rd CBRN Battalion, 2SBDE, 2ID/RUCD

"I am here for a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) in South Korea, and I got here in January. With COVID-19 measures in place, it is hard being away from your families. However, with a more controlled environment and efforts, we are protecting the force as they say. I most appreciate having the chance to see another way of life. This is my fourth time overseas, after once in Africa and twice in Iraq. I had chances to work with a lot of other nations through joint environments, giving me great training opportunities."

U.S. Army Photo by KCpl. Yun, Hanmin
2ID/RUCD Public Affairs

"I lived in Queens, New York for six years and the best way to learn the American culture for me was to join the military. Right now, I appreciate the chance to experience the different culture that Korea has to offer; the people, culture, weather and food. I am very happy for the opportunity that the Army and Korea has for me."

U.S. Army Photo by Spc. Darryl Briggs
2SBDE Public Affairs



Pfc. Yujun Ma

91B, Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic
Shanghai, China & Queens, New York native
581st Quartermaster Company,
Special Troops Battalion, 2SBDE, 2ID/RUCD

A MESSAGE FOR SERVICE MEMBERS, DA CIVILIANS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS



WEARING YOUR MASK/FACE CLOTH



TIE/LOOP THE STRAPS AROUND YOUR HEAD OR OVER THE EARS
ENSURE IT COVERS NOSE AND MOUTH FULLY



FOR CLOTH MASK, WASH DAILY

WASH HANDS BEFORE PUTTING IT ON AND TAKING IT OFF

DO NOT TOUCH MASK WHILE USING • ONLY USE FOR AGES 2 AND UP

HEALTH PROTECTION
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OR HIGHER

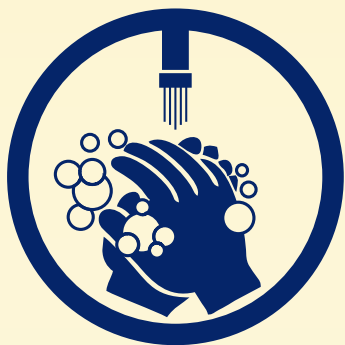


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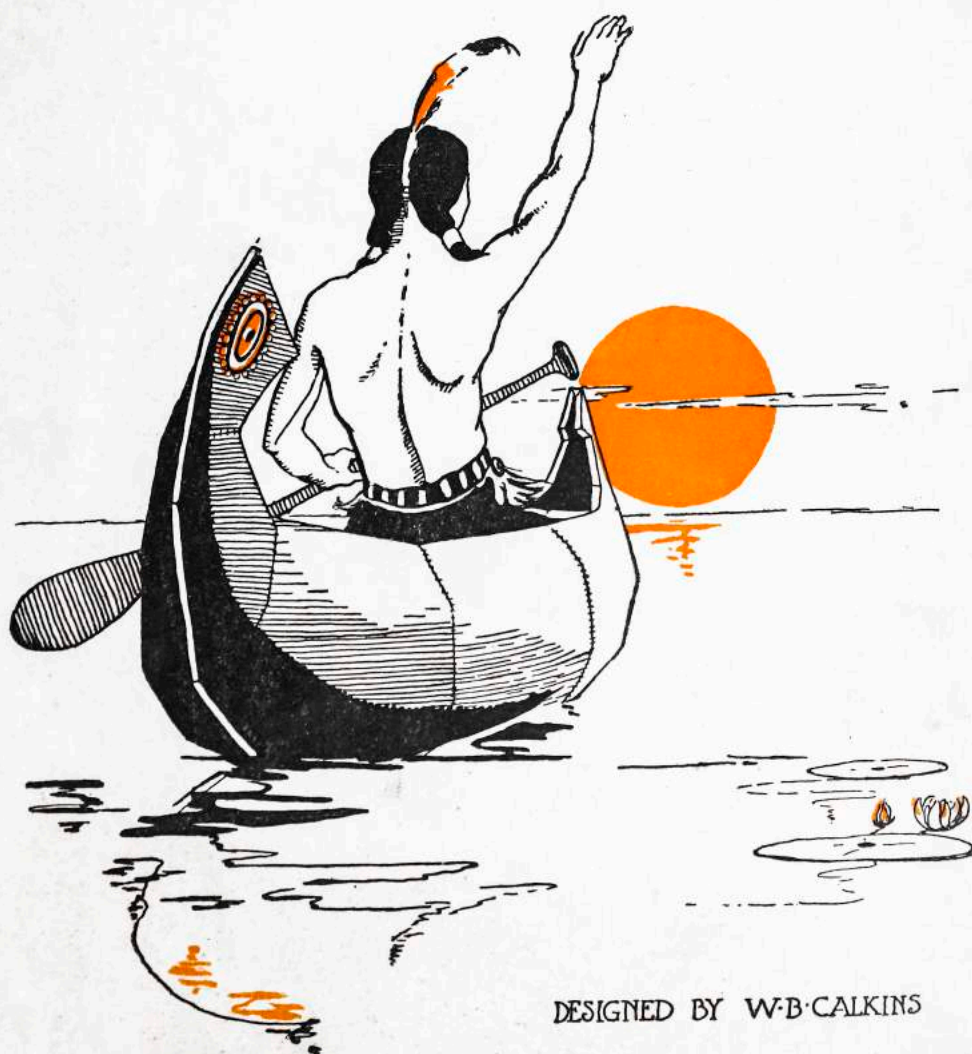
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LEGACY PAGE



KOREAN WAR

MEDAL OF HONOR

31 August, 1950

Pfc.

JOSEPH R. OUELLETTE

Company H,

9th Infantry Regiment, 2ID

Rank and Organization:

Private First Class, U.S. Army, Company H, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division.

Place and date: Near Yongsan, Korea, from 31 August to 3 September 1950.

Entered service at:

Lowell, Massachusetts.

Birth: May 9, 1930,

Lowell, Massachusetts.

G.O. No.: 25, 25 April 1951.



Private First Class Joseph R. Ouellette distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy in the Makioug-Chang River salient. When an enemy assault cut off and surrounded his unit he voluntarily made a reconnaissance of a nearby hill under intense enemy fire to locate friendly troop positions and obtain information of the enemy's strength and location. Finding that friendly troops were not on the hill, he worked his way back to his unit under heavy fire. Later, when an airdrop of water was made outside the perimeter, he again braved enemy fire in an attempt to retrieve water for his unit. Finding the dropped cans broken and devoid of water, he returned to his unit.

His heroic attempt greatly increased his comrades' morale. When ammunition and grenades ran low, Pfc. Ouellette again slipped out of the perimeter to collect these from the enemy dead. After collecting grenades he was attacked by an enemy soldier. He killed this enemy in hand-to-hand combat, gathered up the ammunition, and returned to his unit. When the enemy attacked on 3 September, they assaulted his position with grenades. On 6 occasions Pfc. Ouellette leaped from his foxhole to escape exploding grenades. In doing so, he had to face enemy small-arms fire.

He continued his resistance, despite a severe wound, until he lost his life. The extraordinary heroism and intrepidity displayed by Pfc. Ouellette reflect the highest credit on himself and are in keeping with the esteemed traditions of the military service.



KOREAN WAR

MEDAL OF HONOR

17 September, 1951

Pfc.

HERBERT K. PILILAAU

**Company C,
23rd Infantry Regiment, 2ID**

Rank and Organization:
Private First Class, U.S. Army,
Company C, 23rd Infantry Regiment,
2nd Infantry Division.

Place and date: Near Pia-ri, Korea,
17 September 1951.

Entered service at:
Oahu, Hawaii.

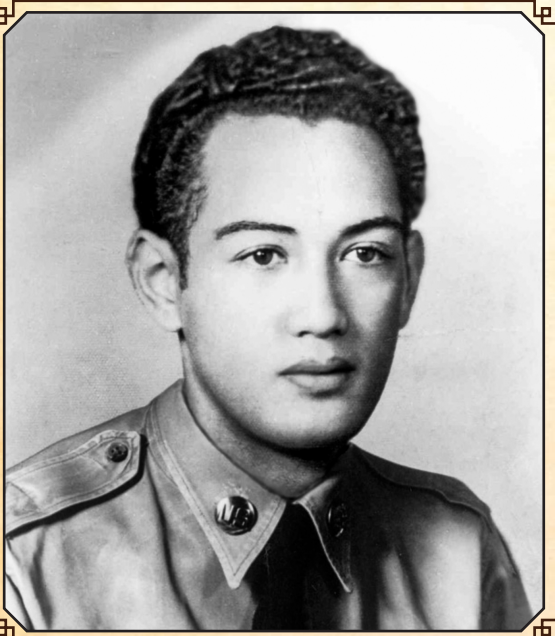
Birth: 10 October 1928,
Waianae, Oahu, Hawaii.

G.O. No.: 58, 18 June 1952.

Private First Class Herbert K. Pililaau, a member of Company C, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy:

The enemy sent wave after wave of fanatical troops against his platoon which held a key terrain feature on "Heartbreak Ridge." Valiantly defending its position, the unit repulsed each attack until ammunition became practically exhausted and it was ordered to withdraw to a new position. Voluntarily remaining behind to cover the withdrawal, Pfc. Pililaau fired his automatic weapon into the ranks of the assailants, threw all his grenades and, with ammunition exhausted, closed with the foe in hand-to-hand combat, courageously fighting with his trench knife and bare fists until finally overcome and mortally wounded.

When the position was subsequently retaken, more than 40 enemy dead were counted in the area he had so valiantly defended. His heroic devotion to duty, indomitable fighting spirit, and gallant self-sacrifice reflect the highest credit upon himself, the infantry, and the U.S. Army.



ARMY - AIR FORCE

MEDICAL PERSONNEL TAKE TO THE SKIES

O SAN AIR BASE, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - Combat aviation brigades are well known for their rotary wing aircraft such as the Blackhawk, Chinook, and Apache, but the capabilities don't stop there. Some are equipped with the C-12U fixed wing aircraft. Aviators assigned to E-52 Aviation Regiment, 2-2 Assault Helicopter Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, led joint casualty evacuation (CASEVAC) training with Airmen from the 135th Forward Resuscitation and Surgical Team (FRST), 51st Air Medical Squadron, and Army medical staff from 65th Medical Brigade on May 11. The week-long training demonstrated exactly what capabilities this aircraft brings to the fight.

"I think they're both (rotary and fixed) awesome aircraft, unique in their own right. Rotary wing operates tactically lower to the ground supporting the Soldiers on the ground, whereas our unit's fixed wing capability is employed at the theater level. Fixed wing is a small niche but used widely throughout the world," stated E-52's commander, Maj. Sean Kenney, a native of Rancho Palos Verdes, California, who is dual-branched with military intelligence and has 19 years of service. Kenney initially flew UH-60s but later secured a fixed wing transition.

One of Kenney's unit mission essential tasks includes casualty evacuation; a unique intra-theater capability to safely transport patients from anywhere in Korea to any place on the peninsula or to Japan, as mission dictates. The training consisted of rehearsals, medical procedures for safely loading and unloading a patient on-off the aircraft, and medical care during a mock one-hour flight.

"Our goal is to bridge the gap between the front lines and the hospital, said Maj. Andrew Oh, commander of the 135th team at Camp Humphreys. "Our portion of training was focused on the end of patient care. We train on various aircrafts to include fixed wing. During the two-to-three hour CASEVAC flight we will train on patient care, interventions, chest tubes, intubations, and oxygenation," stated Oh, a native of McLean, Virginia.

The CASEVAC training isn't just putting a patient on an aircraft and taking them from A to B. The teams involved must coordinate

with hospital staff, ambulatory teams, and flight operation all while facilitating medical care. The process of transporting a patient from injury point to the aircraft, while engines are turning, takes practice and precision. Army C-12s can be configured to enable essential medical care during the CASEVAC flight. Litters are secured to the inside of the aircraft while medical staff attend to the wounded service member. The airmen of the FRST factor rotor wind chill and utilize large warming blankets to ensure patients stay warm while being transferred.

Captain Daniel Stern, Airforce Flight Surgeon, assigned to 25th Fire Squadron, 51st Medical Group, whose unit is tasked to respond to mass casualty events shared his thoughts on the training. "I was assigned to a C-130 unit at Bagram, Afghanistan for about four months during my first assignment. It allowed me to gain experience with air medical evacuations in a deployed environment which definitely helped prepare me for the training we did today."

"Fixed wing aircraft are a little bit easier to go longer distances compared to rotary wing aircraft. C-12's are a pretty tight space inside the aircraft, compared to the Airforce C-130 or C-17 typically used for AME [aeromedical evacuation] missions. For the CASEVAC, this is a classic Army aircraft to quickly transport patients. I think today was an outstanding proof of concept for working together with multiple units forming one solitary mission mindset," said Stern, a Woodridge, Virginia native.

Kenney went on to say, "Sharing our lessons learned and conducting this type of joint service training validates 2CAB's interoperability, ensures everyone has familiarity in terms of what the CASEVAC looks like from start to finish as we maintain our fight tonight mentality. When transferring a patient we need to identify the many considerations a patient may have as they are going from one destination to the next so they can receive the medical care they need to recover."

STORY BY
CAPT. TIFANI SUMMERS
2CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS



SAN AIR BASE, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - Soldiers assigned to E-52 Aviation Regiment, 2-2 AHB, 2CAB, 21D/RUCD and airmen with the 135th FRST, 51st Air Medical Squadron, conclude day two of a week-long CASEVAC training exercise that started on May 11.

(U.S Army photo by KCpl. Lee, Junki, 2CAB Public Affairs)



JUNGLE CAT SOLDIERS RUCK TO REMEMBER

CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA -Just before the break of dawn on April 23rd, 2020, 'Jungle Cat' Soldiers from the 11th Engineer Battalion, 2ID Sustainment Brigade, 2ID/RUCD, packed their rucks and set foot along a 5.5 mile course in remembrance of Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith.

With new Soldiers entering the unit each year, this foot march serves as a hallmark event for Jungle Cat Soldiers to remember Smith's heroic actions in Iraq on April 4th, 2003.

Smith was the first service member to receive the Medal of Honor in Operation Iraqi Freedom, the nation's highest award for valor in combat. While serving as a platoon sergeant with Bravo Company, 11th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, Smith was mortally wounded in a hellish firefight, braving enemy fire to personally engage the enemy with a .50 caliber machine gun. Smith maintained this exposed position, saving the lives of more than 100 fellow Soldiers.

Before the start of the remembrance foot march, Lt. Col. Robert Dion, 11th Engineer Battalion commander, reminded the Jungle Cats of the ultimate sacrifice Smith made while protecting his fellow soldiers 17 years ago on April 4th, 2003.

"He manned the M113s with the .50 cal and kept on firing until he was mortally wounded. For those actions and for saving his Soldiers, he was awarded the Medal of Honor - Today is about remembering him. We are here to honor his legacy."

While the ruck may have seemed different from previous years due to the new health protection measures in place, it did not stop the spirit of the ruck from carrying on.

As the rest of the battalion conducted a 5.5 mile foot march in squad sized elements, each company formed an eight-person team to test their grit in an 11 mile foot march competition. In addition to their ruck sack, each team carried a .50 caliber machine gun, barrel, and tripod.

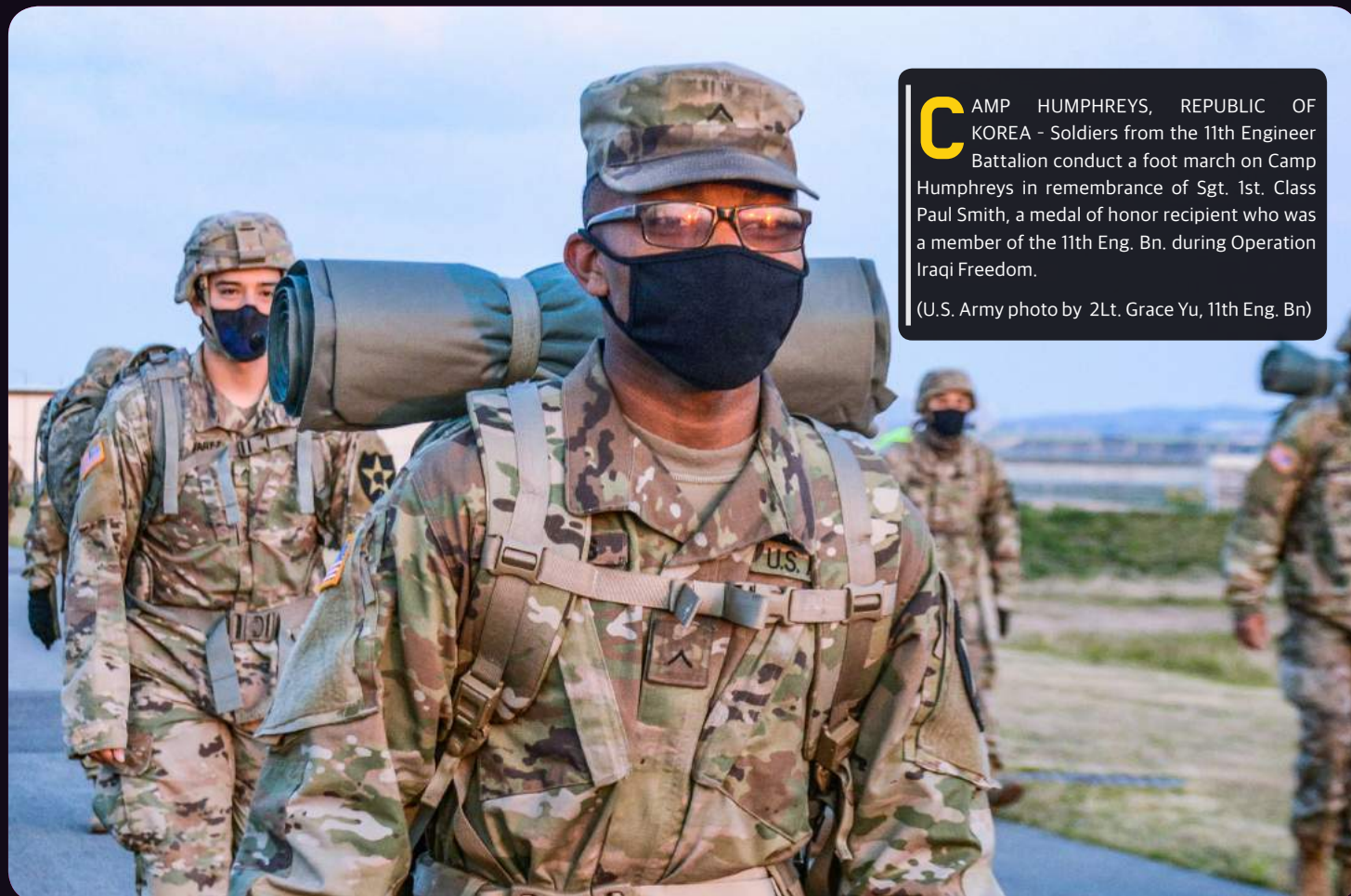
The 11 mile foot march was symbolic. The length represented the 11th Engineer Battalion, which Sgt. 1st Class Smith was a part of, while the .50 caliber machine gun embodied the fearless actions he took to save his fellow Soldiers. While following proper social distancing regulations and COVID-19 health precautionary measures, Soldiers were seen encouraging each other along the route. Competition teams were also seen juggling the weight of more than 120 pounds of extra equipment.

At the closing ceremony, Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Russell, command sergeant major of the 11th Engineer Battalion, reminded the Jungle Cats of the impact of Smith's legacy on the battalion.

"You represent something much bigger than yourself," said Russell. "You carry the legacy of Paul Smith and build esprit de corps within your organization. And guess what, we're out here killing the virus too."

The "Rough Rider" team from 630th Clearance Company took home the Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith trophy, placing first with a time of 2 hours 38 minutes. Members of the winning team include 1st. Lt. Rocky Rispres, 2nd Lt. Hannah Shiflet, Staff Sgt. Dylan Ledbetter, Sgt. Kyle Sutherin, Spc. Peter Kline, Spc. Samuel Reich, Pfc. Jeremy Bennett, and Pvt. Grant Crank.

STORY AND PHOTO BY
2ND LT. GRACE YU
11TH ENGINEER BATTALION



CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - Soldiers from the 11th Engineer Battalion conduct a foot march on Camp Humphreys in remembrance of Sgt. 1st. Class Paul Smith, a medal of honor recipient who was a member of the 11th Eng. Bn. during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

(U.S. Army photo by 2Lt. Grace Yu, 11th Eng. Bn)

SECOND TO NONE: REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN

CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - Even at a time of caution and social change, the United States doesn't stop observing the days that define it as a country, and remembering those who gave their lives in defense of the nation.

Memorial Day, starting in 1971 and celebrated on the last Monday in May, is a day set aside to honor those who have fallen in battle throughout the nation's history, from the Revolutionary War to the ongoing conflicts across the globe. Even with ongoing health precautions due to Coronavirus, the 2ID/RUCD continues to hold those traditions close.

Of the Soldiers who gave their lives in defense of our nation and our allies, 40 individuals from the 2nd Infantry Division have earned the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest distinction, given to those who went above and beyond the call of duty. Three of those names gave their lives in World War I, while 37 Soldiers earned the medal during the Korean War after the 2nd Infantry Division joined in the fight in 1951.

The administrative assistant for the 2nd Infantry Division Museum, Pfc. Russell Webb stated the Medal of Honor given to Sgt. 1st Class William Sitman, which is on display, adds emphasis to the meaning of Memorial Day, and the importance of remembering the sacrifices of our fallen brothers-and-sisters-in arms.

"It's to remember why he did what he did. It's important for us to never forget all those before us who died trying to make the world a better place," Webb, a Tifton, Georgia native, said. "Memorial day is a time to look back at all those who did what they thought was right and, in the end, died for it."

In total, the Korean War claimed 36,914 U.S. Soldiers - of those, 4,938 casualties were from the 2nd Infantry Division. Soldiers who died overall during the conflict. Since the signing of the armistice, approximately 50 Soldiers gave their lives in the defense of South Korea on the DMZ. This includes 43 lost in skirmishes from 1966 to 1969, then there was Capt. Arthur Bonifas and 1st. Lt. Mark Barrett who were killed during the axe murder at Panmunjom in 1976. The final casualty was in 1994, when Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon passed away after his Kiowa helicopter went down after accidentally crossing into North Korea.

Spc. Sterie Crisan, the groundskeeper for the 2nd Inf. Div. Museum, said that it was important to remember those who came before, and the meaning of their sacrifice.

"No matter the hardships we face, especially with this ever-changing environment with coronavirus and being restricted and away from family, it's important to know that we do sacrifice a lot," said Crisan, a first generation immigrant from Romania. "But there were others before us, and some of them gave all for our freedom, to allow us to have a better future as a country and individual rights for all. A good way to remember them and honor them is with the actions we take every day."

STORY BY
STAFF SGT. CODY HARDING
2ID/RUCD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Honor the brave: A Memorial Day poster from May 30, 1917, showing veterans in a Memorial Day parade. Color lithograph print, 66 x 100 cm. (Photo courtesy of U.S. Library of Congress, Control Number #00652857)



75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WWII

CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - Seventy-five years ago - on May 8, 1945 - the war in Europe ended. World War II, which began with the German invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939, is considered to be one of the deadliest in human history. It is estimated that nearly 27 million people died during the nearly six-year war.

Initially, the war was seen by most Americans as a European conflict that didn't concern the United States. It wasn't until December 10, 1941, when Germany declared war on the United States, that we formally entered the conflict.

Over the next three-and-a-half years the United States sent 22 divisions to Europe. One of these divisions was the 2nd Infantry Division. The Warrior Division landed at Omaha Beach on June 7, 1944 after spending the previous eight months training in Northern Ireland and Wales. A little over a month after arriving in France, the division commander, Maj. Gen. Walter. M. Robinson, ordered his men to take Hill 192 near the French Village of Saint-Lo.

On July 11, under the command of Col. Ralph Wise Zwicker, the division began their attack on the heavily fortified German defensive. To achieve the objective, Zwicker used an artillery tactic called the "moving barrage" to take the hill. A moving barrage is sustained artillery fire along an enemy line that is lifted in small increments and moved forward to provide a defensive curtain for the advancing infantry.

The barrage opened the gateway for the breakout at St. Lo. This would be the only time during World War II that a moving barrage was used. Throughout the summer and fall of 1944 the division fought their way through France and Belgium before entering Germany on October 3, 1944. In December during the German Ardennes offensive, the division

was forced back to defensive positions near the Elsenborn Ridge after the German Army attacked the line in an effort to drive the Allies out of Germany and re-take the offensive.

After spending the winter near Elsenborn, the division attacked and was able to press forward further into Germany, reaching the Rhine on March 9. Over the next two months the Soldiers advanced rapidly into Germany before crossing over to Czechoslovakia on May 4 and headed for the city of Pilsen, which was liberated on May 8 - Victory in Europe Day.

The division suffered 16,795 casualties; 3,031 killed in action and 12,785 were wounded in action.

Six 2ID Soldiers received the Medal of Honor:

Staff Sgt. Alvin P. Carey
Sgt. John J. McVeigh
Sgt. Jose M. Lopez
Technician 4th Grade Truman Kimbro
Pfc. Richard E. Cowan
Pfc. William A. Soderman

STORY BY
SGT. 1ST CLASS COREY BALTOS
2ID/RUCD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Front pages from the front lines of the end of World War II, reading: "VICTORY, Nazis Reveal Surrender To Western Allies, Russia". Paris Edition, Tuesday, May 8, 1945.



GENERAL MEREDITH'S PROMOTION CEREMONY HONORS PAST, EMBRACES FUTURE

CAMP CASEY, REPUBLIC OF KOREA — A Soldier with 30 years of military service often looks back on a career filled with numerous memories and influences. Col. Gene D. Meredith was no different in that regard. That distinguished military life came full-circle for Meredith, the deputy commanding general - maneuver for the 2ID/RUCD, as he was promoted to brigadier general at a Camp Casey ceremony, May 20.

The commanding general of the 2ID/RUCD, Maj. Gen. Steven W. Gilland, presided over the ceremony. Meredith was quick to thank the many outstanding Soldiers on his staff who regularly help complete the often mundane, yet critical everyday tasks necessary for mission and organizational success.

"Please know it was a team effort that got me here today," said Meredith. In a lighter moment, the new general joked that his mother, who watched the ceremony via a live stream connection, initially opposed his decision to join the Army, but had finally come around with this latest promotion.

Gilland remarked how the promotion to a brigadier general for Meredith, a rank very few Soldiers achieve, is hardly ordinary. "It's about trust. It's about confidence. And it's about responsibility," said Gilland, as he reflected on the outstanding performance of Meredith during his tenure. All of those qualities were paramount in the Army's determination that Meredith was worthy of promotion, he said.

Meredith is scheduled to leave Korea in early June for his next assignment, which will take him to the other side of the world. He will be the deputy commanding general for the 3rd (United Kingdom) Division.

But on this auspicious day, Meredith also chose to reflect on his past and what brought him to this point in his career. "One thing that has not changed is (that) the Army is a team, and the Army is a family," Meredith said.

Meredith also paid homage to the veterans in his life who have inspired him, including some of his family members. He listed many of the lifelong friends and fellow Soldiers he served with, and went down the line of many of those decorated units and leaders.

Meredith saved his most poignant remarks for one special guest, as he thanked his wife Mrs. Hong, Sam-Hyang for all the love and unwavering support she had provided over his military career. It has been a career filled with 17 moves and numerous combat deployments, taking him far away from home and Family, often for extended periods.

"If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't be where I am now," said Meredith.

STORY BY
MASTER SGT. JOHN P. ZUMER
2ID/RUCD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BOTTOM:

Maj. Gen. Steven W. Gilland, commanding general of 2ID/RUCD, administers the Oath of Office to Brig. Gen. Gene D. Meredith, deputy commanding general - maneuver, while standing in front of the colors.

RIGHT:

Newly promoted Brig. Gen. Gene D. Meredith, deputy commanding general - maneuver, 2ID/RUCD is being recognized by the audience after swearing the Oath of Office.

(U.S. Army photos by KPfc. Choi, Jae Won, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs.





2020 2ID/RUCD

BEST WARRIOR COMPETITION

CAMP CASEY, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - The 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division saw 31 of its premier Soldiers participating in the 2020 Best Warrior Competition from April 20-24. The annual competition, spread this year across sites at Camps Casey, Hovey and Humphreys, was a grueling test of stamina, strength, military skills and willpower.

The week-long competition featured numerous events like the Army Combat Fitness Test, land navigation, numerous foot marches, water survivability, and a formal board. The goal was to recognize the most outstanding junior enlisted Soldier, non-commissioned officer, warrant officer, commissioned officer, and Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA) Soldier within the division.

Every competitor had different reasons behind their decision to compete, and for many, that motivation came from within.

"I'm all about bettering myself and representing my unit," said Sgt. Dylan Row, an intelligence analyst with Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2ID/RUCD and a native of Cleveland, Ohio.

Row said three hard months of training prepared him for the competition, and he cited the need to remain vigilant and push through pain and discomfort once the events were underway.

Those events often began early each day, with little rest in between. Competitors frequently walked from one venue to the next, regardless of how weary the previous event may have left them.

Despite the long days and demands placed upon them, competitors were still afforded ample time to sleep and food to satisfy their hunger.

Additionally, with the COVID-19 crisis rearing its ugly head, safety measures and social distancing guidelines were rigorously enforced by event cadre and organizers at all venues. Competitors were able to stay focused and push each other, in spite of the physical and mental demands placed upon them.

Warrant Officer Cody Griffin, a UH-60 pilot assigned to the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2ID/RUCD and a native of Los Angeles, California, remarked on the great times he had with his fellow warrant officers, and the daily challenges. "You got to keep everybody motivated," he said.

The competition wrapped up with a formal board, followed by an awards ceremony and luncheon at Camp Humphreys. Under sunny skies on the Robertson parade field, senior leaders used the opportunity to congratulate all competitors for a job well done. More importantly, they issued a challenge for each competitor to pay forward their knowledge and hard-earned experiences, and to never rest on their laurels.

"We want to continue to strive for excellence," said Maj. Gen. Steven Gilland, commanding general of 2ID/RUCD. "Challenge each other because that's what makes us better. We've still got work to do."

Only five competitors, the winners from each category, will advance to the next level of competition, the Eighth Army's Best Warrior Competition in June. While competitors were left tired and relieved upon reaching the end, the experiences gained and the path traveled will hopefully be paying dividends long into the future. "I will definitely recommend this to my junior Soldiers," said Row.

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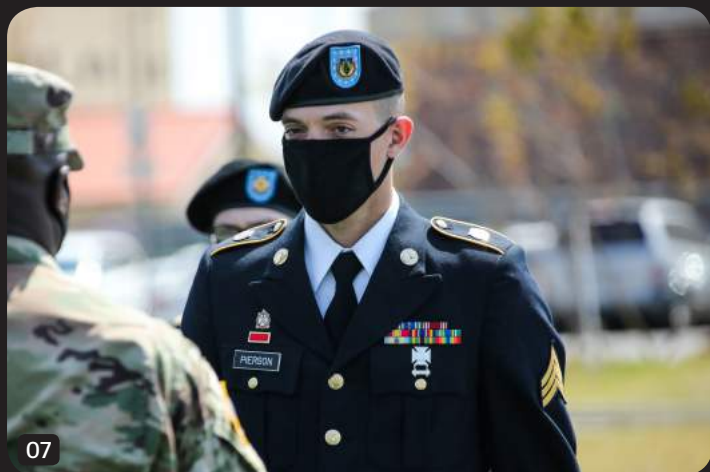
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BWC DAYS 4/5 - CAMP HUMPHREYS

DAGGER BRIGADE

CAMP HOVEY, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - Fire support Soldiers from the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division conducted a Fire Support certification at Camp Casey and Camp Hovey from April 1-24.

All Fire Supporters, also known as FiSTers, must be trained and made ready through the semi-annual FiST certification process that tests their ability to perform a series of key fire support tasks including operating fire support equipment and conducting fire missions.

The first phase of the fire support certification process is the Artillery Skills Proficiency Test and a written exam. The ASPT is an opportunity for FiSTers to demonstrate their hands-on knowledge of fire support systems.

FiSTers were tested on several individual tasks which included utilizing a Lightweight Laser Designator Rangefinder, operating a Defense Advanced GPS Receiver, constructing an antenna and connecting it to a radio, and land navigation.

"Being able to operate a DAGR is vital to me," said Spc. Henry Jaramillo, fire support specialist, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment. "If I don't know where I am, it would be difficult to accurately call for fire."

Following the ASPT, FiSTers trained in the Call for Fire Trainer, a digital simulator specially designed for fire support training. This was a chance for each FiSTER to acquire a target, send appropriate radio commands, and direct indirect fire onto a target. Each simulated mission in the CFFT tested FiSTers on several tasks including properly identifying combat vehicles, locating a target by grid, and conducting and adjusting fire missions.

"I reserve the CFFT to bring in a few crews at a time from my company to help teach them how to accurately call for fire," said 1st Lt. Meagan Zoufaly, fire support officer, 1st Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment.

"Fire support personnel are the maneuver company's experts in acquiring targets and calling for fire; therefore, cross training is encouraged to assist other Soldiers to learn and practice the skill."

The final phase of the fire support certification process began with an operations order and ended with observing live rounds. An operations order was sent to each fire support platoon and the fire support leadership conducted fires planning. After a short planning period, the FSOs briefed their plan to the brigade FSO.

Using the Virtual Battlespace 3, the fire support teams put their plan into action. This simulation replicated how their plan would play out under real conditions.

Finally, the teams occupied an observation post to observe live artillery rounds fired by the brigade's field artillery battalion; 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment. This culminating event allowed FiSTers to put all the skills of the certification into practice and place accurate, lethal effects onto their targets.

The FiST certification process required resources and coordination from across the Dagger Brigade to execute. This provided FiSTers from all the battalions and squadrons the opportunity to train and demonstrate their ability to execute tasks needed to excel as fire supporters.

FiSTers continually refine their skills to strengthen the foundation of the fire support system. They help commanders dominate in unified land operations by destroying, defeating, or disrupting the enemy with integrated fires.

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RODRIGUEZ LIVE FIRE COMPLEX, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division conduct Artillery Table VI qualifications at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex April 22. Artillery Table certifications and qualifications ensure commanders can dominate their operational environment across large scale ground combat operations.

(U.S. Army photo by Maj. Bryce Gatrell, 2/1 ID, Public Affairs)

CERTIFIES FISTERS



CAMP HOVEY, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - Pfc. Carmen Rosato from 1st Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment operates the Lightweight Laser Designator Rangefinder during the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division fire support certification at Camp Hovey, March 31. All fire supporters, also known as FiSTers, must be trained and made ready through the semi-annual FiST certification process that tests their ability to perform a series of key fire support tasks.

(U.S. Army photo by Cpt. Paige Olson, 5-4 CAV, 2/1 ID)

CHOSUN CULTURE #5

- KOREAN POTTERY -

CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - Many people will think of China when they speak of ceramics. Although ceramics originated from China, Korea also has beautiful ceramic culture and technology, so it too can be considered one of the birthplaces of ceramics. The pottery culture of Korea, which began in ancient times, reached its peak with Goryeo celadon from the Goryeo Dynasty (918-1392), and continued to flourish with buncheong ware and Joseon white porcelain from the Joseon Dynasty (1392-1910).

Goryeo celadon is one of the most elaborate and colorful masterpieces of Goryeo art, and is considered to be a luxury item in the world's ceramic industry. In the 10th century, Korea's pottery industry started to develop as China's celadon production technology began to be imported, and over time, unique characteristics, including the inlaid technique, were added to the porcelain made in Goryeo. The Goryeo celadon was exported to China and was very popular. In fact, some people considered it to be the "world's best", which was documented in several books. In addition, relics of Goryeo celadon were found in Tibet, Vietnam, the Philippines, and all over Japan, providing evidence that it was popular throughout Asia.

Buncheong ware was a transitional type of pottery that bridged the period from Goryeo celadon to Joseon white porcelain, but it was a type of pottery that was beloved at that time. It is a type of pottery that has remained popular for two centuries with the transition from celadon to developed porcelain around the 13th century, and is characterized by white and gray clay. Buncheong ware has recently been recognized as a ceramic style unlike in the past by showing a simple form, familiarity, and

even modern beauty through texture and patterns that are different from Goryeo celadon and Joseon white porcelain.

Joseon white porcelain, influenced by the Confucian culture that dislikes luxury, was developed and is regarded as a simple and durable style. Although white porcelain was more difficult to make than celadon, they were used as a daily product in the private sector as Joseon's pottery manufacturing technology developed. Since then, the development of manufacturing technology has led to the creation of blue-and-white porcelain, iron-and-white porcelain, and copper-red-and-white porcelain. Joseon white porcelain started to decline after the Im-jin War (1592-1598) and Byung-ja War (1636-1637) as many potters were kidnapped by Japan and China. The fact that the aristocratic yangban class, the main consumer for the white porcelain, moved onto using practical brass bowls, was another factor in the decline.

The ancient Korean ceramic technology, which began with earthenware, developed into its own specialty over time as Chinese technology and Korean beauty were added. In particular, during the Joseon Dynasty, Korea enjoyed its splendid heyday of ceramics technology, but declined as Joseon collapsed and suffered through the Japanese colonial era (1910-1945). In modern times, efforts are being made to revive this culture, and museums store and display the beauty of these artifacts. If you want to learn about the style and beauty of Korea, I strongly recommend looking into Korean ceramics.

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Celadon maebyeong, with inlaid clouds and cranes, displayed at Goryeo Celadon Museum, Republic of Korea. Goryeo Celadon refers to bluish ceramics which were first made between the 9th and 10th centuries during the Goryeo Dynasty.

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TRAVEL KOREA

INTRODUCTION

TO KOREAN CINEMA



THE ADMIRAL: ROAMING CURRENTS

Admiral Yi Sun-Sin was born in April 28, 1545 and died in December 16, 1598. As a famed Korean military general of the Chosun Dynasty Navy, he is praised for leading many victories against the invading Japanese forces during the Im-Jin war.

The war started in 1592 and lasted for 6 years. Even with no training in Naval battle, the Chosun Navy force remained undefeated under his command, losing no ships throughout the engagements. He fought in at least 23 battles, in which he was always outmatched in size, firepower and number of men. The movie, "The Admiral: Roaming Currents", portrays one of his most well known victories - the Battle of Myeong-ryang. The Chosun Navy was vastly outnumbered, 133 Japanese warships against a mere 13. Using the immense natural power of the tidal waves against the Japanese navy, Admiral Yi destroyed over 31 Japanese warships, while losing none of his own ships.

Two quotes of Admiral Yi are known by many Koreans, representing his patriotic mindset as a leader and military officer:

"Those willing to die will live, and those willing to live will die".

"Do not announce my death, the battle is unfinished".

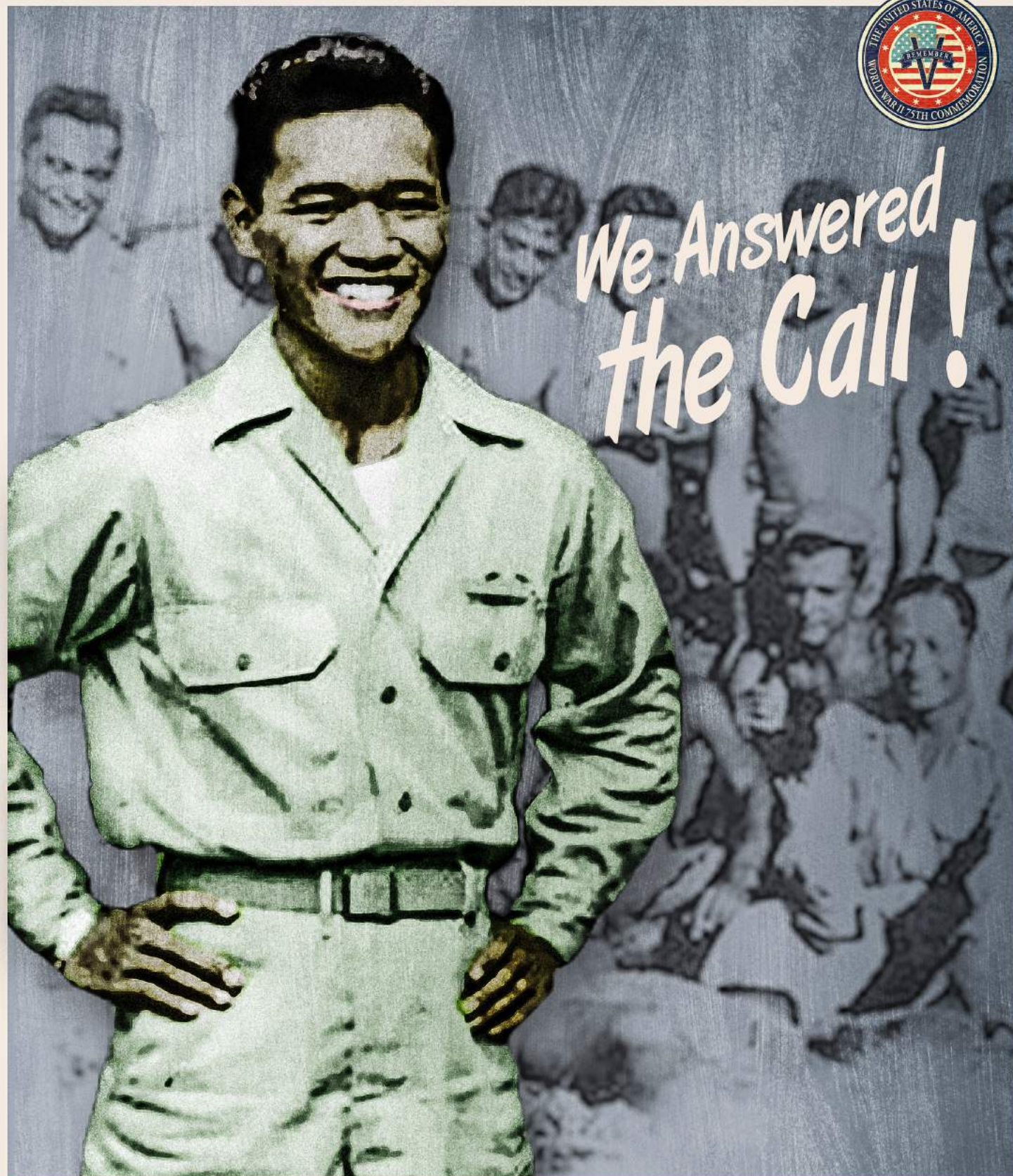
Below is an excerpt from Admiral George Alexander Ballard's book, "The Influence of the Sea on The Political History of Japan" (1921, Published by E.P. Dutton). He compares Admiral Yi to the famous Admiral Horatio Nelson of the British Royal Navy.

"It is always difficult for Englishmen to admit that Nelson ever had an equal in his profession, but if any man is entitled to be so regarded, it should be this great naval commander of Asiatic race who never knew defeat and died in the presence of the enemy; of whose movements a track-chart might be compiled from the wrecks of hundreds of Japanese ships lying with their valiant crews at the bottom of the sea, off the coasts of the Korean peninsula... and it seems, in truth, no exaggeration to assert that from first to last he never made a mistake, for his work was so complete under each variety of circumstances as to defy criticism... His whole career might be summarized by saying that, although he had no lessons from past history to serve as a guide, he waged war on the sea as it should be waged if it is to produce definite results, and ended by making the supreme sacrifice of a defender of his country." (pp. 66-67.)



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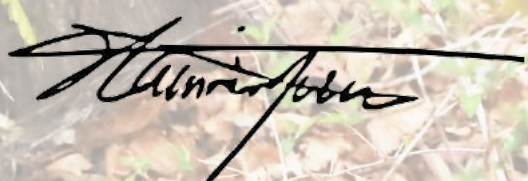
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5월 20일, 미 2사단 작전 부사단장 진 메러디스 대령의 준장 진급식이 캠프 케이시에서 열렸다. (사진 출처: 일병 최재원, 미 제 2 보병사단/한미연합사단 공보참모처)



제 1 보병 사단 제 2 전투 기갑 여단, 화력 지원 훈련 실시하다

제 1 보병 사단 제 2 전투 기갑 여단의 병사들이 4월 1일 부터 24일 사이 캠프 케이시와 캠프 호비에서 화력 지원 훈련을 실시했다.

모든 화력 지원사들은 연 2회 실시되는 FIST 인증 과정을 거친다. 이 과정은 화력 지원 장비 작동 및 화력 지원 임무 수행을 포함하여 일련의 주요 지원 작업을 수행 할 수 있는 능력을 테스트한다.

화력 지원 훈련의 첫 과정은 포병 기술 능력 시험 (ASPT) 및 필기 시험이다. ASPT는 화력 시스템에 대한 실무 지식을 보여줄 수 있는 기회이다.

화력 지원 병사들은 경량 레이저 탐지기 사용법과 안테나 구성 및 라디오 연결 및 육상 항법을 포함한 여러 개별 작업 능력을 테스트받았다.

“최신식 GPS를 운영 할 수 있는 것이 중요합니다,” 5 기대, 4 기병 연대 소속

소방 지원 전문가 상병 헨리 자라밀로가 말했다. “내가 어디에 있는지 모른다면 정확하게 화력 지원을 부르기가 어려울 것입니다.”

ASPT 시험에 이어 그들은 화력 지원 교육을 위해 특별히 설계된 디지털 시뮬레이터 운용을 교육받았다. 각 병사들은 대상을 식별 및 확보하고, 적절한 무선 명령을 보내고, 대상에 간접 사격을 가했다. 각 시뮬레이션 임무는 전투 차량의 올바른 식별, 그리드로 목표물 찾기, 화력 지원 임무 수행 및 조정을 포함한 여러 작업을 숙지 시켜주었다.

훈련의 마지막 단계는 실탄 관찰로 마무리된다. 각 화력 지원 소대에 작전 명령이 전달되어 병사들을 이끄는 교관들은 계획대로 임무를 수행했다.

그들은 Virtual Battle Space 3 라는 가상 전장을 사용하여 훈련을 이어갔다. 이 시뮬레이션은 실제 조건에서 계획이

어떻게 진행되는지를 재현해준다.

마지막 훈련 과정은 여단의 제 1 대대, 제 7 야전 포병 연대 야전 포병 대대가 발사하는 실탄 화력의 관찰을 위한 관측 지휘소 점령 훈련이다. 이 훈련은 그들이 지닌 모든 기술을 실제 상황에 적용하고 목표물에 정확한 치명타를 줄 수 있도록 해준다.

1사단의 화력 지원 대대는 지속적으로 화력 지원 시스템의 기초를 강화하기 위해 기술을 개선한다. 이러한 통합 사격 훈련으로 적들을 파괴, 격파 및 방해함으로써 지상 작전에서 지휘관이 현장과 전장 상황을 원활히 지배할 수 있도록 날마다 훈련을 거듭한다.

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미 2사단, 임전무퇴의 기상: 베스트 워리어 대회 통해 보여주다

4월 20일 부터 24일까지 미 2사단 소속 31명의 군인들은 2020 베스트 워리어 대회에 참가했다. 매년 열리는 이 컴퍼티션은 올해, 이번 해는 캠프 케이시, 호비 그리고 험프리스에서 차례대로 진행되었다. 이 대회를 통해서 미 2사단의 군인들은 체력, 근력, 작전 수행 능력, 그리고 정신력 등을 시험 받았다.

대회는 일주일 간 진행되었으며, 그 기간 동안 Army Combat Fitness Test, 독도법, 행군, 수중 작전 수행 능력, 그리고 참가자 면접 등을 포함해 여러 방면에서 시험된다. 이러한 과정을 통해 참가자들 중 사단 내의 최고의 병사, 부사관, 위관, 장교, 그리고 카투사를 찾아내는 것이 대회의 목표였다. 모든 참가자들의 대회 참가 이유는 다르지만, 대부분은 스스로의 한계를 뛰어넘기 위해서 참가하였다고 밝혔다.

“저는 제 자신을 뛰어넘고 제 부대를 대표할 수 있는 기량을 갖추는 것이 가장 중요하다고 생각합니다.” 클리브랜드 오하이오 출신 미 2사단 본부 대대 정보 분석 스페셜리스트인 딜런 로우 병장은 말했다.

로우는 약 세달간의 힘든 트레이닝을 하며 대회를 준비하였다고 했다. 그는 대회가

진행되는 동안 언제나 방심하지 않고 노력하며, 고통과 불편함을 이겨내는게 중요하다고 하였다.

경기는 새벽 일찍부터 시작했는데, 중간 중간 짧은 휴식 시간도 포함되었었다. 참가자들은 그 전 훈련이 얼마나 힘들었는지 간에, 한 경기 장소로부터 다음 장소까지 행군을 하였다. 하루하루가 길고 많은 과정을 거쳐야했지만, 참가자들은 취침 시간과 식사 만큼은 충분히 보장받을 수 있었다. 추가적으로, 코로나가 만연한 때에 하였던 대회인 만큼, 참가자들 및 주최자들의 건강과 안전을 위하여 방역 안전 조치를 확실하게 하였고 또한 사회적 거리두기도 엄격히 준수했다.

육체적으로나 정신적으로나 힘들었지만, 참가자들은 모두 처음부터 끝까지 긴장의 끈을 놓지않고 서로 경쟁하며 나아갔다. 로스 앤젤레스 출신이자 미 2사단 예하 제 2 전투 항공 여단에 소속된 UH-60 조종사 코디 그리폰 준위는 이 대회가 진행되는 동안 하루하루가 힘들기는 하였지만 동료 준위들과 친분을 다질 수 있어서 좋았다고 전했다. “모두에게 동기 부여를 해 주어야 합니다.” 그는 말하였다.

대회의 마지막은 정식 면접, 시상식 그리고

캠프 험프리스에서의 오찬으로 끝을 보았다. 이러한 시간을 통하여 지휘관들은 눈부신 햇빛 아래 사단 연병장에서 모든 참가자들의 노고를 치하하였다. 더욱이 그들은 참가자들이 이 대회 동안 노력하며 배운 것들을 동료들에게 전달하고 끝없이 도전하며, 자기계발을 해나가길 바란다고 전하였다.

“우리는 최고를 향하여 나가고 싶습니다,” 미 2사단 사단장 스티븐 길런드 소장은 말하였다. “함께 경쟁해야 합니다. 왜냐하면 그것이 우리가 발전할 수 있는 방법이기 때문입니다. 우리는 아직 할 일이 많습니다.”

각 카테고리의 우승자들은 미 8군에서 열리는 상급 단계의 대회로 진출한다. 시상식을 포함해 대회가 끝난 후 참가자들은 녹초가 되었고, 대회가 끝났다는 것에 안도하기도 했지만, 이 기간 동안의 값진 경험은 평생 남을 소중한 추억이 될 것이다. “제 후임들에게 한번은 참가해보라고 꼭 추천하고 싶습니다.” 라고 로우는 말하였다.

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자랑스러운 대한민국 국기를 달고 베스트 워리어 대회에 참가한 미 제 2 보병사단의 강한 카투사들. (사진 출처: 일병 김재하, 미 제 2 보병사단/한미연합사단 공보참모처)





한국의 도자기

#고려청자 #조선백자
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많은 사람들은 보통 ‘도자기’ 하면 대부분 중국을 떠올린다. 확실히 도자기의 역사는 중국으로부터 비롯되었다고 할 수 있지만 한국 또한 도자기의 종주국이라 할 수 있을 정도로 오랜 문화와 기술을 가지고 있다. 고대부터 시작된 한국의 도자기 문화는 고려 시대의 고려 청자로 그 전성기를 맞이하였고 조선시대의 분청 사기와 조선 백자로 절정에 이르렀다.

고려 청자는 매우 정교하고 화려한 고려 시대 미술품의 대표적인 걸작으로, 세계 도자기 발전사에서 빼놓을 수 없는 명품이라고 할 수 있다. 10세기부터 중국의 청자 제작 기술이 들어오면서 본격적으로 발전하기 시작하였고, 시간이 지남에 따라 고려에서 생산된 청자에 상감기법 등 고려만의 독자적인 특징이 더해졌다.

이렇게 제작된 고려 청자는 중국 대륙으로 수출되어 고려의 청자는 천하 제일이라는 말이 역사책에도 기록이 될 정도로 많은 중국인들에게 사랑을 받았다. 뿐만 아니라 티베트와 베트남, 필리핀과 일본에서 또한 고려 청자의 유물이 발견되었기에 아시아

전역에서 사랑을 받았던 것으로 추측된다.

분청 사기는 고려 청자에서 조선 백자로 넘어가는, 말하자면 일종의 과도기에 발전된 도자기였지만 당시 많은 사랑을 받았던 도자기의 유형이다. 13세기경 청자에서 얻은 모티브를 변모, 발전시킨 자기로, 2세기 동안 유행했다. 회색색 태토에 백토로 마무리한 것이 특징이다. 분청사기는 일종의 과도기적인 도자기로 폄하되고 있었지만 최근에는 고려청자, 조선백자와는 다른 소박하고 순박한 형태, 친숙함, 나아가 텍스처와 문양을 통한 현대적인 아름다움을 통해 과거와 달리 하나의 도자양식으로 인정받고 있다.

조선백자는 사치를 싫어하는 유교문화의 영향을 많이 받아 발전하게 된 도자기로 제작이 용이하나 내구성이 좋고 소박한 멋으로 평가받고 있다. 비록 청자보다는 제작이 어려웠지만 조선의 도자기 제작 기술이 발전함에 따라 민간에서도 도자기가 일상품처럼 사용되었는데, 그 대표적인 예가 바로 조선백자이다. 이후 제조기술의 발전에 따라 그림을 더한 청화백자, 철화백자,

동화백자 등이 생겨났다. 이후 임진왜란, 병자호란 등을 겪으면서 많은 도공들이 일본과 중국에 납치되고 주 수요층인 양반계층이 실용성이 높은 놋그릇 쪽으로 옮겨가면서 조선백자는 쇠퇴의 길을 걷게 되었다.

토기로 시작된 고대 한국의 자기 기술은 시간이 지날수록 중국의 기술과 한국의 미가 더해지면서 독자적인 특산품으로 발전되었다. 특히 조선시대 때에는 일본과 중국이 한국의 도자기 기술이 탐나 도공들을 납치해 갈 정도로 그 화려한 전성기를 누렸지만 이후 조선이 쇠퇴하고 일제강점기를 겪으면서 한국 도자기 문화 또한 쇠퇴하였다. 현대에 이르러서 이러한 문화를 다시 되살리려는 노력들이 이어지고 있고 박물관 또한 많은 유물들을 보관하여 그 아름다움을 대대손손 보관, 전시하고 있다. 한국의 멋과 미를 알고 싶다면 한국의 도자기를 보러 가라고 강력하게 추천한다.

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고맙습니다 그리고 사랑합니다

가정의 달과 뉴 노멀

한국에서의 5월은 가정의 달로, 어린이 날, 어버이 날, 성년의 날, 부부의 날 등 다양한 기념일들을 축하하는 시간으로 채워져 있다. 미국 또한 5월 10일은 Mother's day로 온 가족이 모여 가족의 소중함을 확인한다.

그러나 2020년 가정의 달은 예년과는 사뭇 다른 분위기이다. 좀처럼 줄어들지 않는 코로나19 확진자와 사망자로 인해 사회적 거리두기는 일상이 되었고, 멀리 떨어져 있는 가족이 모이는 계기가 되었던 기념일에도 전화나 휴대전화 메시지로 만남을 대체하는 가족들이 많아졌다.

최근 잡코리아가 직장인 2,593명을 대상으로 실시한 설문 조사 결과에 따르면 직장인의 67.3%가 “코로나19를 감안해 예년과 달리 바뀐 것들이 있다”고 답했다. 또한 “코로나19 사태가 진정될 때 까지 당분간 (가족들을) 만나지 않고 각자 보내기로 했다”는 의견이 전체의

52.8%로, 코로나 시대, 사회 전반의 비대면 (untact) 문화가 현실화되고 있음을 방증하고 있다.

최근 통계청에서 발표한 ‘2월 인구동향’에 따르면, 2월 기준 전국 출생아 수는 1년 전보다 11.3%가 감소하였고, 이같은 수치는 ‘2월’ 기준으로 1981년 인구 통계를 집계한 이후 최소치로 기록됐다. 이는 곧 심각한 인구절벽 상황과도 연결되는데, 앞으로 ‘가족’의 정의나 ‘가족’하면 떠오르는 이미지가 지금까지와는 확연히 다른 시기가 가까워졌으며, 이러한 현실이 코로나 등 감염병 사태와 어우러져 어쩌면 평범했던 예전의 일상은 교과서에도 볼 수도 있을 것이다.

우리들의 부모님 세대만 하더라도 할머니와 할아버지, 부모님과 형제 자매들을 모두 합치면 축구팀을 구성할 정도까지 자랑하던 가족의 규모는, 이제 갓 군에 입대한 장병들을 기준으로

해보면 기껏 해봐야 베드민턴 복식팀 하나는 나오게 될까 싶다. 과연 가지 많은 나무와도 같던 가족에서 어깨 넘어 배웠던 인생을 사는 ‘눈치’와 ‘생존의 노하우’, ‘밥상 머리 교육’은 어떻게 대체될 것인가? 제 4차 산업 혁명과 AI는 과연 해답을 갖고 있을까?

코로나19를 겪고 있는 지구촌의 많은 사람들에게 ‘자가 격리’, ‘생활 방역’ 등이 일상이 되면서 유리창을 통해 서로의 생사를 확인하고 안부를 전하는 애절한 모습을 종종 보게 된다. 지금은 어색한 모습들이 이제는 뉴 노멀이 되어가고, 익숙했던 모든 것들과 이별을 고해야 하는 순간이 도래했다. 포스트 코로나, 우리는 새로운 일상을 어떻게 준비해나가야 할까?

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