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PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Two U.S. tanks, the M-26 Pershing and the M-60A3, were originally located at the 2ID/RUCD Museum entrance. They were relocated to the edge of the Robertson parade field. Here is a photograph of the M-26 Pershing standing atop of a display pod with Freeman Hall in the background.

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



Cover Photo: Front

2ID/RUCD re-enlistment ceremony of 103 Soldiers at the Robertson parade field, June 3, 2020.

(U.S. Army photo by KCpl. Yun, Hanmin, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



Cover Photo: Back

Seoul National Cemetery established by Presidential Decree of Syngman Rhee in 1956, in remembrance of the 70th anniversary of the Korean War.

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WARRIORS ON THE STREET



*What does the Indianhead Patch mean to you?
What does it mean to you to serve in a division with such a rich history?*



Staff Sgt. Frederick R. Simmons Jr.

92F, Petroleum Supply Specialist
Toledo, Ohio native
HHC, STB,
2SBDE, 2ID/RUCD

"You've got to wear the Indianhead Patch with honor and not take it for granted. Being in this division is honorable because of what they did before us, and now it's up to us to uphold the standard just to try to keep their name alive."

U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Drew Nevitt
2SBDE Public Affairs

"What the Indianhead Patch means to me is that I'm part of one of the best fighting units in the United States Army (Second to None). I get the chance to carry the history forward just like all of the soldiers and civilians that will come to Camp Casey after me; hopefully they will do the same."

U.S. Army Photo by KCpl. Jaeyoung Park
210th FAB Public Affairs



Pfc. Jaret J. Korzeniowski

13M, Multiple Launch Rocket System Crewmember
Burlington, Maine native
Alpha Battery, 6-37 FAR, 210th FAB, 2ID/RUCD



Staff Sgt. Andrew Bergeron

91B, Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic
Fresno, California native
7-17 Cavalry Regiment
2CAB, 2ID/RUCD

"The 2ID patch represents a great history of friendship with ROKA. It has been wonderful working alongside a brigade with such a rich history, being a rotational Soldier I got the opportunity to learn how it is working with the only forward fighting division and I am looking forward to taking what I learned in the Korean peninsula and implementing it in the "Great Place" Fort Hood, Texas, 감사합니다(gamsahamnida)."

U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Courtney Davis
2CAB Public Affairs

"Serving in a division with rich history gives you a lot of advantages. You see a lot from the history. You learn a lot from the training. You get to work with people full of knowledge. For me, Indianhead means a big team that will never be broken."

U.S. Army Photo by KCpl. Jin Ho Kwon.
2/1 ID Public Affairs



Spc. Raul Hernandez

94M, Radar Repairer
San Antonio, Texas native
1-7 FA, 2/1 ID
2ID/RUCD

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LEGACY PAGE



KOREAN WAR

MEDAL OF HONOR

1 September, 1950

1st Lt.

FREDERICK F. HENRY

Company F,

38th Infantry Regiment, 2ID

Rank and Organization:

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Company F,
38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry
Division.

Place and date: Vicinity of Am-Dong,
Korea, 1 September 1950.

Entered service at:
Clinton, Oklahoma.

Birth: September 23, 1919,
Vian, Oklahoma.

G.O. No.: 8, 16 February 1951.



First Lt. Frederick F. Henry, Company F, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action.

His platoon was holding a strategic ridge near the town when they were attacked by a superior enemy force, supported by heavy mortar and artillery fire. Seeing his platoon disorganized by this fanatical assault, he left his foxhole and moving along the line ordered his men to stay in place and keep firing. Encouraged by this heroic action the platoon reformed a defensive line and rained devastating fire on the enemy, checking its advance. Enemy fire had knocked out all communications and 1st Lt. Henry was unable to determine whether or not the main line of resistance was altered to this heavy attack.

On his own initiative, although severely wounded, he decided to hold his position as long as possible and ordered the wounded evacuated and their weapons and ammunition brought to him. Establishing a one-man defensive position, he ordered the platoon's withdrawal and despite his wound and with complete disregard for himself remained behind to cover the movement. When last seen he was single-handedly firing all available weapons so effectively that he caused an estimated 50 enemy casualties. His ammunition was soon expended and his position overrun, but this intrepid action saved the platoon and halted the enemy's advance until the main line of resistance was prepared to throw back the attack.

First Lt. Henry's outstanding gallantry and noble self-sacrifice above and beyond the call of duty reflect the highest honor on him and are in keeping with the esteemed traditions of the U.S. Army.



KOREAN WAR

MEDAL OF HONOR

1 September, 1950

Pfc.

DAVID M. SMITH

**Company E,
9th Infantry Regiment, 2ID**

Rank and Organization:

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

Place and date: Near Yongsan, Korea,
1 September 1950.

Entered service at:
Livingston, Kentucky.

Birth: 10 November 1926,
Livingston, Kentucky.

G.O. No.: 78, 21 August 1952.

Private First Class David M. Smith, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty in action. Smith was a gunner in the mortar section of Company E, emplaced in rugged mountainous terrain and under attack by a numerically superior hostile force. Bitter fighting ensued and the enemy overran forward elements, infiltrated the perimeter, and rendered friendly positions untenable. The mortar section was ordered to withdraw, but the enemy had encircled and closed in on the position. Observing a grenade lobbed at his emplacement, Pfc. Smith shouted a warning to his comrades and, fully aware of the odds against him, flung himself upon it and smothered the explosion with his body.

Although mortally wounded in this display of valor, his intrepid act saved five men from death or serious injury. Smith's inspirational conduct and supreme sacrifice reflect lasting glory on himself and are in keeping with the noble traditions of the infantry of the U.S. Army.



PROVIDER GRILL DFAC WINS CONNELLY CUP

CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - The Philip A. Connelly Garrison Competition measures the excellence of food service executed by culinary specialists across the Army providing the most gratifying dining experiences across all Army food service platforms in a garrison environment.

The 581st Quartermaster Company, Special Troops Battalion Dining Facility, the Provider Grill, won the 52nd Philip A. Connelly (PAC) Garrison Competition June 3, 2020, cementing their stamp of excellence in the culinary profession.

"Being chosen for this award means we are the best garrison dining facility in the Army," said Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Warden, the Provider Grill manager assigned to 581st Quartermaster Company, Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division ROK/U.S. Combined Division. "Winning this award shows the outstanding discipline in the Soldiers and leadership at the dining facility."

According to Warrant Officer Heidiann Wallace, food advisor, 581st QM Co., STB, 2SBDE, 2ID/RUCD, this year's competition began with 174 dining facilities being evaluated across the Army. After each of the dining facilities were evaluated, the Provider Grill was selected as the number one garrison DFAC in the Army. The Provider Grill did not make it to this level on just the backs of a few, it took a team of Soldiers and Korean contractors working together to win this award.

"One of the unique things about working in this dining facility is working side by side with our Korean Contractors," said Staff Sgt. Treyvon Woodland, 581st QM Co., STB, 2SBDE, 2ID/RUCD.

"The contractors are skilled culinarians and watching them work hand-in-hand assisting the Soldiers really demonstrates the 'Katchi Kapshida' mentality in the DFAC as far as working together."

The Connelly Competition not only represents the efforts of the dining facility team, but it represents a personal challenge for individual Soldiers within the culinary profession to strive for.

"I am proud that we won because we work as a family to get the job done and set the standard for others to follow," said Spc. Yoon, Suel, a culinary specialist and Fresno, California native assigned to 348th Composite Supply Company, 194th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 2SBDE, 2ID/RUCD.

As the dust settles on this year's competition, the leadership at Provider Grill recognizes it takes a team effort, and they are proud of what the team has accomplished by working together.

"For us to get to this level and be this successful, we could not have done it without the entire team," said Wallace.

Under normal conditions, leadership of the DFAC would travel to the United States to receive the award. With the current global pandemic the award will be sent to the leadership at Camp Humphreys to be presented to the DFAC manager and staff in the near future.

STORY AND PHOTO BY
STAFF SGT. BRIAN C. ERICKSON
2SBDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS



CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - Soldiers of the 581st Quartermaster Company stand with their Korean partners in front of the Special Troops Battalion Dining Facility - the Provider Grill on Sept. 19, 2019. According to leadership, it took the effort of the entire staff to become the winners of the 52nd Philip A. Connelly (PAC) Garrison Competition.

AIRMEN RUN THROUGH THE NIGHT FOR GOLD STAR FAMILIES

CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - The 604th Air Support Operations Squadron hosted their 9th Annual 24-hour Memorial Run event at Balboni Field on Camp Humphreys, June 11 and 12. The run, which went from noon to noon, saw the Airmen run, walk, and ruck a combined 1,788 miles, and raise nearly \$3,200 for the Tactical Air Control Party Association, which provides assistance to the Gold Star Families of those who gave their lives in defense of the nation.

USAF Master Sgt. Gregory Stewart, the superintendent for mission support at the 604th ASOS, has participated in this event eight times.

"I like that all the funds go to the TACP Association, and supports the families of the fallen," Stewart said. "I like that they keep taking care of them well after they've passed."

Stewart reminded his fellow runners to, "have fun, and remember why we are doing this. It's not for the unit, it's for these families that are left behind."

To kick off the event the 604th ASOS conducted a mass formation run around the track, but after a few laps, the field had fewer personnel running on it. This allowed them to rest and switch with Airmen still running, even well past midnight and into normal physical fitness training hours the next morning.

Staff Sgt. Matt Honestschlager, a Joint Tactical Air Controller with the 604th ASOS, said that the run was fulfilling, and that seeing the end result of everyone's effort was worth the work.

"I want to say thanks to everyone that does come out to support," Honestschlager said.

The final laps saw the unit come together once more to finish strong. After completing the run, they formed a social distance-minded formation to conduct 12 push-ups, one for each of the TACP Airmen that have fallen, and finished the event by finally announcing the raffle winner and cleaning up the field.

The TACPs consist of United States Air Force personnel who work alongside U.S. Army combat units to provide guidance and advice to commanders on tactical close air support while on missions. Often embedded with combat and special operations units, TACPs advise, call in and direct fire from USAF assets to eliminate the enemy and ensure the safety of the Soldiers they work alongside.

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

The 604th Air Support Operations Squadron runs the first lap of the 9th annual Camp Humphreys 24-hour Tactical Air Control Party Run, June 11. The Run allows the TACP to raise funds for their Association, which helps to provide for Gold Star Families. They were able to raise nearly \$3,200 for the TACP Association this year.



2ID/RUCD CELEBRATES 5 YEARS WITH MASS-REENLISTMENT

CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - Five years ago, on June 3, 2015 the 2nd Infantry Division became the 2nd Infantry Division, ROK-U.S. Combined Division, the only combined division in the U.S. Army.

To celebrate the anniversary, Maj. Gen. Steven W. Gilland, the 2ID/RUCD commanding general, re-enlisted 103 Soldiers, June 3, 2020.

The division retention sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Rex Fortner, said that the number of Soldiers was deliberate. "Each Soldier represented one year that the Division has existed." The 2nd Division, as it was called then, was activated in 1917 in response to the United States' entry into World War I.

The idea for a combined division of 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers and Republic of Korea Soldiers from the 16th Mechanized Infantry Brigade was the brain child of Maj. Gen. Edward C. Cardon, commander, 2nd Infantry Division from September 2011 to June 2013, and Korean Lt. Gen. Jeon, In-Bum, the commander of Korean Special Forces Command at the time.

During his remarks at the re-enlistment ceremony Jeon said that he and Cardon sat in the latter's living room and mapped out the idea on a napkin.

"During the past five years, the combined division has grown into a central force on the Korean peninsula that is the cornerstone of combined ground forces and a real world entity that is ready to 'Fight tonight,'" said Jeon.

"The roles being undertaken by the Korean staff augment the global capabilities of US rotational forces and builds understanding and friendships that are going to be the foundations of future relations between Korea and the United States."

Brigadier Gen. Yoo, Oug Sang, the current deputy commanding general - Republic of Korea and the first chief of staff - Republic of Korea for 2ID/RUCD, talked about his pride in being associated with the combined division; and what he believes to be the mission of the division.

"I strongly believe that our mission is to keep peace on the Korean Peninsula for the next ten or hundred years, and to carry on with the will that Soldiers who fought in the name of the ROK-U.S. Alliance showed during the Korean War," shared Yoo. "And that is to 'Fight Tonight!'"

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

2 ID/RUCD re-enlistment ceremony of 103 Soldiers took place at the Robertson parade field, June 3, 2020.
(U.S. Army photo by KCpl. Yun, Hanmin, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)





REMEMBERING THE ROK-U.S. ALLIANCE

CAMP CASEY, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - The 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division commemorates the anniversary of the Korean War while remembering the Army and the alliance in June 2020, which is Army Heritage Month. The Republic of Korea and United States alliance was strong in 1950 and continues to grow stronger.

"I feel that it's great that two different cultures and national armies are able to come together as one," said Sgt. Julie Zack, the 210th Field Artillery Brigade command team driver and Fayetteville, North Carolina native. "To be the third generation of my family to serve in the Army, it's a great feeling knowing that I not only make myself proud but my family too."

Zack's Korean grandfather, Ha Shik Min, served in the Republic of Korea Army and fought in the Korean War. Her father, Jeffrey Zack, served in the United States Army as a military policeman and served in South Korea twice. Min and Zack both retired from their nation's army as a master sergeant.

Min received many awards, but two that stand out to Zack are his Korean Silver Star and his award from Korean President Jae-in Moon.

"After seeing his awards I felt like he did the ultimate sacrifice for his country and it was so honorable," said Zack. "I'm glad to have walked the land and footsteps he once walked, and the footsteps of his career."

As part of her upbringing, Zack recognizes her Korean history and culture.

"I do things that honor my family members that are not present with us anymore," said Zack. "I visited my grandfather at the Seoul National Cemetery, where honorable Soldiers are buried, during the Korean national holidays."

Her father was stationed at Yongsan in 1983 then returned to Korea and was stationed at Camp Humphreys.

"He was always an example for me," Zack said. "To take care of your family and to be able to serve in the Army at the same time is a big sacrifice."

As living proof of the ROK-U.S. alliance, Zack takes it upon herself to bring awareness and motivation to Soldiers who haven't served in South Korea.

"I'm glad that I received many opportunities while serving in Korea," said Zack. "I hope other Soldiers get the great experience as well."

STORY BY
BY SGT. YESENIA BARAJAS
210TH FAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PHOTOS COURTESY OF SGT. JULIE ZACK
210TH FAB, FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA NATIVE

[MASTER SGT. JEFFREY ZACK, U.S. ARMY]



[MASTER SGT. HA SHIK MIN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARMY]



THE ORIGINS OF THE U.S. ARMY

CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA — Forged in the fires of revolution and tempered in war, the United States Army is considered by many as the most powerful military in the world. However, given its origin as a band of ill-equipped and poorly trained militias during the Revolutionary War, it may seem ironic that such an army would one day rise to its present lofty status.

Fresh off a victory over the British near Boston, the Second Continental Congress was quick to realize their army strength amounted to little more than a handful of unorganized and ill-equipped militiamen. The thirteen colonies of America fought hard to gain this early victory over their oppressors, but in its current state their rag-tag military could not repel another assault from the British, who were bound to come back with reinforcements.

On June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress of America established the Continental Army at 10 infantry companies, and just days later various support branches like the Corps of Engineers, the Finance Corps and Quartermaster Corps were created.

At the time of the Continental Army's establishment, Soldiers were untrained and lacked standards, equipment and discipline. Troops were often poorly dressed in tattered scraps of clothing and subsisted on scarce and often rotten rations. This was the military force General George Washington was charged with defeating the British, but training and leading an Army proved too much for one man to handle. Thus, the Continental Army called in a specialist.

Baron Friedrich von Steuben, the Prussian immigrant who served as Inspector General for the Continental Army and laid down the foundation for drills and standards that are still practiced by the United States Army, was appalled when he discovered the poor state of the Soldiers.

"With regard to military discipline, I may safely say that no such thing existed in the Continental Army. There were no regular formations, the formation of each regiment was as varied as their mode of drill dictated, and which consisted only of manual exercise," said Von Steuben.

"The men were literally naked, some of them in the fullest extent of the word. The officers who had coats had them of every color and make. I saw them at a grand parade at

Valley Forge, mounting guard in a sort of dressing gown made of an old blanket or bed cover."

Von Steuben would go on to transform the Continental Army by providing proper training, more efficient rifle loading techniques, proper application of the bayonet in close-quarters combat, and field sanitation guidelines to reduce disease and infection.

Later, on June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution of 1777. This resolution designated the Betsy Ross Flag as the official flag of the fledgling United States of America.

The U.S. flag has undergone 27 changes since its inception, but this official flag would first be flown during the battle of Fort Stanwix, N.Y. The Soldiers of Fort Stanwix, however, had no flag to fly. To rectify this, the Soldiers cut up their own shirts to make the white material, the red coats of the officer's wives would make up the red stripes and the blue coat of Capt. Abraham Swartwout would provide the background on which the thirteen stars would rest.

Ultimately the Continental Army claimed victory over the British and was disbanded. Following the war a few remaining units joined under the banner of the Legion of the United States. The Legion's military tenure only lasted until 1796, at which time the Continental Army was resurrected as the United States Army. It has remained so ever since.

STORY BY
SGT. IAN VEGA-CEREZO
21D/RUCD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ARMY BIRTHDAY PHOTO (RIGHT)

"TWILIGHT TATTOO"

U.S. ARMY SOLDIERS FROM THE 3RD INFANTRY REGIMENT "THE OLD GUARD" AND THE FIFE AND DRUM CORPS PERFORM DURING TWILIGHT TATTOO AND THE OUTSTANDING CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD CEREMONY IN JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA. OCT. 11, 2012.

(U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. TEDDY WADE)

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"E-1 DRAW IN THE EASY RED SECTOR OF OMAHA BEACH ON D+1, JUNE 7TH, 1944"

2nd Infantry Division Soldiers march past a German bunker Widerstandnest 65, that defended the route up the Ruquet Valley to Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer.

(Photo Courtesy of the National Archives and Records Administration)

D-DAY+1

WARRIORS ARRIVE AT NORMANDY

CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - The Allied landings at Normandy, France, codenamed Operation Overlord, was the largest seaborne invasion in history, and laid the foundations for the defeat of Nazi Germany and Victory in Europe.

While D-Day, June 6, 1944, is widely known, what is not as well-known is what happened in the days following the initial landing as the Allies worked to keep and expand their foothold on the French coast.

While the initial landing was a success, the Allies had not achieved any of their initial objectives. The towns of Carentan, St. Lo, Caen and Bayeux remained in German hands and only two of the five beaches, Juno and Gold, were linked on the first day. It would be up to the next wave of troops to secure these objectives and strengthen the Allied hold in France. One of the first units to arrive in Normandy after D-Day was the 2nd Infantry Division.

ARRIVING IN EUROPE

The 2nd Division, as it was originally constituted, was re-designated as the 2nd Infantry Division in August 1942. The division spent the next 14 months in the United States training at various locations around the country in preparation for their movement to England, which took place in October 1943. After arriving in England, the division spent the next nine months training for the upcoming Allied invasion of France.

OMAHA BEACH AND SAINT-LO

The division landed on Omaha Beach near Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer on June 7, 1944. Three days later they liberated the town of Trevieres before moving towards Saint-Lo, which was a strategic crossroads town and vital for the eventual liberation of France. However, before getting to Saint Lo, the division first had to break the enemy strong point at Hill 192.

After spending three weeks fortifying their position, the division was given the order by their commander, Maj. Gen. Walter M. Robertson, to take the hill.

To take the hill, the division, along with nine battalions of artillery, used a tactic called the "moving barrage."

A moving barrage is a technique perfected during World War I. It consists of a barrage of artillery fire that lifts in small increments, so it keeps pace with the infantry. This would be the only time during World War II that a moving barrage was used.

Once the hill was taken the division was able to exploit the breakout at Saint-Lo and advance across the Vire River to take Tinchebray on August 15, 1944 before heading toward the heavily defended fortress port of Brest, which also served as a German U-boat port.

BATTLE OF BREST

Capturing the port of Brest was vital to the Allied war effort as it would serve as a crucial link in the supply chain for the Allies. Without capturing Brest and other ports the Allies would find it difficult to resupply their armies in France.

To take Brest Fortress, as the Germans called it, U.S. Third Army, of which 2ID was assigned to, surrounded the fort and began shelling it with air and artillery ordnance.

However, the fort was defended by 40,000 soldiers and airmen, among them the German 2nd Parachute and 266th Infantry Divisions, who had been ordered by Adolf Hitler to fight until the last man. These soldiers, backed by large amounts of ammunition, weapons, and strong fortifications resisted, and the Americans were forced to take the fort one house at a time.

By the time German General of Paratroops, Hermann-Bernhard Ramcke, the commander of the Brest Garrison, surrendered the fort on September 19, 1944, over 95 percent of the fort had been destroyed, leaving it useless to the Allies.

Over the next nine months the Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division would continue to fight their way through Europe before finally arriving in Germany on March 21, 1945. The division would see the end of the war in the town of Pilsen, Czechoslovakia.

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DCSM BARRETTO

LEAVES KOREA, 2ID/RUCD WITH GRATITUDE AND FOND MEMORIES

CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - “All good things come to an end,” as the old saying goes, and the tenure for the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division’s senior enlisted advisor, Command Sgt. Major Phil Barretto is no different.

As he prepares to transition out of the division and hand over the responsibility, he prefers to think about lessons learned and the people who have most influenced him.

Barretto has served as the 2ID/RUCD command sergeant major since December of 2017, and that time has seen major changes on the peninsula for the Warrior Division. Chief among them has been the relocation of the division headquarters from Camp Red Cloud to Camp Humphreys, a fact that Barretto is most proud of.

“Realigning the division was worth it,” said Barretto. Bringing thousands of Soldiers and countless vehicles to a new location is never an easy task, but Barretto remembers all too well the reasons such a change was for the best.

“Before, we had Soldiers calling taxis to go to work,” he said, emphasizing that having Soldiers live near their workplace and their dining facility is important.

The importance of the everyday mission, however, has always occupied his time and thoughts.

“This is not just the only combined division in the U.S. Army, but the only forward-deployed division as well,” Barretto said. “Training alongside our ROK partners, day in and day out, is what it’s all about.”

Working together for the common good isn’t just a matter between U.S. and ROK forces, however.

“The people, our Soldiers, the Alliance, Korean employees and other civilians, all work together for peace on the peninsula,” said Barretto.

The Korean people and their gracious nature always sent a warm and powerful message to him, as did the camaraderie on the peninsula. Next up for Barretto,

along with his wife and children, will be a move to Joint Base San Antonio in Texas. His new responsibilities will see him serving as the command sergeant major for U.S. Army North (Fifth Army).

But having spent almost three years as the senior enlisted Soldier for 2ID/RUCD, Barretto knows that setting a good example based on good character and discipline is what strong leadership is all about.

So if he could tell junior soldiers just one thing, one secret for success, what would it be?

“Be that Soldier, that leader, who does the right thing when no one is looking,” said Barretto.

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Command Sgt. Major Phil K. Barretto, the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division command sergeant major goes through an obstacle course during the 2ID/RUCD Best Warrior Competition, April 22, 2020.
(U.S. Army photo by KPfc. Choi, Jae Won)



Command Sgt. Major Phil K. Barretto, the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division command sergeant major visits ROKA 28th ID, at Yangju City, July 23, 2018.
(U.S. Army photo by Mr. Pak, Chin-U, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)

Command Sgt. Major Phil K. Barretto, the 2ID/RUCD Division command sergeant major and Maj. Gen Steven W. Gilland, 2ID/RUCD commanding general, stand with Soldiers in historical U.S. Army uniforms at the 2ID/RUCD's 102nd Birthday Celebration, La Vie D'or Resort, Suwon, October 25, 2019.
(U.S. Army photo by Mr. Pak, Chin-U, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



HHBN WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER

CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA - The Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division said farewell to Lt. Col. Stephen S. Bartley, the outgoing commander, and welcomed Lt. Col. Brady R. Clark, the incoming commander, during a change of command ceremony on June 16, 2020 at the Robertson division parade field.

Bartley, who commanded HHBN during the closure of Camp Red Cloud and ensuing 2ID/RUCD relocation to Camp Humphreys, as well as the ongoing COVID-19 response, thanked several of the leaders he worked alongside.

"With all the hard work and accomplishments this team has achieved in the past two years, one may think that the hard work is done," said Bartley, who is a native of Fredonia, New York. "Don't be fooled by that narrative."

He went on to remind everyone that North Korea remained a real threat. "We must remain ready for the crucible of high intensity conflict. At all times, this Battalion must remain ready to fight tonight and have the decisiveness to engage and win on the battlefield."

Clark arrived from MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida, where he served as the Wargames Center Operations Officer for United States Special Operations Command.

"It is a great honor to stand before you today as the successor to such an outstanding commander and previous commanders before him," said Clark, addressing the leadership in formation.

"I will adopt Lt. Col. Bartley's vision and priorities and I will ensure we are always ready to fight tonight."

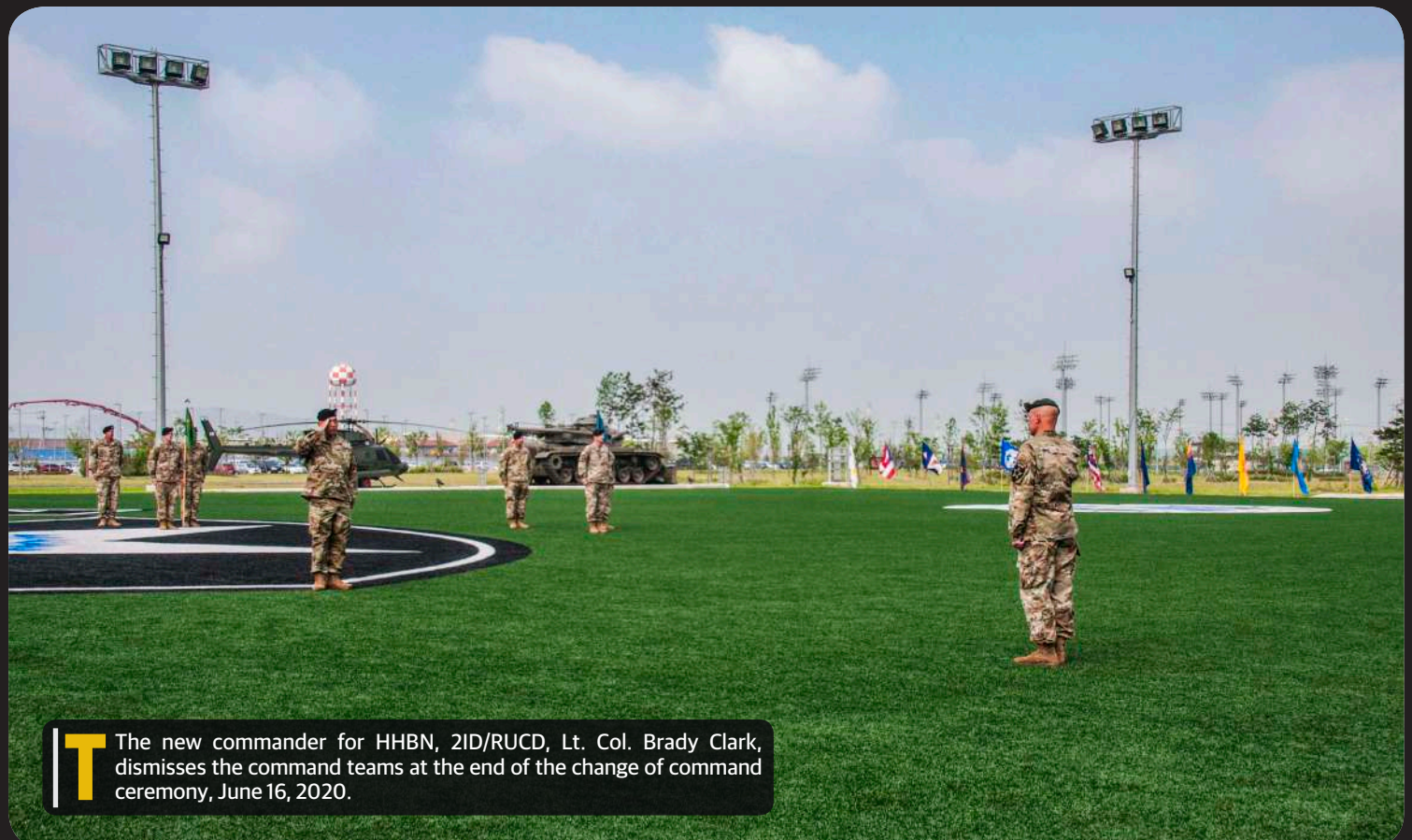
"I look forward to being part of an extraordinary team. Serving with you and your families, and getting to know each and every one of you," continued Clark, who is a Fort Benning, Ga. native. "Every day, I am going to try my best to make it better, and I ask you to do the same."

For the ceremony, Col. Jeff Becker, the chief of staff for 2ID/RUCD, received the guidon from Bartley and handed it to Clark, symbolizing the change of responsibility between the outgoing and incoming commanders. During his speech, Becker thanked Bartley for everything he had done for the Warrior Division, and welcomed Clark and his family to their new home, confident that he would continue to ensure the unit was ready to fight tonight.

"Leading through challenging times and managing change has been a common part of your command," said Becker during his remarks about Bartley. "At each challenging step of the way, you have rallied the team to meet the demands of this mission, all while taking care of the team, your Soldiers, and their families."

"You can leave absolutely knowing that there are thousands of Soldiers and their family members that are better for your leadership and service," Becker said.

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The new commander for HHBN, 2ID/RUCD, Lt. Col. Brady Clark, dismisses the command teams at the end of the change of command ceremony, June 16, 2020.



T The new commander for HHBN, 2ID/RUCD, Lt. Col. Brady Clark, speaks to the leaders assembled for the change of command Ceremony, June 16, 2020.

Along with the heat of June, so arrives a sense of deep reverence for past Korean War veterans. As the spirit of patriotism and valor permeates across the country, we once again remember the feats of our fellow warriors. The month of June in Korea is treated much like Memorial Day or Veterans Day in the U.S. It is a month in which Soldiers and citizens alike come together to honor the sacrifices of past war veterans and unite with a shared feeling of patriotism.

With “Righteous Army Day” on June 1st, “ROK Memorial Day” on June 6th, “Battle of Bong-O-Dong Memorial Day” on June 7th, and “The Outbreak of the Korean War” occurring on June 25, the month of June has special significance to the citizens of Korea. To those identifying as Korean, the historical events of June signify the steadfast will of the nation’s people to fend off outside invaders.

To briefly explain the national significance of the days listed above, we must begin with the “Righteous Army Day”—one that starts off the month of June. The “Righteous Army”, pronounced “ui-byung” in the Korean language, refers to early Korean militias that defended against offensives from nearby countries. While most of these militias were informal and were formed of civilians with no proper training, they formed the backbone of the Independence and Liberation Army—the army that fought for Korean independence from Japanese colonialism. June 1st was the first time when military general Gwak Jae-U formally assembled the “Righteous Army”, and hence the day has since been commemorated as a national holiday symbolizing the birth of the nation’s army.

Just five days after the day of the Righteous Army is “ROK Memorial Day”. Celebrated on the sixth of June, Memorial Day venerates the patriotic spirits of war veterans, those that have sacrificed their lives for the nation. In honoring these warriors the national flag of Korea is raised in every household across the country, a demonstration that Koreans will never forget their devotion to our country. While the 65th Memorial Day ceremony was reduced in size due to the unexpected occurrence of COVID-19, our thoughts and remembrance of past Korean veterans remain the same.

REMEMBER THE FALLEN

As President Moon put it, “The freedom and prosperity that we enjoy today were only made possible through those that devoted their whole lives to the nation’s security. The people that lie in the nation’s memorial park are the ones that have made Korea into what it is today.”

The “Battle of Bong-O-Dong Memorial Day” on June 7th, memorializes the combined force victory against the Japanese led by Korean generals Hong Bom-Do and Choi Jin Dong in 1920. The battle marked the first victory of the Korean Liberation Army and profoundly altered the dynamics of upcoming battles. Probably the most widely known date in June amongst Koreans is June 25th, the day of the outbreak of the Korean War. As the 70th year since the beginning of the war, several events are planned to take place this year on this very day. Approximately 400 people will be gathering in central events across Seoul, and 216 more provinces will be holding smaller-size events commemorating this day. With the outbreak of COVID-19, the Korean Department of Defense with the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs will be delivering face masks to overseas veterans as a gesture of gratitude for all that they have done for the country.

With the onset of COVID-19, the Memorial Month of 2020 has seen slightly different forms of remembrance in comparison to previous years. However, the sense of pride in the nation’s identity and a sense of civic duty and obligation remain the same. While our past ancestors may have fought against outer invaders, we today are fighting an invisible virus from within. Carrying on the sense of responsibility and honor demonstrated by our veterans, we know that as a nation we will steadfastly overcome the enemy, just like we have done in the past.

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JUNE 2020

A MONTH TO REMEMBER

CHOSUN CULTURE #6

- JEJU ISLAND -

Jeju Island (제주도) is South Korea's largest island located in the southwestern part of the Republic of Korea, with a land mass of 1,833.2 kilometers and a population of 670,000. Jeju Island was formed by volcanic activity, and has a gentle slope of flat land in all directions around Halla Mountain (한라산), which is located in the center of the Island.

Halla Mountain, a symbol of Jeju Island, is a 1,947 meter high volcano and covers most of the island's area. At the summit, there is a volcanic arc called Baeknokdam (백록담), which means a pond where white deer drink water. It is well preserved in its original form because it is not affected by erosion, and there are cases where snow is piled up until summer.

Jeju Island is a world-famous volcanic island and has various topographical features such as Oreum (오름), Jusangjeolli (주상정리, columnar joint), and lava caves.

Oreum is a parasitic volcano that was created when the crater ended its eruption and magma at the base of the volcano broke through the weak ground and erupted around it. Jeju Island's Oreum was formed by multiple parasitic volcanoes on one mountain, which cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

Jusangjeolli are pentagonal and hexagonal pillars formed by solidification of lava flows, making them look like honeycombs. A lava cave is a cave formed by lava flow, the surface being hardened by cold air, and the inner lava flowing down. Jeju Island's representative lava cave is Manjang Cave (만장굴), which maintains a cool temperature inside the cave like autumn even in the hot summer.

Seongsan Ilchulbong (성산일출봉, shown in the photo below) is Jeju Island's most famous tourist attractions. Seongsan Ilchulbong, registered as a UNESCO World Natural Heritage site, is a mountain characterized by a large bowl-shaped crater. The side of the mountain is formed by the erosion caused by waves, creating an unusual combination of the sea and the mountain. The height is 182m, which is very low, but the sunrise seen at Seongsan Ilchulbong is considered the most beautiful sunrise in Korea.

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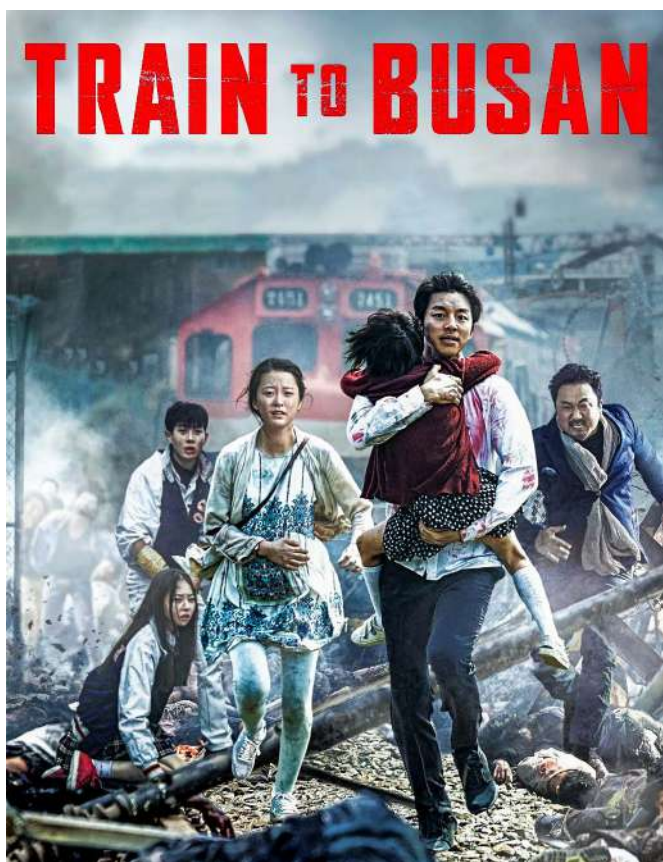
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TRAVEL KOREA

INTRODUCTION

TO KOREAN CINEMA



- TRAIN TO BUSAN -

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Train to Busan is a South Korean horror film, released in 2016, where an unforeseen apocalypse destroys the Korean peninsula as an unstoppable zombie virus spreads.

Seok Woo is a divorced man that lives in Seoul with his daughter Soo-an. He is a selfish man that doesn't take care of his daughter. On Soo-an's birthday, she asks to visit her mother who lives in Busan. On their way to Busan, they board the KTX, a bullet train, at the same time a sick woman boards in another car with an abnormal virus.

During their journey, the sick woman attacks a staff member of the train and the virus starts to spread quickly. The apocalypse begins and most of the population become flesh craving zombies. The passengers in the train have to survive all the way to Busan. The non-infected passengers fight against the zombies. Seok Woo and Sang Hwa, another passenger, try their best to protect their families.

Train to Busan is Yeon Sang-ho's directorial debut of a live action film. The movie keeps the audience on the edge of their seats by showing how humans are able to overcome unsurmountable odds and defeat the zombie hordes.

Train to Busan was awarded the following:

Baeksang Arts Award for Best Supporting Actor in Film

Baeksang Arts Award for Best New Film Director

Blue Dragon Film Award: Technical Award

Blue Dragon Film Award: Audience Choice Award

for Most Popular Film

Train to Busan received many positive reviews from both the Korean and foreign audiences for its intensity and story. The sequel, Peninsula (Train to Busan 2, 반도), has high expectations thanks to the good review of the director. It shares the same universe but not the same storyline and is scheduled to be released in July, so be on the lookout for it.

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JULY



The above schedule is tentative. For the latest information, visit Humphreys Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR - QR code on the right) at <https://humphreys.armymwr.com>.

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THE LAST BILINGUAL DIVISION PRODUCTION MAGAZINE

6월 25일, 포화 속에서 산화한 전우들을 기억하며...

1950년 6월 25일 새벽 4시, 북한은 242대의 전차를 밀고 남한을 침공한다. 38선을 넘으며 북한 인민군은 매서운 속도로 남한을 점령한다. 작전명 “폭풍”으로 불렸던 만큼, 북한은 국군을 휘저으며 단 3일만에 수도 서울을 정복한다. 당시 북의 지도자 김일성은 약 2달 만에 한반도의 적화통일을 이루어 8월 15일 광복절에 남북 통일을 선언하기로 계획하였다.

당시 국군 병력과 장비, 기갑 전력, 전투기, 전함 등이 모두 북측에 비해 열세였던 것은 모두가 아는 사실이다. 그러나 당시의 가장 큰 문제는 부대원의 수였다. 전쟁 발발 바로 전날인 24일, 비상 경계령이 해제되어 국군의 휴가, 외박, 외출 등이 재개되었고, 그 결과로 전체 병력의 40% 가량이 부대를 비웠다. 기습 공격을 당한 요일이 일요일이었던 만큼, 각군 본부 소속 간부들도 긴장이 한층 풀린 상태였을 것으로 예상된다.

이로 인한 북한의 침공은 처음에는 큰 승리를 거두었으나, 미군과 UN군의 도움으로 전쟁 시작 90일 후, 수도 서울을 회복했다. 맥아더 장군이 지휘한 인천 상륙 작전은 세계적으로 손꼽히는 작전으로 알려져 있으며, 한국 전쟁의 반환점이 된 계기라고 할 수 있다. 이후 국군은 북으로 올라가며 통일의 서막이 보이는 듯 했다.

그러나 메뚜기떼처럼 한반도로 투입된 중공군의 도움으로 북한이 힘을 얻었으며, 수많은 전투 끝에 지금의 휴전선이 그어졌다. 전장의 최전선에서 국군 장병들은 휴전 확정 직전까지 한치의 땅이라도 더 확보하기 위해 죽음의 결전을 벌이며 진정한 군인 정신과 전투 능력, 임전무퇴의 기상을 보여주었다. 70년이 지난 2020년... 우리는 발전된 나라의 산하에서 그들을 기억하며 추모한다. 그들의 희생은 결코 헛되지 않았다.

2020년 6월 25일, 우리는 당시 우리 나이와도 같았을 선배 전우들을 떠올리며 ‘군인정신’이란 과연 무엇인지를 생각해본다. 북한의 무모한 도전은 언제나 정전 상태를 전쟁 상태로 돌려놓을 수 있고, 우리는 도발에 항상 대응할 준비를 하며 전투태세를 완비해야 한다. 한국 전쟁은 결코 끝나지 않았다는 사실을 늘 새겨야 한다.

최근 코로나 바이러스로 인한 사회 다방면의 혼란이 계속되고, 북한은 남북 연락 사무소를 폭파하는 희대의 사건을 통해 전세계에 자신의 존재감을 과시한 채 뒤이은 도발을 준비하고 있다. 그렇기에 우리는 항상 대응할 준비를 해야 한다. 늘 그래왔듯이 미2사단/한미연합사단의 카투사 여러분들도 우리의 제1의 임무는 전 투준비태세 완비하는 것을 잊지 말고 각자의 업무에 임하길 바란다. 단결!



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미군의 역사: 언제, 어떻게 시작되었나?

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혁명의 불꽃과 전쟁을 통하여 담금질된 미국의 군대는 세계 최고의 군대로 평가받는다. 미군의 창설은 독립 전쟁을 위한 장비가 갖춰지지 않고 제식 훈련도 제대로 받지 않은 시민으로 이뤄진 민병대였다는 것을 상기하면 현재의 평가가 아이러니하게 보이기도 한다.

보스턴 근처에서 영국군을 상대로 승리한 이후, 두번째 대륙 회의에서 미군은 군대의 무력이 훈련과 무기가 열악한 한 한주먹 거리에 불과한 민병대라는 것을 깨달았다. 미국의 13개 식민지들은 영국으로부터 초기의 승리를 위하여 힘들게 싸웠지만, 그들의 급조된 군대로는 본토로부터 지원받는 영국군의 계속되는 습격을 이겨낼 수 없었다.

1775년 6월 14일, 미국의 두번째 대륙 회의를 통해 10개의 보병 중대로 이루어진 하나의 대륙군이 창설되고, 몇일 뒤에는 여러 지원 부대가 창설되었다. 이 지원 부대 중에는 공병 군단, 금융 군단, 그리고 보급 군단 등이 포함되어 있었다.

대륙군이 창설되었을 당시, 병사들은 기초 군사훈련 조차도 부족했고, 장비, 군율도 형편 없었다. 군인들은 대체로 너털너털하고 해어진 옷을

입었으며, 부족하거나, 이미 상해버린 배급품으로 하루하루를 살아갔다. 영국군을 이겨내기 위해 구성된 조지 워싱턴의 군인들이었으나, 많은 인원을 훈련시키고 이끄는 것은 결코 한 사람이 할 수 있는 일이 아니었다. 군사들의 훈련과 기강 확립을 위해 대륙군은 또 다른 리더가 필요했다.

프러시아 출신의 이민자 프레드리히 빌헬름 폰 슈토이벤은 대륙군의 이러한 문제점들을 개선하기 위하여 영입됐다. 군 감찰관이 된 그는 현재도 미군에서 활용하고 있는 기초 군사 훈련을 만들어 대륙군의 열악한 상태를 개선해 나갔다.

“저는 대륙군에 군인정신은 존재하지 않았다고 확신합니다. 규칙적인 구성 부재는 물론이며, 각 연대의 형성 방식은 훈련 방법에 따라 차이를 보였고, 훈련은 오직 수동적으로 이루어졌습니다.” 라고 본 슈토이벤은 말했다. “군인들은 말 그대로 알몸 상태였습니다. 장교들의 코트만 봐도 각양각색이었습니다. 벨리 포지 그랜드 퍼레이드에서 보초 서는 모습을 봤을 때, 마치 낡은 담요나 침대 커버로 만든 드레싱 가운같이 생긴 코트를 걸치고 있었습니다.”

본 슈토이벤은 대륙군에게 기본 군사 훈련 지침을 익히게 하고, 더욱

효과적으로 소총을 장전하는 방법, 근접전과 총검술, 그리고 현장 위생 지침을 가르쳐 군사력을 강화시켜 나갔다.

이후, 1777년 6월 14일, 두번째 대륙 회의에서 미군은 1777년 미군의 ‘깃발’ 결의안을 통과시켰다. 이 결의를 통하여 베시 로스 깃발이 신생 미합중국의 공식 깃발로 지정이 되었다.

처음 결의안이 통과된 이후, 미국 국기는 총 27번의 변화를 겪었다. 공식 깃발은 뉴욕 포트 스탠웁스 전투에서 처음 휘날려졌다. 하지만, 포트 스탠웁스의 병사들에게는 깃발이 없었다. 그들은 본인의 옷을 잘라 흰 천을 대신했고, 장교의 아내들의 코트로 빨간 선들을 만들었으며, 아브라함 스윙트와트 대위의 한 파란 코트가 13개의 별의 배경이 되었다.

결국 대륙군이 영국을 상대로 승리한 이후 해체되었으나 전쟁 이후 남아있는 몇몇 부대들이 미국 군단의 깃발 아래 모였다. 군단의 임기는 1796년까지 이어졌고, 이 때에 대륙군은 미국의 군대로서 새롭게 부활하였다.

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롱아일랜드의 전투 (도메니크 디 안드리아)





한미 연합사단 5주년 맞이 단체 재입대식

한미 연합사단 5주년 맞이 재입대식

5년 전, 정확히는 2015년 6월 3일, 미2사단은 한미 연합사단으로 재탄생하였다. 이는 전 세계에 걸쳐 두 국가가 연합해 만든 유일한 사단이다.

이 기념일을 축하하기 위해 사단장인 스티븐 W. 길랜드 소장은 2020년 6월 3일, 103명 병사들의 재입대식을 주관하였다.

한미 연합사단에서 모병 업무를 담당하는 렉스 포트너 주임원사는 재입대를 선택한 병사들의 인원수에 큰 의미가 있다고 전했다. “각 병사는 사단이 존재한 1년을 의미합니다.”

미 제 2 보병사단이 한국군 참모단 간부, 제 16 기계화 보병 여단과 함께 하나의

연합사단을 이루게 된 것은 2011년 9월 부터 2013년 6월까지 사단장이던 에드워드 칼돈 소장과 당시 한국군 특수전 사령부 사령관이었던 전인범 중장의 구상으로 시작되었다.

전인범 예) 중장은 5주년 기념식에서, 이 계획이 칼돈 소장 집의 거실에서 한 냅킨 위에 그린 그림으로 시작했다고 당시를 회상했다.

“지난 5년 동안 한미 연합사단은 한반도의 중요한 전력으로 발전되어왔습니다. 이제는 ‘Fight Tonight’의 기상을 지니며 실존하는 연합 지상군의 초석이 되었습니다” 라고 전인범 예) 중장은 말했다.

“한국군과 미군의 힘찬 결의는 글로벌 역량을 강화하고 한미 관계의 미래를

위한 상호간의 이해와 우정을 돈독하게 합니다.”

현재 한미 연합사단의 부사단장으로 있는 유욱상 준장은 한미연합사단의 일원으로서 가지는 자부심과 본인이 생각하는 사단의 사명에 관해 전했다.

“저는 저희의 사명이 향후 100년이 넘는 기간동안 대한민국의 평화를 지키는 것이라고 생각합니다. 그것이 바로 한국 전쟁 당시 연합군으로서 싸웠던 참전 용사들의 뜻을 이어나가기 위한 우리의 사명입니다.”라고 그는 전했다. “이러한 것이 바로 한미연합사단의 정신입니다.”

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일병 최재원 / 번역

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한국의 장승!

#장승 #기복신앙
#넘뚱 #6월의포스트

옛날 마을의 초입에는 사람의 얼굴 형태를 소박하게 그리거나 조각하고 하단에는 천하대장군, 지하대장군 등의 글씨가 새겨진 나무기둥이나 돌기둥이 있었다. '장승'이라고 불리는데, 장승은 한국의 대표적인 민간 신앙이자 마을 공동체를 상징하는 목상이다.

장승은 종교적으로 마을의 수문신이나 수호신으로서 존재하는 동시에, 사찰이나 지역간의 경계표, 이정표 등의 역할을 하며 전국적으로 분포되어 있었다.

장승의 기원은 확실히 알려진 것이 없지만 다양한 가설들이 존재한다. 고대의 사찰의 토지 경계 표시에서 나온 것이라는 설, 솟대나 서낭당에서 유래된 것이라는 고유민족기원설, 통구스 기원설 같은 다른 민족에게서 유래되었다는 비교민속 기원설 등이 있다. 학계에서는 고유민족 기원설과

비교민속 기원설이 함께 받아들여지고 있다.

장승을 만들 때 사용되는 재료는 돌과 나무가 있다. 목장승의 형태는 나무장대에 새를 조각하여 올려놓는 솟대형과 통나무에 사람 얼굴을 그리고 글자를 써서 나무에 묶어두거나 기대어 놓은 목주형, 신을 조각한 신장조상형이 있다. 석장승의 형태는 선돌형, 돌무더기형, 비석형, 신장을 조각한 형태가 있다. 장승의 생김새에는 사람 얼굴을 한 인면형, 괴물의 얼굴을 한 귀면괴수형, 미륵을 조각한 미륵형, 문무관의 형태를 한 문무관형이 있다. 장승에 붙여진 이름 또한 다양한데 기본적인 천하대장군, 지하대장군 뿐만 아니라 도교적 장군, 방위신장, 불교의 호법신장, 풍수도참과 결부된 명칭들이 있다.

장승은 설치된 곳에 따라 그 역할을

달리하는데 보통은 이러한 역할들이 합쳐진 복합적인 기능을 하고 있다. 마을 입구 앞에 설치된 장승은 마을 수호와 방재, 축귀 등의 기능을 하며 동시에 이정표 겸 경계표로 작동한다. 공터나 무덤 지역에 설치된 장승은 지역의 악운을 누르고 행운을 부르는 역할을 한다.

장승은 한국의 기복신앙과 수호신앙이 합쳐진 매우 실용적인 설치물이다. 주술 종교적인 기능을 하면서 거리와 방향을 가르키는 공공의 기능 또한 같이 한다. 장승은 마을 공동체의 단합을 도모해주는 역할도 했는데 무당의 굿과 유교식 제사를 통해 사람들이 모여 마을의 안녕과 평안을 기도하는 장소이기 때문이다.

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2020년 6월, 그 각별한 의미

대한민국의 6월은 엄숙하다. 나라를 지켜내기 위해 목숨 바쳐 싸우셨던 호국영령의 넋이 되살아나는 듯하다.

미국에 현충일 (Memorial Day), 참전 용사의 날 (Veterans Day)이 있다면, 대한민국에서는 6월 한달을 ‘호국보훈의 달’로 정해 나라를 위해 희생, 헌신하신 분들을 기리고 나라 사랑의 마음을 되새기곤 한다. 6월에는 그만큼 역사적으로 의미가 있는 날들이 많기 때문인데, 특히 6월 1일은 의병의 날, 6월 6일은 현충일, 6월 7일은 봉오동 전투 기념일, 6월 25일은 6.25전쟁이 일어났던 날이다.

6월에 있는 기념일들을 소개하자면, 예로부터 외세의 침략을 많이 받아왔던 역사 속에서, 외세에 저항해 분연히 일어섰던 의로운 구국 민병(의병)이 있어 지금의 대한민국이 있게 됐다고 할 수 있다.

‘의병’은 이후 독립군, 광복군으로 이어지며 지금의 대한민국 국군의 뿌리가 되었다. 6월 1일을 의병의 날로 지정한 이유는 임진왜란시 활동한 의병장인 광재우가 최초로 의병을 일으킨 음력 4월 22일을 양력으로 환산해, ‘호국보훈의 달’ 첫째 날인 6월 1일로 지정하였고, 2011년부터 매년 기념식을 개최해 의병의 역사적 가치를

일깨우고 애국정신을 계승하고 있는 것이다.

6월 6일은 대한민국의 현충일이다. 미국의 Memorial Day처럼 호국영령의 명복을 빌고 순국선열 및 전몰장병의 숭고한 호국정신과 위훈을 추모하는 행사를 하며 조기를 게양한다. 올해 개최되었던 제65회 현충일 기념식은 코로나19로 인해 행사 규모와 참석자가 매우 축소되었지만, 현충일의 의미는 결코 축소되지 않았다. 문재인 대통령은 국립대전현충원에서 개최된 기념식에서 “오늘 우리가 누리고 있는 자유와 번영은 가장 빛나는 시기 자신의 모든 것을 조국에 바친 순국선열과 호국영령의 헌신과 희생 위에 서 있습니다. 이곳에 잠들어 계신 한분 한분 모두가 대한민국의 오늘을 만들어낸 분들입니다”라고 하며, 국가를 위한 희생과 헌신이 얼마나 값진 것인지 다시금 강조한 바 있다.

6월 7일은 봉오동전투 전승 기념일로, 특히 올해는 100주년이 되는 해이다. 100년 전인 1920년 6월 7일, 홍범도·최진동 장군이 이끈 독립군 연합부대가 일본군에 맞서 봉오동에서 ‘독립전쟁 첫 번째 대승리’를 거뒀고, 10월에는 김좌진·홍범도 장군이 주축이 된 연합부대가 ‘청산리대첩’이라는 독립전쟁 사상 최고의 승리를 이뤄냈다.

올해는 민족 상잔의 6.25전쟁이 발발한 지 70주년이 되는 해이다. 당일에는 서울에서 400여명이 참석하는 중앙 기념행사가 거행되며, 전국 216개 지역에서도 다양한 기념행사가 개최될 예정이다. 특히 올해는 코로나19 상황을 맞아 국방부는 보훈처와 함께 해외 참전용사에게 마스크 등 방역물품을 전달하는 뜻깊은 활동을 전개하고 있다. 각종 물품과 대한민국 정부의 감사편지를 전달받은 참전용사들은 어려운 시기에 자신들을 잊지 않고 감사를 전하는 대한민국에 감동과 감사를 표현하기도 하였다.

다양한 기념일과 추모행사가 진행되는 2020년 6월, 한번도 겪어보지 못한 코로나19와 함께 해 더 색다른 의미로 다가오는 호국보훈의 달이다. 눈에 보이지 않는 적으로부터 국가와 국민을 지켜내는 일은 군 뿐만이 아니라 국민 모두의 책무이다. 나 한명의 무책임한 행동으로 인해 다른 사람이 피해를 볼 수 있고, 이는 곧 비전투 손실로 이어질 수 있기 때문이다. 코로나19가 종식되는 날, 모두가 승리한 전투의 전사로 역사에 기억될 수 있길 기대해 본다.

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