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Warrior division gets new commander



Photo by Yu, Hu Son

Maj. Gen. George A. Higgins, left, receives the 2nd Inf. Div. guidon from Eighth U.S. Army commander, Lt. Gen. Charles Campbell at the division change of command ceremony Tuesday on Indianhead Field.

Story by Spc. Chris Stephens
Indianhead editor

For the 87th time in its storied history, the Warrior Division received a new commander. But, for the first time in the division's history, 'Warrior 6' changed hands through West Point classmates.

Outgoing commander, Maj. Gen. John R. Wood, and incoming commander Maj. Gen. George A. Higgins graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1972 as combat arms officers. Tuesday, they found themselves on Indianhead Field with over 2,000 'Fight Tonight' Soldiers as one relinquished command to the other.

"This division is getting an experienced and ready leader," Wood said of his successor. "This division is going to thrive under his command."

Wood, who moves on to his next assignment as the chief of Joint Experimentation, Joint Forces Command, in Norfolk, Va., expressed sadness for leaving the division.

"My wife (Margaret), and I are sad to be leaving the Soldiers and leaders of this great division," he said. "We've made so many friends both in the Army and in the Korean community that we are truly going to miss."

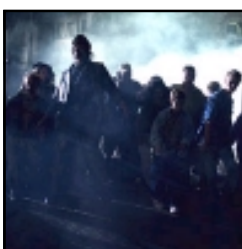
For the new division commanding general, South Korea is nothing new to him and his family. For the past two years, Higgins has served as the U/C/J3 United Nations/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea and Deputy Commanding General (Operations) for the Eighth U.S. Army.

"(Higgins) will do an outstanding job with the Second Infantry Division," said Lt. Gen. Charles Campbell, commander, Eighth U.S. Army. "His reputation of excellence is well-known around the peninsula."

Higgins said he and his wife, Marilyn, are ready to lead the division.

"We come here with a deep sense of humility, pride and gratitude," he said. "There are many other places we

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Strike Force Soldiers show discipline

By Brig. Gen.

Charles A. Anderson

*2nd Infantry Division, Assistant
Division Commander (Support)*

I have just had the pleasure of returning from Kuwait and from seeing firsthand the awesome quality of our Strike Force Soldiers, their equipment, and most important, their training and discipline.

Strike soldiers received the Rapid Fielding Initiative (RFI) while in the assembly area in Kuwait, which meant a duffle-bag of specialized equipment including, but not limited to, the new assault helmet, sweat

absorbent t-shirts and socks, new and improved desert boots, goggles, body-armor, squad radios, and laser optics for individual and crew served weapons. They also received new and improved Up-Armored HMMWVs, weapons mounts and radios. Strike force devoted a major portion of their time in Kuwait training with the new equipment and preparing for their mission in Iraq.

In all, the Strike Brigade moved north as a well-equipped, well-trained, and superbly led force. It was obviously clear that the four, short but powerful sentences

of the "Warrior Ethos" would be their guidepost. The training was a reminder to us all of the importance of basic fundamentals, the "blocking and tackling" of warfighting.

We can all be proud that as the Strike Force moved north into Iraq they followed in the footsteps of many in uniform who have served with honor in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Indeed history was made on the Korean Peninsula training and deploying the Brigade to OIF, and history will be made with their unyielding contributions to providing peace and security for the Iraqi people. Well done



Brig. Gen. Charles A.
Anderson

Second Infantry Division, you have again proven that we are a campaign quality force that can adapt to any threat and any environment.

Second to None!

Warrior 7 sends ... Forging disciplined Warriors

By Command Sgt. Maj.

James Lucero

*2nd Infantry Division
command sergeant major*

Mission accomplishment is a value expressed in both the Soldier's Creed and the NCO Creed. Our warfighting capability centers around our Soldiers' ability to accomplish any mission, any time.

Our junior leaders instill this attitude in our Soldiers through engaged leadership, maintaining discipline and setting the standard in all aspects of a Warrior's life.

Engaged leadership requires the full participation of all noncommissioned officers.

NCOs need to ensure Sergeants Time Training effectively supports our warfighting mission throughout our sections. Identify the sections' go to war mission and train our Soldiers' skills to standard.

NCOs must be out front during all physical training activities. Senior NCOs must coach the junior NCOs to design, implement and conduct unit and section PT programs to the Army's standard. Take the time to show your Soldiers you are equally as interested in their physical health and well being as you are in their improved PT scores.

NCOs must conduct first-hand coaching of our Soldiers at our ranges. Personally take responsibility for their proficiency with their assigned weapons, to include basic marksmanship training before going to the range. Show your soldiers you care about their success in battle.

Enforce discipline in our Soldiers, both at work and during down time.

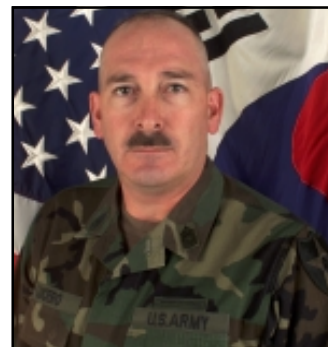
Ensure our Soldiers understand that they are ambassadors for our nation. The discipline they display when they travel off post, in

the community, will speak volumes about our culture to our Korean hosts.

Teach our Soldiers to avoid conflicts or disagreements with local nationals. Ensure they know how to brief courtesy patrols in the event of trouble. Have your Soldiers recite to you the command's curfew policy before they leave the garrison. Ensure they understand the importance of maintaining contact with the command during high Force Protection condition levels.

NCOs must also ensure our Soldiers know how to treat one another with courtesy and respect in the workplace. We are one team with one mission, ready to fight tonight. Our soldiers must display self-discipline and a mission-focused attitude at all times.

Our division is based on standards. NCOs at all levels must ensure our soldiers know and follow training



Command Sgt. Maj.
James Lucero

standards, workplace standards and uniform standards. Ensure they know the difference between the uniform worn for the office and the uniform required for training. Reinforce the division policy that explains the standard for our Warriors' civilian attire as well.

NCOs who personally instill discipline and set the standards for our Soldiers' conduct at work and at play ensure the Warriors of the Second Infantry Division live up to our nickname: Second to None!



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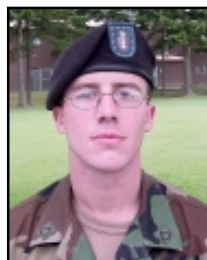
Voice of the Warrior: Camp Red Cloud

Do Soldiers pay enough attention to Force Protection Measures?



Pfc. Karl Marston
122 Sig. Bn.

"No, they think it's not their job to keep track of it."



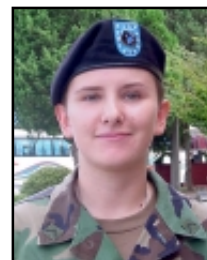
Pfc. John Miller
122 Sig. Bn.

"To a certain degree, yes. Some don't pay enough attention to it and just blow it off."



Staff Sgt. Alexis Payne
501st CSG

"They do. I do courtesy patrols and from what I've seen, they do. I make sure they have IDs and dog tags."



Pvt. Katie Jackson
HHC, 2nd Inf. Div.

"No, from what I've seen, I don't think they take seriously enough."



Maj. David Marana
168th Med. Bn.

"It goes both ways. We have Soldiers who do everything they can to protect themselves, their unit and country."



Staff Sgt. Tim Brice
2nd Bn., 2nd Av. Regt.

"It's gotten better. Since all these safety briefings have been done, it's raised awareness. I think they are paying more attention."



1st Sgt. Todd Leiferman
HHD Eng. Bde.

"I don't think they do. They need to pay more attention to AFN commercials. When Soldiers talk amongst themselves down in the ville, others can listen in."

509th PSB Soldiers inducted into NCO Corps

Story and photo by
Capt. Stacy Picard
509th PSB

Six enlisted and two KATUSA Soldiers from the 509th Personnel Service Battalion were recently inducted into the Noncommissioned Officers Corps as newly appointed sergeants.

Ceremonies like this are tradition across the Army. Each unit conducts it with distinction and to recognize the important milestone soldiers encounter. It marks a memorable and professional way to honor the new inductees.

"There are no words to express how I felt being inducted into the NCO Corps. It was a great experience," said Sgt. Juan Contreras, Bravo Detachment. "I promised myself that one day I would be up there giving a speech motivating other junior enlisted Soldiers to strive for the rank of command sergeant major."

Each inductee was granted a rite of passage through a two-sword arch. Sponsorship by one of the NCOs in the unit was also part of the program, uniting new and current members of NCO corps.

Leading from the front was

Command Sgt. Maj. James A. Murray, who orchestrated the event. This ceremony was the second since he began his tenure in the unit last May. Murray plans to have it as a quarterly event getting better each time.

"As future leaders of tomorrow, they must be willing to lead from the front build a team of competent soldiers and show and teach them and themselves what pride and honor is," Murray said.

The guest speaker was Command Sgt. Maj. Carlos Martinez, 8th Personnel Command. His words commemorated the inductees for their achievements and reminded them of what they now represent.

"NCOs are the backbone of the Army," Martinez said. "They train, lead and take care of Soldiers. They receive their authority from their oaths of office, law, rank structure, traditions, and regulations. Taking care of soldiers means creating a disciplined environment where they can learn and grow while holding them to high standards, training them to do their jobs so they can function in peace and win in war."

Whether an American



The six Soldiers and two KATUSAs prepare to be inducted into the NCO Corps.

Soldier or KATUSA, the responsibilities as leaders is the same. Their understanding that they now set the standards for the future and hopes of not letting their integrity become compromised is equal to both.

Sgt. Woo Young Kim, Alpha Detachment was one of the KATUSAs inductees in the ceremony.

Kim felt a sense of pride being recognized for his hard

work with the United States Army.

"You can feel accomplishment through your job and duty. You can do your work more actively because now you lead the Soldiers," Kim said. "As a leader, you take care of Soldiers and feel that you are helping somebody. You can also have an effect on them in a good way."

Sgt. Jasmine Ayala, Headquarters Detachment

agreed by saying her job responsibilities haven't changed, but now there's more pressure because she has soldiers that look up to her for the examples she sets.

"I'd tell junior enlisted soldiers to strive for perfection, never give up, and always stay motivated. That's all you need in your everyday life. That's what I live by and look at me now," Contreras said.

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could have gone to, but in the end, this is where we wanted to be."

Higgins, who was born in Frankfurt, Germany, enlisted into the Army in 1967 and underwent basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. Upon completion, he was assigned to the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Among his assignments include, commander, A Company, 3rd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment at Fort Stewart, Ga.; commander, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt. at Boblingen, Germany; commander, 1st Bn., 5th Inf. Regt. in Korea; and commander, 1st Brigade, 4th Inf. Div. at Fort Carson, Colo.

In addition to a bachelor of science from West Point, Higgins also holds a master of arts in Philosophy from the University of Virginia and a master of military art and science from the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. His other military education includes, the Army War College, School of Advanced Military Studies, Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and Airborne,



Photo by Yu, Hu Son

2nd Bn., 72nd Armor Regiment Soldiers complete the pass and review portion of the change of command ceremony Tuesday on Indianhead Field at Camp Casey.

Ranger and Pathfinder schools. He also served as an assistant professor of philosophy and English at West Point.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior

Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star.

Higgins and his wife have two sons: Jeff, who is a first lieutenant stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., and Steve who is a third-year cadet at West Point.

Prior to ending the ceremony, Higgins made a pledge to all division Soldiers.

"My pledge is to provide you with the very best leadership possible," he said. "That is my pledge to everyone."

Lose military ID, receive punishment

Story by Spc. Chris Stephens
Indianhead editor

This is the third story in a three-part series on Force Protection.

The military identification card has played a major role in operational security in the 2nd Infantry Division and in the Republic of Korea.

But sometimes, operational security is in danger by Soldiers who either sell or lose their ID card. But, what some Soldiers don't realize is that, if they lose or sell their ID card, they can be punished under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice. Punishment, however, is up to the Soldier's commander.

"Losing your ID card is the same thing as losing a sensitive item," said 2nd Infantry Division Command Sgt. Maj. James Lucero. "It's very critical that Soldiers don't give or sell their ID to anyone, especially a non-military person. In many cases Soldiers who do, should be referred for UCMJ."

In a previous story run by The Indianhead, it was reported that an active-duty military ID card can be bought on the black market.

Lucero stresses to all Soldiers not

only in the division, but also stationed on the peninsula, that if they sell their ID card they will be punished with a criminal offense.

"For Soldiers who sell their ID card, they will absolutely be punished to the fullest extent possible," Lucero said. "There are no excuses for doing something like that. It's wrong and should never be considered by any Soldier."

"By doing that, it not only jeopardizes the Soldiers' entire career, but it also jeopardizes the lives of every other Soldier," he said. "Everything that Soldier has worked for, along with their character, will be lost."

Division/ Area I Provost Marshal Lt. Col. Patrick Williams said Soldiers caught selling their ID card or who are found to have sold it, will be charged with Article 108 under UCMJ, which is wrongfully disposing of government property.

For the loss of an ID card, Article 108 carries a maximum of one year confinement and a bad-conduct discharge.

"Bottom line is don't do it," Williams said. "It's that simple."

Williams also suggested that commanders, first sergeants and other

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2nd Infantry Division command sergeant major*

unit non-commissioned officers, in every unit, drill into their Soldier's the importance of the ID card.

"A lot of times, Soldiers who lose their ID card are first-termers," he said. "It starts by educating Soldiers on the circumstances of losing or selling their ID card. By drilling the information into their heads about the ID card, then we can avoid some of these problems."

"Additionally, informing Soldiers their ID card is a sensitive item and a key force protection measure will help reduce the number of lost ID cards," he said.

"If we enforce strict punishment on those who lose or sell their ID card, I think it will show the Soldiers how serious this matter is," Lucero said.

Soldiers who do lose their ID card are required to notify the Provost Marshal's Office, immediately.

"If a Soldier doesn't notify PMO, they will not be able to get another ID from the (Personnel Service Battalion)," Williams said. "So, it is an absolute must."

For Soldiers who find an ID card, they are required to notify PMO and turn it in.

"All unit leaders need to let their Soldiers know what to do if they find an ID card," Williams said. "It's important that these get in the hands of authorities to be accounted for and not in the hands of other individuals or organizations."

"Bottom-line, force protection is everyone's issue," Williams said. "(Military) ID cards are part of force protection in Korea and we will continue stress that to every Soldier who comes here. "It's every Soldier's responsibility to know where their ID card is at all time."

Chaplains - unsung servants on the battlefield

Story by
Pfc. JeNell Mattair
Indianhead staff

Many remember the lovable "Father John Patrick Francis Mulcahy," played by William Christopher, who co-starred on the hit television series "M*A*S*H*."

Viewers saw a glimpse of what Army chaplains go through during war, such as taking cover under the thundering sounds from artillery rounds or reading the last rites to a dying Soldier on a stretcher.

"Chaplains play three basic roles on the battlefield," said Capt. Rodney Thomas, chaplain, 4th Bn., 7th Cav. Reg. "One, minister to the living; two, we care for the injured; and three, we

honor the dead."

Today, Army chaplains go through similar experiences as Mulcahy did.

However, what chaplains are going through today is real, not scripted.

"We were in Iraq when the war kicked off," Thomas said. "The Soldiers appreciated the chaplain's presence. While I was there, a sergeant with an element of Soldiers said to me, 'Chaplain we want you to do something for us.' I said, 'Sure whatever you want.' He said, 'Come with us.'"

"Even though we added no manpower and I didn't carry a weapon, the Soldiers wanted us with them," Thomas said.

While many Army chaplains within U.S. Forces Korea serve in various

facets, from conducting crisis intervention to marriage enrichment, the priority is to maintain a constant presence with Soldiers, said 304th Signal Battalion Chaplain Capt. Brian Crane.

"The Army Chaplain Corps is very unique, unlike the other military branches," Crane said. "Our priority and focus is the Soldier...and our time at the chapel is only additional duty."

Soldiers greatly benefit with Army chaplains in the field during deployments.

"Chaplains act as a safety valve while staying out in the field with Soldiers. We bring something no one else offers - the spiritual awareness of, and the attention to, the presence

of God," he said.

The Army Chaplain Corps comprises the largest military chaplaincy in the world, according to goarmy.com Web site.

Since its inception 229 years ago, more than 25,000 chaplains have served in 36 wars and 200 have died in combat.

Five Army chaplains have received the Medal of Honor.

"My duty as a chaplain is to simply be there," Thomas said. "It is a ministry of presence. The spiritual aspect of a Soldier is vital on the battlefield. I let them know God's presence is with them."

Editors note: *Alex Harrington, Area II Public Affairs Office contributed to this story.*

The 2nd Infantry Division Command Team is saddened to report that three Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team (STRIKE FORCE) have been killed in Iraq.

The names of the Soldiers are:

- * Spc. Omead Razani - HHC 1st Bn., 506th Inf. Regt.**
- * Staff Sgt. Gary Vaillant - A Co., 2nd Bn., 72nd Armor Regt.**
- * Pfc. Jason Sparks - C Co., 1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.**

News Briefs

All-Army Rugby Tryouts

Four Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division have been selected to attend the All-Army Rugby tryouts at Fort Lewis, Wash., Oct. 8-17.

The Soldiers are:

- * Capt. Frankie Cochiasue, HHC 2nd Infantry Division,
- * 1st Lt. Christian Skoglund, B Co., 2nd Bn., 2nd Aviation Regt.,
- * Capt. Nathan Whitlock, HHC, 1st Brigade, 2nd Inf. Div.,
- * Spc. Timothy Wright, 50th Engineer Co.

Selected individuals will represent the Army in the Armed Forces Rugby Championships at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Oct. 18-23.

Newcomer's Orientation

There will be a newcomers orientation from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 22 in building S-16, the ACS classroom, on Camp Red Cloud.

There will be a free lunch at a Korean Restaurant, along with traditional Korean mask making and Korean cultural education.

For more information or to make reservations, call 732-7779

New curfew at Osan

Beginning tonight, Osan will have a midnight to 5 a.m. curfew across the board.

This includes all Soldiers who are on temporary duty, on leave or spending the weekend at Osan.

Bowling Tournament

The CG's Mess Association will be hosting a bowling tournament at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 25 at the CRC Bowling Center.

Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

For more information, call 732-7672.

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Prostitution - illegal on peninsula

Story compiled from U.S. Forces Korea PAO staff reports

The Department of Defense and U.S. Forces Korea communities have taken a firm stance on eliminating prostitution and human trafficking.

"Trafficking in persons is a violation of human rights; it is cruel and demeaning; it is linked to organized crime; it undermines our peacekeeping efforts; and it is incompatible with military core values," said Deputy Secretary of Defense, Dr. Paul Wolfowitz.

USFK officials and commanders at all levels have taken aggressive steps to end USFK's personnel's involvement in these illegal activities. "Commanders have intensified courtesy patrols to help

servicemembers and civilian employees by staying safe and avoiding criminal behavior at local night spots," said Col. MaryAnn Cummings, Director of USFK Public Affairs.

Military law enforcement officials are also working closely with their Korean National Police counterparts for them to investigate potential areas of prostitution and human trafficking. KNP and military police routinely patrol local entertainment districts.

"Local businesses not meeting USFK standards are placed off-limits. Also, if indicators point to human trafficking or other criminal activities, these clubs are also placed off-limits. Owners may appeal that decision through the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board process," Cummings said.

Off-limits establishments are listed on the Eighth U.S. Army Intranet Website at: <https://www-eusa-1.korea.army.mil>.

"Action by leadership alone is not enough, it needs the support of everyone," Cummings said. "If you suspect human trafficking, report it. Look for signs of prostitution, private rooms for employee and patrons, money being exchanges for unknown reasons, and the appearance of someone's freedom being restricted."

"I expect those in authority at all levels to examine opportunities for combating trafficking in persons," Wolfowitz added.

Human trafficking is serious. If you see it...report it to the USFK hot line at DSN 333. If you call from an off-post telephone, dial 0505-736-9333.

ERB validation very important for board

Story by Capt. Stacy Picard

509th PSB

Many Senior NCOs preparing for the November Sergeant First Class board are unaware of the online updating and validation process. Leading the charge to keep soldiers informed are the enlisted records sections of the 509th Personnel Services Battalion (PSB).

Senior noncommissioned officers now have the option to go online to review their Enlisted Records Brief (ERB) to see if any corrections need to be made. If their record is correct, the soldier can elect to validate online and finalize the process before a review by the board.

"It is important for all eligible noncommissioned officers to update and validate their records. It shows the board members that they actually took the time to ensure their records were correct and accurate," Command Sgt. Maj. James A. Murray, 509th PSB said.

The purpose of the Enlisted Selection Board System (ESBS) is to eliminate the need for hardcopy documents. Previously, personnel services battalions mailed documents to the U.S. Army Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center (EREC). Documentation is now submitted to the board's voting members as an electronic file.

"The online validation process eliminates the need for the PSB to send hardcopies of the ERB to selection boards. Now, NCOs only need to go there if corrections need to be made to their ERB," Chief Robert A. Wagner, Dept. of the Army

Secretariat, U.S. Army EREC said.

"I was under the impression that my information would be updated automatically. When I reviewed my ERB online earlier today, I realized that was incorrect," Staff Sgt. Eric Trahan, Service Battery, 1/15 Field Artillery.

"I've been able to make the corrections needed and will validate once it posts in the system. The customer service I've received has been great," Trahan added.

On average it takes 30 minutes to update records depending on the number of corrections needed. The updates take approximately 24 to 72 hours to show up in the system.

"When a soldier comes into Enlisted Records we print off a copy of the ERB, have them review it, and make any changes to it as long as they have the source documents needed to do so," said Sgt. Reshawn Mucker, Alpha Det., 509th PSB.

The validation portion can be done online at the soldier's workplace and takes only 5 to 10 minutes to complete. It's the only way to send a message to the board members that the record has been verified by the eligible noncommissioned officer.

"It is very important that NCOs review their ERB online and validate it when it is correct to ensure that the selection board has complete and accurate information on the NCO to use in their decision making process," Wagner added.

The 509th PSB implemented changes to ensure the process to update records for the Sgt. First Class board would run smoother than the Master Sgt. Board update last month.

"The soldiers in the enlisted records section are doing an outstanding job supporting the senior NCOs coming in to update their records. We've extended our hours to better support our customers and the response has been great," Mucker said.

Additionally, the extended hours and the validation's importance to Soldiers were publicized on the Command Channel and in newspapers across Area 1.

Instead of having a walk-in system, appointment dates were set for each unit, allowing both the unit's administrative and enlisted records sections to have equal accountability for all eligible soldiers.

"I believe the appointment by unit is the best way to support all the units on this installation. Walk-in service is time consuming and unpredictable. I waited only 10 minutes," Trahan said.

Eligible noncommissioned officers can review their electronic board file via the EREC Web site at <https://www.hrc.army.mil>, by clicking on Human Resources Command Indianapolis, then select promotion file.

"As leaders it's all about taking care of soldiers. You cannot take care of soldiers if you're neglecting to care for yourself," Murray said.

"Most of the NCO/Soldiers want to do the right thing. It is an individual responsibility to ensure that their records are accurate and correct," he added.

Trahan agreed, "Validation only takes a few minutes and could mean the difference between getting promoted or being passed over."

**FORCE PROTECTION TIP OF THE WEEK:
DON'T SELL YOUR MILITARY ID AND
YOUR ARMY CAREER FOR A FEW EXTRA BUCKS.**

USO Tour hits whitewater rapids



Photo by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

While rafting on the Hantan River, both boats of adventurers took it upon themselves to start water fights with other boats filled with Korean school-children.

The cold waters of the Hantan River challenged adventurers. The 18-member USO Tour group combined forces with Korean tourists to take the two-hour trip down the rapids. Afterwards the group went bungee-jumping.



Photo by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson



Photo by Spc. Chris Stephens

An adventurer gets her first thrill of bungee-jumping.

Story by
Pfc. Stephanie Pearson
Area I Public Affairs Office

Eighteen adventurers braved cold waters and dangerous heights Sept. 5 for a day of thrills.

The USO white-water rafting and bungee jumping tour took Area I Soldiers to the Hantan River to experience Korean culture and have fun outdoors.

"Long weekends are one of the only times Soldiers can really go out and see what Korea has to offer," said Sally Hall, Camp Casey USO director, "not only in Area I, but peninsula-wide."

The tour started at the river, where Korean river guides outfitted the Soldiers with helmets, life jackets and paddles.

Once everyone was properly suited up, the rafters grabbed their boats and headed down to the water.

For two hours, the thrill-seekers negotiated the Hantan, encountering rapids, having splashing battles with other rafts and jumping off cliffs along the way.

"The boat ride with everybody was fun," said Capt. Matt Linehan, 702nd Main Support Battalion officer-in-charge. "Everyone was just out to have a good time. It was fun splashing the

other boats and jumping in the water."

After the raft trip, the tour took the Warriors to a local bridge with a bungee-jump tower on it. There, Soldiers got the opportunity to throw themselves over a 173-foot drop to the river below.

"The bungee jumping was my favorite part," said Pfc. Kevin Vandefifer, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey, who jumped for the first time. "It was different, just free falling. It was scary and exciting all at once. I would definitely do it again!"

While not all of the Soldiers took the plunge, everyone had fun watching.

"I hate heights," Linehand said, "but it was cool to watch the other people jump. I can't believe how some people went off the edge like it was no big deal."

Overall, the day was a success, the participants said.

"It was pretty fun," said Sgt. 1st Class Cavin Clark, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, USAGm Camp Casey operations sergeant. "We got to mingle with people from other units and meet some Korean people. It shows the local community that the Soldiers stationed here in Korea are out enjoying the same activities they enjoy, too."



Photo by Spc. Chris Stephens

2nd Lt. Alicia Peterson, left, and Capt. Maria Berger, paddle their raft down the river as their Korean tour guide steer. Each boat had nine Soldiers each in it.

CRC Fire Department welcomes newest member

Story and photo by
Pfc. Stephanie Pearson
Area I Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud Fire Department's newest member isn't your typical firefighter.

At less than 12 inches tall and weighing in at a mere 5 pounds, she's definitely the smallest member on the force — but that hasn't stopped her from winning the hearts of all who meet her.

Sparky is a seven-week-old Dalmatian puppy who joined the fire department Aug. 25.

John Cook, USAG CRC fire chief, said fire department officials had been talking about getting a "fire dog" for a while, but didn't jump on the idea until Lt. Col. William Huber, USAG CRC commander, suggested getting a Dalmatian.

"Dalmatians and fire trucks have been together as far back as I can remember," Huber said. "I remember visiting the fire department as a child during Fire Safety Week, and I recall a positive encounter with a Dalmatian. Today, I can never recall the fireman who showed us around the station and trucks, but I remember that Dalmatian sitting on the ladder truck or riding in the front of the truck on the way to a fire."

Dalmatians have a long history as fire dogs that began in the 1700s with the rise of organized fire stations.

Back then, firefighting equipment was carried on horse-drawn wagons.

Dogs were trained to lead the horses through crowded streets, protect them from other dogs, and run ahead of the fire wagons to clear intersections by barking an alarm.

Since Dalmatians have no fear of horses, are very fast, have the stamina to run as much as 20-30 miles a day and are easily recognized by their distinct markings, they were a natural choice for early firefighters and soon became the symbol of fire departments across the nation.

Luckily for Sparky, the garrison fire department uses fire trucks equipped with alarms, so her duties will be less physical than her fire dog forefathers. However, they won't be any less important, Cook said.

"She's going to be a typical mascot in one sense, as far as just being with the guys," he said, "and she's already fitting in quite well that way. In this station, she's raised morale a lot. But we're also going to use Sparky to help with the fire-prevention message, and to help keep people's attention — especially young people — when we go out on vehicle displays. She'll add publicity and help enhance the fire safety program."

"There are many families



Sparky is the newest member of the CRC Fire Department

living in the area that must always be aware of fire safety and fire prevention," Huber added. "Sparky's major role is to promote fire safety, fire prevention and strong community relations. For example, she'll be trained to teach the community how to stop, drop and roll, which is an immediate action drill when escaping a fire. Additionally, Sparky will accompany department members on all community relations events in the parks, schools, and during station visits."

While the firefighters were excited about adding a Dalmatian to the force, finding

one for sale on the peninsula was a little difficult.

"We searched the Internet, went to a lot of pet shops and finally found a breeder who had Dalmatians," Cook explained. "We did some talking with them, and finally came up with the dog."

Once Sparky arrived at her new home in the CRC fire station, it did not take her long to get used to her new surroundings.

"I'm surprised," Cook said. "Within the first day, she was getting used to the firemen, and she's already acting like she owns the fire station. She follows the firemen around,

and even has a few favorites!"

Since Sparky is too young to start training for her "official" duties, the firemen are concentrating on raising a friendly, well-socialized dog.

"Her primary home will be here, but as soon as she gets a little bit older, we're going to get her associated with the other fire stations in the USAG CRC fire department," Cook said. "We hope to have it where she will be comfortable at any fire station."

Cook said they are happy to have her.

"She's officially a member of our fire department now and well-welcomed," he said.

"Ask Cassie" - The advice column for Warriors

Dear Cassie,

Recently I've seen a lot of things about terror threats. Things like people trying to get on post when they shouldn't, and people trying to use ID cards that aren't theirs. Is this the kind of thing I should be worried about, and if so, what can I do to avoid this kind of thing?

~Staying Alert at Camp Stanley

Dear Staying Alert,

Right you are to be wary of these things. Recently there have been a lot of warning signs that people are trying to violate our laws and our bases, poking their noses where they don't belong. The threat of this kind of thing is everywhere, and you definitely need to stay on your toes when it comes to opera-

tional security.

Luckily the Army is chalked full of ways to handle these things.

First things first, guard your ID card with your life. It may sound simple, but a lot of people have been misplacing that tiny little card, and that causes large problems, and not just for you. On TOP of being counseled and reprimanded, by losing your ID you could have inadvertently given someone an opportunity to gain a fast access to places they aren't welcome, like our installations. Keep that thing secure at all times. Always having it with you is a simple and effective way to protect not only yourself, but the people and



places around you.

The old Navy term "loose lips sink ships" can apply to soldiers as well. Big mouths bomb bases. Just because the language barrier is a rather substantial one does NOT mean that NO ONE can hear you. If you're running your mouth in the city or on the subway thinking that no one can understand you, don't be so cocky. You would be surprised as to how many people really DO understand you, or could gather enough information based on what you were talking about to make that a BIG deal. Just keep your work and social life separate. Besides, who wants to talk about work when you are out having fun anyway?

Blending in is always better. Now I understand some of us walk around with a proverbial

"American" stamp imprinted on our foreheads, but that doesn't mean we have to carry the spotlight on us at all times. Remain respectful and courteous. There are times to take center stage and times to clap with the audience. Keep the drama for the stateside stage, and stay incognito in Korea.

These few things are not only respectful towards our host country people, but they are also good rules to live by. Remember, we are always ready for war, not ready to start one, or aid the enemy in theirs. Keeping these things in mind are the best ways to keep you on the defensive and allow you to aid in the security of all of us here in Korea.

All it takes is one voice to rise above the rest for a point to be poignant. Spread the word.

'Outlaws' brings down the house

Story and photos by
Pfc. Giancarlo Casem
Indianhead staff

A tremendous explosion echoed through the hills and valleys of the Korean Training Center as the combat engineers left their indelible mark on the landscape.

The 2nd Engineer Battalion left their calling card of craters and scorch marks during a gunnery exercise Sept. 3. Soldiers of 1st Platoon, Alpha Company spent the day training on heavy and improvised demolitions, mine clearing charges, survivability and counter-mobility tactics.

"It is very rigorous training," said 1st Lt. Brent Hamilton, 1st Platoon Leader and range control officer. "But, it's also exciting training."

One of the primary missions for the combat engineers is to clear obstacles for 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment tanks, Hamilton said.

"We allow the tankers to get to the location so they can accomplish their mission by clearing obstacles," he said. "We also dig them better fighting positions."

During the field expedient training exercise, the Soldiers were instructed on how to achieve the best results with the material that they are issued. Soldiers were told how much explosives to use to get optimal results with minimal waste.

Through the counter-mobility training, Soldiers were instructed where to best plant explosives to halt enemy advances by blasting craters.

"We shape the battlefield," said Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Mizzy, 1st Platoon Sergeant. "We also provide mobility so we could go places."

Mobility is an essential element in a mission's success, Hamilton said.

"If we were to go to war, we would clear the way for the tankers," said Pfc. K.C. Swanson.

Their job is not as easy as it sounds. Not everyone can do it, said Swanson.

"It is a lot more complex than people might think, there are different nomenclatures of explosives and initiation systems there is also a lot more math involved," he said. "There are also different ways that you can make explosive devices."

The most difficult aspect of the job is breaches, said Hamilton. It is a task that is inherently difficult, but even more so in a combat environment.

"We have to manually clear obstacles," he said. "We have to be in the battlefield to do that."

The engineers' training and hard work paid off. The day went by without a hitch and they accomplished everything that they intended to do.

On the crater filled valley of Tank Table 12, the engineers set up their charges to take out targets and objectives with their heavy demolitions. After the heavy demolitions exercise, the Soldiers used improvised explosive devices.

These IEDs were constructed using only an empty coffee can, rocks and a few bricks of composition 4 (C-4).

After laying down the charges the engineers took cover behind a rocky berm. A few minutes of silence pass then, two huge explosions blast the tranquility. The engineers cheered as they reveled in their handy-work.

Afterward, the Soldiers moved onto smaller IEDs. They attached C4 together to resemble a belt. This was designed to be a door-clearing device, however the result was much more grandiose.

They attached the belt to the door of a makeshift house and returned back to the safety areas. Another moment of silence then a resounding 'boom' ensues and the small wooden house was no more. In its place was a crater and charred black earth.

Splinters and planks of wood rain down from the air as the Soldiers cheer even louder than before.

To finish off the day, a white car was moved into place, awaiting its fate. From the safety of their camp behind a hill, the engineers shouted, "Fire in the hole."

The car was then sent hurtling in to the air in a ball of fire. The car landed upside down in a fiery wreck. A smoky plume rose up hundreds of feet into the air from what was left of the car.

The Soldiers then ran to the demolition site and stood and marveled at what lay in front of them.

"I love this job," said Swanson, "I am really glad I became an engineer. I love the field of work that I do."



Explosives, rocks and empty coffee cans make up these improvised explosive devices. Combat engineers are trained to construct mines such as these from whatever materials are available in their surroundings.



2nd Eng. Bn. Soldiers put tape on top of an empty coffee can that is used as an anti-personnel land mine.

Army report details more findings in Abu Ghraib investigation

Story by Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - The Army's latest findings on the detainee abuse that occurred in Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison late last year determined that abuse can be traced to issues affecting command and control, doctrine and the level of training and experience of Soldiers operating in a dangerous environment - facing almost daily deadly hazards, according to Army senior leaders.

Gen. Paul Kern, Army Materiel Command commanding general and the officer ultimately assigned the responsibility to oversee the Army Regulation 381 Procedure 15 investigation into possible military intelligence personnel involvement in the alleged abuse at Abu Ghraib, briefed the press about results of the investigation at the Pentagon Aug. 25.

The results of an independent panel that reviewed Department of Defense detention operations, headed by former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger, was made public Aug. 24.

"This was clearly a deviation of everything we've taught people on how to behave," Kern said. "There are values that we treasure in the U.S. Army and in the United States that were not upheld in the report we turned in - that in itself is extremely troubling. There were failures of leadership, people seeing these things and not correcting them. There were failures of discipline - hallmarks against what we believe are the values and creed by which we live in the military, that is very troubling."

New Alleged Abusers:

The investigation identified 23 MI Soldiers who were assigned to the 205th MI Brigade in Iraq, four civilian contractors working with the 205th and three military police Soldiers working at the prison who may have been involved beyond the seven already identified in previous investigations.

Investigators also found that other Soldiers and civilians knew about the abuse and failed to report it.

The names of the MI and MP Soldiers have been forwarded with the investigation results to each Soldier's commander for determination whether the alleged abuser

should be court-martialed under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or if other action is appropriate.

The names and investigation results of the contractors have been forwarded to the U.S. Justice Department for possible criminal charges under federal laws.

"Our primary focus was to look at the 205th MI Brigade and how its Soldiers might have been involved in detainee abuse," said Maj. Maricela Alvarado, one of the investigators.

"We found there was clearly some MI involvement in intentionally violent and abusive techniques in line with what we have all seen on TV and in the newspaper, some unauthorized use of guard dogs and the use of other unauthorized techniques, and numerous cases of failure to report abuse that Soldiers had seen or were aware of, knew was wrong, but did nothing about it."

Abuse at Tactical Level:

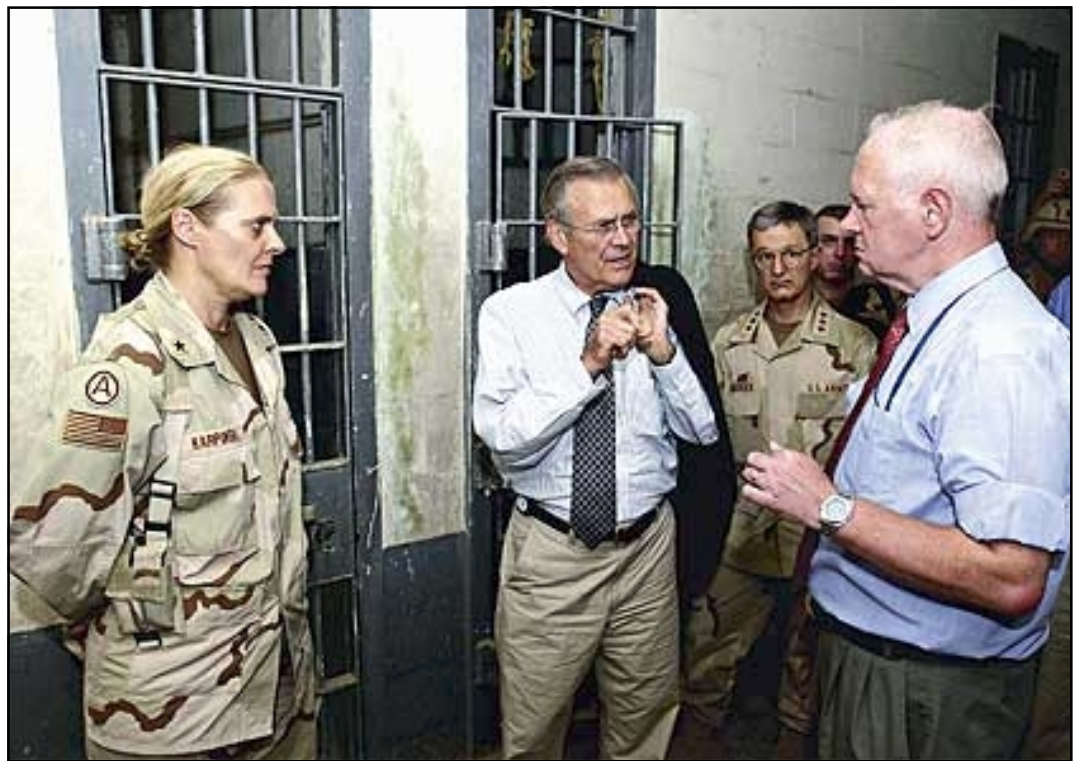
One major finding of the investigation was that no one in the chain of command above the 205th MI Brigade was directly involved in incidents of abuse at Abu Ghraib.

Further, it acknowledged that organizations and personnel above the 205th were indirectly involved through lack of oversight, failure to react to warnings, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross report that warned of some abuse, and policy memos that failed to provide clear, consistent guidance for execution at the tactical level.

Choosing Wrong Over Right:

This investigation identified 44 alleged instances of detainee abuse committed by MP and MI Soldiers, as well as civilian contractors. In 16 of these instances, MI personnel allegedly requested, encouraged, condoned or solicited MP Soldiers to abuse the detainees. The abuse, however, was directed on an individual basis and never officially sanctioned or approved. In 11 instances, MI personnel were directly involved in the abuse.

These individuals clearly chose to do the wrong thing in violation of their training and established policies, Alvarado said. "There was no gray area - they knew they were doing wrong," she said.



Courtesy photo

Brigadier-General Janis Karpinski, who was responsible for military jails in Iraq, has now been suspended in the abuse probe, meets with Donald Rumsfeld.

Lack of Training:

The report found about half of the new alleged cases were Soldiers believing they were doing the right thing - either because the interrogation technique they used was allowed in other theaters at other times, or because they honestly believed the technique they used was authorized by higher up the chain of command, Alvarado said.

"We have MI operations going on in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, GITMO (Guantanamo Bay, Cuba) and Iraq - all with different sets of rules for what is authorized and what is not in the interrogation process," she said.

The report detailed multiple deployments of MI units with little train-up time for new missions prior to new deployments as part of the problem with Soldiers not knowing what may have been an approved technique a year ago in Kosovo not being right in Iraq today.

Ghost Detainees:

The investigation also looked into reports of "ghost detainees" - individuals who were detained in military facilities but not logged into the military system.

Alvarado said it was difficult getting an accurate number of how many ghost detainees were detained at Abu Ghraib since they were not in-processed, but investigators found evidence of about seven or eight ghost detainees held at Abu Ghraib.

She said they were cases of other government agencies bringing in detainees and then

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Gen. Paul Kern
commanding general, Materiel Command

telling Army personnel that they were to be kept off the books.

"The Army has certain rules to abide by and one is to document every detainee that comes into custody," Alvarado said. "It applies to every detainee brought into an Army facility. We clearly failed to follow our own policy."

Moving on Recommendations:

The Army is moving on the report's recommendations, including training MI officers in interrogation operations, something currently not included in officer qualification courses. Another recommendation which has also been corrected is the placement of one sole individual responsible for overseeing both detention and interrogation operations. "The good news out of the investigation is that the vast majority of MI Soldiers know what is right and what is wrong, and they are choosing to do the right thing in a very difficult environment," Alvarado said.

Thorough Certification:

"We are recommending in our report that actions be taken to fix all these things," Kern said. "What I will tell you

today is we have just returned from both Afghanistan and Iraq, that you will not find those conditions there today. We are doing a very thorough certification process with the people involved with detention and interrogations.

"There are people who are very clearly in charge of Abu Ghraib - Maj. Gen. Geoff Miller, who has brought organization, discipline and leadership to that prison facility," he said. "There are actions being taken in our schools to change doctrine, to improve training. We are training in theater for those who may have missed the school training. So the circumstances today, notwithstanding actions still to be taken on our report, are much improved."

The investigation report is about 10,000 pages long with appendices. Investigators conducted 172 interviews with privates through the general officers and included civilian contractors and detainees. The investigation started in late April and wrapped up in late July.

An executive summary of the report can be viewed at www.army.mil/ocpa/reports.

USO & Recreation Center tours ...

Make your tour in Korea more enjoyable and memorable. The USO at Camp Casey and your local Community Activity Center (CAC) or Recreation Center hosts trips visiting locations and events throughout Korea. Below are tours and trips from Aug. Sept. 17-30. For more information contact the USO or your nearest CAC or Recreation Center



USO at Camp Casey (730-4813 or 4812)

Sept. 18 Mountain Hiking Tour	8 a.m.
Sept. 18 Joint-Security Area Tour	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 19 Private Jet Tour	8 a.m.
Sept. 19 Bungee-Jumping Tour	1 p.m.
Sept. 25 Sorak Mount Hiking Tour	7 a.m.
Sept. 25 West Sea Fishing Tour	8 a.m.
Sept. 25 Coex Mall Shopping Trip	10 a.m.
Sept. 26 Everland Tour	8 a.m.
Sept. 26 Bungee-Jumping & All-Terrain Vehicle Tour	1 p.m.

Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Center (732-6190)

Sept. 18 Osan Shopping trip	8 a.m.
Sept. 18 R/C car racing competition	10 a.m.
Sept. 24 Table Tennis Tournament	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 25 Kyong Bok Palace tour, Seoul	8 a.m.
Sept. 26 Pool Tournament	1 p.m.
Sept. 28 Happy Korean Chu Sok	6:30 p.m.

Camp Page

Sept. 24 Swimming Class	6 p.m.
Sept. 25 5K Fun Run	8 a.m.
Sept. 25 Dart's Tournament	7 p.m.
Sept. 26 Paintball Activity	2 p.m.

Camp Stanley

Sept. 25 Han River casino cruise	5 p.m.
Sept. 29 Chusok- Dart's Tournament	6:30 p.m.

Camp Howze

Sept. 18 Osan PX/Ville Shopping Tour	10 a.m.
Sept. 18 Ceramic making angels class	3 p.m.
Sept. 19 Digital Photo Class	3 p.m.
Sept. 24 DMZ Tour	10 a.m.
Sept. 25 Ceramics workshop	3 p.m.
Sept. 26 R/C car race for fun	3 p.m.

Camp Essayons

Sept. 18 Korean Traditional Village Tour	8 a.m.
Sept. 25 Insadong shopping tour, Seoul	8 a.m.
Sept. 26 Spade's Tournament	3 p.m.
Sept. 29 Table Tennis Tournament	6 p.m.

Camp Garry Owen

Sept. 19 "Hannibal the Cannibal" movie marathon	1 p.m.
Sept. 26 Woodworking class	1 p.m.
Sept. 26 Leather crafts	1 p.m.

Pear Blossom cottages for 2ID/Area 1 families

If you are a spouse in a non-command sponsored family in Area 1 and you're looking for opportunities for personal development and social support with other spouses and family members or just something to do, look no further than your nearest Pear Blossom Cottage (PBC).

Here are some highlights of what's happening in the next two weeks at PBCs throughout Area 1.

Camp Red Cloud's PBC will have spaghetti at the chapel Sept. 20 & 27, an English Language class Sept. 21 & 28, a Korean Language class Sept. 22 & 29, a volunteer luncheon Sept. 23, cookie baking for units Sept. 24, a newcomers orientation Sept. 29 and a stress management class Sept. 30. For information, call Natalia Lyons at 732-7168 or 031-870-7168.

The Camp Casey PBC will have an English Language class Sept. 20, 22, 27 & 29, a financial class Sept. 23, a cottage cleanup Sept. 24 and a cottage meeting Sept. 28. For more information, call Poly Hancock at 730-3837 or 031-869-3837.



Camp Page's PBC is will have a yoga class Sept. 20 & 28, a FAP class Sept. 21, a financial class Sept. 22, a Korean Language class Sept. 23 & 30, a cookie bake for children Sept. 24, children's crafts Sept. 27, swimming Sept. 29 and a cottage cleanup Sept. 30. For more information, call Chong Won Darling at 721-5562 or 033-259-5562.

The Camp Stanley PBC will have an art class Sept. 21, a parenting class Sept. 22 and a volunteer luncheon Sept. 23. For more information call Kay Jordan at 732-5400 or 031-870-5400.



Camp Howze's PBC will have a Korean Language class Sept. 21 & 28, a womens group activity Sept. 22, a volunteer luncheon Sept. 23, a neetleworks class Sept. 24, gym time Sept. 27, a spouses get-together Sept. 29 and a cottage cleanup Sept. 30. For more information, call Joseline Harrison at 734-5846 or 031-940-5846.

The Camp Garry Owen PBC will not have any activities during the two weeks. For more information, call Tess Compton at 734-2166 or 031-940-2166.

Movies

Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Mon.-Tues. & Thurs. 7p.m., Fri.-Sat. 7 & 9 p.m., and Sun. 3, 6 & 8 p.m.
Sept. 18-19 ... *Catwoman*
Sept. 20-21 ... *A Cinderella Story*
Sept. 23-24 ... *Paparazzi*
Sept. 25-26 ... *The Bourne Supremacy*
Sept. 26 ... *New York Minute (Matinee)*
Sept. 27-28 ... *Thunderbirds*
Sept. 30 ... *Resident Evil: Apocalypse*

Camp Casey

Show times: Mon-Thur 7:30 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 6:30 & 8:30 p.m. and Sun. 3, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.
Sept. 18-19 ... *Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid*
Sept. 20-21 ... *A Cinderella Story*
Sept. 22-23 ... *Van Helsing*
Sept. 24 ... *The Bourne Supremacy*
Sept. 25-26 ... *Paparazzi*
Sept. 27 ... *The Bourne Supremacy*
Sept. 28-29 ... *Thunderbirds*
Sept. 30 ... *The Punisher*

Camp Howze

Show times: Fri-Sat. 7 p.m.
Sept. 18 ... *The Notebook*
Sept. 24 ... *Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid*
Sept. 25 ... *Spider-Man 2*

Camp Stanley

Show times: Sun-Mon & Thur.-Fri. 7 p.m. and Wed. & Sat. 7 & 9 p.m.
Sept. 18-19 ... *Catwoman*
Sept. 20 ... *Van Helsing*
Sept. 22 ... *Paparazzi*
Sept. 23 ... *Van Helsing*
Sept. 24 ... *Thunderbirds*
Sept. 25-26 ... *The Bourne Supremacy*
Sept. 27 ... *Thunderbirds*
Sept. 29 ... *Resident Evil: Apocalypse*
Sept. 30 ... *Hellboy*

Camp Garry Owens

Show times: Sat., Mon-Tue & Thur. 7 p.m., Sun. 3 & 7 p.m.
Sept. 18 ... *Without a Paddle*
Sept. 19-20 ... *King Arthur*
Sept. 21... *Sleepover*
Sept. 23 ... *Kill Bill Vol. 2*
Sept. 25 ... *Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid*
Sept. 26-27 ... *Catwoman*
Sept. 28, 30 ... *A Cinderella Story*

Camp Essayons

Show times: Mon.-Tue, Thur & Sat. 7 p.m.
Sept. 18 ... *Spider-Man 2*
Sept. 20 ... *Sleepover*
Sept. 21 ... *Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid*
Sept. 23 ... *Anchorman*
Sept. 25, 27 ... *King Arthur*
Sept. 28 ... *Paparazzi*
Sept. 30 ... *A Cinderella Story*

The Camp Page Theater is currently closed for renovations.

The Camp Hovey Theater is also closed.



Female warriors are Korean house-wives for a day

Story and photos by
Pfc. JeNell Mattair

Indianhead staff

Female Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division enjoyed the softer side of the Korean culture during a tour Sept. 9.

The Female Warriors spent the day at the Uijeongbu Agricultural Technology center. Originally built in 1963, the center is home to a research laboratory, green house and farmland used to grow a variety of fruits and vegetables. The center also has a large cooking room, similar to what may be found in any common high school home economics classroom.

"Our center is based on developing agricultural technology in Uijeongbu City," said Song, Byung Hyo, Director, Uijeongbu Agricultural Technology Center. "Korean food culture is based on rice. Rice has been with Korean culture for over 5,000 years and has been our main dish," he said.

The day began with a cooking lesson. Soldiers looked on as several women who work at the agricultural center made yak gha, similar to a ginger snap. A mixture of rice wine, ginger, honey, cinnamon and starch syrup make up the tasty cookie.

"I enjoyed experiencing what a Korean housewife's life is like," said Pfc. Tayna Dower, 102nd Military Intelligence.

Afterwards the Soldiers were taken to the large cooking room and given hands-on training in making yak gha and other traditional Korean desserts. They were taught to make a fried glutinous rice cake and flavored glutinous rice as well.

"We started this tour so we could have a cultural exchange and improve the Korean image to foreign friends. We want to fortify our friendship," said Hong, Soo Ja, Women's Bureau Office representative. "Through this tour I hope we can make our friend-

ship stronger so two different cultures can meet and have a better understanding of each other," she said.

After Soldiers spent the morning cooking, they were treated to a traditional Korean lunch prepared by the women who work at the agricultural center. Soldiers were served the traditional bulgogi, grapes fresh from one of the center's gardens, sticky rice, zucchini and sesame rice cakes.

"I liked the zucchini," said Pvt. Jenifer Luquet, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Aviation Brigade. "It was the best thing there," she said.

Following lunch Soldiers were taught traditional Korean folk songs by a professional folk singer.

Soldiers spent around two hours listening to and repeating the lyrics of two Korean folk songs, Arirang and Chung chun ga. By the end of the lesson the professional singer was walking the room and handing the microphone to random Soldiers.

After the singing lesson, Soldiers wrapped up the day with an afternoon spent painting masks.

Each Soldier was given a mask and a variety of colors to paint each mask as she liked.

Masks and mask dances developed in Korea as early as the Prehistoric age. The masks can be categorized in two kinds: religious masks and artistic masks.

Some masks were enshrined in shaman shrines and revered with periodical offering rites.

Other religious masks were used to expel evil spirits like Pangsangshi, which until recently, were seen at the forefront of a funeral procession to ward off evil spirits.

To make the day even more memorable for the Soldiers, the hostesses presented them with cookies and rice cakes for the ride back to Warrior Country.



TOP: Spc. Erica Caycedo, HHOC, 102nd MI Bn., paints a traditional Korean mask. Soldiers were given a variety of colors to choose from.

BOTTOM: Pvt. Jenifer Luquet, HHC Aviation Bde, mixes a batch of rice. Soldiers spent the morning learning to bake rice treats.



Sgt. Lasharn Holloway, HHC 2nd Inf. Div., and Pfc. Cynthia Alvidrez, C Co. 302nd FSB, stand up and sing with a professional Korean folk singer.

‘Warriors’ compete
for top Rugby honors

Story by
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Indianhead staff

Being covered in mud and grass may not seem like a fun way to spend a Saturday morning, but for the Warriors, it was ideal conditions.

The Area One Rugby team competed in the 2004 Eighth Army Rugby Championship Sept. 11 at Soldier Field on Camp Humphreys.

The team lost in the final round to the Area Three, 13-0.

This year’s “Warrior” team consisted of 15 players, eight of which had never played in an organized rugby league.

The team’s overall inexperience was a major deciding factor in the game, said Chris Walsh, one of the 7 players with prior rugby experience.

“We were learning as the game went on,” he said.

With the team dynamic an integral part of rugby, the “Warriors” were at an immediate disadvantage. The “Warriors” had never had the same team in any of its previous games.

“Our new players were thrust into the game,” Walsh said. “At the beginning we didn’t even know some of the guys’ names.”



Photo by Jim Davis

Area I players attempt to tackle a player from Area III.

Injuries also hampered an already disadvantaged team. Looney suffered a blow to the face that left an inch-long gash under his left eye.

Looney was side-lined within the opening minutes of the match and was relegated to coaching from the sidelines.

Another key injury occurred just minutes later to team leader Frankie Cochiasue, who suffered a muscle injury and was also taken out of the game.

“The injuries really took out the experience from the team,” Looney said. “They gave us a couple of subs, but they weren’t effective for us.”

They were practically strangers, Looney said.

“If Frank and Todd would’ve stayed in, it would’ve been a huge

difference,” Walsh said.

Weather also played a role in the team’s loss. The weather hampered the teamwork that was already hindered.

“The weather totally favored the other team,” Looney said. “Every time you have a new team out there and you add a variable like that in, it really affects the team.”

To Walsh the mud just provided more cushioning.

“I didn’t really think it affected us that much,” he said, “it helped cushion up the field.”

Despite the injuries and the bad weather, the “Warriors” still had a good game, said Daniel Tourtelot.

“We got a few good hits in there,” Tourtelot said.

Chusuk the longest
running tradition in Korea

Story by
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Indianhead staff

Korea will be preparing for, arguably, the largest holiday of the year as Sept. 28 approaches.

“The Lunar New Year and Chusuk are Korea’s largest holidays,” said Lt. Col. Kim, Sung Joong, Senior ROKA Officer, “but Chusuk is the holiday for families to get together.”

Koreans all around the peninsula will be heading to their hometown.

Because so many Koreans head out, it is described as the great exodus. It is estimated that about 30 million Koreans will be traveling for Chusuk.

Chusuk is also known as Han Ga Wi. It will also feature one of the largest full moons of the year.

Chusuk is so steep in tradition that it dates back to the beginning of the first century.

‘Sam Guk Sa Gi’ states that King Yu-ri-e-sa-geum divided the Shilla kingdom into six districts. Royal princesses gathered women from each district to represent their district and conducted a month long weaving competition that would end Aug. 15.

The loser would provide food to the winner and the gathered people would enjoy

festivities.

The festivities grew to become a tradition where the whole village would celebrate. Families would pay tribute and thanks to their ancestors. They would perform a religious service, visiting one’s ancestral grave and mow the grass around the grave.

“When I was young Chusuk was the symbol of richness. It was the time of the year where the weather is beautiful and there is an abundance of food. There is an old proverb, ‘let it be like Han Ga Wi, no more no less.’ That’s how good this time of the year is,” Kim said.

Kim also explained Korea, moving from an agricultural to an industrial society, has lost its family luster of family. No longer do families live under one roof.

“Now a days, because we no longer maintain a large family, this is probably the only time of the year where the whole family and relatives can get together,” Kim said.

“In Korea people work hard and work overtime, but during Chusuk we all want to return to our old home. We value this time of the year, where all the relatives gather to celebrate and pay tribute to our ancestors. It is part of our custom and is deeply rooted in our nature,” he said.

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N.C. State at Va. Tech	N.C. State	Va. Tech	Va. Tech	Va. Tech	Va. Tech	Va. Tech
Clemson at Florida St.	Clemson	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.
Iowa at Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
BYU at Boise St.	Boise St.	Boise St.	Boise St.	BYU	BYU	Boise St.
Penn St. at Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Penn St.	Wisconsin
Green Bay at Indianapolis	Green Bay	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Green Bay
Baltimore at Cincinnati	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Cincinnati	Baltimore	Baltimore
Cleveland at NY Giants	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	NY Giants	Cleveland
Philadelphia at Detroit	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Detroit
Jacksonville at Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Jacksonville	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee
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