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Stryker troops roll onto range

Story and photos by
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RODRIGUEZ RANGE – Rolling down the narrow dirt road, the new hybrid vehicle quickly and quietly decreases the distance from the objective.

It moves like a light-infantry unit; however, the menacing green metallic shell on six wheels encasing the Soldiers resembles a heavy brigade team.

As the sun retreats behind mountain curves revealing a sky filled by green and red smoke providing cover for the dismounted Soldiers who sprays 5.56 mm rounds suppressing any resistance.

Soldiers move along the left flank cutting through barbed-wire and clear buildings searching for enemy presence.

As quickly as the smoke dissipates, Stryker Brigade Soldiers from Fort Lewis, Wash. complete the training mission.

Soldiers arrived for week-long training participating in the Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration exercise.

The training consisted of platoon daytime live fires and squad day and night live fires.

The Army's Stryker vehicle allows infantry units to move with stealth and speed.

It provides maximum maneuverability with the protection of a tank saddled with a .50 caliber machine-gun and Mark 19.

It holds 11 personnel giving Soldiers a clear view of the battlefield from a large screen displaying enemy movement in the cab.

"The vehicle itself is



Stryker Brigade Soldiers arrive from Fort Lewis, Wash., for the Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration exercise. The team effectively dismounts from their Stryker vehicle to lay down suppressing fire.

unique because they developed the vehicle to bridge the gap between the actual light and heavy concept," said Sgt. 1st Class William Linaris. "A lot more maneuverable than most tracked vehicles, the Stryker can go to places the Bradley or other tracked vehicles can't get to."

"The purpose of the mission is to show that we can deploy a highly lethal, agile, combat and quick-strike force to support the alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States," said Maj. Mike Katona, unit operations officer.

"This kind of training is important at all kinds of levels. At our level, we're standing up Stryker Brigade team number four. We formed about a year ago and we've gone through new equipment training and fielding. We've gone from individual level, squad level and now we're at platoon and company level," Katona said.

The relatively new unit used the exercise to get more familiar with themselves and their new vehicles.

"This is a new unit so

we're developing the vehicles to work well with the infantry units. I get to develop a new crew that hasn't been together and with the new life cycle I'll see the team's improvement over a three year life cycle," said Linaris.

Soldiers new to the Army took advantage of the training to polish old skills learned in Advanced Individual Training and sharpened the new skills necessary to succeed with their first unit.

"The best part of the training is getting muddy," said Pfc. Stephen Horn. "I like the wheeled vehicle. It's not a tank. It's meant for us."

The relatively smooth training could be attributed to the motivation of the individual Soldiers making up the platoons.

"We have true professionals, these guys want to be here and do the right things. They are working extremely hard to make sure everything comes together," Katona said.

There was still a lot of work to be done in the unit as it is expected to continue to grow and go through transformations.



The Stryker Brigade Soldiers use the exercise to familiarize themselves with each other and their vehicles.

"We're going to continue to ramp up, reflag as the 4th Brigade of the 2nd Infantry Division June 1," Katona said. "We'll continue with company level training to battalion level training and then

brigade. We're in a glide path to success."

"We've been supported by the Republic of Korea and the Air Force," said 1st Lt. Joshua Wiles. "It's been an enjoyable experience."



Soldiers learn from university professors

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Manchus prepare for EIB testing

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CRC holds first Jokgu Tournament

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VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:

What will you do when you go back to the States?



*Go see my
daughter in
Houston.*

**Sgt. 1st Class
Jerry Williams**
2ID Band

*Go to a real Italian
restaurant.*

Spc. Monica Clerio
302nd BSB





*I m going to
Disney World.*

Spc. De Heaven Joseph
HQ, 2ID

*I m going to eat at
Texas Roadhouse.*

Spc. Eric Dickey
HHC, 1st HBCT





*I m going to take my
family on a
vacation.*

Sgt. Kim, Dong Woo
HQ, 2ID

*I m going to
Wendy s*

Sgt. Jason Wargo
4th Sqdrn.,
7th Cav. Regt.



NCOs get back to basics

**By Command Sgt. Maj.
James A. Benedict**
Division Command Sergeant Major

Every task, whether crew or individual in the Army, has a standard that can be found in an Army Regulation, Field Manual, Technical Manual, Command Policy, DA Pamphlet or any other authorized Army publication.

It is our job as professional noncommissioned officers to enforce the standards that accompany the task. Every Soldier attends some type of basic course that teaches basic Army tasks a Soldier needs to know to be successful. More often than not it seems we as noncommissioned officers forget what those basics are.

Noncommissioned officers have a tendency to voice their concerns and issues about areas that do not even affect the NCO Corps, nor do they have the ability to solve. If we get back to the basics, not only will we as leaders be successful, but so will our Soldiers.

A good example of this is our first formation in the morning, our Physical Training and accountability formation. We all know that the Army has basic standards outlined in FM 3-21.5 on how to conduct formations and reporting procedures, and we also have a standard outlined in FM 21-20 on how to properly conduct Physical Training.

Along with that, we have AR 670-1 that tells us how to properly wear the uniform. Finally we have internal, 2nd Infantry Division-specific command policy, the Warrior Standard, that gives command guidance.

This is an area that we as NCOs can resolve, if need be.

We have the standard, and we need to hold our Soldiers and leaders accountable for enforcing those basic standards. Discipline is the key that makes every standard we enforce successful.

You have got to ask yourself, "What is the most important thing to an NCO?"

Accomplishment of our mission, and the welfare of our Soldiers.

If we reflect back on our time as a young Soldier and remember how we struggled to learn and apply the standards we were taught to get us to where we are now, then we can see how important it is — that as a leader, a noncommissioned officer we train and enforce those same basic standards to our Soldiers.

When we talk about basics, we talk about three areas that NCOs live and lead by. Those three can be found in the acronym SAD.

* Standard: We enforce daily.

* Accountability: Holding Soldiers accountable for their actions.

* Discipline: The key to success at everything we do.

Remember, SAD is a good thing!

This great division and Area I continue to go through change everyday with new Soldiers and equipment. There are a multitude of missions that have to be accomplished daily.

But if we remember to get back to the basics by applying the acronym SAD and what we as NCOs were taught, we will do just fine.

There are some basic standards we as NCOs should always get back to and never turn a blind eye to. Those are the areas of safety and risk management. We all know the basic

safety measures, such as seat belts in vehicles, proper safety equipment on

board, field training safety standards, safety and convoy briefings, which are given and enforced each and every time we move, and before any mission whether on duty or off.

Now we need to get back to the basics and take good notes and inform and enforce to our subordinate leaders and Soldiers. We as leaders have to stay engaged at all times!

Every day in the Warrior Division and Area I our Soldiers live on the edge. Therefore, we as leaders lead on the edge.

That starts by enforcing all the basic safety manuals and policies. Sometimes you have to be the bad guy/gal out there enforcing those basic safety and risk management standards to ensure our Soldiers, dependents, civilian employees, and our Korean hosts stay out of harms way.

The last thing I will tell you is that everything we do is about attitude. If you have a positive attitude and you stay engaged as a leader, good things will happen. Those of you that are at the sergeant and staff sergeant level have the biggest influence on our Soldiers.

You have to be the one enforcing those basic tasks that we all were developed throughout our years in the Army. You have to set a fine example for our Soldiers to follow. Not just the Soldiers under your charge, but all Soldiers you come across.

Remember, it's an Army of One. One team, one fight.



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USFK celebrates Good Neighbor month

By Gen. B.B. Bell
Commander, UNC/CFC/USFK

More than three years ago, United States Forces Korea started the Good Neighbor Program. Its goal was to strengthen our Republic of Korea-United States Alliance by improving public understanding and appreciation of the USFK mission.

Since that time, our service members and their families have done an outstanding job engaging a wide variety of ROK government leaders, media, businesses, universities, schools and military in a multitude of activities and programs.

This past week we concluded an exceptional program, the "Good

Neighbor English Camp."

From April 4-8, 77 Korean 10th grade students participated in Good Neighbor English Camps in Seoul and Osan. Our student guests were given an opportunity to see USFK at its best - from the professional Airmen and air defenders at Osan Air Base, to the warriors at Camp Casey, to the guardians at the Joint Security Area. The Korean teens who stayed at Yongsan Garrison had an opportunity to spend time with the students of Seoul American High School, the musicians of the 8th Army Band, the medical professionals of 18th MEDCOM and the broadcasters of the American Forces Network.

These students were able to meet and talk to Americans from all walks

of life, serving in a variety of occupations. The result was a better understanding of the mission and purpose of USFK and a greater appreciation for the dedication of U.S. servicemembers, civilians, contractors and their families.

I want to thank all of our unit sponsors and servicemembers for being such Good Neighbors with our Korean friends. Many of you were exceptionally generous with your fields, as well as valuable insights into life within the American military.

I particularly want to thank the host families who opened their homes and hearts to the Korean high school students. Your warmth and generosity will have a lasting influence on the next generation of Korean citizens

and leaders.

Next month, USFK will celebrate "Good Neighbor Month." I encourage all servicemembers, civilians, contractors and family members to actively participate in Good Neighbor programs and activities. Each interaction can be an opportunity for a positive experience.

Seek out opportunities to get out, meet our wonderful hosts, and enjoy your time in the Republic of Korea. Your participation will help guarantee the future success of peace and prosperity on the peninsula and strengthen a lasting friendship.



Highlight Soldier success, service to nation

By Sgt. 1st Class
Kanesha Trent
Public Affairs Chief

Never before in the history of our nation has support for the American service member been stronger.

Never before in the history of the all-volunteer Army has the spirit of the American Soldier been more celebrated, revered, written about and discussed in the media than now.

No matter one's political beliefs or position on the war, the young men and women who nobly choose to serve their nation are by and large supported by the American public.

Each of us who wear a uniform do what our nation asks of us each and every day, no

matter what job one holds or where one is stationed.

Each of us performs a duty the vast majority shy away from and that in and of itself is reason to be proud of every man and woman who was brave enough to take the oath.

Everyone has strengths and talents that are showcased in their daily tasks and overall job performance.

Every person, no matter the rank or position, also has weaknesses and shortfalls that will sometimes show despite the fact that most people strive for excellence and want to be at the top of their game. Soldiers as a rule want to stand out and shine. Soldiers have competitiveness about them and aim to succeed in all they do.

Sadly, it is within our own

ranks that what it means to be a Soldier isn't always as readily celebrated. While so many young people who are by all accounts eligible to serve in the Armed Forces choose not to, we as American Soldiers are part of an organization made up of volunteers who all joined for different reasons, but whom all choose to serve just the same.

Certainly there are things we all need to do better, both personally and professionally.

All too often I hear leaders in this Army talk about what Soldiers aren't doing right, what mistakes are being made, what leaders aren't doing that they should be rather than highlighting Soldier's day-to-day mission successes.

While I whole-heartedly agree that leaders at every

level need to always do what's right, set and enforce standards and lead by example, it is my belief that a well-deserved pat on the back for a job well done goes a long way and is usually all a good Soldier needs to continue serving well.

While we all benefit from corrective criticism, or on-the-spot corrections, a balanced delivery makes all the difference. While it's easy to stand back and point out flaws or deficiencies and make recommendations to fix those, it's not always as easy to stand back and evaluate the true accomplishments and the enormous achievements of those in our ranks.

While our nation has pulled together to support our troops with unwaiverable resolve,

those of us who are fortunate enough to wear this uniform should step back and do the same.

The U.S. Army isn't, never was and never will be a perfect organization. What it is, however, is a powerful and amazing outfit made up of men and women everyone should be proud of - most of all those of us who serve side by side one another.

We're all works in progress learning as we go. Rather than focus solely on what we don't always get right, we should proudly celebrate that which we do.



Senior leadership express care for Soldiers

By Betsy Weiner
Army News Service

FORT CARSON, Colo. - The Army's senior leadership cares. That's what Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Richard A. Cody emphasized during a trip to Fort Carson, Colo., and Fort Sill, Okla., March 19-21.

Cody's first stop at Fort Carson was the Broadmoor Hotel and Resort in Colorado Springs where he met with Colorado Congressman Joe Hefley, Colorado Springs Mayor Lionel Rivera and local businessmen.

Discussions revolved around the community's support for Soldiers, and the efforts of local businessmen involved in the area's Military Committee to protect young Soldiers and their families against unscrupulous business practices.

"I can't tell you how much my Soldiers and families appreciate your efforts," he told the group. "For the last four years, the greater Colorado Springs area has been a stalwart community for the units that have deployed in and out of Fort Carson - Special Forces units and the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Moreover, you have welcomed the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. Their successes and achievements in theater would not have been possible without the support they get here at home."

Hefley assured Cody that the community will continue to embrace Soldiers and their families through the present conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Colorado Springs is a place where neighbors care about and look out for each other," he said. "Fort Carson has

some wonderful family programs and we take great pride in the fact that our servicemen and women are members of our community. We care here and that is just the bottom line."

Cody also visited Soldiers from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, who recently returned from Iraq after their second deployment, and leaders from the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, who deployed from Korea to Iraq and then redeployed to Fort Carson. After lauding them for a job well done, he answered questions about the Army's future and their place in it.

Although Cody receives reports in Washington, D.C., about the state of the Army, he said he prefers to personally visit Soldiers and hear their perceptions face to face.

"So when they tell me ground truth, I can take that information, go back to Washington and tell the Army staff what is happening in the field. And that information from our Soldiers is critical to our mission," he said.

Cody also noted during remarks at the Initial Entry Training conference at Fort Sill that besides fighting a war in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Army is also changing.

"We are changing the way we fight, changing the formations of the Army and rebasing units," he said. "It is important for the Soldiers to hear from the senior leadership what the changes are: how Soldiers will fit in those changes and what the Army is going to look like in the next four to five years."

Airmen provide communication support

Story and photo by
Pfc. Amanda Merfeld
Staff Writer

26TH ROKA MACHINE-GUN RANGE – The 604th Air Support Operations Squadron took part in FOAL Eagle during the Reception, Staging, Onward movement and Integration exercise by setting up communication support for Area I.

"We set up so we have digital and voice communications so we can control the air," said Tech. Sgt. Wayne Mangiardi, computer networking craftsman.

"This is a mobile unit and we need to make sure that we have communications in three hours," Mangiardi said.

This wouldn't be the only training these Airmen would get during RSOI. They would be confronted with many obstacles.

The Airmen set up security around their camp, posting men at the main entrance, and at every other possible avenue of entry.

"We have to make sure that our site is secure, that way we can work and set up everything as soon as possible,"

said Senior Airman Candido Sanchez, electrical power production journeyman.

Because precautions were taken by setting up a perimeter, a lone photographer was stopped from entering the compound and taking potentially informative photos.

As the photographer continued to try take photos of the front gate, an Airman standing guard overlooking the camp reported the intruder to higher command.

The photographer was approached by several Airmen who attempted to communicate with the man. He only spoke with broken English and visually expressed his interest in what was going on inside the compound.

The Airmen took the appropriate measures by asking for identification, which he could not provide.

If the man worked for a newspaper, as he claimed, he would have been carrying credentials, and should have had prior permission and an escort from the division public affairs office.

They attempted to refer him to the Korean National



Four Airmen talk to a photographer who was taking photos of the front gate of their compound.

Police and the Military Police, but the man was persistent, insisting that the Airmen let him in on what was happening inside the compound.

"Everyone was standing there telling him no but they weren't really getting the point across. I saw him still there and decided that I would up it a notch," said Airman 1st

Class Adam Lutterman, tactical air control party.

Lutterman joined the pack, using a more firm voice when talking to the man, but the Airmen remained calm while trying to communicate.

This went on for about 20 minutes as the photographer continued to attempt to take pictures.

Finally, the head of opera-

tions revealed to the group that it was only an exercise and they were successful in properly dealing with the photographer, who was really a Korean Soldier playing the part.

Because the Airmen set up exactly as they would if they were going to war, they were prepared to handle any situation thrown their way.

Warrior News Briefs

OCIE Cleaning

Cleaning services are now available on CIF equipment to active U.S. Army Soldiers, including Korean Soldiers at the government's expense.

Individuals can turn in equipment individually at either Camp Casey's Bldg. T-1879 or Camp Humphreys Bldg. S-688. Laundry list forms can also be picked up at the drop points.

Equipment will be available for pickup three days after turn-in.

For more information, call 736-4397.

Vocalist Needed

The 2nd Infantry Division Band is looking for male and female vocalists.

Requirements for consideration include being in the rank of Sgt. or below, have diverse vocal experience, have six months left before DEROS and have your unit be willing to release you for duty with the band.

For more information, call 732-6695.

Tax Assistance

The 2nd Infantry Division will be offering a Tax Assistance Program for the 2005 tax year until June 15. The TAP provides free federal income tax preparation and electronic filing services to all active-duty servicemembers, military retirees, dependents and eligible civilian employees in Warrior Country.

For more information, call Capt. Erin Delevan at 730-1885.

DA Retention Team

The Department of the Army Mobile Retention team will visit Area I from April 24-28. The team will provide a week of performance-oriented retention training to retention NCOs. The training will also provide knowledge for Soldiers selected as retention NCOs.

For more information, call 730-3132.

Getting to financial freedom

By Capt. Patrick Gregory

Casey Legal Center

How often do you think about becoming financially independent? What have you done to begin your journey?

You reach financial independence when you have accumulated enough assets to sustain your desired lifestyle relying on nothing but the assets you have accumulated. A financially independent person does not have to rely on income from a job.

Dare to Dream

When you close your eyes and think about the place you want to be financially, what do you see? Every great invention or achievement started as a dream. Before Leonardo Da Vinci put his brush to the canvass, he saw the pictures in his mind. Before we could identify a personal computer, Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak had already seen one in all of our homes.

The point is that every great achievement was conceived by faith and born by works. For you to achieve financial freedom, you must be able to close your eyes and see yourself in a place that your friends cannot imagine or understand.

Start Giving the Orders

Did you know that money was capable of performing its own version of a three to five second buddy rush? It is deposited, you see it and it is gone. If you do not take

charge and start telling your money where to go, every pay day will be the same.

The best tool for telling your money where to go is a budget. A budget is simply a written plan where you decided how your income will be disbursed. You should spend your entire income on paper every pay period.

Prepare for an Ambush

I am not referring to the types of ambushes that will cripple you physically. These ambushes will cripple you financially and emotionally. This type of ambush occurs when you have to spend over \$800 to repair your car, over \$200 to pay for a traffic violation, over \$1,500 for medical or dental fees, etc. These types of ambushes cripple you because you are not prepared when you encounter one. Prepare to defend yourself.

While there are several names used to describe the money stashed for emergencies. For this stage of the process, you should open a money market account with check writing privileges and save at least \$1,500 to start this fund. Make the minimal payment on all of your debts until you save the \$1,500.

If you would like to talk about anything you read in this article with a legal assistance attorney, call the legal assistance offices at Camp Casey at 730-1885, Camp Red Cloud at 732-6099 or Camp Humphreys at 751-6254.

KLI teaches Korean, culture

By Cpl. Yoo, Je Hoon
KATUSA Editor

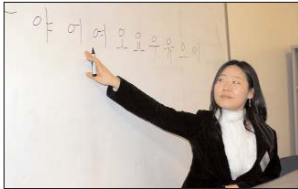
CAMP CASEY – The Korean Language Institute at Yonsei University held a Korean History and Cultural Class for 30 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers April 3 at the Education Center.

They gathered at the Community Activities Center to be briefed about the course and met their teachers.

The two-week class, conducted by two Yonsei University teachers, began with learning basic vowels and consonants of the Korean alphabet.

The two Yonsei University teachers, Chun, Jee In and Choi, Seung Ae work at the Korean Language Institute at Yonsei University have experience teaching foreigners Korean.

"I've taught foreigners before and the students were very enthusiastic about the course and I see no reason why the Soldiers should be any dif-



Choi, Seung Ae instructs the class on vowels and consonants.



Spc. Laurita Chan takes notes during a lecture on vowels and consonants in the Korean alphabet at the Camp Casey Education Center.

ferent," said Chun.

Chun has a doctorate of linguistics at DongKyung University and has been working at the KLI since 1998. Her mission is to help foreigners understand the Korean culture. An example would be asking a personal question on a first encounter and not saying "thank you" on a regular basis.

"It is a good opportunity for Soldiers to learn the language and the culture of the Korean peninsula. I hope to understand the KATUSA Soldiers after taking this course," said Pvt. Clint Conant, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment.

The course covered not only read-

ing, writing, listening and speaking in Korean, but cultural awareness such as respecting elders.

During the second week, the class took a local tour and enjoyed an afternoon outdoors.

"I hope to tear down the language barrier after taking this class," Conant said.

Spc. Laurita Chan, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, wanted to take this course because she wanted to learn about the Korean people and the environment.

"I feel very welcome and make me feel that the U.S. is wanted in Korea," Conant said.

Dealing with collection practices

By Spc. Chris Stephens
Editor

This is the final story in a seven-part series on financial health.

It's the end of the month; your rent is due along with your car payment, your VISA bill and your MasterCard bill. But you don't have enough money to pay it all. So, you pay your rent and your car payment, but not your VISA or MasterCard bill, because you don't have the money to do so.

So within the next two weeks you receive a call from one of these company's many collectors.

"Collectors aren't there to help you, they are there to get your money," said Dave Ramsey, creator of Financial Peace University. "Collectors are trained sales people or telemarketers.

They are taught in training to evoke strong emotion."

But there is a way you can counteract this technique.

"Always pay for your necessities first and then set the order of payment for your other debts," Ramsey says in his video. "If you don't have the money to pay the VISA bill, then you don't have the money. It's not going to magically appear."

Creditors do have to follow certain guidelines for collection practices.

According the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, harassment from creditors is illegal. Currently collectors are allowed to call between the

hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. **YOUR TIME!** Even then they are restricted from harassing you on a daily basis.

The act also allows you to demand a creditor cease calling you at work.

"You should request this in writing by certified mail

Collectors aren't there to help you, they are there to get your money."

Dave Ramsey
creator, Financial Peace University

The act even allows you to insist a creditor stop all contact except to notify you of lawsuit proceedings.

"Do not use a cease and desist letter except in horrible situations," Ramsey says in his video. "If you do this, all negotiations stop and any hope of a positive resolution is lost."

Ramsey says that no

matter what the collector tells you, they can't confiscate a bank account or garnish wages without proper and lengthy court action.

"All such threats are a bluff," he says.

Ramsey says the key to getting creditors off of your back is to have a plan to pay off your debts.

"Your plan should include as much prompt repayment of debt as possible in order to protect your credit rating, but you must set your priorities of repayment," he says. "Do not let a collector use your credit report as a paper club."

Whatever you decide to do, Ramsey says stick with it until the end and your debts are paid off.

"That's the whole key to financial peace, to not have any strain of debt," he says. "Life is so much nicer when you don't have debt."

Movies

Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Fri.-Sat. 7 & 9 p.m., Sun. 6 & 8 p.m., Mon.-Tue. & Thur. 7p.m.

April 14 ... *Inside Man*
April 15 ... *Final Destination 3*
April 16 ... *When a Stranger Calls*
April 17 ... *Nanny McPhee*
April 18 ... *Final Destination 3*
April 20 ... *Ice Age 2*
April 21 ... *When a Stranger Calls*
April 22 ... *Firewall*
April 23 ... *The Pink Panther*
April 24 ... *Something New*
April 25 ... *Firewall*
April 27-28 ... *Take the Lead*

Camp Casey

Show times: Fri.-Sat. 6:30 & 8:30 p.m., Sun. 3, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m., Mon.-Thur. 7:30 p.m.

April 14-15 ... *Final Destination 3*
April 16-17 ... *Inside Man*
April 18 ... *Something New*
April 19-20 ... *When a Stranger Calls*
April 21-22 ... *Firewall*
April 23 ... *The Pink Panther*
April 24 ... *Ice Age 2*
April 25 ... *The Pink Panther*
April 26 ... *Hostel*
April 27 ... *Eight Below*

Camp Hovey

Show times: Mon.-Fri. 7 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 3 & 7 p.m.

April 14 ... *When a Stranger Calls*
April 15 ... *Fun With Dick and Jane*
April 16 ... *Casanova*
April 17 ... *Final Destination 3*
April 18 ... *Inside Man*
April 19-20 ... *Something New*
April 21 ... *The Pink Panther*
April 22 ... *Hostel*
April 23 ... *Tristan and Isolde*
April 24 ... *Firewall*
April 25 ... *Glory Road*
April 26 ... *Grandma's Boy*
April 27 ... *Date Movie*

Camp Humphreys

Show times: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 & 9 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 3:30, 6:30 & 9 p.m.

April 14 ... *Inside Man*
April 15-16 ... *Something New*
April 17-18 ... *Something New*
April 19-20 ... *When a Stranger Calls*
April 21 ... *Final Destination 3*
April 22-23 ... *Ice Age 2*
April 24-25 ... *The Pink Panther*
April 26-27 ... *Date Movie*

For more information on movie schedules or to see if there are any changes, visit www.aafes.net.



Arbor Day



Courtesy photo

Soldiers from the 702nd Main Support Battalion with the ROKA 6th Corps Artillery plant a tree for Arbor Day, their partners in the Good Neighbor Program.



Yu, Hu Son

Gyeonggi Province vice-governor Kwon, Du Hyun and Division Commander Maj. Gen. George A. Higgins plant a tree at Freeman Hall to commemorate Arbor Day.



Yu, Hu Son

Because of the devastation and deforestation resulting from the Korean War, the Korean government designated April 5 as Arbor Day and made it a time for all the citizens to plant trees and other plants. Decades later, the forests have returned. Today, citizens still plant trees and flowers and clean up the surrounding hilltops and mountain areas. The day serves as a reminder to respect nature and the environment.

KTA Soldiers continue transition to U.S. Army

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This is the second story in a four-part series on the training Korean Soldiers receive at the KATUSA Training Academy after leaving ROK Army basic training. This series follows Soldiers as they get accustomed to living and working with U.S. Soldiers.

CAMP JACKSON – Learning the basic concepts of the U.S. Army is something expected of all Soldiers. But when Korean Soldiers first arrive to the KATUSA Training Academy, the concepts are sometimes hard to understand.

However they quickly learn to adapt and by the end of week one the process of transforming the Soldiers to life in the U.S. Army is in full swing. For two Soldiers the changes are already noticeable at the end of the week.

Pvt. Lee, Jong Hyun began the three-week process only speaking a

few words in English. On his American Language Comprehension Test, Lee did poorly in his eyes, not understanding what he was listening to and not understanding what he was reading. However, within the first week, Lee started to hear words and finally understand what they mean.

"It took me hearing stuff over and over to finally understand what they were and what they mean," he said. "The cadre has been very helpful in helping me gradually understand more and more concepts in English."

But concepts of English aren't the only thing the KATUSA Soldiers are taught. They also go over first aid, drill and ceremony, marksmanship and U.S. Army physical training.

For Pvt. Park, Kwang Hoon life away from Great Britain couldn't be any better for him.

"I left England to be challenged," he said. "And that's what they're doing here, and I'm enjoying it."

Park said the thing he enjoys the most is marksmanship training.

"I like the M-16 a lot better than the



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KATUSA Soldiers receive a class on the rank structure of the U.S. Army.

K-2, which is what we used in basic training," he said. "The weapon has an overall better feel."

Park said the most interesting thing so far about his training is the words used by the cadre.

"Some of the words they use, we don't use in England," he said. "It's a little different than what I'm used to."

Relying on his battle buddies to explain what was being said in basic training, Park now finds himself help-

ing the other Soldiers with their English.

"It's a role-reversal," he said. "They helped me, now I get my chance to help them. It feels good to help the team."

With the end of week one, the KATUSA Soldiers continue to grow more confident in their abilities to succeed within the ranks of the U.S. Army.

"We're learning and we can only get better," Lee said.

Camouflage colony home of EIB testing

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CAMP CASEY— Soldiers congregated in a camouflaged colony to train and test for the prestigious Expert Infantryman's Badge.

Tents covered in mesh camouflage held 364 American and Korean Soldiers from throughout the peninsula.

They trained at 27 stations broken down into three stages: Expert, Infantry and Badge. The training took place April 4-9 to prepare Soldiers for the testing April 11-13.

"I decided to do it so I wouldn't have to do it next year, and I'll know I'm good at my job," said Pvt. Cesar Martinez, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment.

In order to compete for the EIB, Soldiers are required to successfully complete a 12-mile foot march, land navigation, PT test and qualify as an expert with their weapons.

"The only Soldiers that can test are 11 and 18 series (military occupational specialties), must not be in any adverse action, and must pass the prerequisites," said Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Silsby, 2-9 Inf. command sergeant major.

Soldiers dressed in full battle rattle were armed with weapons and rotated from station to station where noncommissioned officers dubbed "EIB holders" graded the performances of the Soldiers and instructed them on how to improve.

"The Expert Infantry Badge represents a culmination of what an infantryman is. To earn it is to show everyone



Yu, Hu Son

A Soldier reassembles a M249 machine-gun, a timed event, at one of the 27 stations included in the EIB testing.

that you're proficient in everything you do," said Sgt. Ryan Struck, 2-9 Inf.

"The EIB badge is the true mark of an infantryman and how he can perform under pressure. He must complete every station. If he receives more than two no go's, he's out of the testing site," Silsby said.

He elaborated that he would like to see 70 percent of the Soldiers going through pass. However, he said he expects only around 50 percent to receive the badge.

"They go through a myriad of tasks on site during the training and testing: weapons training, call for indirect fire, identify enemy locations, camouflage, move under direct fire, nuclear biological and

chemical, hand grenades, mine training, size activity location uniform time and equipment, and communications training among others," Silsby said.

The weapons training station challenged Soldiers to clear and disassemble the M249 machine-gun in three minutes, reassemble and perform a functions check in four minutes.

Furthermore, Soldiers were expected to clear, load, fire, reduce stoppage, unload and clear inside 30 seconds according to Sgt. 1st Class Matthew O'Brien, EIB holder.

"The more repetition they get with the weapons system the better they get," O'Brien said. "They're doing fine."

The majority of the Soldiers taking part in the training were

experiencing the challenge for the first time.

"This is my first duty station, and (I) feel confident because we've practiced quite a bit in the last two weeks," Martinez said.

"My expectation of the training is to reach each station and get the standard for every station so when I do test I'll know everything expected of me," Struck said.

"It's grueling; we're going to be here for weeks. You have to be mentally strong and pay attention at every station," Struck said. "You have to take one at a time. You can only do one station, train up, take it all in and move on to the next one."

Spc. Charles Gedregon made sure he was prepared for

the camouflage portion of the testing.

He said the trick is to use bug juice when using the cammo stick because it goes on easier. He also said to apply it correctly and eliminate shiny objects.

Other stations are not so straightforward and can be challenging according to some Soldiers.

"The physical aspects are tough because a lot of guys didn't get past the land navigation or 12-mile march," said Spc. Jason Huffman.

"This is truly the baseline of excellence to being successful. It's the hands-on individual training. This is something that can be used throughout their military careers," Silsby said.

Aviation Soldiers conduct evacuation exercise

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CAMP HUMPHREYS — Soldiers from the 602nd Aviation Support Battalion conducted Noncombatant Evacuation Operations March 29.

NEO training is conducted to help dependents become familiar with responding to an evacuation in the event hostilities break out.

Soldiers who are in charge of families are called NEO wardens. The Wardens are generally in charge of 15 families.

"I make sure that the families know what they have to do in the

event of an evacuation and also make sure that their NEO packets are up to date," said Sgt. Suzanne Samson, NEO warden.

In case of a real evacuation, the first step would be the families receiving a call from their NEO warden.

This is done just to inform the families of the situation. Once the warden calls the family for the second time, the families are required to leave their homes immediately.

Then, if the families don't go to the assembly area, the warden then goes looking for them, and once found, escorts them to the assembly point.

While at the assembly point, the

families go through a series of stations and then are escorted to a safe haven until they can be safely sent back to the United States.

Throughout the process the families will have a NEO packet with them which consists of medical records, proof of citizenship and other important items.

Throughout the training, the families were reminded of the exercise's importance.

They were also informed of the repercussions if they did not comply with arriving at the assembly point.

"If the families do not arrive, they will have their PX and Commissary

privileges revoked, Soldiers will be restricted to post unable to see their families, and in extreme cases the Soldiers dependents will be forced to go back home," Samson said.

Included in the training for the families was how to properly put on and clean a protective mask.

By the end of the training, the battalion had all family members go through the NEO training.

"I believe that the training was a success because a lot of the families were new to country and did not have a NEO packet together," said Spc. Candice Solomon.

1/38 FA wins first Jokgu tournament

By Pfc. Amanda Merfeld
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CAMP RED CLOUD – Soldiers from different units across Area I came together to participate in the first Warrior Country Jokgu Tournament at the Camp Red Cloud gym.

The sport, which is four-on-four, is a combination soccer and volleyball game. Teams have three hits to get the ball over the net, just like in volleyball.

However, players can only use their feet. If the ball touches any part of the body other than the head or foot, then the play is ruled dead. The ball is also allowed to bounce one

time after each kick in this traditional Korean sport.

The championship game pitted Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I out of the loser's bracket against 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment out of the winner's bracket in a best two out of three match-up.

Area I got the championship kicked off with two quick wins, 19-18 and 15-5, not allowing the artillerymen a chance to win the match.

But since they were coming out of the loser's bracket, another best two out of three game had to be played to decide who the champion would be.

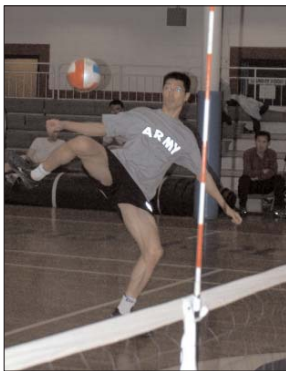
The final two games were truly neck-to-neck, each team not able to gain much of an advantage.

However, it was not meant to be for Area I, as the artillerymen came back in the next two games winning 15-10 and 16-14.

"We put our teams together this morning and practiced a little before the tournament began" said Sgt. Major Kim, Won Dae, 1st Bn., 38th Field Artillery Regt.

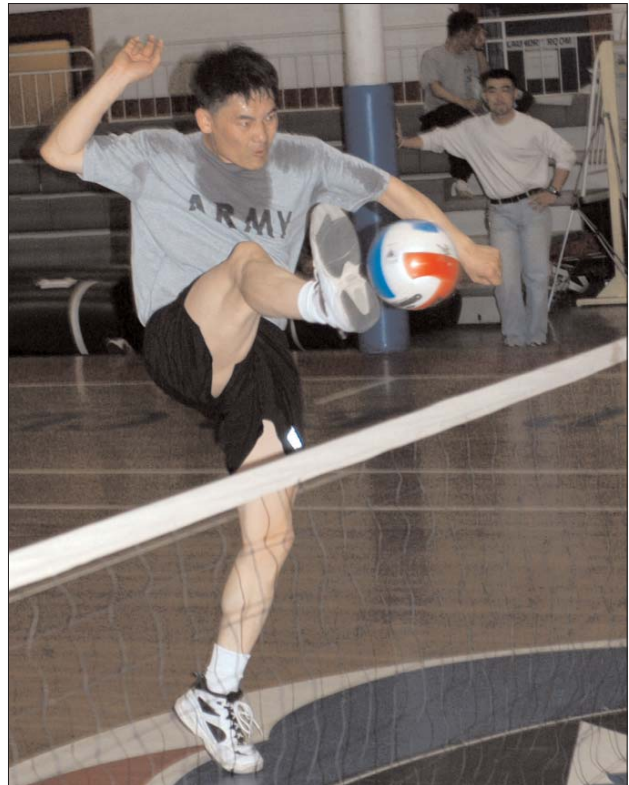
Kim hopes that with this tournament, more people will become interested in the sport and the next tournament will be larger.

"We won and hopefully this will get more people to play next time," Kim said.



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Soldiers from across Area I competed against each other in Jokgu.



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Sgt. Maj. Kim, Won Dae sends the ball back over the net during the first Jokgu tournament held at the Camp Red Cloud Gym April 8. Jokgu is popular with Koreans and Americans alike, with a large turnout on game day.

Bash at the Barracks II



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TOP: Virgil attempts to pin Doink the Clown while keeping him in a close headlock. LEFT: Karma puts Michelle Morgan on her back prior to dropping her on the mat. Superstars of International Championship Wrestling entertained Soldiers at Camp Red Cloud April 6 for Bash at the Barracks II. Superstars on the card included former World Wrestling Entertainment stars Virgil and Doink the Clown and former World Championship Wrestling stars the Disco Inferno and Screamin' Norman Smiley.