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# Warrior 6 prepares to change hands



Outgoing Division Commander - Maj. Gen. George A. Higgins.

2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD – The Second Infantry Division announces the change of command ceremony at 10:30 a.m., May 4 Indianhead Field Camp Casey, Tongdeuchon.

Maj. Gen. George A. Higgins will relinquish command of the 2nd Infantry Division to Maj. Gen. James A. Coggin.

Lt. Gen. David P. Valcourt, 8th Army Commanding General will preside over the ceremony.

For additional information, contact the 2ID Public Affairs Office, Maj. Karl S. Ivey, at 011-392-0496, or Mr. Kim, Pyong H., at 011-740-6967.



Incoming Division Commander - Maj. Gen. James A. Coggin

# Marines join 2ID for Javelin training

By Sgt. Luciano Vera

2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office

UTAH RANGE – Marines of Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Corps Regiment teamed up with a 2nd Infantry Division Javelin instructor for joint training.

The Javelin automatically guides itself to the target launch, allowing the gunner to take cover and avoid counter fire. Soldiers and Marines can reposition immediately after firing or reload to engage another threat.

"We're using the Javelin field tactical trainer. It's the miles gear and laser sighting on the heat signatures. Marines are using it basically for the field training portion of this, it's about the closest training we can get to actually firing a live missile without having live missiles to fire," said Marine Sgt. Brian Fleming, Javelin section leader.

The Javelin gunners benefited from the training by learning new



Yu, Hu Son

A Marine trains on targeting sites using a laser-guided system that allows Marines to effectively fire at targets.

and different methods of using the Javelin field technical trainer.

"I'm able to see how the Marines train. If I'm ever in a joint fight with the Marines I can understand what it is they do and what's different than the Army," said Staff Sgt. Marvin Wideman, 2ID Javelin instructor.

A crucial part of the instruction

was ensuring the right commands were given to the Javelin gunner guaranteeing he was tracking and destroying the right targets.

"If someone was to give the wrong command then they could possibly miss a tank that could have a lock on them or could give their position away and they would become targets themselves," said

was ensuring the right commands Cpl. Clay Carver, 2nd squad leader were given to the Javelin gunner Javelin section.

"There really haven't been any barriers having worked with the Army before, although not in this type of environment," he said. "Basically the only type of lingo that's been a problem is like head and latrine for the Soldiers and Marines."



KTA Soldiers continue integration into U.S. Army

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Long lost brothers reunite at Casey

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Paintball proves to be a powerful way to spend the weekend

See story,



# VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:

What other place would you like to visit in Asia?



Saipan. It s the closest thing to the Caribbean.

Pvt. Dante Samuels HHC, 1HBCT

Thailand. I heard it s very beautiful.

Pfc. Jennifer Sloan HHC, 1HBCT





Japan. To see their technology and experience the culture.

Sgt. Christopher Reed A Co., 168th Med. Bn.

China. They have the strongest Air Force in the world, that I d like to see. Staff Sgt. Bobby Lemon 702nd BSB





The Phillipines. There is a low cost of living.

Staff Sgt. Jason Colbert HHS, 1/38 FA

Maldives. It s wonderful for scuba diving.

Staff Sgt. Amy Tenboer C Co., 302nd BSB



### Soldiers 'Lead on the Edge'

By Command Sgt. Maj. James A. Benedict

Division Command Sergeant Major

Tow more than ever the 2nd Infantry Division and Area I leaders are "Leading on the Edge."

Most leaders would describe "the Edge" as the center between life and death. As the United States Army continues to fight the Global War on Terrorism in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan and other countries throughout the world, to include The Republic of Korea, against a determined enemy, our Soldiers fight, lead, and live on the edge everyday.

We as leaders have to have a great sense of situational awareness in all that we do. It's our job as leaders to ensure the safety and well-being of all Soldiers that we lead to make sure that they return home, unharmed to their families.

In a recent article written by the commander and director of the Army Safety and Combat Readiness Center, Brig. Gen. Joe Smith writes about "Owning the Edge."

"As leaders, we want to capture the energy and intensity that comes with being on the edge and channel it in a constructive way," Smith wrote. "The goal is to enable these war fighters to manage risk and operate in a deliberate manner that they 'Own the Edge.""

What this means is that all leaders at all levels are responsible for the safe training and living environment of all Soldiers so that they are prepared to operate safely in a combat environment. "Train as we fight," and "Fight as we

Every Soldier must be lead so that they are executing in a safe manner. This means leaders leading on the edge in all that WE do, whether on duty or off, in a com-

bat zone, training or garrison environment.

Leading on the edge is the process of leaders identifying and controlling hazards to protect the force and keep Soldiers, family members and all folks from harms way. As leaders we must apply risk management to everything that we do. This starts with Physical Training in the morning and continues throughout the day. We have safety standards for every task we do, whether convoy operations, convoy live fires or conducting a live-fire range. The list is ongoing!

We as leaders have to practice and integrate composite risk management at all training conducted and apply it in all that our Soldiers do, whether they go on leave or just leave outside the gates. This is vital to keeping them safe and alive. We must instill the skills necessary so it becomes instinctive in everything our Soldiers do.

Leading on the edge is important, not only in combat, but in all that is done on a daily basis. There is no safe zone. Some might think once in the continental United States, you are no longer leading on the edge. During this period it just as important because if you do not instill the discipline to take the appropriate actions when off post or on leave, Soldiers could easily find themselves in a car, motorcycle or some other accident that could be detrimental to their life. This is why as leaders we have to continue to enforce those basic Army safety standards at all

Soldiers in the age bracket of 17 to 25 years old live on the edge everyday. First line leaders that have the most influence on Soldiers lives are in that very same age bracket. Soldiers live on the edge, therefore it is imperative leaders lead on the edge.

We have three different safety categories. We have the safe zone,

which are those Soldiers assigned to a stateside post. We have the



danger zone, which are those Soldiers assigned to deployed units across the world, to include Korea. Then there is the disaster zone. There is a red line between the danger zone and disaster zone. When Soldiers and leaders end up past the red line, there are indicators that leaders failed to enforce Army safety standards and our Soldiers get hurt or killed.

We as leaders lead on the edge here in Korea everyday, that's why we have to be educated on those basic Army safety standards that we were taught when we were coming up through the ranks. By leading on the edge and training our Soldiers to standard and leaders are actively engaged in their Soldiers lives, we can reduce risk of Soldiers being involved in any accident and it teaches them how to respond to a dangerous situation. It tells them when not to gamble with their life.

When we teach Soldiers how to comprehend and apply composite risk management, it becomes part of their everyday living. Eventually Soldiers will use it on their day-to-day decisions, keeping them safe when leaders are not around. Lencourage all leaders to apply risk management in everything they do. Safety is the most important part of our fighting force. Engaged leadership, a great safety program, and enforcing composite risk management keeps Soldiers, family members, civilians and our Korean hosts safe. Not to mention out of harms way and most importantly, "alive!" Let's all lead on the edge, and it starts by enforcing Standards. Accountability and Discipline.

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# Memories serve well after two years

By Spc. Chris Stephens

s the ink dries on this issue of the *Indianhead*, so does my time as the editor.

It was over 45 issues or two years ago that I came from Fort Benning, Ga., and took the helm of the *Indianhead* as a 21-year-old with a few years writing and laying out a couple of pages here and there for the Fort Benning newspaper, the Bayonet.

I still remember my first issue when I had no clue what I was doing. I took over as editor of the Indianhead in July 2004 after my predecessor left our office quicker than you could count to three. I looked at my staff knowing I had two American Soldiers and four Korean Soldiers to work with. None of them had any prior newspaper experience prior to enlisting in the Army. I knew I had my work cut out for me to not only learn my job as the editor, but also train those six Soldiers on the ins and outs of the newspaper world.

Those first few months were a real headache as the training began and we did a

lot of things by trial and error. I remember spending many late nights at the CRC office ordering pizza from Anthony's because we were working late. It actually developed into a routine for me that I still continue to this day. They know it's me when I called on Mondays because I always ordered the same thing - a medium pepperoni pizza, two biscuits with strawberry jelly and two cans of Coke. Talk about 'Breakfast of Champions."

By the time everything was working on all cylinders it was September. Work continued to go pretty smoothly, or as smooth as it could for the next few months.

Then the winter hit. Now I don't know about you, but I'm from Georgia. I don't like to be cold. Put me in heat and humidity and I'm fine. But throw me out in the snow, I'll hate you forever. In March 2005, I wasn't getting any warmer when I embedded with 2nd Battalion. 9th Infantry Regiment, for four days at the Twin Bridges Training Area. I gained a new found respect for the Soldiers who spend a month of gunnery up north during the winter. That's another

kind of cold at Twin Bridges and Rodriguez Range. That's when I remembered a conversation I had with my grandfather in 2000 about the cold he experienced when he served with 8th Army during the first year and a half of the Korean War.

By the end of March I was back at CRC only to have the worst thing that could happen to a newspaper editor – my computer crashed and I lost everything. Yes, I know! I was an idiot because I didn't back everything up.

As the spring and summer hit I began saying good-bye to the Soldiers I worked with. I said good-bye to some of my Korean Soldiers and then to my two American Soldiers. The only thing is, I didn't have any replacements for my American Soldiers. It's a funny thing how this Army thing works – lose two Soldiers, gain one ... oh yeah, that's in a few months.

After getting Soldiers in and being able to take leave in August, I put together a plan of what I wanted to do with the rest of my time as the editor. I did this because I thought things would be the same when I returned, even with getting a new NCO. Yeah, that

kind of got thrown out of the window when I got back.

You ever have one of those leaders that you just but heads with? Both of you have a vision of how you want things to look and sometimes are unwilling to compromise. Finally, after a few months a compromise was made – her way or the highway! Well only on a few things at least. We came to a compromise on a lot of things, ensuring we listened to each others ideas so we could make the newspaper better.

The working relationship improved after we were both on the same page and the newspaper has continued to thrive because of teamwork.

As 2006 came around, I realized my time was getting short. I knew I wouldn't be in Korea much longer. Even as I was writing this commentary I kept thinking how fast two years went by. It's hard to believe that it's over.

In those two years here I've learned a few things:
One – Treat your Korean
Soldiers with same dignity
and respect as you deserve.
Teach them how to do the job
they're expected to do and
don't just throw them to the
wolves. Take in as much of

the language and culture as you can from them. Most of you will



never have a chance to come back to Korea. Two-Leaders, make sure you take care of your Soldiers. Remember that it is your Soldiers who you will send to the front lines to die for you. Are you a leader that sets the right example and has so much respect from your Soldiers that they will take a bullet for you without a second thought? Think about it. Lastly - Take a look around. Whether you think it is or not, serving in the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea is truly special.

The training you receive here is not like any other. The opportunities you have here are something you will never get to experience again. Take full advantage of everything offered to you.

Serving in the Warrior Division and as the Indianhead editor is something I will always take pride in. I hope you do too. Second to None!

### 2ID Warrior March

We're born in France in seventeen, in the hell of the First World War. With Infantry and proud Marines, we bravely fought amidst the cannon's roar. The Warriors went across the Meuse and river Marne, our name and our fame were won.

We marched home proudly with flags held on high – and they called us "Second to None!"

When terror struck we stood ready,
we were called to the desert sands.
To vanquish fear and tyranny,
we fight for hope for all those who need a hand.
Today we train and uphold our proud history,
we're Warriors in all that we've done.
We lead the way, every fight, everyday –
we're forever "Second to None!"

**Editor's Note:** Beginning May 1, all Soldiers will sing the first and fourth verses of the new Warrior March for Soldier of the Month and promotion boards, as well as for general purposes.

#### Common access card introduced

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD – The common access card offers much more than digital signatures and encrypted e-mail. Adhering to the Army's ever increasing policies and directives for creating a secure operating environment, CAC cryptographic logon is now a reality. Securing the login to Army and Department of Defense workstations is yet another way of protecting confidential information.

Before CCL was ready for Army-wide rollout, several pieces of the puzzle needed to be in place, starting with CAC issuance.

A personal identification number authenticates a person to their CAC. Unlike a password, the PIN is not transmitted over the network. A person is logged on with a unique identifier contained in their e-mail signature certificates embedded in the integrated circuit chip. If someone does not have an e-mail signature certificate, or it was issued before May 18, 2002, that individual needs to get the CAC updated at a CAC issuance facility.

If someone was issued a CAC, but has not used their PIN regularly, it is possible that the PIN is forgotten or locked. If that is the case, an individual can rectify this by visiting the nearest CAC PIN reset workstations at Camp Red Cloud, building S-433 or at Camp Casey, building 504, between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

In the early stages to CCL implementation, personnel will receive an e-mail linking them to a Web site. The logon will require the individuals CAC, domain and standard username and password and, of course, the use of the individuals PIN. Once complete an e-mail will be sent stating that the verification is complete and the individuals CAC is correctly configured and ready for CCL.

Instituting an aggressive security measures such as CCL is a necessary approach to meeting Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 requirements. In order to facilitate a smooth transition to CCL, all personnel are asked to prepare their CAC prior to CCL implementation.

For more information on PKI and other new initiatives, visit https://iacacpki.army.mil.

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# KTA Soldiers continue integration

Story and photo by Pfc. Kim, Sang Pil

Staff Writer

This is the third 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 – Faced with a new style of PT than what they were used to, the Soldiers had to adapt to the new situation.

This and many other events are what Korean Soldiers integrating into the U.S. Army experience every day at the KATUSA Training Academy.

Wanting to do the best they could during each PT session, the Soldiers worked hard to ensure the best PT score possible. For those who got a failing PT score, negative impressions might be given to senior ranking Soldiers.

As week two hit for the KTA Soldiers they continued with the English language

training as well as their common-tasks training.

For Pvt. Lee, Jong Hyun, learning the differences in English words had been key to his understanding of the English language.

"I've learned some useful English words and phrases used in the Army and some of the names of the Army facilities like TMC and Motor Pool," Lee said. "Our teacher also taught us the different terms used for male and female such as journal versus diary and cologne versus perfume. There is only one name in Hangul regardless of the gender of that person who uses these."

As far as what they ate, paradise was what many of them considered it after the first time they tasted the camp's dining facility. Some Soldiers also decided to put a diet together.

"I try to keep my diet in low quantity so I can stay in shape for PT test and for my well-being's sake," Lee said. "I never take desserts and I eat rice and kimchi every breakfast and dinner. For lunch, I have chicken with lettuce."



Korean Soldiers get exercise from one of the many physical training exercises, the flutter kick. The flutter kick is a favorite of many of the instructors, but not so much by the Soldiers.

Pvt. Kim, Yoon Ho said he has enjoyed his leadership as a platoon guide.

"I try to motivate and inspire my fellow Soldiers," Kim said. "When I do have a problem with a guy, instead of just yelling at him, I try to make it smooth by smiling instead of frowning."

By the end of week two, the Soldiers prepared for graduation week where they will wrap up all of their training, get their unit assignments and graduate.

Unit assignments are nerve-racking for many of the Korean Soldiers as they hope for a job at Yongsan Garrison, which is near most of their families. Some will get the station they want, while others will join other units in Areas I, II, III or IV.

For Pvt. Park, Kwang Hoon, who joined the ROK Army from London, he's not like many of his fellow Soldiers.

"As long as they don't stick me behind a desk, I'm happy," he said. "I want infantry. I joined the Army to challenge myself and the infantry will do that."

### 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 turnin.

For more information, call 736-4397.

#### **DTS System**

The Department of Defense is fielding a new system to eliminate Temporary Duty paperwork. The new Defense Travel System will provide a more mission-focused approach that will also improve the speed and accuracy in travel reimbursements.

The system is scheduled to be

installed at Eighth U.S. Army installations through Aug. 11.

For more information about the Defense Travel System, go to www.dtstravelcenter. dod.mil.

#### **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 retiree's, dependents and eligible civilian employees in Warrior Country.

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

#### Claims to Estate

Anyone having a claim to the estate of Staff Sgt. Tillford Barton III needs to contact 1st Lt. Nathan Hadlock at 730-2919

### Prevention begins with you

By Pfc. Amanda Merfeld

Staff Writer

It can happen in different situations, by a stranger in an isolated place, on a date or in the home by someone you know.

Most people who get assaulted know their attacker, or at least have seen them before.

There are many forms, but most people think of rape when they think of sexual assault. However, sexual assault can be verbal, visual, or anything that forces a person to join in unwanted sexual contact or attention.

There are many psychological effects of being sexually assaulted, but the agony doesn't stop there.

The victim may have contracted a sexually transmitted disease or may have even become pregnant, that is why it is important for a victim to seek medical care.

Sexual assault affects women, children and men of all ages. Attackers do not discriminate along racial, cultural and economic backgrounds. Most sexual assault victims who report are female. There are a significant number of male sexual assault victims as well.

Males are less likely to come forward because of the stigma and shame.

If you are in an abusive relationship, create a safety plan so you know what you would do in the event of an attempted attack.

A safety plan includes knowing possible escape routes to get away from an attacker, knowing a safe place to go, and having emergency money ready in a secure place. Important personal information like bank account numbers, phone numbers and legal documents should also be included. Avoid arguments with the abuser in areas where there are potential weapons. Have a personal savings account, separate from the abuser; and review the plan monthly.

Walk with confidence and trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in your surroundings, leave. Trusting you instincts can be a valuable tool.

When out with friends at social events, never leave with someone you have just met. Always lock your car and have your key ready to use a weapon before you reach the car. If possible, always carry a cellular phone.

To get help or report sexual assault, call Military One Source at (484) 530-5947. To talk to an Area I Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, call 730-3494, or 011-740-0479. You can also speak to medical personal, Military Police or any legal services.

### CRC kids enjoy celebration

Story and photo by Spc. Chris Stephens

CAMP RED CLOUD – Potato sack races and an egg hunt were the order of the day for Area I children.

To celebrate Easter, the CRC Pear Blossom Cottage sponsored an Easter egg hunt to allow children and their parents to spend some time together.

"This was a great opportunity to bring a lot of families together," said Dasha Ansley. "Being in Area I we don't see the other families a lot. So this gives us a chance to meet new people and talk with them."

The egg hunt seemed to be fun for all of the children with most of them happy



Area I children dash after eggs sprinkled throughout the lawn at the Village Green pavilion. The children also enjoyed potato sack races to celebrate the Easter holiday.

about what was in their basket.

"I like to find eggs," said Cameron Watkins, 5. "I found a whole bunch of eggs. There was a lot of candy in them."

When asked how many eggs he found, Cameron was modest of his findings.

"I found a hundred

children were split up into three age groups for potato sack races. Seeing how much fun their kids were having, many of the parents decided to give the race

"It was funny to see the parents in the potato sacks," Ansley said. "That's not

After the egg hunt, the something you see every ildren were split up day."

At the end of the day when all eggs were retrieved and all sack races were complete, there was a clear message about the importance of the event.

"We're spending a holiday together as a family and that's the most important thing," Ansley said.

### English camp entertains Koreans

Story and photo by James Cunningham

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY – Sounds of .50caliber machine-gun fire, smells of gun smoke and the sizzle of excitement filled the air April 7 when 120 Seoul American High School students came to Camp Casey.

This program was part of a four-day tour to experience the U.S. Army.

The student's first experience at Camp Casey was the "King of Battle," a multiple launch rocket system.

After a short briefing about the MLRS, the students experienced first hand what it is like to operate the "King of Battle."

The mission of Good Neighbor English Camp is to give Korean students a good look at the U.S. Army in Korea and the Army's mission here, according to Capt. Mathew Lee, Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division.

"The task today is to give the Korean students a first hand feel for the U.S. Army mission in Korea and to experience the equipment and its capabilities," Lee said. "The information these students learn is first hand and without commercial media spin. It is good for the students to experience the military and its purpose now so they will understand the history of our alliance and why we are here."

Taking a hands-on approach with the guidance of Soldiers of the Fires Brigade and members of the infantry put a lot of smiles on these young faces.

"I experienced something I have never seen before," Lee said. "I saw a 16-year-old girl fire a .50-caliber machine-gun, that fired me up!"

There were a lot of smiles and a lot of astonishment at the noise of the mighty 50-caliber.

However, nothing could excite more than the artillery display sponsored by the 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment.

On display were the self-propelled howitzer M109 A6, called the Paladin, which is the primary artillery support for the armored and mechanized infantry divisions.

The students experienced first hand the controls by turning the gun and doing other maneuvers.

With the Paladin were the M2 A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle and the M1 A1 Main Battle Tank. Both these weapons were just what the doctor ordered to set the students on fire with a burn to join the Army.

"I saw a lot of wonder and smiles today; I'll bet the Republic of Korea army will begin taking females now," Lee said.

Experiencing artillery and smallarms, from carbines to the awesome .50-caliber machine-gun put smiles on a lot of older kids.

"It is good for the students to have such an experience as this a couple of years before they get out of high school because of the conscription they have here," Lee said.

"I think we put a lot of good ideas into the student's heads today," Lee said. "I think the students had a good experience and learned just what the U.S. military is here for and the job we do in defending their country."



A Seoul American High School student sits behind a 50-caliber machine-gun during English Camp.

### **Movies**

Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Fri.-Sat. 7 & 9 p.m., Sun. 6 & 8 p.m., Mon.-Tue. & Thur. 7p.m. April 28 ... Take the Lead April 29 ... The Pink Panther April 30 ... Freedomland May 1 ... Eight Below May 2 ... Freedomland May 4 ... Date Movie May 5 ... Running Scared May 6 ... 16 Blocks May 7 ... Madea's Family Reunion May 8 ... Date Movie May 9 ... Running Scared May 11 ... The Sentinel

**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 28-29 ... Freedomland

April 30 ... Take the Lead

May 1 ... Take the Lead

May 2 ... Eight Below

May 3-4 ... Date Movie

May 5-6 ... Running Scared

May 7-8 ... 16 Blocks

May 9-10 ... Madea's Family Reunion

May 11 ... Aquamarine

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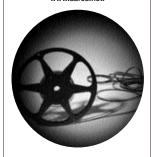
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**Camp Humphreys** 

Show times: Mon. Fri. 6:30 & 9 p.m.., Sat.-Sun. 3:30, 6:30 & 9 p.m. April 28 ... Take the Lead April 29-30 ... Curious George; Take the Lead

Editor's Note: The rest of Camp Humphreys movie schedule was not available at the time the Indianhead went to press.

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



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### Families arrive in field with 6-37 FA

By Spc. Timothy Dinneen

ROCKET VALLEY Spouses living in Korea with Soldiers of 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment were able to see what their other halves did in the field when conducting field exercises for days at a time April 12.

The program was the first of its kind and was designed to increase Soldier morale while allowing spouses an opportunity to witness what their loved ones do in the field to assure deterrence from northern aggression.

"This is the first time I've

unique program," said 1st Sgt. Kim Newton, B Company first sergeant. "It gives the wives a chance to see what their husbands do everyday."

The program was open to spouses of both enlisted and officer Soldiers.

They were bused up to Rocket Valley and were seen laughing, enjoying time with their significant others and bringing essential supplies.

"I'm just excited to be here having a good time," said Analiza Shumate. "I brought baby wipes for my husband because I knew he

days without a shower." Many wives didn't know

what to expect and saw this as an adventure.

"The first question I asked was what they'll be doing and what kind of restrooms would be available," Shumate said.

"I think it's pretty good for her to see how we live out here so when I come home she won't complain about me being tired," said Sgt. Randall Shumate, fire direction control specialist, 6-37 FA. "She's always after me about what we do and now she gets to see it "

Soldiers put on a rocket show for the wives, firing 18 rockets that flew directly overhead from six of the battalion's multiple rocket launching systems.

"The rockets are loud, it surprised me to see the rocket and then hear the noise," said Alina McQuestn. "I expected to hear the noise and then see the rocket."

The Soldiers and wives equally felt this was a positive program.

This is important because it's my husband's job and I want to understand what he does," McQuestn said.

"It's a good program to bring spouses closer to the



A Soldier and his wife enjoy the day. The program gives spouses a look at their husband's day in the field.

Soldiers and gives the spouses an idea of the kind of work we do," said Capt. Carlos Diaz, battalion S-1, 6-37 FA. "They'll have a better appreciation and understand why we have to leave home from time to time."

The experimental program may spread to other units as a morale booster for Soldiers and their families.

"Based on the comments of the Soldiers, where we get a lot of feedback, I think it's going to spread real quickly," Newton said. "The spouses I've talked to were really looking forward to this event."

Many of the Soldiers in the field who were not part of the actual firing wanted their wives to be escorted to their individual stations in the field: however, because of safety risks they were not able to see all their husbands at work, according to Newton.

"As first sergeant I have to keep Soldiers motivated to keep logistical things rolling so everyone's performing at their maximum," Newton said. "At the same time I want everyone to enjoy themselves and remain safe.'



Spc. Joel Gette and his wife Rachelle looks at one of 18 rockets flying over their heads at Rocket Valley.

Yu, Hu Son Maj. Gen. George A. Higgins, 2ID Commanding General receives the division colors from Lt. Gen. Charles Campbell, 8th U.S. Army Commander during the Division Change of Command Ceremony in September 2004. Higgins will hand over command of the division to Maj. Gen. James A. Coggin May 4 at Indianhead Field on Camp Casey.

## **Changes of Command**

#### **Location: Unit: Date:** May 4 2ID Camp Casey May 18 Camp Casey 302nd BSB 2-2 Aviation June 6 Camp Humphreys Camp Casey 1-72 Armor June 8 Camp Humphreys 164th ATS June 9 3-6 Cavalry June 15 Camp Casey Camp Casey 1-15 FA June 20 June 22 2-9 Infantry Camp Casey 2nd CAB June 23 Camp Humphreys Camp Casey 1st HBCT June 29 **STB** Camp Red Cloud July 6

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# Brothers bridge Big Stone Gap

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t happened in Korea of all places."

Welcoming him at the front gate leading to Camp Casey was the usual protocol for any 2nd Infantry Division Soldier seeking admittance. It was the normal routine of waiting in a short line under dull lights that revealed four drab yellow walls. He was greeted by fellow Soldiers standing behind a low wall mundanely checking identification.

Soldier's lives were not supposed to be transformed through this uninspiring turn style of repetition. However, with the simple of words of "Hey, it's your brother!" two Soldiers lives were about to change forever.

"It happened in Korea of all places."

"I had heard rumors about an Estep up at Camp Casey from a few Soldiers who joked I had a brother. I didn't really think anything of it," said Adam Estep. "I had to go up there one day to pick up a vehicle. It wasn't ready so I decided to head off post in the mean time. When I returned I was showing my ID to another Soldier when a friend of mine joked he had found my brother."

Spc. Adam Estep and Sgt. Phillip Estep had been separated from each other and their hometown in Big Stone, Va. Their parents divorced when Adam was three-yearsold and Phillip was one-year-old

Adam left with his father who moved to Detroit, Mich. while Phillip stayed in Virginia to live with his mother and her family. Incredibly, the brothers never made contact with themselves or the other parent throughout the separation.

Despite not having any contact with one another since childhood, the two brothers shared a common bond serving in the Army and because of it wound up face-to-face exchanging familial information.

In fact, their father, uncles and grandparents all share the bond of having served in the Army.

The brothers said they both asked one another ques-

tions about middle names, where they grew up and birth dates. After each one answered the others questions correctly they took it at face value they were indeed brothers. The identification check had turned into a family reunion.

"It happened in Korea of all places."

"Oh my god, you're my brother," exclaimed Phillip. "An NCO I was pulling guard with said it reminded him of the Jerry Springer Show."

"We connected real easy and fast," Adam said.

The surreal event at the front gate still left some questions to be answered. The findings at the divorce hearing raised questions about Phillip's paternity.

"The judge had told my dad that I was his but Phillip wasn't." Adam said. "My dad said he wanted to have me because he knew for certain and left Phillip with mom."

Adam said they plan to do a blood test to determine whether or not they are full or half brothers to determine if they indeed have the same father.



"We definitely share the same mother but want to see if we're full brothers," Adam said.

Adam said he was shocked to find out that his family grew larger when Phillip told him about three other half brothers and two half sisters from his mom's side living in Virginia.

"Phillip knows them all and their location so we're planning a family reunion in Virginia so I can meet everyone," Adam said. "I have already met Phillip's wife and daughter and my niece really warmed up to me. I told Phillip she just knows her uncle."

One of many similar interests the two shares is their love of cars.

The two plan to open up a car and body shop together in Florida when they leave the Army.

"It happened in Korea of all places" was the reaction of their family when they discovered the brothers had found each other.

Many Soldiers have stories to tell about their experiences in Korea that end with their tours, however, this story is just beginning and it happened in Korea of all places.

# JROTC cadets learn Army way of life

Story and photo by Spc. Chris Stephens

CAMP JACKSON – Spring Break is a time most high school students take to rest, relax and have a good time. But for Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets this was no ordinary Spring Break.

Cadets from Seoul American, Taegu American and Pusan American High Schools threw out their shorts and flip-flops and traded them for BDUs and boots as they participated in a week of training to get accustomed to day-to-day Army

"This is something I've never done before and I wanted to take advantage of this training," said Seoul American sophomore Luke Dorrough. "We have been able to gain an understanding of why things are done in the military the way they are."

During the week-long training the cadets conducted morning physical training, an obstacle course and various common military tasks to include day and night land navigation, camouflaging and search procedures.

"The things we've done are a preview to what military life is like," said Seoul American junior Joan Montanez. "Motivation is the key here, just like in the military."

One thing many of the cadets had a hard time adjusting to was waking up at 4 a.m.

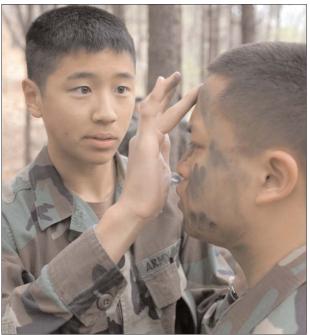
"If I was home on Spring Break right now  $\Gamma$ d be waking up at 9 or 10 a.m.," Montanez said. "Waking up early is something  $\Gamma$ m not used to and it took a while to adjust."

The event that was the favorite of most of the cadets was the obstacle

"The obstacle course taught us a lot about teamwork," Montanez said. "Teamwork is very important to get through it, as well as confidence. It's not always about strength."

By the end of the week Montanez said that everyone had a clear idea on whether or not they wanted to join the military.

"Most of the cadets decided whether or not the military was for them or not," she said. "As for me, I want to be a medic so I can help people."



Seoul American High School sophomore Dennis Cho, left, applies camouflage paint to classmate Calvin Ogburn during a camouflaging class.

# Paintballs splatter players



Matt Porter ducks behind cover to shoot at the opposing team. The bright blow-up cover make paintballs explode on contact.



Matt Porter of Voltron slides to safety behind the "zipper," a strategical favorite for paintball enthusiasts. His team all wears matching paintball clothing, as most teams do.

Story and photos by Pfc. Amanda Merfeld Staff Writer

CAMP CASEY – The grand opening of Genesis Paintball Course April 15 brought out a crowd from Area I, kicking off a day of shoot-em-up fun and pain.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation once again provided Soldiers with a unique opportunity to have fun and get dirty, conducting the first paintball tournament in Area I.

Soldiers and Airmen swarmed all over the course, dressed in altered battle dress uniforms, professional paintball clothing and team shirts with mottos printed on them.

Eight teams of five competed against each other for nothing more than the glory of victory.

The Fighting Hellfish, Voltron, Death Dealers, S-6 R-Us, Vipers, Energy, and G-Spot were the names of the teams that walked away from the experience with welts and paint splattered across their bodies.

"MWR sponsored this event because it is the open house for Genesis Paintball Course," said Toby Crandall, team G-Spot.

The paintball course is two separate sections, each with giant blow-up obstacles used for cover.

The "zipper" is an area of strategical advantage, serving as a long section of cover, giving Soldiers and Airmen a freeway to the opponent's flag.

"The objective is to retrieve your opponent's flag and to get back to your side without getting hit. If you get hit, you're out; you lift up your gun and you're done," Crandall said.

Soldiers and Airmen left the field one by one, each covered with bright paint, marking the place where they were hit.

The strategies used by the players resembled those of battle movements.

"We're trying to do a round-a-bout approach, flanking from each side, squeeze the enemy in and kill them off, then retrieve the flag," Crandall said. "Three to five second rushes can be implemented in this course. Laying down suppressive fire for your buddy is something that our team is doing."

The players noted the distinct difference between firing blanks and actually being able to see if you hit someone, or if you have been hit.

"You are actually getting hit, so if your strategy is not working, you'll know," Crandall said.

This game requires safety precautions to prevent injuries from occurring during the course of the game.

"Always keep your helmet on and before the game begins, keep your weapon down until the ref gives the command of go. Once you are off the range, you have to put the muzzle cap back on the weapon and your weapon has to be on safe when you are not actively engaged on the range. Those are the most important things to remember," Crandall said.

"I recommend other people to get teams together and practice things that you have learned in basic training and AIT using paintball," Crandall said.



Players stand ready with paintball guns pointed down and press against the wall, waiting on the command of "go."

### NBA to crown new champion this year

By Spc. Chris Stephens

In the two years I've done sports predictions for the Indianhead, I've rarely picked the favorite and gone with what my gut told me. And since this is my last sports commentary, I thought why should this one be any different.

The NBA has had a long season. It's been one without any major incidents like last year's Palace brawl.

While I'll admit I was wrong in the early season predicting that the Golden State Warriors and the Charlotte Bobcats would make the playoffs, I'm still convinced there will be a major upset and someone else will become the NBA Champion besides the Detroit Pistons or the San Antonio Spurs. This year it's going to be someone different.

The Eastern Conference is considered by many to be the weaker of the two conferences. With the Pistons, the Miami Heat and New Jersey Nets at the top, there's a big drop off in talent and teamwork that's in the rest of the conference. With a couple of teams expected to be under .500 once the playoffs begin, the East is not expected to put up much of a challenge.

The top three teams from this conference are the only ones with a legitimate shot at winning the NBA title. The Pistons should be the favorite, but I would look out for the Nets. Winning 17 of their last 20 games the Nets are on a tear at the right time. Look for them to pull an upset over

the Heat and the Pistons to represent the East in the championship.

In the Western Conference, five of the eight playoff teams could win it all if they're on top of their game.

Of course you have the San Antonio Spurs at the top along with the Phoenix Suns. But you also have two of this year's surprise teams the Dallas Mavericks and the L.A. Clippers along with the rejuvenated Sacramento Kings.

To tell you the truth, it wouldn't surprise me to see the Kings go deep into the playoffs, upsetting the conference powerhouses along the way. With Ron Artest on your team, anything can happen. And I think the Kings will upset their first-round opponent whether it be the Spurs or the Suns.

But all of that doesn't make a difference because the Mavericks will represent the West in the championship.

Now this is an unlikely championship series – the Mavericks and the Nets. Who'd of thunk it?

This presents an interesting matchup because both teams have high flyers in Vince Carter and Richard Jefferson for the Nets and Dirk Nowitzki and Josh Howard for the Mavericks. But what it's going to come down to is something the Mavericks have worked on all season – Defense.

Unlike in years past where the Mavericks had no defense whatsoever, and with this change it will finally propel them over the top and into NBA Championship status.