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1/38 Soldiers qualify on MLRS



MLRS rockets fly through the air during 1/38 Field Artillery Unit's qualifying and training day.

**Story and photo by
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Editor**

ROCKET VALLEY, South Korea – Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Unit tested their Multi-Launch Rocket System skills Oct. 13.

Soldiers in 1/38 FA get the opportunity to go to the field and test their equipment, skills and unit effectiveness about every three months, said Sgt. 1st Class Roberto Valencia.

Prior to firing that day, the Soldiers were required to take a written test and a hands-on dry-run on the equipment before qualifying.

The Soldiers who were qualifying and testing their equipment were supported by an ammunition crew. The ammo crews stood by to assist with any ammunition problems or shortages.

For many there that day it was the first time they were able to fire

actual rockets from a M-270 A1 MLRS.

Although the Soldiers weren't able to see the impact of the rockets in the narrow valley, most were just happy to hear the big boom, said Valencia. The rockets themselves are ineffective munitions, as they do not explode on impact.

"We are still responsible for the welfare and accountability of our Soldiers; making sure that they are taking care of themselves personally, taking care of the vehicles," said ammunition section chief Staff Sgt. Clearance Duncan III.

"In the training environment there is a bit more of a safety aspect," Duncan said.

In war, it used to be fire first, ask questions later, Duncan said. "As the rules of engagement changed as the war progressed, there's a lot more safety and checks and things like that that you have to take into account."

Football pics and safety tips: 2ID mixes safety and NFL

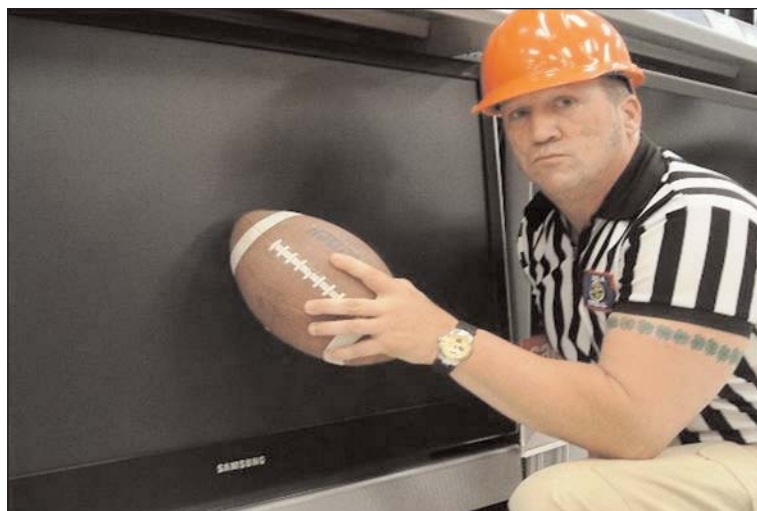
2ID Safety Office

What do you get when you mix one hour of safety tips with National Football League game predictions? You get American Forces Network Korea radio's newest contest, 'The Football Guru Show.'

The show's creator, Charles Ryan is the Safety manager of 1st Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division on Camp Hovey.

While he is known to Warrior radio listeners due to his numerous '2ID Safety Guy' Public Service announcements and the 2ID Summer Safety Show, the Football Guru Show is his favorite time on the airwaves.

"This show's premise is for me to predict the outcome of that



Courtesy Photo

Chuck Ryan's new radio show airs every Friday at 5 p.m.

weekend's NFL games, but all the while, I'm sneaking in safety tips. Anything to get Soldiers and Airmen to listen in, I'm game,"

Ryan said.

Ryan has done the show since

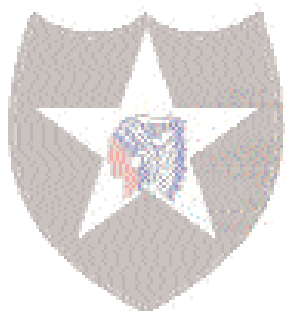
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VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:

What do you plan to do over the Chusok holiday?



Just relax and go spend money.

Pfc. Theresa Escariciga
HQ, 2ID

Gather with family and worship our ancestors through Cha-rae.

Cpl. Woo, Sang Chul
HHC, Area I SA



I will be home with my son. I will take him to Chucky Cheese.

Sgt. Gairie High
HQ, 2ID

Visit my grandmother-in-law and watch lots of movies.

Cpl. Chun, Jung joo
HQ, 2ID



Work out and hang out with my KATUSA roommate.

Spc. Fiavivini Sipa
HHS, 6-37 FA

Get together with cousins and grandparents to worship ancestors.

Sgt. Lee, Joong Bum
HHC, Area I SA



Illustration by Staff Sgt. Chris Wiley

Malaria threatens lives; prevention safety works

By Pfc. Fay Jakymack

8th United States Army Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON – Eight Soldiers stationed in Korea have been diagnosed with malaria this year. All of the Soldiers infected with malaria had trained in locations close to the Demilitarized Zone.

Although some locations close to the DMZ are considered to be malaria-high-risk areas, all Soldiers stationed in Korea should exercise precautions, especially during peak malaria season -- May through October -- because malaria is a disease that is easier to avoid than to treat, said Col. J. Greg Jolissaint, Command Surgeon United States Forces Korea and Eighth Army.

Seven of the Soldiers diagnosed this year were found to have been infected in 2005, Jolissaint said. "The small number of diagnosed malaria cases does not prompt the need for oral prophylactic medications," Jolissaint said. However, one case of malaria is too many, Jolissaint said. All Soldiers based in Korea should practice preventive medicine measures to protect themselves against malaria-transmitting mosquitoes and other biting insects, ticks and mites, he said.

"BDUs and ACUs should be treated with permethrin prior to a unit's departure to the field, and DEET personal insect repellent should be applied to exposed skin judiciously in those high-risk areas of Korea where we know we have problems (all training sites north of Seoul)," Jolissaint said.

The highest number of malaria cases diag-

nosed in Korea was in 1997 when 27 U.S. Soldiers got sick. Compared to this USFK experience, ROK military and civilians are seeing thousands of malaria patients. With preventive efforts, the number of malaria patients among Korean civilians and Soldiers is on the declining trend as well, Jolissaint said.

According to the website WebMD (www.webmd.com), the symptoms of malaria are flu-like in nature. Symptoms usually include high fever, muscle pain, and diarrhea. The most serious type of malaria can cause heart, kidney and liver problems, brain damage or even death.

Malaria is caused by a bite from an infectious female Anopheles mosquito. These mosquitoes bite a human most frequently from dusk to dawn, so extra precautions should be taken when sleeping outdoors. When the Anopheles mosquito bites someone, the malaria parasites are released into the person's bloodstream.

The parasites then travel to the liver where they enter the liver cells and multiply. They incubate there and after a time period between eight days or several months they then are released and then enter the red blood cells. Once they are in the red blood cells they finish the maturing process which causes the red blood cells to burst. This causes the toxins from the parasites to be released and instigates the symptoms of malaria, according to the CDC.

The current cases of malaria infection are not a cause for alarm, but rather they are a reason for everyone to judiciously use preventive medicine measures that will keep the mosquitoes from biting in the first place.

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Koreans celebrate Chusok; 'The day of the full moon'

By Cpl. Lee, Yoon Joo

Staff Writer

It's that time of the year again! It's the day when over half of the Korean population makes a massive movement by car, bus, train and airplane to head for their traditional home. It is Chusok, the Korean Thanksgiving Day.

Chusok, also known as Han Gah Wee meaning 'the great day in the middle of August,' is one of the greatest national holidays the Korean people celebrate. It is also one of the biggest migration events in Korea.

There are long lines of cars leaving Seoul on the days preceding Chusok, causing massive traffic jams on the highways and major rural routes. During the Chusok holiday, a trip by car from Seoul to Busan, which usually takes about five hours, takes as long as 20 hours. Because of the traffic problem, Chusok holiday is designated as a three-day holiday, including a day before and after Chusok.

What does 'Chusok' mean?

The date of Chusok changes every year because the holiday is celebrated according to the date of the lunar calendar which is Aug. 15. The word, Chusok, means 'the day of beautiful full moon in August.' The people can see the brightest full moon on Chusok holiday. There is a traditional custom on Chusok which the family members gather around a spot where they can clearly see the moon and make a wish for the happiness and the prosperity of their family.

The history of Chusok

The history of Chusok goes back to ancient times when the people served the moon as a great being to brighten up the darkness at night. The night of the full moon was the most thankful one since it had the brightest moonlight and people started to celebrate it by holding a big festival. Since the brightest full moon was on August 15 of the lunar calendar, the people held the biggest festival on that day. This tradition went down from generation to generation and is even celebrated now as a national holiday.

The custom of Chusok

On Chusok, family members, usually from the paternal line, get together to prepare food, honor their ancestors, and cherish relatives, both

living and deceased.

Every mother in Korea is busy many days before the actual holiday, because they have to prepare food to be put on the ancestral plate for Cha Rae, a memorial ritual to remember the ancestors.

They begin preparations for the festivities weeks in advance by going to the market to buy the newly harvested rice, apples, crisp pears, juju beans, chestnuts, sesame seeds and other holiday food.

This is also the time when every shopping mall and market prepares special events for Chusok products such as food ingredients and presents for the parents.

On Chusok morning, families carefully place food on the ancestral table for the Cha Rae ritual. The house of the eldest son is usually the site of the gathering. Family members arrive early in the morning to participate in the ceremony. The eldest male in the family usually presides over the ritual.

Each family member stands before the table and bows two or three times from a kneeling position and offers Korean traditional wine and food to the ancestors.

After the ritual, all the food is

taken out of the table and rearranged for the family to eat. The family sits around the table to eat the food and reminisce about the ancestors.

After the meal, the family visits the grave of the ancestors with some food.

At the grave, they clean up the area and cut the weeds around the grave. Then they bow again to the grave to thank their ancestors. This visit is called Sung Myo.

The food of Chusok

Koreans, like many other traditional cultures around the world, celebrate the holiday with special food. The best representative food of Chusok is Song Pyun, the rice cake made with finely ground new rice as the dough and filled with toasted sesame seeds, chestnuts, or peas sweetened with honey or sugar.

Making Song Pyun is one of the most festive activities associated with Chusok. Grandmothers usually tell their granddaughters, girl who makes pretty Song Pyun will have pretty daughters. Making Song Pyun brings together generations of women and gives them an opportunity to share their life stories.

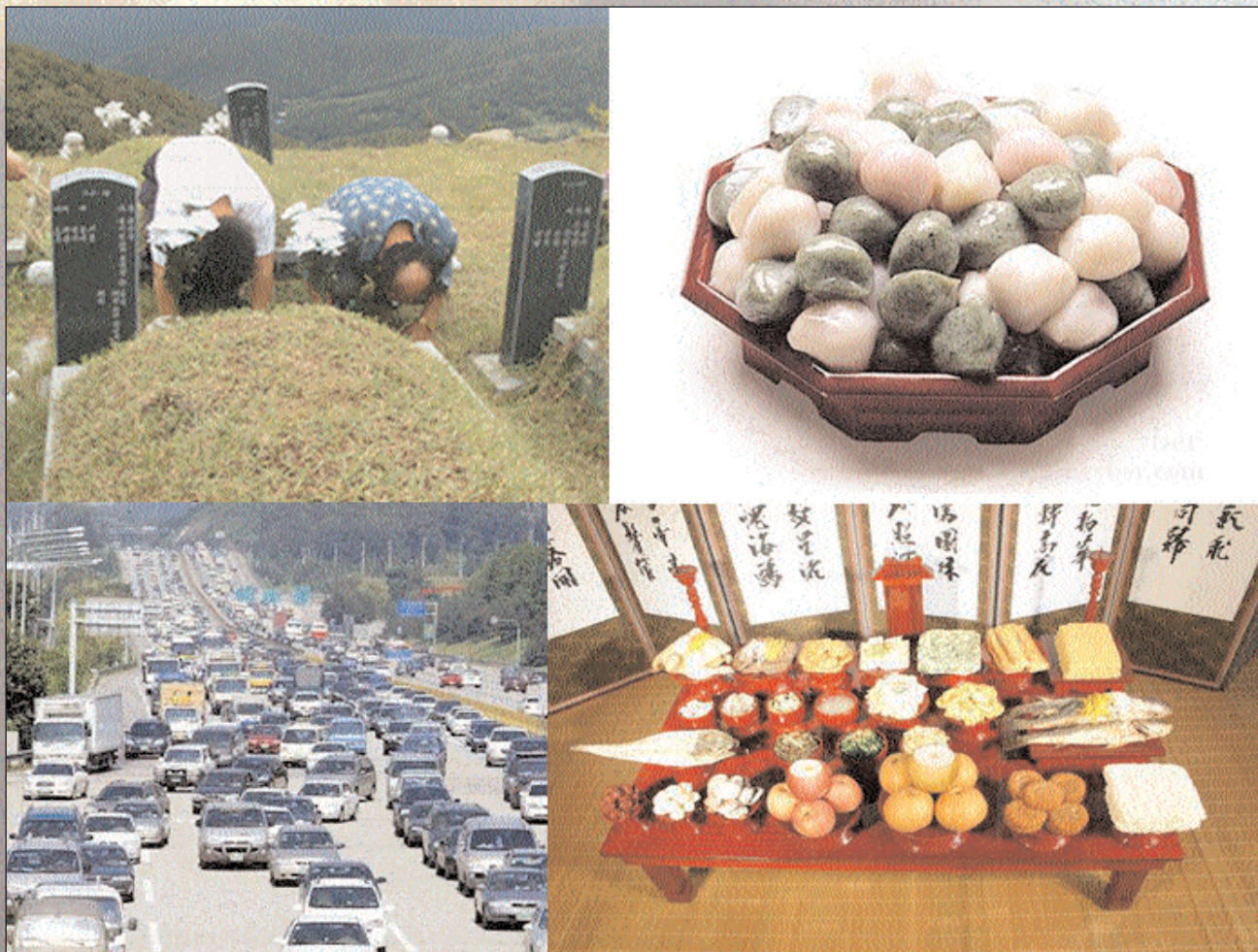
Chusok in Modern Korea

Chusok reminds people that Korea's traditional gender roles and discrimination still exist. Women spend several days cooking and preparing for the ceremonies and family gathering.

Men, on the other hand, relax and enjoy the festivities, without helping much with the chores. Furthermore, since the family celebration is based upon paternal lineage, married women often are not able to celebrate with their original family. These kind of problems prompt some families to complain openly and even to disregard the tradition of Chusok altogether.

Also, there are many Christians in Korea. Some Christian denominations discourage or oppose the Korean tradition of worshiping ancestors or gods not connected with Christianity.

Therefore, some Christian families honor their ancestors with prayers and hymns rather than bowing or offering them food. Nevertheless, Chusok is an important family holiday for Christians as well as non-Christians, as they all celebrate with their families.



Courtesy Photos

Top left: A family bows at the graves of their ancestors during Sung Myo. Top right: Song Pyun, is the best representative food of Chusok. Bottom left: With over a half of the Korean population visiting their hometowns, massive traffic jams are always anticipated. Bottom right: On Chusok morning, a table of food is prepared for Cha Rae, a memorial ritual to remember ancestors.

Soldiers go to car show; see exhibits



Cpl. Lee, Yoon Joo



Cpl. Lee, Yoon Joo

Thirteen Soldiers and their wives were invited to a Gunsan car show by the Second to Nine Soldier Support Group Sept. 20 to see the newest cars that Korea has to offer in the world of motor vehicles.

Sisterhood

ROK/U.S. females sign agreements



Yu, Hu Son

Sgt. 1st Class Kanessa R. Trent and her Korean sister counterpart Master Sgt. Kim, Sun Ah sign an agreement signifying the continued commitment of sisterhood between female ROK and U.S. Army Soldier.

Open House

Fires Brigade lends a hand



Maj. Marlon James

Command Sgt. Maj. Ronnie D. Curry helps serve food with other Fires Brigade Soldiers during Isaac House's open house Sept. 23. Isaac House, an orphanage located in Uijeongbu, held Taekwon-do demonstrations for the Soldiers in appreciation of their 20-plus-year involvement with the orphanage.

Chapel Service Times

Camp Red Cloud

Warrior Chapel
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
11:30 a.m. M-F
4 p.m. Saturday
9 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA
7 p.m. Sunday
COGIC
12:30 p.m. Sunday

Camp Casey

Happy Mountain
Chapel
Contemporary
Christian: 6 p.m. Sunday

Stone Chapel
Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6:40 p.m. Tuesday

Catholic:
7 p.m. Thursday

Memorial Chapel
Gospel:
11 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6:00 p.m. Tuesday
Catholic:
12 p.m. Friday

West Casey Chapel
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Thursday
Protestant:
10:30 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
12 p.m. Sunday
LDS:
2 p.m. Sunday

Camp Hovey

Hovey Chapel
Catholic:
9 a.m. Sunday
Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6 p.m. Tuesday

Crusader Chapel
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday

Camp Stanley

Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
1 p.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
7 p.m. Tuesday

Camp Humphreys

Catholic:
11:45 a.m. M, T, T, F
9:30 a.m. Sunday
Protestant:
10:30 a.m. Sunday

Camp Castle

Castle Chapel
KATUSA:
6 p.m. Tuesday

Point of Contact:
Camp Red Cloud
732-7469

CRC Catholic: 732-6428
Hovey Chapel 730-5119
Memorial Chapel
730-2594

West Casey: 730-3014
Stanley: 732-5238
Humphrey: 753-7952
Camp Castle: 730-6889
Orthodox worship service
Saint Nicholas Cathedral:
753-3153
LDS: 730-5682

Other services including
gospel, bible studies and
fellowships are offered in
some chapels. Please call
for complete schedules
from your chapel.

Movies

Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Fri.-Sat. 7 & 9 p.m.,
Sun. 6 & 8 p.m., Mon.-Tue. & Thur.
7 p.m.
Sept. 29 ... *Miami Vice*;
The Last Kiss
Sept. 30 ... *Miami Vice*;
John Tucker Must Die
Oct. 1 ... *My Super Ex-Girlfriend*;
Miami Vice
Oct. 2 ... *Little Man*
Oct. 3 ... *Clerks II*
Oct. 5 ... *The Guardian*
Oct. 6 ... *The Guardian*;
John Tucker Must Die
Oct. 7 ... *Zoom*;
Talladega Nights
Oct. 8 ... *Snakes on a Plane*;
Lady in the Water
Oct. 9 ... *Miami Vice*
Oct. 10 ... *Zoom*
Oct. 12 ... *Talladega Nights*
Oct. 13 ... *The Descent*;
Step Up
Oct. 14 ... *The Decent*;
Snakes on a Plane
Oct. 15 ... *Step Up*;
My Super Ex-Girlfriend

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.
Sept. 29 ... *Miami Vice*;
My Super Ex-Girlfriend
Sept. 30 ... *Miami Vice*;
Clerks II
Oct. 1 ... *The Last Kiss*;
Waist Deep
Oct. 2 ... *The Last Kiss*
Oct. 3 ... *Miami Vice*
Oct. 4 ... *My Super Ex-Girlfriend*
Oct. 5... *John Tucker Must Die*
Oct. 6 ... *Talladega Nights*;
Zoom
Oct. 7 ... *Talladega Nights*;
Little Man
Oct. 8 ... *The Guardian*;
Lady in the Water
Oct. 9... *The Guardian*
Oct. 10 ... *Zoom*
Oct. 11 ... *Miami Vice*
Oct. 12 ... *Talladega Nights*
Oct. 13 ... *The Decent*;
Step Up
Oct. 14 ... *The Decent*;
Snakes on a Plane
Oct. 15 ... *Step Up*;
Talladega Nights;
Snakes on a Plane

Camp Hovey

Show times: Mon. -Fri. 7 p.m., Sat.-
Sun. 3 & 7 p.m.
Sept. 29 ... *John Tucker Must Die*
Sept. 30 ... *Lady in the Water*;
The Last Kiss
Oct. 1 ... *Miami Vice*;
Clerks II
Oct. 2 ... *My Super Ex-Girlfriend*
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Warrior News Briefs

Charlie Daniels Band

The Charlie Daniels Band is coming to Korea! The band is scheduled to play at Camp Casey Oct. 19 at 7 pm. at Carey Fitness Center and at Camp Stanley Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. at Camp Stanley's block party.

Hispanic Observance Events

There will be a Latin dance contest 8 p.m., Oct. 13 at Camp Red Cloud's Mitchell's and at 8 p.m., Oct. 14 at Camp Casey's Warrior Club. The contest will feature the mambo, salsa, rumba and men-rinque dances.

Free Latin movie nights are scheduled to play at the Community Activity Centers on camps in Area I.

The movies will play on Camp Hovey Oct. 9, Camp Casey Oct. 11 and on Camp Stanley Oct. 13. The first movie is scheduled to play at 6 p.m. and the second at 8 p.m. at each CAC.

New Chapel Event

The Camp Red Cloud Warrior Chapel will hold a male-only Bible study and breakfast at 8 a.m. every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. If interested, call Chaplain (Lt.

Col.) Mike Durham at 732- 7998, or just come in the Annex located just next door to the Warrior Chapel.

Home for the Holidays

The holidays may still be a few months away, but Morale, Welfare and Recreation and United States Airline Alliance have teamed up to make it just a little better for two people stationed throughout the Korean peninsula by giving away two round-trip tickets to the U.S. just in time for the holidays.

The contest is open to all military ID card holders stationed in Korea. Entry forms must be received in the Korea Region MWR office (Yongsan Building #1560) no later than 5 p.m. Oct. 12. Winners will be announced on American Forces Network Korea. Entry forms may be found in any MWR facility, your local newspapers, and on the MWR website at <http://mwr.korea.army.mil/> under "Promotions."

For more information on this program, please go to the MWR website or call DSN 723-3730.

2ID Safety Guy Show

Tune in Fridays at 5 p.m. on Warrior Radio FM for "The 2ID

Summer Safety Show" featuring Chuck Ryan, the 2ID Safety Guy. Listen all-week to the station, learn that week's Safety Phrase that Pays, be the right numbered caller, and you'll win a \$50 AAFES coupon courtesy of Area I Exchange New Car Sales.

Jewish Holidays

According to Headquarters, U.S. Forces Korea memorandum.

Commanders are authorized to grant passes, not to exceed 72 hours, or leave to Jewish personnel to observe the High Holy Days. Department of Defense civilian employees are authorized to take leave to fulfill their religious obligations.

Commanders will ensure that adequate travel time is allowed for personnel to arrive at services prior to sunset.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services will be held at the Religious Retreat Center. Sukkoth Holy Day observances will take place at South Post Chapel, Yongsan.

Active duty and Department of Defense civilian employees who require additional information should contact Chaplain (Maj.) Lee E. Rodger 723-7734, Email: lee.edward.rodgers@korea.army.mil.

Hispanic heritage month kicks off

By Spc. Amanda Merfeld
Editor

CAMP STANLEY – Hispanic Heritage Month in October kicked off at the Warrior Readiness Center Sept. 23 with cultural awareness and recognition as a main focus.

The theme of the day was ‘Hispanic Americans, our rich culture contributing to America’s future.’

The events were sponsored by Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and United Service Organizations, making the day as fun and as eventful as possible.

The festivities began with a few words from Chaplain (Capt.) Anthony Kazaknowicz and a re-enlistment of a Hispanic Soldier, properly emphasizing the importance of Hispanics in the military and in America’s past, present and future.

The 2nd Infantry Division band played Latino music, showing off their ability to play a wide variety of music, and let other people try their hand at playing instruments such as a cowbell.

As soon as the food was

pulled out, Soldiers, family members and civilians were welcomed to try new ethnic food. They flocked to the buffet line of beans, rice, shish-kebab and other traditionally Hispanic food.

As people enjoyed the endless amount of food and music, children observed the cluster of Hispanic information conveniently located at eye-level for the young and curious.

There were display boards of Hispanic information and all the flags from the Hispanic countries around the world.

What Hispanic heritage event would be complete without a piñata or two?

For most of the children there, it was the first time that they had ever tried to break open a piñata, and some of them needed a little assistance.

Most of the children were surprised to see the sweet treats hidden inside, and quickly snatched up the candy.

From the food sampling to the Latino music, the atmosphere was that of celebration and learning, said Pfc. Anthony Hawkins, a new Soldier in Korea.



Pfc. Anthony Hawkins

The 2ID band plays Latino music during the Hispanic events at WRC Sept. 23.



Pfc. Anthony Hawkins



Pfc. Anthony Hawkins

Children and adults alike get more than their fill of Hispanic food and music.



Pfc. Anthony Hawkins

Adults help children break open a piñata to get candy.



Pfc. Anthony Hawkins

Chaplain (Capt.) Anthony Kazaknowicz plays with children after giving the event benediction.

The habit of motorcycle safety: for operators, drivers on roads

By James Cunningham
Area 1 Public Affairs Office

Aggressive motorcycle riders put themselves at greater risk.

“Never think you can be aggressive on a motorcycle,” said Joseph Lee, Motorcycle Safety Foundation safety instructor for Area II Support Activity. “Every other vehicle is bigger and can hurt you. Even the smallest car can hurt a motorcyclist. Every motorcycle rider must be alert, aware and drive defensively.”

The reasons motorcycle accidents are escalating are many, explains Lee.

“Motorcycle accidents are escalating everywhere because there are more and more people deciding to ride motorcycles, not just to have better gas mileage but for recreation,” Lee said. “There are fewer motorcycles in Korea than in the U.S. We have fewer motorcycle accidents than in other parts of the world, but they are escalating here too.”

Many motorcycle accidents are not the riders fault, Lee explains.

“The rider can be aware of the situations and have very good skills, but still get hit by a car or truck,” Lee said. “Everything is unpredictable in Korea; if it were predictable we would not have any accidents of any kind.”

The ubiquitous scooter and moped riders one sees in Korea darting in and out of traffic makes the risks of driving more hazardous, explains Lee.

“All these rules are worth remembering, because when it comes to riding motorcycles on the streets of Korea, the more you know, the better it gets,” Lee said.

The motorcycle rider must assume he is invisible, because to a lot of drivers, they are, Lee explains. “Never make a move based on the assumption that another driver sees you, even if you have just made eye contact. Bikes don’t always register in the four-wheel drivers mind,” Lee said.

Always dress in proper riding gear. That trip to the market may only be five minutes but nobody plans to eat pavement. Proper safety gear means 100 degree heat is no excuse for a t-shirt and board shorts.

“It is best to wear the safety gear and not need it than to need the gear and not be wearing it,” Lee said.

Always pay attention, Lee said. Always turn your head and look before changing directions, Lee explained. “Never change direction without turning your head to make



Courtesy Photo

Motorcycle safety is emphasized for operators and other people sharing the road with motorcycle riders.

sure the coast really is clear.”

Watch your closing speed. Passing cars at twice their speed or changing lanes to shoot past a row of stopped cars is just asking for trouble, Lee instructs.

A lot of nasty surprises end up on the sides of the road: “Empty McDonald’s bags, nails, TV antennas, ladders, you name it. Watch for potentially troublesome debris on both sides of the road.”

Left turning cars remain a leading killer of motorcyclists. “Don’t assume someone will wait for you to dart through the intersection. They’re trying to beat the light, too,” Lee said.

Always beware of cars running traffic lights.

“The first few seconds after a signal light changes are the most perilous. Look both ways before barging into an intersection,” Lee explained.

Check your mirrors.

“Do it every time you change lanes, slow down to stop. Be ready to move if another vehicle is about to occupy the space you plan to use, Lee said.

Learn to use both brakes. “The front does most of your stopping, but a little rear brake on corner entry can calm a shaky chassis so always use both brakes,” Lee said.

Look where you want to go.

“Use the miracle of target fixation to your advantage. The motorcycle goes where you look, so focus on where you are going at all times,” Lee said.

Riding in all four seasons is different for motorcyclists, Lee explains.

“I ride in all four seasons,” Lee said. “The summer is too hot. Sometimes, I will wait to ride later when it is cooler.”

When it rains, of course, motorcycle riders are more careful. When the road is wet, it is slippery. A large percentage of motorcycle accidents happen when the road is wet. Lee rides in the winter, but of course, he will not attempt to ride on icy roads.

Because a lot of people do not obey the speed limit laws in Korea, there are a lot of speed bumps, Lee explains. “A lot of people don’t obey the safety rules for driving, such as the speed limits near schools. Speed bumps slow some of these speeders down, but not all.”

New riders have many challenges facing them when they decide to buy a motorcycle. The type and size of motorcycle to choose is among the challenges, Lee explains.

“You have to consider the size of the engine, weight, and height of the motorcycle,” Lee said. “You must be able to touch both feet squarely on the ground while sitting on the motorcycle. You must know what you are doing in riding a motorcycle; you must choose one that you can handle. If you choose the wrong one, you will pay by hurting yourself and damaging the motorcycle.”

The heavier the bike, the easier it is to control. There are different models but in Lee’s experience, the heavier

the more stable the bike.

“After selecting the correct bike a rider should start with a course such as the one taught by Lee,” said Brian Tarrance, Area 1 Safety director. “Learning basic skills from the start and being aware of the risks are important when gaining experience. Practicing with a class of riders and an experienced instructor keeps new riders from taking unnecessary risks and getting hurt.”

When riding on an unfamiliar road, you must search for obstacles constantly, more so than when riding on a familiar road, Lee said. Even familiar roads will change and you will find new obstacles to avoid. If these obstacles surprise you, you are not paying attention to the road and searching for these things.

An experienced rider will not attempt to brake and slow down before hitting an object; he will swerve around the object instead. Sometimes when a person runs over an object like a pothole or manhole cover that is sunken into the road, he will lose control, so it is best to learn how to swerve around those objects.

“That is why everyone must be aggressive at searching for the ever changing situations on the road surface, the traffic conditions and all the potential dangers that constantly appear when we are riding,” Lee said. “We must be defensive in executing our skills in riding. We have to always keep our eyes open to search for potential dangers.”

Junior Leader Development Course

JLDC trains 'Manchus' the art of being a leader

Story and photos by
Sgt. Maj. Timothy Johnson
Special to the Indianhead

For 62 junior leaders of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry, the first day of the Junior Leader Development Course was the beginning of what would be an extremely important 11 days of training.

Formally known as the "Team Leader Course," the focus of the Junior Leader Development Course is to train specialists through sergeants in administrative duties to better prepare them both technically and tactically to be more proficient as a Warrior.

The intent is not just to focus the training on U.S. Soldiers, but also to include Korean Augmentees to the United States Army. KATUSAs are an integral part of the U.S. Army here in Korea so it was decided early on that they would participate in the training.

The 10 KATUSA Soldiers stood side by side with their American counterparts training and executing

tasks with no difference in standards. This proved valuable as the days went on and the Soldiers grew more tired.

Day one started with the Soldiers taking the APFT. The rest of the day was filled with administrative classes before beginning the technical and tactical portion of the training on day two.

This training included land navigation, reflexive firing, engaging targets with an M4/M16 in multiple firing positions, battle focused physical training, engagement skills trainer training, shot gun marksmanship and M240B/M249 marksmanship.

The training also includes demolitions training, battle drills, writing and issuing warning orders and operations orders, military operations in urban terrain and finally the course culminating in two platoon MOUT (Military Operations on Urban Terrain) attacks.

The purpose of the training was to give the Soldiers the knowledge to better themselves as junior leaders and to validate their ability to lead a fire team or element within the battalion.

"These are the future leaders of



Part of the JLDC was participating in shotgun and other weapons training.

today's Army. We are executing at the fire team and squad level in Iraq and Afghanistan and these young leaders are making the decisions. This course is about teaching and showing what right looks like. This course allows me to give back to my junior leaders what was given to me as a young leader," said Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Silsby, battalion command sergeant major. Silsby was a private in Korea and feels honored to be back as the command sergeant major.

This is the second course since becoming the battalion command sergeant major and has seen tremendous strides in his junior leaders as a result of having the course.

Throughout the 11 days of training the students lived in squad-size tents in a base camp with the focus on learning to rely on each other when it came to making and executing decisions.

The students changed out leadership positions daily which gave each student an opportunity to lead and make those tough decisions.

Decisions made could be as simple as pulling guard duty or as demanding as priorities of work with little to no sleep on an empty stomach.

They all know that weapons maintenance and personal hygiene has a high priority but when they are tired

and hungry that is not always the most popular decision. With the encouragement of the instructors the student leadership was always persuaded to make the right decision.

"The best part of the training was the battle drills because it taught me about being responsible for Soldiers and giving those orders that require them to execute that specific drill," said Cpl. Kook, Seung-Ho, a fire team leader in Bravo Company.

The end of the course could not have come quickly enough for some of the students. The culminating event, a platoon MOUT attack against an aggressive opposing force, reemphasized what was taught throughout the course.

When the attack ended at 1 a.m. on the last day, it was evident that the students had executed what they had been taught.

After having been without sleep for the better part of 48 hours the students enjoyed a hot mermite breakfast before heading back to base camp to begin recovery and preparation for the graduation ceremony.

The honor graduate for the Junior Leader Development Course was Spc. Brandon O'Malley from Bravo Co. He received an Army Achievement Medal. More importantly, he significantly improved his knowledge base and the ability to perform as a leader.



Students at JLDC conduct circuit training as part of their physical training.

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2003 in Area IV, when he was originally asked to simply do a football related show, after AFNK Daegu learned of his 'title.' During the 2001 NFL season FOX Sports held a contest called the 'AutoTrader.com Pro Pick-em Contest.'

He won the grand prize of \$25,000 by predicting the Baltimore Ravens and New York Giants would meet in the Super Bowl. So now he pits his NFL prowess versus local

AFN listeners.

"Winning such a well known contest, really gets military players juices going," said Ryan. "They like the fact that one of their own won something." But the main focus of the show is compliance with U.S. Forces Korea Gen. B. B. Bell's interest in more use of public media to get safety messages out.

No contest is possible without a sponsor. Area IV Exchange New Cars Sales manager Richard Berger donated over \$2,000 in prizes

such as \$20 cash to the weekly contest winners, and the Samsung big screen TV worth over \$1,400.

"This is the second contest I've sponsored with the safety guy," said Berger. "ECNS truly cares about Soldier safety, and this is a great way to get the message delivered," Ryan said.

The radio show is Fridays at 5 p.m., on Warrior FM 88.3 / 88.5, hosted by another NFL fan, AFN DJ Pfc. Daniel Pauletto.

The official rules page

can be downloaded from <http://www.afnkorea.net/Casey> and any Area I listener can play. Ryan knows of the up-tempo work schedule of both his 1st Brigade and all the units of AREA I so a potential player can actually not listen to the show, but still be able to play.

"Swing by any AREA I Exchange New Car Sales office, obtain the 'Safety Phrase that lets you Play,' then email that phrase, your winning picks, the total score of the late Monday Night Football game, your name and

unit to footballgurushow@hotmail.com. The winner is announced on the next Fridays radio show.

As promised, the 2ID Safety Guy is keeping this contest safety related and fun. Week one's winner, Warrant Officer Larry Jones of HHC, 1 HBCT had to include that week's safety phrase which was 'Seat Belts Save Lives' on his winning entry with 10 picks correct.

"Thanks for doing the show, lots of fun to play," Jones said.