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Faster, smarter, stronger

PEO Soldier displays latest gear to 2ID

By Pfc. Antuan Rofe 1HBCT Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY, Korea - Faster, stronger, smarter are just a few ways to describe technology the Army has developed and acquired to help Servicemembers who defend the world against terrorism. In order to do that, the Army gets help from Program Executive Office Soldier.

PEO Soldier, the organization responsible for producing everything Soldiers wear and carry, came to Camps Casey and Red Cloud Aug. 1-2 to show the Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division the latest in military gear and weapons.

"We're here to show the Soldiers of Korea some of the new equipment that will be coming to them very soon," said Maj. Marc Meeker, assistant project manager of crew served weapons, Project Manager Soldier Weapons. "Events like these show Soldiers the new weapon systems and equipment that they will be getting in the near future."



Staff Sgt. Joseph Garlan, HHC, 1HBCT, looks through the new PAS-13 Thermal Weapon System during the Camp See PEO, Page 3 Casey PEO show Aug. 1.



Staff Sgt. Walter Washington III (second from left), from the 2ID Band, performs a song routine with other members of the Army Soldier Show.

Army Soldier Show brings a Warrior home

By Spc. Beth Lake Staff writer

CAMP RED CLOUD, Korea The U.S. Army Soldier show is coming to the Camp Casey's Carey Fitness Center with a Warrior in its midst.

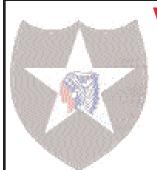
Staff Sgt. Walter Washington III, a saxophonist with the 2ID Band, will perform in the show, which is scheduled for Sept. 1 and 2 at 7 p.m. An additional show is scheduled for Sept. 1 at 2 p.m.

Washington joined the military after college. He traveled and performed in the Army Band, but wanted more. This is what led him to the U.S. Army Soldier Show.

The audition process for Washington was rigorous. He made it past 200 applications and a talent and dance audition, but also had to stand out amongst other hopefuls in uniform inspections and a physical fitness test.

Upon being selected for the show,

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VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:

How do you support your Family while in Korea?



Going to see cultural places in Seoul with my husband.
Sgt. Jung W. Choi
HHC, 302nd BSB

Talk to them on the phone to keep in touch.

Sgt. Matthew Davis Co. B, 3-2 AVN





We spend a lot of time together, and see new places in Korea.

> Cpl. David Elser Co. A, 1-2 AVN

I call my parents back home.

2nd Lt. Ryan Nelson Btry. C, 6-37 FA





I send my wife most of the paycheck.

Spc. Christopher Parlow Co. G, 302nd BSB

I send them souvenirs from the places I visit.

Staff Sgt. Andrea Woessner HHC, 2ID



Families' well-being key to combat readiness

By Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall

2ID command sergeant major

et no shadow of doubt swirl in the mind of any Soldier, Airman, DoD contractor, civilian employee or Family member allied with the 2nd Infantry Division. Maj. Gen. Coggin and I incessantly place your wellbeing at the top of our priority list.

Our Army is in continual motion; the human dimension cannot and will not be ignored. Please know you are, and always will, remain the centerpiece of our esteemed institution.

I reference your being our primary focus because it is more than mere words. It is fact; whether you're accompanied, unaccompanied, command or non-command sponsored is irrelevant. Our storied division will surely deteriorate if we fail to acknowledge your individual or family unit welfare. Your general happiness is a key ingredient to our combat readiness. Notice general happiness is stated; we'll never achieve complete happiness due to competing factors. However, it does not mean we cease to improve upon our overall environment.

Our commander chairs a Well Being Council which steers the spirit of the message I'm attempting to convey. That message – "we care," "you're invaluable" and "we continually seek to improve your interests." You should know this council is comprised of senior leaders and professionals from the Warrior Division and Areas I, II and III, who meet on a regular basis with the sole mission of improv-

ing your quality of life. We receive our focus from the bottom- up, meaning you're the driving force behind our endeavors.

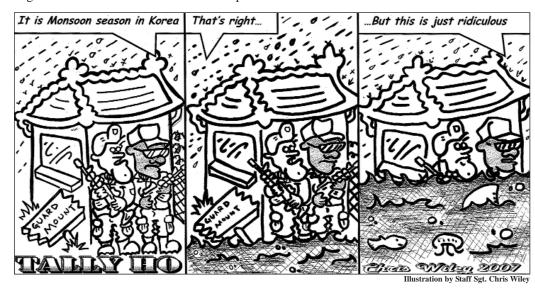
There are seven areas of Well Being the council primarily reviews. I will not inconvenience you with the



specifics. Rest assured your best interests are discussed and reviewed thoroughly. A recent session adjourned with the council unanimously agreeing to pursue improving the housing, medical and educational needs for our noncommand sponsored families. Understand these initiatives take time to research and do not magically progress over night, but we can quicken the pace by leaning forward together. We need everyone, regardless of duty position or martial status, to consent to bettering ourselves in Northeast Asia. Again, our Army revolves around the human dimension, so all play a vital role.

Of late, two Town Hall meetings were conducted in Area I, at Camps Red Cloud and Casey, intended to educate the masses on our determination to provide safe and affordable off-post housing. Nearly 20 families were immediately affected in a positive fashion. Thus, these Town Hall meetings, generated by the last Well Being Council assembly, will surely continue as we pursue newer heights in Warrior Country. Thank you for your service and commitment to excellence.

Second to None!



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"It feels good to be out here to test and see the things before they send it down range," said Sgt. Jermaine Johnson, 106th Medical Detachment, 18th Medical Command. "They let Soldiers test it because we're going to be the ones who will be using it."

In February, PEO Soldier came to Korea to show Soldiers the new cold weather and fire-resistant gear the Army is preparing to send into the red zones of Iraq and Afghanistan. Now, six months later, they're showing off weapons which will make Soldiers' jobs a lot easier, Meeker

"It's important that we have these types of shows because Soldiers need to have a high degree of confidence in their equipment," he said. "They need to know and see that the things they're using are going to help get them back home safe because they are better equipped than their enemy."

"This event also gives companies like PEO Soldier a chance to see what Soldiers actually like and would like to use," Johnson said. "There's no better person to see what a Soldier can and will use than another

Soldier."

New scopes, lighter weapons, better night vision and stronger body armor are just a few of the different types of equipment Soldiers could touch and learn about during PEO's display of firepower.

"There are always very positive reactions when it comes to new weapon systems," Meeker said. "To see the look on a Soldier's face when they pick up the new .50 caliber sniper rifle or the new XM25 (individual airburst weapon system), they are confident that it's going to get the job done and get it done right."

"There's everything out here that a Soldier needs to defend him or herself and make a platoon or squad work smarter and more proficiently," Johnson said. "There are some things out here that the Army needs and some new things that can help get the mission done."

Keeping Soldiers protected and keeping them better equipped than the enemy are how the Army is improving its ways of defeating the enemy, Meeker said. With help from companies like PEO Soldier, the Army will continue making sure it is the best in the world both physically



Staff Sgt. Ramil Padilla, HHD, Area I, examines the new XM320 Grenade Launcher Module as a PEO Soldier employee explains the uses at Camp Red Cloud Aug. 2. The GLM is designed to replace the M203, and can be attached under the M16 and M4, or be convert to a stand-alone weapon.

and technologically.

"Seeing these types of events makes me feel proud of myself and what I do for a living," Johnson said. "It shows me that the Army is trying to get better equipment for us to keep us protected and safe."

"This type of event helps the

Army give its Soldiers a first-hand look at some of the things that they will be able to use to fight terrorists in Iraq and Afghanistan," Meeker said. "It helps to show them the Army's effort to supply them with the best equipment that is going to help them in the heat of the battle."



An annual memorial service is held in honor of Capt. Kevin Norman and Chief Warrant Officer David Snow, who died on Aug. 12, 2003 when their C-12 plane crashed near Camp Humphreys.

2nd CAB honors two of its own

By Capt. Brad DeLoach

2nd CAB PAO

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Korea - Members of the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade paid their respects Aug. 10 to two Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Four years ago on Aug. 12, 2003, Capt. Kevin Norman and Chief Warrant Officer David Snow, both pilots from Company A., 6th Squadron, 52nd Aviation Regiment, were returning from a mission in Japan. They began a maintenance test flight on an aircraft that had recently completed a maintenance inspection. While conducting operational checks on the aircraft, the aircraft lost control and began spiraling towards the ground.

Norman and Snow died when their C-12 plane crashed only seven miles from Camp Humphreys, near the town of Asan.

Korean witnesses on the ground reported that they saw smoke coming from the aircraft. During the spiral, the two pilots fought desperately to regain control of the aircraft to ensure it did not hit a populated area.

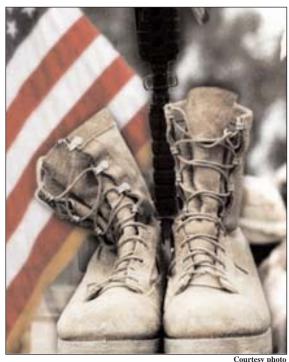
"We will never know what happened exactly on that August day, but we do know their resolute actions certainly prevented others from being seriously hurt or killed when they were forced down by the emergency," said Col. William Morris, 2nd CAB commander.

The memorial service to Norman and Snow is held annually at K-16 Air Base and is hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #11061.

"I am very thankful for the local VFW post and their leader Larry Lyons who keeps the flame burning for these heroes," Morris said.

Norman's father and mother were also present at the ceremony and laid flowers in their son's memory at the memorial on the base.

In Memoriam



Staff Sgt. Ricky G. Fox, from Company G, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, passed away Aug. 9 on Camp Hovey. Fox served in the Army from January 31, 1989 to August 9, 2007. During that time he has served as a 92B, a hospital food services specialist and as a 92G, a food services specialist. He had been in Korea for two months with Co. G, 302nd BSB. Fox is a California native and also has Family living in Arkansas. Fox is survived by: his wife, Lisa; their daughter, Tina, 13 months, both who reside in Chowchilla, Calif.; his daughter, Elizabeth, 13; his son, Ricky Jr., 9; and daughter Chairity, 7, all of whom live in Clarksville, Ark. He also had two stepchildren: Alexis, 2; and Helena, 4. His parents are Richard and Barbara Fox of Chowchilla, Calif.

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OPSEC: everyone's responsibility

By Maj. Conrad Wiser *2ID OPSEC Manager*

Access is restricted to only essential personnel.

The mission is briefed. The objective is to attack the enemy deep behind their lines.

Maps are marked.

Equipment is readied.

Fuel is topped off.

Communications and weapons are checked.

The unit is finally ready and the mission begins in complete secrecy.

As the unit crosses enemy lines, everything is going according to plan. But then, inside enemy territory, something goes terribly wrong. The enemy is expecting them. The enemy targets have been protected. Enemy fire is intense and friendly casualties are high.

What happened? How did the word get to the enemy? Where was the breach in security?

The senior commander establishes a team to investigate and find out what when wrong. The team checks, but they find no spy, no leak and no breach of security procedures.

This is a true story. It is also the story of the birth of the OPSEC program. The mission, part of Operation Rolling Thunder in the mid-1960s, was for B-52 bombers to bomb North Vietnamese targets within Vietnam. The investigative team, code named 'Purple Dragon,' established by the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, conducted a lengthy investigation. They

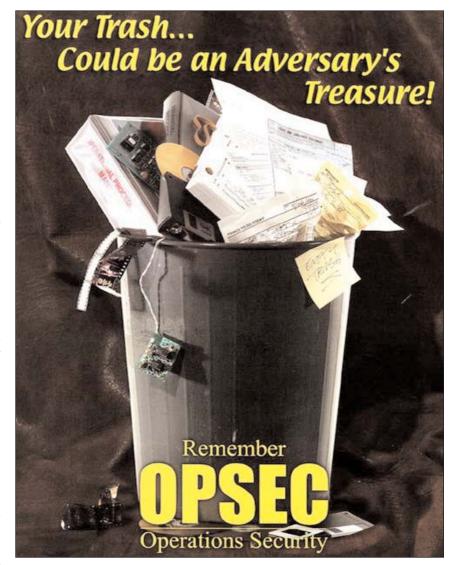
found that key indicators were unintentionally provided to the enemy.

One such indicator was unclassified flight plans, since the flights originated in friendly airspace. These flight plans circulated through the normal air traffic control channels. By looking at the flight plans, the enemy was able to guess approximately when the aircraft would arrive and the location of the target. They then had days to prepare.

The Purple Dragon team coined the term 'Operations Security,' or OPSEC, for the process they recommended to identify and protect sensitive unclassified information.

The Five-Step OPSEC Process

- 1. *Identify critical information*. What pieces of information do you not want the threat to know? Together these pieces could provide someone with a complete picture of your plan.
- 2. Analyze the threat. Who are they and what are their capabilities? Are there multiple threats, such as criminal organizations, terrorist groups and Foreign Intelligence Services?
- 3. Analyze vulnerabilities. Where are you exposed? Are documents with critical information shredded, or just thrown in the trash? What indicators are you sending?
- 4. Assess risks. What is the worst that could happen if the critical information gets out? If it is high risk, you need to take action to reduce the vulnerability.
- 5. Apply appropriate countermeasures. This may mean introducing new policies or just enforcing existing ones. Maybe you need to buy special



equipment, or if the risk is assessed as low and your organization is well trained in OPSEC, you may not need to take any special actions.

to take any special actions.

Additional information is available at the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff Website at www.ioss.gov. Here

you can read the directives and publi-

cations in the "library" and click on "Products, Services and Training," to find posters and videos to improve your and your Soldier's knowledge on OPSEC.

Also, your OPSEC Manager can help. Each battalion or separate company has one.



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

Camp Casey

12:30 p.m. Sunday

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

Memorial Chapel Gospel: 11 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA: 6 p.m. Tuesday

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

Camp Hovey

12 p.m. Sunday

LDS:

2 p.m. Sunday

Hovey Chapel Catholic: 9:30 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 Gospel: 11 a.m. Sunday Catholic: 1 p.m. Sunday KATUSA:

Camp **Humphreys**

7 p.m. Tuesday

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

Points of Contact:

USAG-Red Cloud: 732-7469 CRC Catholic: 732-6428 Hovey Chapel: 730-5119

Memorial Chapel 730-2594 West Casey: 730-3014 Stanley: 732-5238 Humphreys: 753-7952

Castle: 730-6889 Orthodox worship service Saint Nicholas Cathedral:

753-3153 LDS: 730-5682 Other services including bible studies and fellowships are offered in some chapels. Please call for

complete schedules.



Warrior News Briefs

2ID Motorcycle Training Course

The Department of Defense is offering motorcycle and scooter safety courses in Area I September 15-23. The courses being offered are a Basic Rider's Course, Experienced Rider's Course, and Scooter School.

Basic Rider's Course and Scooter School requires no stateside endorsement to operate a motorcycle or scooter. The Advanced Rider's Course Requires a stateside endorsement and you must be a graduate of BRC to attend.

All DoD approved safety equipment is required to attend these classes.

For more information contact Scott Steverwald at 738-3109 or e-mail at scott.steverwald@us.army.mil.

New USFK pet regulation

USFK Regulation 40-5, "Pet Control and Veterinary Services for Domestic Pets," prohibits the abandoning of a domestic pet on any USFK installation or anywhere else in the Republic of Korea. It requires SOFA status personnel to register their pets at a veterinary Treatment Facility within 10 duty days of arrival on the Korean peninsula, or upon acquisition of the pet. It also requires pet owners to micro-chip and immunize each domestic pet.

All commanders and leaders should ensure their personnel are familiar with the policy and requirements contained in USFK Regulation 40-5. Violation of this regulation may subject the offender to punishment under the UCMJ, or adverse administrative sanctions.

2ID Radio show online

In an effort to increase the listening audience for the 2ID Talk with your Command Sergeant Major radio show, there is a new addition to the division's website. Each month, 2ID Command Sgt Maj. Brian Stall's radio show will be added to the homepage. If you happen to miss the monthly show, you can listen in at your leisure from home or work. It is also a useful tool for Family readiness groups here on the peninsula as well as those that live stateside. Visit the 2ID homepage at www-2id.korea.army.mil and look for the 2ID Radio Show link under the "For the Soldiers" section along the right side of the page.

2ID Indianhead Association

The 2ID Indianhead Association provides support to past and present 2ID Warriors and their Families. It does so by honoring fallen Soldiers who wore the "Big Black Patch" and made the ultimate sacrifice. It sends representatives to all

funerals of fallen 2ID Warriors lost in combat as well as non-combat deaths.

The association reaches out to veterans of the present by sponsoring drives to provide food, care packages and calling cards to deployed 2ID Warriors. College scholarships to Warriors and their family members are also available through the association.

Hispanic Month volunteers needed

The 2ID EO office needs volunteers to participate in the Hispanic Heritage Month Observance Sept. 7. Dancers, singers, poets and speakers are all needed. All Soldiers are welcome. Whatever your talent is, please contact Master Sgt. Valerie Richardson at 732-8815 or valerie.richardson@korea.army.mil.

FSGLI debt

In an effort to assist those affected by FSGLI debt, 176th Finance Bn. released new information on what Soldiers should do.

From July 1-Nov. 1 DFAS will automatically suspend each debt and the Soldier has an opportunity to submit a waiver/remission for indebtness applica-

No later than Nov. 1 DFAS will approve or deny waiver requests. The debt will begin collecting on Nov. 1.

Movies

Camp Casey

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

August 17...Fantastic Four; Knocked Up August 18... Knocked Up; $Spiderman\ 3$ August 19... The Bourne Ultimatum

The Bourne Ultimatum; Fantastic Four August 20... The Bourne Ultimatum

August 21... 28 Weeks Later August 22... Fantastic Four August 23... Knocked Up August 24... Live Free or Die Hard;

Evan Almighty August 25...License to Wed; Evan Almighty August 26... Rush Hour 3; Rush Hour 3; Live Free or Die Hard August 27... Rush Hour 3 August 28... Ratatouille August 29... Waitress August 30... Evan Almighty

Camp Red Cloud

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

> August 17... The Bourne Ultimatum. Knocked Up August 18... Fantastic Four; Mr. Brooks August 19... Fantastic Four; Knocked Up August 20... Knocked Un August 21... Bug August 23... Rush Hour 3 August 24... Rush Hour 3 Live Free or Die Hard August 25... Live Free or Die Hard: Evan Almighty August 26... License to Wed, $Evan\ Almighty$ August 27... Ratatouille August 28... Fantastic Four August 30... Stardust

Camp Hovey

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

August 17... Oceans 13

August 18... Fantastic Four; The Bourne Supremecy August 19... Perfect Stranger; Knocked Up August 20... Fantastic Four August 21... The Bourne Supremecy August 22... Knocked Up August 23... Fantastic Four August 24... License to Wed August 25...Live Free or Die Hard; Rush Hour 3 August 26... License to Wed, Evan Almighty August 27... Oceans 13 August 28... Rush Hour 3 August 29... Evan Almighty

Camp Stanley

August 30... Pirates of the Caribbean

Show times: Sun- Mon. & Thur.-Fri. 7 p.m. Wed.-Sat. 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

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August 30... Pirates of the Caribbean

Tour immerses students in 2ID life

By Spc. Beth Lake

Staff writer

s the buses pulled up, a line of U.S. Soldiers stood in front of the 2nd Infantry Division Museum waiting to meet their Korean guests.

Minutes later, a group of high school students from Keuktong University poured out, smiling and looking around. For many of them, this was the first time they had been on a U.S. Army base.

They came to Camps Red Cloud and Casey Aug. 10 to learn more about the alliance between the U.S. and Republic of Korea, as well as to build friendships.

Prior to the visit, the students studied the history of the camps and the American presence in Korea, said Konashki Foster, a writing teacher at Keuktong University. The visit gave them handson experience with what they have been learning in the class.

The day began with a welcome briefing by Maj. Gen. James A. Coggin, 2ID commander, and a tour of the 2ID Museum. Afterward, they attended a question and answer session with Coggin.

One student asked Coggin about the training between the U.S. and Republic of Korea. Coggin responded passionately, describing the importance of the relationship between the two countries.

"I am very proud of the combined nature of the ROK/U.S. alliance," he said. "It is important to us because how we train is how we will defend the country together."

From the question and answer session, the students and Soldiers had lunch together at Kilbourne Dining Facility and were able to have some time to talk.

"I got along well with the students," said Pfc. Aaron Cunningham, Company A, Division Special Troops Battalion. "We got some good laughs in and were able to communicate."

"I wanted to talk with many American people and make experiences using English," said Kim, Jin Woo, a first year student whose English name is Christina. "I came to the U.S. post to see U.S. Soldiers. I wanted to feel what they think and how they live."

Pfc. Ryan Mingus, Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company, DSTB, felt the day was important because it created a bond that



Spc. Felix Berrocal, HHC, 2ID, and students from Keuktong University look at a picture at the 2nd Infantry Division Museum. The students came to the museum to learn about the history of 2ID as part of their tour of Camps Red Cloud and Casey Aug. 10.

would not have been possible without the Good Neighbor Program.

"Without this program, I never would have sat down with Korean civilians and had a conversation," he said. "I enjoyed the entire day."

After lunch the students were presented with 2ID hats and then traveled to Camp Casey's Close Combat Tactical Trainer, where they were able to have some hands-on experience with military equipment.

The students saw an M1A1 Abrams tank simulator, said Capt. Jonathon Silk, commander of Company C, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment. They also got to drive, engage and shoot targets in the simulator.

"My Soldiers were very excited about mixing with other Korean nationals to show them what we do and the great training resources we have here," Silk said. "I think the students will take

back with them a sense of how hard our Soldiers train, as well as the strong alliance that exists between the two countries."

"I enjoyed the simulation training," Kim said. "I heard about the Soldier's life so many times but today I felt like a Soldier."

"These virtual training systems are so realistic and so interesting," said Hyun, Ji-Young. "I felt like the training was real."

As the day wound up, the students once again boarded the buses to return home, this time with a new understanding of U.S. military life.

"Before I came to the U.S. post, I had a different view of U.S. Soldiers," Kim said. "Now, I feel they are so kind and helpful."

"The students genuinely enjoyed meeting American Soldiers," Foster said. "Not only to practice their English, but to make friends and share cultures."

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Woodwinds/Music Department Assistant for the show. In addition, he also assists in setting up and taking down the stage set, and performs during the 90-minute show.

The Soldiers are looking forward to seeing Washington in the Soldier Show, said 1st Sgt. Stephen Foxx, 2ID Band first sergeant. He added that this show is a good thing for the Army and for 2ID.

The U.S. Army Soldier show began as a review during WWI to be performed "by Soldiers and for Soldiers." It was designed to boost morale.

More than 50 years later, the world is again in the midst of a war Washington became the and Soldiers like Washington continue to perform for their fellow com-

> "It means a lot just to provide the morale and welfare for the Soldiers," said Spc. Cory Todd, of Fort Hood, Texas, another performer in the show. "While their loved ones are away, we provide some entertainment for them just to feel at peace."

> For more information on the U.S. Army Soldier show, contact Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

> Editor's note: Information used in this article came from Tim Hipps, Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation Command Public Affairs.



Staff Sgt. Walter Washington III, from the 2ID Band, plays the saxophone during the Army Soldier Show performance.

COMMUNITY Indianhead August 17, 2007

Soldiers give back to local community

By Pvt. Kim, Hyo Joong
Staff writer

t's 3:30 p.m. and 15 elementary school students rush into a classroom, hurrying to their seats at the front of the class. This has almost become a custom every week for the students. Each sit, wide-eyed and eager to learn, welcoming their teachers with a big smile.

This is a typical Thursday afternoon for Spc. Robert Grzywa and Pfc. Kang, Min Suk, two Soldiers with Company A, Division Special Troops Battalion. Every week the U.S. and KATUSA Soldier, along with another Soldier from DSTB, Spc. Dreux Perkins, meet at the Dobong District Government Office to teach English to elementary school students.

In March 2007, the Do-bong District Office established 15 low-tuition English schools throughout the area. In spite of the low price, there were still students who could not afford to attend the classes. That was when the office asked the U.S. Army for assistance. The 2nd Infantry Division and DSTB responded by starting a new English class free of charge for local students.



Pvt. Kim, Hyo Joong

Spc. Robert Grzywa and Pfc. Kang, Min Suk, Co. A, DSTB, review English words with elementary school students at the Do-bong District Office during their class July 26.

Each class begins with students reading new words in their books and making sentences using those words. They actively spoke what they already knew and were quick to repeat new words after the teachers.

"Korean children are quick learners and get excited about learning new words," Grzywa said.

During the class, Grzywa and

Perkins taught students how to read and pronounce the words, while Kang explained the meaning and grammar.

"If the students don't understand something, it's hard for me to explain to them what something means in English," Perkins said. "With this kind of problem, Pfc. Kang helps out a lot." After the class, it was game time. One English game the children especially enjoyed was 'Hang man.' If they were not interested in the class before, the games definitely changed their minds. Hands shot up across the room and children sat on the edge of their seats waiting for their turn.

The opportunity for children to learn English and have fun doing it is even something their parents support.

"It is a great chance for children to learn English for the first time, if only because they can communicate with native English speakers," said Park, Woo Mi, the mother of a student who attends the class.

In addition to giving their time and knowledge to the students, the Soldiers gain something in return.

"Through this job, I feel worthwhile supporting an educational opportunity to the kids," Kang said. "Also, I made good relations with the U.S. Soldiers and improved my English skills."

In June, the Do-bong District Office presented a plaque of appreciation to the Soldiers, expressing their gratitude. The story was also featured in several media outlets, showing how both U.S. and KATUSA Soldiers in 2ID care for and support their local community.



fc. Antuan Rofe

Erich Gries, son of Maj. Shane Gries, executive officer, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., fires the M16 with a M203 grenade launcher, during a session at the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex electronic support training center July 28.

2-9 Families see Soldiers on the job

By Pfc. Antuan Rofe

1HBCT Public Affairs Office

any Soldiers' Families see them leave for the field for days and even weeks at a time, but never fully understand what they do. Now, Family members have a better, first-hand understanding of what their loved one do.

Families of both U.S. and Korean Augmentee to the U.S. Army Soldiers were brought to Rodriguez Live Fire Complex July 28 to see what 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment Soldiers do when they're in the field.

"It feels great to come out here and see what he does," said Pfc. Celina Lopez, 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, wife of Pfc. Carlos Lopez, Company B. "I talk to him on the phone and he explains it, but you never know until you see it for yourself. I've been out to the field but never done anything like the stuff that he is doing."

"It gives Soldiers a lot of pride in what they do because they get to share their experiences with their Families," said Capt. Matthew Fontaine, battalion S-1. "It gives the Family members a chance to see what their Soldier does when they're away from home."

The day was filled with food and fun as weapon displays were set up so the Families could view some of the systems the Soldiers use during training. Sniper rifles, mounted machine guns and even the M1A1 Abrams tank were just a few of the many things Families could experience for themselves.

"We have a couple of weapon displays set up so that they can see some of the weapon systems that we use," Lopez said. "We have a couple of larger weapons out here also like the M1A1 Abrams and the M2 Bradley for them to see."

"The Families seem to have a great time seeing their Soldier in their environment," Fontaine said. "Many are happy and proud to see them serving their country."

For lunch, barbecue hotdogs and hamburgers were served to give the KATUSA Soldiers' Families a taste of American food culture, Fontaine said. There was a surprise element to the meal as the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Michael Rauhut served hotdogs and greeted Family members.

During lunch, there was a raffle drawing in which Servicemembers and their Families could win prizes ranging from key chains and water bottles, to DVD players and stereos. They also had flag football, soccer and an electronic support training system where the Families could fire the M4, the M240B and the M203.

"We do what we do for Family," Rauhut said.
"So to be able to meet Families and to be able to put faces with names is very important. It adds a personal touch and helps them understand that the Army is about Family."

An event like a Family day shows just how the Army is promoting Family, Fontaine said. This shows Soldiers who they're fighting for. It also gives them some time to relax while at gunnery, and it shows Families what their loved one is doing when they are away from home.

"This type of thing builds espirit de corps," Fontaine said. "This is also wonderful for morale. It boosts the Soldiers' spirit, and for the Families, it gives them a chance to see what their Servicemember does for the military."

Area I plans off-post housing option for married Soldiers

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

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CAMP RED CLOUD, Korea - Over the years, there has been much concern for the Soldiers who bring their Families to Area I, which does not offer many command sponsored slots.

There are nearly 700 non-command sponsored Families stationed mostly in Camps Red Cloud and Casey, with a few at Camp Stanley, according to Ron Schmidt, deputy commander, Camp Red Cloud.

The 2nd Infantry Division has non-command sponsored Families living off-post in Areas II and III as well.

Col. Larry Jackson, Area I commander, held town hall meetings Aug. 6 and 7 at Camps Red Cloud and Casey to provide the current status on the plan to improve off-post housing options for married Soldiers with the end purpose to provide adequate and affordable off-post housing.

"I have been here for four weeks, and I have talked to the 2nd Infantry Division commanding general and his wife, and the readiness of this division is No. 1 on their list," Jackson said. "The readiness of our Soldiers and their Families equals combat readiness.'

The average rental for a two-bedroom apartment of 800 to 900 square feet in size in the Uijeongbu area is from \$1,200 to \$1,700 per month. Apartments in Dongducheon are \$200 to \$800.

The average housing allowance for Soldiers in Area I is slightly less than half the price for adequate housing.

"Look at the prices for the rents in Area I and look at the average housing allowance," Schmidt said. "This shows us that we have some work to do yet. What we are trying to do now is get the overseas housing allowance increased, but that will have to come from the Department of

The courses of action in the plan to find adequate housing include: •Soldier-leased housing with approved Korean realtors

•Soldier/U.S. Government leased housing with Korean City Government

•U.S. Government leased housing with Korean realtor

On-post housing

All courses of action include furnished apartments, utilities, and rent paid directly to the realtor by Finance. Also, transportation provided by the realtor to and from the residence.

"We want to make this as easy as possible. You sign an approved lease. It will be as close to Army Family housing as we can make it," Schmidt said. "After looking at all of those options, the last three are going to be very time consuming. We are working them, but because of legal contracting issues we know it is going to take us a long time to go through all the steps and the approval levels we will have to go through to make them

For that reason, course of action one: Soldier-leased housing with approved Korean realtors is the best choice. It will improve the living conditions of Soldiers who are living off-post in substandard quarters, provide positive impacts on morale of married Soldiers; enhance readiness and positive impact on retaining Soldiers in the Army and, best of all, provide immediate availability.

"This is something we can make happen," Schmidt said. "As we do that, we will be working on the increased housing allowance at the same

Along with this course of action come the criteria for selecting suitable realtors. Realtors must be English speaking, can accept an 8th Army lease, provide furnished apartments with utilities included, provide transportation to and from post, have apartments equipped with half of the electrical outlets being 110 volt, meet the USFK safety checklist, have a certified broker license, provide their previous year tax records, have their business registered with the local government, and they must not solicit Soldiers or their Family members except through the Housing Office.

"We will have a book in the Housing Office, which will have all of the approved realtors," Schmidt said. "To be an approved realtor they will have to meet this criterion."

After selecting an apartment, Soldiers will turn paperwork in to Finance, and move into adequate and affordable housing.

"This is good news for all Soldiers in Area I," Jackson said.

Area I housing options change



Col. Larry Jackson (left), the Area I commander, listens to a question about off-post housing from Warrant Officer Andrew Sullivan, 17th Ordnance Co., 6th Ordnance Bn., at a town hall

Process for off-post housing move

Soldier meets with SJA and is able to cancel current lease Soldier meets with a realtor on-post Soldier views potential apartment and decides to change apartments and chooses one Soldier signs lease, Housing inspector OHA allotment form, etc. inspects apartment at the housing office Soldier turns allotment form Soldier moves to adequate in to finance and affordable housing

Average Rental Property Prices Camp Red Cloud - Uijeongbu Area Type Sq. Ft. Rent (S/Mo) Furniture (5) 2-Bedroom 800-900 \$1,200-1,700 \$250 3-Bedroom 1,000-1,100 \$1,700-2,200 \$300 Camp Casey - Dongducheon Area 800-900 \$1,000-1,200 \$250 2-Bedroom \$300 3-Bedroom 1,000-1,100 \$1,100-1,200



Pictures of furnished aparments that will be available to married Soldiers were shown during the

CG, leadership focus on Soldiers' needs

By Pyt. Phillip Turner

oldiers and their Families in the 2nd Infantry Division are no strangers to facing the hardships of living in Area I, but Maj. Gen. James A. Coggin and his command team have taken large steps in accommodating the needs of Soldiers and their

Currently there is a large number of non-command sponsored Families in Area I who face rising rental costs, do not have Tricare Prime medical benefits for their Families and are paying tuition out of pocket for their children to attend local schools.

Non-command sponsored to me does not mean unsupported," Coggin said. "This is a real concern to me. Non-command sponsored Families are a growing population in Area I."

Coggin and his command team are currently reviewing all aspects of how to improve the living situation for non-command sponsored Families in Area I with his first priority being supplying adequate housing for these Families.

"There are three areas I am currently focusing on: housing, medical care and dependant education," Coggin said. "With regard to these three concerns, the one I am focused on right now is hous-

There are about 150 non-command sponsored Families living outside of Camps Stanley and Red Cloud, and nearly 1,000 unsponsored 2ID Families across the peninsula. This number represents 86 percent of the Families with Soldiers wearing the 2ID patch, Coggin said.

"I will be the first one to say that we owe this to the Soldiers," he said. "They are citizens of the United States of America serving our country here in Korea, and they deserve to have a decent place for their Families to live '

This program is still in the beginning stages. A lot more research and work still lies ahead, but for Soldiers and their Families currently in this status, there is immediate help.

"There are a lot of challenges involved in preparing this program as a solution, but we can overcome these challenges if we are patient and work together," he said.

Medical care, education concerns for Area I Families

By Pvt. Phillip Turner

■ arrant Officer Andrew Sullivan has been deployed, has spent lonely nights away from his wife and kids, has missed birthdays, Family events and gatherings. These are among the many reasons he chose to bring his Family to live with him in Area I

"I have spent a lot of time during my career away from my Family," Sullivan said. "It made me extremely happy to be able to bring them here with me, but I did not expect to encounter the same issues of non-command sponsored Families living here in Area I."

Sullivan, the accountable officer with the 17th Ordnance Company, 6th Ordnance Battalion, said his experience with being command sponsored living off-post has been a disappointment, as he has shouldered most of the financial burden.

Sullivan said he is currently paying tuition for his son to attend school here, as there are no Department of Defense schools available in Area I. As well, the lack of pediatric care in Area I has also been a great concern to him personally.

A few months ago his youngest child Emma fell ill and was in need of pediatric care but there was no facility available to treat her due to the time of day.

Some Soldiers suggested that if Sullivan worried about the medical care of his Family he should move them south to where their care can be more easily facilitat-

"I did not move my Family to the other side of the world with me for them to live in Area III. three hours away. and me only see them on the weekends," Sullivan said. "We came here to be "We care about our Soldiers. Non-command sponsored status does not mean unsupported."

> Maj. Gen. James A. Coggin 2ID commander

a Family and that is what we plan to do."

Maj. Gen. James A. Coggin, 2nd Infantry Division commander, recently outlined his focus areas to improve the quality of life for all Soldiers and their Families assigned to 2ID.

His focuses are: housing, because in 2ID, all family living quarters are off-post; medical care for dependents because noncommand sponsored do not get the same medical services offered to them as command sponsored Families do; and for those who have school-age dependent children, dependent educa-

Because of the growing population of dependants centered at Camps Casey and Hovey, Coggin said, "I want to acknowledge that the medical community has increased the capacity up at Casey to address these non-command sponsored Families. I'm talking specifically in terms of OB/GYN appointments and pediatrics appointments."

"I am glad to see Area I catching up with the current situation," Sullivan said. "There have been and there is going to be more Families moving into Area I, and these types of programs are needed to accommodate them."

"We care about our Soldiers," Coggin said. "Non-command sponsored status does not mean unsupported. We take their wellbeing seriously, and in the areas of housing, medical care and dependent education, we are taking a very rigorous look at where these services are relative to where they ought to be. We are doing everything that we can to close that gap."

Soldiers train for close fight

By Pvt. Phillip Turner Staff Writer

hat defines a warrior? It's not the uniform, nor the ability to lead, and it's not the everyday tasks of a Soldier that makes a warrior.

The defining characteristic of a warrior is the willingness to close with the enemy. Warriors must have the ability to rely on their heart, strength and quick judgment to obtain a dominant position when the situation arises.

These are the basic principles taught in the Level One Combatives Course. A Soldier entering this course must realize in the event they find themselves alone one-on-one with the enemy in hand-to-hand combat, the winner is the one whose buddy shows up first with a gun.

"In order to give yourself the best chance for survival you must be able to effectively end the fight quickly and viciously," said Staff Sgt. Christopher A. Caldwell, Level One Combatives instructor.

Modern Army Combatives is a mixed martial art made up of Brazilian jiu-jitsu ground techniques, takedowns of Judo and wrestling, and the strikes of boxing and Muay Thai.

Since most altercations go to the ground, the purpose of the ground attacks is to obtain a dominant body position to finish the fight from.

There are many different ways to

finish a fight from the ground, including arm bars and chokes, which can be utilized from many different positions whether from the back or on top of the enemy.

Conditioning plays a big role in the combatives course, as well. Soldiers must be in superior shape compared to their enemy because the first one to get tired is the most likely the first one to make a detrimental mistake.

The start of each day in the Level One course is more than an hour of warm-ups involving all forms of exercises and drills.

The rest of the day consists of drilling and learning new techniques to master and implement into matches against other class members and instructors.

The speed is fast-paced, and the intensity is high during this 40-hour course. Injuries are commonplace, and some combatants just don't have the heart or the guts to see it through to the end.

"The culmination of the week is 'Clinch Day,' the most dreaded day for all of the combatants in the Level One course," Caldwell said.

The clinch drill shows each combatant exactly what they are made of, exactly how much heart and determination they have in the face of adversity. The drill is simple: Soldiers get pummeled by the instructors while not throwing any strikes of their own, close the distance and subdue the striker without taking them to the



Soldiers perform warm up exercises during the Level One Combatives Course at the Camp Red Cloud Gymnasium in July. The course prepares them to teach Combatives in their units.

ground. Students must achieve the clinch four times to pass and will attempt it as many times as it takes.

Students will take punishment, get tired and embarrassed in front of a gym full of people. There is no way around that.

The goal of this class is not to beat a Soldier senseless. The goal is to show that Soldiers can take a hit, and a whole lot more than they may have thought possible.

"We want our students to learn something about themselves during the week we spend together,"

Caldwell said. "We want them to have a little more confidence, a little bit more of a swagger when they leave than they did when they came in."

Level One Combatives is a warrior task and something all Soldiers should strive to be certified in before a deployment just for the simple fact of protecting themselves if the situation arises.

The Modern Army Combatives Course will demand a lot from a Soldier, though it will instill the heart of a warrior and show the spirit within that has been there all along.

1HBCT hits lanes with culture bureau

By Pfc. Antuan Rofe 1HBCT Public Affairs Office

heers, music and bowling balls shattering pins fill the air as members of the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team and the Gyeonggi Provincial Office's Culture and Welfare Bureau enjoy an evening of bowling, beverages and burgers July 13.

The CWB is 1HBCT's sisterhood partner in the 2ID Good Neighbor Program and is responsible for setting up many of the events Soldiers experience on and off the installations in Korea.

"The CWB puts together a lot of events for the U.S. Soldiers while they're here to experience Korean culture, and we thought it would be a good idea to share some American culture with our Korean counterparts," said 2nd Lt. Jay Malloy, 1HBCT deputy civil military operations officer.

"He is an asset to us because he helps set up many of the events and tours that our Soldiers love to go on while in the Republic of Korea," said Col. Chris Queen, 1HBCT commander, of the director general of CWB, Shim, Jae In.

Shim and his staff, as well as their families, came to Camp Hovey to visit the brigade commander after an invitation to come and enjoy American culture the same way U.S. Soldiers enjoy Korean culture, Malloy said.

"This whole purpose of this event was for me and the head of the CWB to meet and to get acquainted," Queen said. "I wanted to meet with him and share some of our culture with him, just as he shares his country with our Soldiers."

The event was held at the Camp Hovey Bowling Alley and didn't require a suit and tie. Many of the participants wore jeans, soft-collared shirts, and maroon and white bowling shoes.

"This social was the first of its kind because it's not the formal military type of event," Malloy said. "It was a time that these Korean dignitaries could just kick back and bowl, creating a more relaxed enjoyable atmosphere."

"We have never had an event like this one," Shim said. "With sports events, we get a better understanding of each others culture, and it provides us with a new level of togetherness by competing in games with one another."

Hours of strikes, spares, gutterballs, and on a couple of occasions, dropped balls made some of the highlights for the night of informal fun. The food and fun rolled on into the evening as members of the CWB enjoyed themselves so much

they stayed an extra hour.

"The Koreans really enjoyed it," Malloy said. "They were supposed to bowl two games, but instead bowled three games."

"We try to have an event every month, and this one was truly a lot of fun," Shim said. "These kinds of events contribute to continuing and developing relations between the Republic of Korea and the U.S. beyond our local community."

After over three hours of bowling fury, Shim, his staff and their families packed their things and thanked Queen for a wonderful evening.

Before they could leave, Queen presented Shim with a brand new Morale, Welfare and Recreation bowling pin and thanked him for all that he has done to help Soldiers experience Korea. The rest of the Korean participants were all presented with MWR T-shirts, and all took pictures to remember

"I think that golf will be our next event and regardless of what the event is, I am really looking forward to coming back," Shim said.

"This event allows us to have fun while still getting to know each other better," Queen said. "I look forward to coming out and having another outing where we can get to know one another's culture better."