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Strykers Visit Korea

**Story and photo by
Pfc. Phillip Adam Turner**
Editor

RORIGUEZ LIVE FIRE COMPLEX, South Korea- Soldiers of Co. C, 1-24 Stryker Brigade Combat Team recently deployed to Korea as an intricate piece of USFK's training exercise Key Resolve.

From the moment the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Inf. Div. rolled onto "Rod Range" it was not difficult to see why they Strike First and Strike Hard."

The Brigade was awarded the Valorous Unit Award for service between Aug. 16, 2005 to Dec. 3, 2006 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and used this opportunity to train up for a deployment back there this summer.

Since the Stryker vehicles' unveiling, the vehicle and the infantrymen

who inhabit it have proven to be the fastest, most lethal and maneuverable force on the ground in any environment.

Smaller, quicker and just as heavily armored as other Army combat specific vehicles, the Stryker is the most effective, and intimidating deterrent enemy forces will see, said Capt. Jeremiah C. Hurley, company commander, Co. C, 1st Bn., 24th Inf. Regt., 1SBCT, 25th Inf. Div.

The Stryker has the unique ability to move 11 Infantrymen quickly and quietly into any area, and with the drop of a hatch door, put boots on the ground with cover fire from a mounted 50-caliber gun, four "Airguards" with M-16s and the M-249 SAW (Squad Automatic Weapon).

"The strength of the Stryker Brigade is not the vehicle," said Hurley. "It is an awesome vehicle, it's a great asset, a lot of firepower, but the strength of the Stryker Vehicle is the dismounted Infantrymen in the vehicle."



Better support for USFK Soldiers: AMC weighs in

By Maj. Brad Dobozenski
1HBCT Public Affairs Officer

Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, visited the 2nd Infantry Division Feb. 22 as part of an overall visit to the United States Forces Korea Feb. 21-23.

The purpose of Griffin's visit was to assess the specific needs of USFK. Griffin and his staff visited various sites throughout the peninsula and 2ID. At each site they met with senior leaders and Soldiers to gain insight through their input.

AMC's mission is to provide superior technology, acquisition support, and logistics to ensure dominant land force capability for Soldiers, the United States and our allies.

"Our main mission is to support



Pfc. Naveed Ali Shah

Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, commander, 2nd Infantry Division, speaks with Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commanding general, Army Materiel Command and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffery Mellinger, Army Materiel Command, during Griffin's visit to 2ID Feb. 22.

the warfighter," said Col. Joseph B. Coleman, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Materiel Command. "Our focus is on the Soldier, Airman, Marine, and Sailor, so coming here gives us the

opportunity to look the Soldier in the eye and find out what issues they have."

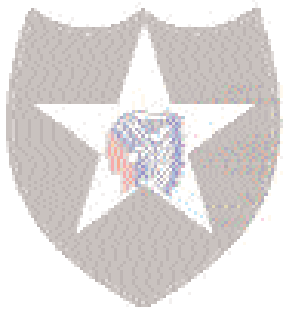
The visit allowed the Soldiers of USFK and 2ID to talk directly to the

*"From beans
to bullets,
from trucks
to tanks;
if a Soldier needs it
we're here
to provide it."*

*Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin
commanding general
Army Materiel Command*

man in charge of their equipment and modernization issues.

"The Soldiers, civilians, and contractors of Army Materiel Command work diligently everyday to meet the needs of the brave men and women serving our country," said Griffin. "From beans to bullets, from trucks to tanks; if a Soldier needs it we're here to provide it."



VOICE OF THE WARRIOR: Why is your vote important?



*"Because it's
a fundamental
part of democracy."*

Sgt. Kook J. Yang
HHSC, DSTB, G-1

*"Every vote
makes
a difference."*

Pfc. Jaimee Dziesinski
A Co., DSTB



*"It's the least one
can do to make
this a better place."*

Sgt. Song, Dong Hyun
HHB, 210th Fires, FSE

*"Voting affects every
single one of us."*

Sgt. David J. Leavitt
405th Civil Affairs BN,
Augmentee to
HHSC, DSTB, G-9



*"We should choose
our own leader
because it's the
national obligation."*

Pvt. Kim, Seung Min
HHC, 2-9 Inf. Bn.

*"He or she
will be the
voice for everyone."*

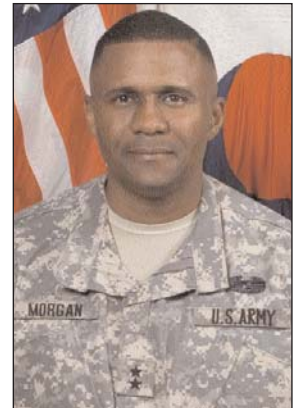
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HHC, 1st BSTB, 1HBCT



WARRIOR 6 SENDS Parent to Parent workshops

By Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III

Second Infantry Division Commander



The 2ID community and Families have been allotted a great opportunity this month to learn more about effectively transitioning students. Whether students are moving to another school in the States, changing grades or making their choices for college, USFK and Department of Defense Dependent Schools-Korea (DoDDS-Korea), in collaboration with and the assistance of the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC), are offering a series of Parent to Parent workshops to assist Families.

This is an important program for our Soldiers and their Families and I fully support the MCEC "Parent to Parent program". This workshop is worthwhile and very educational. It will pay huge dividends to our military Families and children.

The MCEC's Parent to Parent instruction team will visit the Seoul, Daegu/Chinhae and Osan/Camp Humphreys communities this month. The workshop will begin with an overview session on transition issues and resources which impact parents of all school age children. This one hour overview will be followed with breakout sessions focused on more specific issues and strategies according to the age of the students. Breakout session will include: Organization, Communication and Involvement: Keys to Success in Elementary School, Chart Your Course for Success in High School and Beyond (for parents and their middle school students), and Chart Your Course: The College Admission and Financial Aid Process (for Parents and their 11th and 12th graders). See this article for more information.

These workshops are free for Servicemembers, civilian employees, contractors and Family members and there is no requirement to preregister or reserve a seat. The workshop schedule is as follows:

- March 17 - USAG Yongsan
- 9-11 a.m. Base Theatre
- 6-10 p.m. Seoul American Elementary School, Dolphin Theatre
- March 18 - USAG Humphreys and Osan Air Base
- 6-10 p.m. Humphreys American Elementary School
- March 19 - USAG Daegu and Fleet Activities Chinhae
- 6-10 p.m. Daegu American School, Multi-purpose room

I encourage commanders and leaders to take every opportunity to encourage and support participation in these workshops. For additional information about the workshops in your area, call the following numbers:

- Seoul American Elementary School, Principal Kacmarski, 736-4613
- Seoul American Middle School, Principal Mood, 736-7337
- Seoul American High School, Principal Sennett, 738-8140
- Camp Humphrey's/Osan School, Principal Islas, 753-8894
- Daegu American School/Chinhae, Principal Henson, 768-9501

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2ID celebrates top 30 KATUSA Soldiers

**Story and photo by
Pfc. Sohn, Joon Hyung**
Staff Writer

The 2007 Best KATUSA Award Ceremony was held at Camp Red Cloud's Mitchell's Grill Feb. 21.

During the ceremony, the Division's top leaders were on hand to honor those selected for this award.

Second Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, and the division staff presented the Soldiers with their awards.

During this annual event, 30 of the best and brightest KATUSA Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division dined with their Families and friends after being presented with certificates and medals.

The KATUSA Soldier Program, which stands for Korean Augmentation to the United States Army, began in July 1950. Since then, KATUSA Soldiers have remained a part of U.S. Forces Korea to support mission requirements since the Korean War.

"They are the very fabric of what it is that we do here within 2nd Infantry Division," said Morgan. "We



Best KATUSA awardees gather with Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, division commander, and Lt. Col. Lee, Kil Hwan, the ROKA support group commander and invited guests after the celebratory dinner at Mitchell's Sports Grill on Camp Red Cloud Feb. 21.

could not accomplish the mission if it were not for our KATUSA Soldiers embedded and incorporated into everything we do as we serve here on the Korean peninsula."

"I would like to thank Maj. Gen. Morgan and Command Sgt. Maj. Stall for taking care of the KATUSA Soldiers," said Lee. "The KATUSA

Soldiers are military ambassadors and they represent the ROK Army. I would like to thank the ROKA Support Group and senior officers in the 2ID ROKA Staff who worked hard to arrange this event. It is my honor to work together with such wise Soldiers."

"I would like to applaud all of the

KATUSA Soldiers who are serving in 2ID; they provide the security on the Korean peninsula," said Lee. "The KATUSA Soldiers are the true representatives of young Soldiers in the Republic of Korea."

The main principle of the KATUSA Soldier program is to station Republic of Korea Soldiers into U.S. Forces Korea and to support the combined armed forces of two countries on the Korean peninsula. The program is also a symbol of the friendly relationship between the two countries.

"I am honored to be selected for the Best KATUSA award," said Pfc. Yoon, Sung Hwan, A Co., 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment. "I would like to thank my battalion commander, ROK sergeant major and my fellow KATUSA Soldiers."

"I am very happy to be one of the best KATUSA Soldiers in the division," said Cpl. Choi, Jae Yoon, A Co. 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery. "I always tried to assist my U.S. Soldier colleagues adapting into the Korean culture. I want to thank all of my fellow KATUSA Soldiers for giving me such an honor."

KATUSA Soldier excels through Paik, Sun Yup Board

**Story and Photo by
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Staff Writer

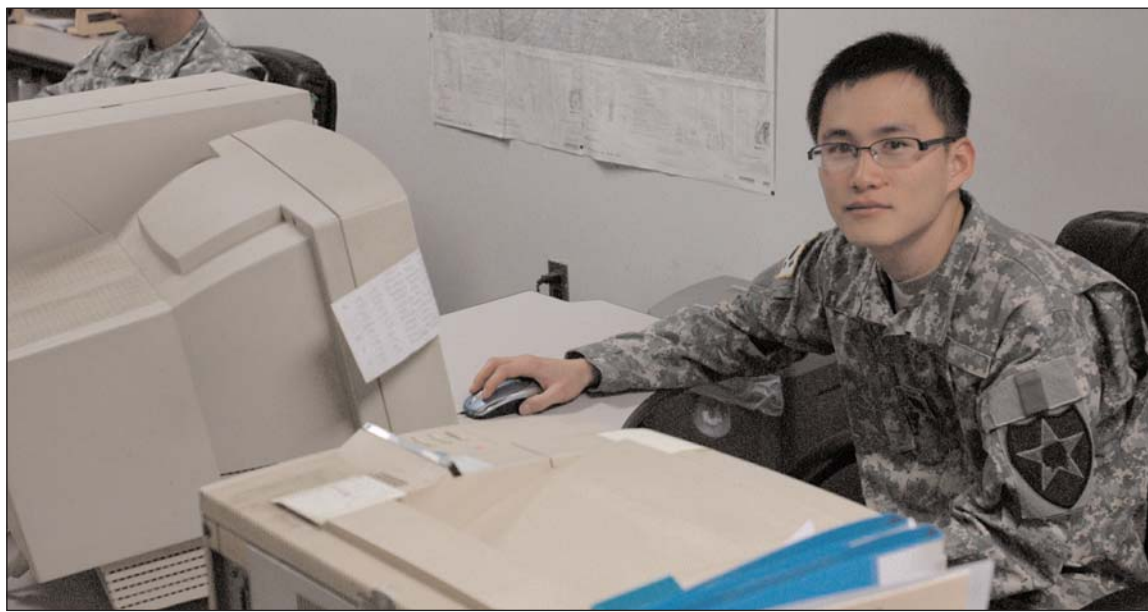
Every person meets at least one great opportunity in his or her life. Depending on whether the person catches it or not, his or her life can be changed thoroughly. However, not everybody can capture it. Only the people who are prepared for it can be "the ones."

Many KATUSAs want their two-year military service to be a great chance for their life. Sgt. Mo, Min Young, Company B, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery, who won the division-level Paik, Sun Yup board is one of them. He encountered the moment and grasped it, being "the one" because he was ready for it.

"I really wanted to change my introspective personality," said Mo. "So, I was determined to focus on it while in the Army. Meanwhile, one of the senior KATUSAs suggested that I participate in the Paik, Sun Yup Board. I thought it could be both a challenge and a life-changing moment for me."

One of the hardest parts for him was memorizing things in English because he was not good at English. It was natural for him to feel strange with military terms and acronyms. Responding to NCOs' questions also made him feel nervous. Nevertheless, he didn't give up and stuck to his study and preparation.

Other people's help accelerated his efforts.



Pfc. Kim, Hyo Joong

Sgt. Mo, Min Young, Co. B, 1st Bn., 15th FA is one of four winners of the division-level Paik, Sun Yup Board in 2007.

Senior KATUSAs in 1-15 FA helped him a lot because some of them had experience in preparing for the board. For example, they held a "pre-board" for him so he could get used to answering questions before NCOs. Mo said it was the key to his confident manner at the board.

"My company commander and first Sergeant came down to the motorpool where I work, encouraging me a lot during the preparatory period," said Mo. "While it was a little pressure to me, I could keep motivated and proud of what I was doing,

thanks to their visit. Making it to the upper level board, I gained an outgoing attitude and self esteem."

His will to change himself, refusal to give up and help from many people were combined and resulted in his winning the division-level Paik, Sun Yup board and a breakthrough to his life.

"After finishing my service, I'm not going to be afraid of challenges and want to do something active and energetic based on the positive attitude that I gained from the Paik, Sun Yup board."

BSB's rodeo proves mission effective for drivers

Story and photo by
Pfc. Sohn, Joon Hyung
Staff Writer

The 70th Brigade Support Battalion held the Blacksmith Rodeo to enhance driving skills and confidence in their equipment Feb. 27 at Camp Mobile's airfield.

Fourteen Soldiers paired up in seven two-man teams during the training led by 70th BSB Noncommissioned Officers.

Under combat conditions, rough roads, urgent maneuvers and other circumstances can take place. The ability to keep Soldiers moving in and out of a combat environment is the key to the success of the mission.

"This Driver's Rodeo is open to all Soldiers in the 70th BSB," said Staff Sgt. Rashawn Samuel, Co. B Master Driver, 70th BSB. "Today's participants are from all different types of MOSs. Soldiers who participate get training on all vehicles. We have High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV), Light Medium Tactical Vehicles (LMTV) and a Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV) available for this event. Throughout two weeks of training, I expect to have 100-150 Soldiers participating from the battalion."



Pfc. Sathia Pen, Co. A, 70th BSB, assists his team driver, Pvt. Jacob Heimo, Co. A, 70th BSB, with hand signals on the "Alley Docking" course during the Blacksmith Rodeo at Camp Mobile's airfield Feb. 27.

The objective of the event is to improve driving skills in support of a mission. The event is also a good time to test drivers who do not get an opportunity to demonstrate their skills.

Soldiers practice three kinds of training, alley docking, straight line backing and serpentine. Alley docking is a basic backing up with a trail-

er into a compact space. The principle is to park the vehicle as straight as possible. Serpentine is a course on maneuvering on winding roads. Soldiers should drive all the way through the course, moving forward and backward. A ground guide is always present for assisting the driver.

"We learned how to check vehi-

cles properly and how to operate all vehicles available in today's event," said Pfc. Michael Harris, Co. A, 70th BSB.

"It was fun to drive a big truck," said Pfc. Molly Lau, Supply, 70th BSB. "Making an S-turn was a hard part, but I learned a lot from this training. I feel like I became an expert driver."

ECO class debuts chemical suit at Camp Humphreys

Story and photo by
Stacy A. Ouellette
USAG-H Public Affairs

Twenty-one unit representatives completed the Environmental Compliance Officer course at Camp Humphreys Feb. 15.

Conducted by the USAG Humphreys Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works, this week-long course is designed to train attendees as an ECO for their designated units.

The course's curriculum focuses on the basics of environmental compliance, management and sustainment. It briefly covers hazardous materials and hazardous waste management specifically, said Michael Stephenson, Environmental Protection Specialist.

This class was the first to try on Level A First Responder Suits, used when there is an unknown chemical release for protection from gases and other harmful liquids.

This portion of the class was conducted to give students a better understanding of how the suits work and feel when worn. They will not be issues



Soldiers participate in an Environmental Compliance Officer course at Camp Humphreys involving the testing of a new first responders suit Feb. 15.

these suits for use.

One important part of the course is for attendees to understand the standards, regulations and policies governing the environmental management and compliance standards practiced by

U.S. Forces in Korea.

There are differences in the way hazardous materials are handled on the installation and within the local communities off post.

By increasing the unit representa-

tives' knowledge of how to properly manage an effective environmental compliance program, each unit is able to ensure the standards are met.

"It's important for everyone to be aware. We're in a world where each person has a part in this. The decisions we make not only effect ourselves, but the stability of generations to come," said 1st Lt. Abraham Alvarenga, Battery B, 1/44 Air Defense Artillery.

After successfully completing this course, each Servicemember is equipped with basic technical knowledge, skills, and abilities to manage the unit or organizational environmental program, said Stephenson.

The course is open to any person appointed by their chain of command as the unit's primary or alternate ECO.

Those with duties in the areas of hazardous material coordinator, hazardous waste accumulation point managers/coordinators, and other personnel performing such duties are mandated to attend.

Key leaders, such as commanders, operations officers and battalion maintenance officers and maintenance sergeants attendance is welcome, not mandatory.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Indoor swimming
championship

MWR is sponsoring the "Warrior Country" Indoor Swimming Championship at the Camp Hovey Indoor Swimming Pool March 8. The event is open to active-duty military, DoD civilians and their adult Family members stationed in Warrior Country.

The schedule is as follows:

- Race day registration: 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
- Competiton start: 10:20 a.m.

For more information, contact Warrior Sports at DSN 732-6927.

Claims

Anyone who owed money to Pfc. Mark Anthony Sheehy Jr. should contact Capt. Michael Mackey at 730-1936 or michael.mackey@us.army.mil.

Personal Financial
Readiness Training

ACS is sponsoring mandatory training for all first-term Soldiers specialists and below. The training will be held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Camp Casey ACS classroom and the third Tuesday of each month in the CRC Education Center. For more information, call DSN 730-3107, 3089 and 3142.

Boxing competition

MWR is sponsoring a "Warrior" Invitational Boxing Competition at the Camp Stanley Fitness Center

March 22. The event is open to active-duty military personnel assigned to USFK installations in Korea.

For more information, contact Red Cloud Enclave Sports at DSN 732-7757 and 6309.

Area I duathlon
championship

MWR is sponsoring the "Warrior Country" Area I Duathlon Championship. The event will be May 10 at the Camp Hovey Physical Fitness Center. The event is open to active-duty military personnel assigned to Warrior Country.

The sequence and distances are as follow:

- 5 KM Run
- 30 KM Bike
- 5 KM Run

For more information, contact Warrior (Area I) Sports Office DSN 732-6927.

Korean Folk Village
Tour

The MWR Tour & Travel Office is sponsoring a Korean Folk Village Tour March 15.

- Transportation Fee: \$25
- Admission fee: varies on age

Visitors can experience authentic Korean atmosphere with more than 260 traditional houses.

Fine Art Competition

USAG-RC and MWR are sponsoring a Fine Art Competition April

12. The deadline is April 10.

The event will be held at 2 p.m. at Camp Casey Community Activity Center. Winners will advance to the IMCOM-K Arts & Crafts competition May 7.

For more information, call DSN 730-4602.

Lucky Bowling

MWR is sponsoring a Lucky Bowling Extravaganza at the Camp Casey Bowling Center March 22-23. It is a chance to walk away with a valuable prize on March 24, St. Patrick's Day. Earn a shamrock when you roll four strikes when the green pin appears in the head position. The more shamrocks you earn, more chances you will get on St. Patrick's Day.

For more information, contact Lucky O'Fish at DSN 730-5370.

Indoor soccer
championship

MWR is sponsoring the "Warrior Country" Area I Indoor Soccer Championship. The event will be March 13-14 at the Carey Fitness Center at Camp Casey. This championship is restricted to Post Level Indoor Soccer Teams from Warrior Country. The top two teams from this event will advance to the 2008 Eighth Army Indoor Soccer Championship April 17-19 at Camp Carroll.

For more information, contact Warrior Sports Office DSN 732-6927.

Movies

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.

March 7 ... Alvin and the Chipmunks
The Great Debaters
March 8 ... The Golden Compass
Charlie Wilson's War
March 9 ... Vantage Point
The Great Debaters
March 10 ... Vantage Point
March 11 ... The Mist
March 12 ... The Great Debaters
March 13 ... Aliens vs. Predator Requiem
March 14 ... First Sunday
The Demon Barber of Fleet Street
March 15 ... The Demon Barber of Fleet St.
Charlie Wilson's War

Camp Red Cloud

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

March 7 ... Vantage Point
The Great Debaters
March 8 ... The Golden Compass
Charlie Wilson's War
March 9 ... Alvin and the Chipmunks
The Great Debaters
March 10 ... I Am Legend
March 11 ... The Great Debaters
March 12 ... No Showing
March 13 ... Semi-Pro
March 14 ... Semi-Pro
The Demon Barber of Fleet Street
March 15 ... First Sunday
Charlie Wilson's War

Camp Hovey

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

March 7 ... The Mist
March 8 ... The Great Debaters
Vantage Point
March 9 ... The Golden Compass
Charlie Wilson's War
March 10 ... Alvin and the Chipmunks
March 11 ... Vantage Point
March 12 ... Aliens vs. Predator Requiem
March 13 ... The Great Debaters
March 14 ... The Dewey Cox Story
March 15 ... First Sunday
Semi-Pro

Camp Stanley

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

March 7 ... Alvin and the Chipmunks
The Great Debaters
March 8 ... The Great Debaters
The Mist
March 9 ... The Golden Compass
Charlie Wilson's War
March 10 ... Aliens vs. Predator Requiem
March 11 ... No Showing
March 12 ... Semi-Pro
March 13 ... The Great Debaters
March 14 ... First Sunday
The Demon Barber of Fleet Street
March 15 ... First Sunday
The Dewey Cox Story

Camp Humphreys

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

March 7 ... Vantage Point
March 8 ... A Veggie Tales Movie
Vantage Point
March 9 ... A Veggie Tales Movie
Vantage Point
March 10 ... Vantage Point
March 11 ... The Great Debaters
March 12 ... The Great Debaters
March 13 ... The Great Debaters
March 14 ... Semi-Pro
March 15 ... Alvin and the Chipmunks
Semi-Pro
For additional movie times visit:
www.aaffes.com

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Camp Red Cloud

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

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:

12 p.m. Sunday

LDS:

2 p.m. Sunday

Camp Hovey

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:

7 p.m. Tuesday

Camp Castle

KATUSA:

6 p.m. Tuesday

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Memorial Chapel

730-2594

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Humphreys: 753-7952

Castle: 730-6889

Saint Nicholas

athedral: 753-3153

LDS: 730-5682



Photos by Pfc. Phillip Adam Turner

Soldiers from 1-24 SBCT respond to a simulated IED and enemy ambush during training in support of USFK’s “Key Resolve,” at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex Feb. 24. This particular portion simulated a two-team Stryker unit encountering an IED explosion that cripples the trailing vehicle. Immediately following the blast both hatch doors are dropped and the dismounted infantrymen go into action. With cover fire from Airguards mounted on top of the vehicles, the Soldiers on foot immediately find cover and apply suppressive fire toward the enemy. Once a secure perimeter has been established a team of dismount Soldiers prepare the “downed” Stryker for extraction. The lead vehicle is attached and ready to tow the immobilized Stryker and its team out of the blast area.

‘Manchu’ Soldiers learn Stryker tactics

By Pfc. Naveed Ali Shah
1HBCT Public Affairs Office

Soldiers of Company C, 1st Battalion., 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, had the opportunity to show off their Strykers to the 2-9 Manchus.

Co. C/1-24, stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, visited Korea in support of Key Resolve. During their training, they conducted joint Sergeants’ time Training with the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division Feb. 21 at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex.

The 25th ID is primarily a light infantry, rapid deployment force, capable of movement to any operational area in the Asia - Pacific region within 24 hours. The first and second brigade combat teams mainly employ Stryker Armored Vehicles.

The "Manchu" Soldiers rode along and practiced firing off rounds from the Stryker's .50 Caliber

"I hope my guys realize that despite the differences between the Bradley and the Stryker, when the ramp drops its all the same, - just a ride to the fight."

Command Sgt. Maj. Bobby Gallardo
2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., 1HBCT, 2ID

machine gun.

"I want to get my guys familiar on the Stryker, a great system I had the chance to be a part of for about five years," said Command Sgt. Maj. Bobby Gallardo, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., 1HBCT, 2ID.

For 28 months Gallardo served as the company first sergeant for the same company that was training his Manchu Soldiers, he said.

"I hope my guys realize that despite the differences between the Bradley and the Stryker, when

the ramp drops its all the same, - just a ride to the fight," said Gallardo. "Regardless of what they ride, as infantrymen they are the tip of the spear."

The commander of Co. C had a similar point that he tried to convey to the Soldiers during his instruction to them.

"The most lethal part of a Stryker is the amount of guys in the back of the vehicle and their ability to get where they need to be fast and protected," said Capt. Jeremiah C. Hurley, company commander, Co. C, 1st Bn., 24th Inf. Regt., 1SBCT.

Both the Soldiers of "Manchu" and Co. C were able to gain a little knowledge.

"Overall, the training was a good chance for Soldiers to learn from each other, said Pvt. Christopher Hornecker, infantryman, A co., 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., 1HBCT, 2ID.

"This has been an amazing experience; 2-9, 2ID, and 8th Army have been bending over backwards to provide us with anything we could possibly need," said Hurley. "We're extremely grateful that we had this opportunity."



Pfc. Phillip Adam Turner

Infantry-‘Man’s’ best friend: C-21

By Pfc. Phillip Adam Turner
Editor

It is mid-day and Pvt. Christopher Stanfield and his fellow "Dismounted Infantrymen" load up in their Stryker vehicle, C-21 (Charlie Two-One), preparing to roll out on patrol around the Iraqi Media Network, in Mosul, Iraq.

The IMN had become known for their stand on refusing to speak against Coalition forces in Iraq, and as a result, the agency quickly became a favorite target of insurgent forces looking to intimidate the IMN into keeping their mouths shut. This new attention had been the cause of many attacks over recent months, and U.S. Forces had been tasked to beef up security patrols around the area that had been given the name, "The Wild West."

Usually an Airguard for security patrols, Stanfield finds himself as a Dismount this day, riding in the interior of the vehicle rather than in a roof hatch on top. After PCC's and PCI's are complete, the hatch door shuts and C-21 rolls out of the gate on one of its three patrols it will conduct that day.

Five minutes out of the gate, a large Vehicle-Born Improvised Explosive device (VBIED) detonates. C-21 is hit, a "Mobility Kill." Four Airguards are blown back through their hatches and fold in

atop Stanfield and the other Dismount Soldiers.

"That was the loudest explosion I was in my whole time there," said now Spc. Christopher Stanfield, vehicle commander, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team. "It was pretty massive," he added.

Everything goes black. Any breathable air inside the vehicle has been filled with debris and smoke, making the smallest breath impossible. What is virtually a few minutes seems like an eternity as the team waits for the air to clear to reestablish visibility and lines of communication.

"Once that cleared out we saw the four individuals all folded in on top of us, and I thought, oh man this is going to be bad," Stanfield said.

The driver, cool and collected, gave the Stryker everything it had left, pulling it through the blast site. The Soldiers in the rear of the vehicle soon realize their Airguards and fellow team members had been knocked completely out by the blast.

"Once we got through the blast site we got those four guys revived, and made sure they were OK. We then sent up a 'no-casualty report' to the command," he said. "All of this took seconds, but it seemed like forever."

Through the blast site the vehicle stops rolling, the squad leader moves to check on the driver.

Looking up through the Airguard hatch he sees flames coming from outside the vehicle. He attempts to put out the flames with the onboard fire extinguisher to no avail.

"That's when we made the decision... we gotta get out there," Stanfield said. "Dropped ramp (rear-hatch door) flames shot in, we all got out, pushed away from the vehicle, set up our perimeter, and another team had already showed up for us. That's the greatest thing about the Stryker Brigade."

After securing the perimeter and clearing the threat, the team self recovers "Two-One" and returns to the rear sustaining no casualties, and having only two weeks worth of repair work on the vehicle.

There are 13 stories that members of this team can tell you. Stanfield can tell you five, himself. All are stories of survival and chaos, with different faces, different locations, and different times. However the one consistency in these stories, the one thing that stays the same is, Charlie-21.

Now removed from the field of battle, "Two-One," as it is often called, sits in a cold, dark garage after making a nine-hour flight from its home in Alaska to Rodriguez Live Fire Complex on the South Korean Peninsula. Upon its arrival in Korea "Two-One's" lifestyle finally caught up with it.

"It took a Trip to Korea to take

her out," said Stanfield as he gives C-21 a loving pat on its still fire damaged side.

For the first few days in Korea Stanfield's truck was the only one ready and rolling.

"The other trucks we brought out were having problems, but Two-One was rolling around ready to go, and I was like 'see everybody wants to say stuff about how old...' and I was like, 'yea but we're the only one rolling.'"

Unfortunately, a few days later, Stanfield tried backing out of a battle position, but the Stryker wouldn't go into reverse. He had no choice but to inform his leadership that Two-One would have to be parked.

Stanfield feels that his vehicle has more than done its fair share of work, and says all Stryker Soldiers feel the same way he does.

"We won't deploy without it. We all love these trucks; they are the only way we want to move around during a deployment," he said.

As for Charlie-21 it will take some work to get the vehicle back up and running, and if commanding a new vehicle is in the cards, it's a decision Stanfield is willing to live with. However, Charlie Two-One and Stanfield will always have a bond that even an IED can't sever.

"This vehicle's just strong, it's so strong. I owe it," Stanfield said, lowering his head, "it saved my life; I truly feel it saved my life."



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Soldiers from across the Korean peninsula prepare to start the Bataan Memorial Death March Qualifier at Carey Fitness Center, USAG-Casey, Feb. 23.

Soldiers 'ruck' in remembrance

By Pvt. Angela McKenzie

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It was April 4, 1942. World War II was underway and forces across the world were fighting for the same goal: freedom.

But for 75,000 American and Filipino troops on the Bataan peninsula in the Philippines, surrendering to the Japanese was their only chance for survival.

Immediately after Maj. General Edward "Ned" P. King Jr., commander of the Philippine-American forces on the Bataan Peninsula, surrendered, Japanese troops began the forced march of captives to a prison camp in San Fernando, 63 miles north. Soldiers already suffering from malnutrition and disease began to die from the many blistering, hot days without food and water.

Thousands more were killed by the Japanese through beating, torturing and wanton executions as they marched to the prison camp.

Though the conditions were unimaginable, the Soldiers were eventually freed. True justice may have been hard to find, but the Soldiers who died on the "death march" will never be forgotten.

Today, several marches are held across the world as a memorial to those who suffered and died on Bataan.

Eighth U.S. Army hosted a Bataan Memorial Death March Qualifier at Carey Fitness Center, U.S. Army Garrison-Casey Feb. 23 for Servicemembers to compete and qualify for the

annual Bataan Memorial Death March in White Sands Missile Range, N.M. This, the official march, consists of a 26.2-mile course with a 35-lb. rucksack.

"It gives personal pride and unit pride while immortalizing those who died in the first death march," said Capt. Robert Fields, assistant S-3, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

The Bataan Qualifier required participants to navigate the 13.1-mile course across USAG-Casey with a 35-lb. rucksack. More than 180 Servicemembers from across the Korean peninsula participated in the event to honor their fallen comrades.

"Most trained up to 50-70 miles a week to prepare for this event," said Tom Higgins, sports director, Installation Management Command-Korea.

Contestants competed in three categories: Active Duty Men's Open, Active Duty Women's Open, and Military Team Category. A total of 19 teams consisting of five members competed.

As the Servicemembers completed the race, many still wore the smiles they started with.

"I relied on my base fitness," said Capt. Alex Glade, who placed first in the Active Duty Women's Open category, Headquarters, Headquarters 2nd Infantry Division. "And I had a lot of fun."

The top five winners of each category will be sent to compete in the official race Mar. 30 in New Mexico.

Area III gets 'Second chance' at tournament victory

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AREA I and Area III KATUSA basketball teams competed in the final portion of the 2008 Korea-Wide KATUSA Invitational Basketball Tournament at Camp Casey's Hanson Field House Feb. 21.

Coming out of the loser's bracket, Area I needed two wins over Area III to take home the championship. This was not the first time these two teams had met. Earlier in the tournament Area III squeezed out a 41-39 victory, causing Area I to play from the loser's bracket and having to find a way to claw back into the tournament.

Both teams gave an impressive shooting performance throughout the entire game, going back and forth, setting up an exciting finish. Area I would pull out a victory on a last-second jumper, 44-42.

Area I Republic of Korea Army Support Group commander, Lt. Col. Lee, Kil Hwan came to support the Warrior Country KATUSA Soldiers. He watched two games and spoke to the coach and the organizer for the event to thank them for their effort.

"I personally like sports, and I try to come to events like this as often as

I can," said Lee. "Our team is doing very well in spite of the fact that they have been running for three consecutive games today. I wish we could bring out more crowds and encourage them, because cheering is half of the fun in sporting events, regardless of who the winner and losers are."

With only a few minutes' rest between games, the coach let the players rest and stay hydrated. Despite Warrior Country being pumped up after winning the first game, it seemed pretty tough to get through the strong defense of Area III, causing many missed opportunities on their side of the floor. Area III took the lead into halftime on the strength of sound defense and a good offensive game plan.

After long hours of intense games, players were getting injured, including center Sgt. Lee, Sae Rom, 1st Bn., 15th FA, who had a cramp in his leg.

The coach had to use up his timeouts during the second half to try and light a fire under his players with a hope they could catch up to Area III, but the accumulated fatigue and injuries seemed too challenging for Area I to overcome.

With a final score of 48-30, the championship trophy was awarded to Area III, and Warrior Country was runner-up. The informal ceremony



Sgt. Lee, Sae Rom, 1st Bde., 15th FA., blocks a shot from Sgt. Ahn, Sang Joon, 3-2 GSAB, during the final game of the Korea-Wide KATUSA Basketball Tournament at Camp Casey Feb. 21.

was held after the final game.

Command Sgt. Maj. Choi, In Jae, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt, awarded the trophies to each player.

"I would like to thank everybody on the team for making it this far in the tournament," said Sgt. Lee, Joon Young, D Co., 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt. "It's a shame that we are the runner-up, but it was great to meet different

people and mingle with people from all of Area I and hope to get more attention and support next year."

The next scheduled unit-level KATUSA basketball tournament in Casey/Camp Red Cloud enclave starts June 1. For more information, contact the Morale, Welfare and Recreation sports director at 732-6927.