



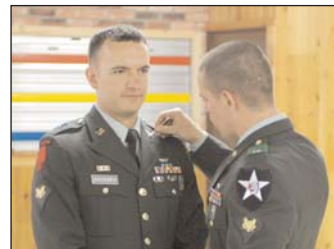
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Tae Kwon Do, music join forces for local community

Story and photo by Pfc. Sohn, Joon Hyung
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The Dongducheon City Mayor's 7th Annual Invitational ROK/U.S. Friendship Tae Kwon Do Exhibition was held at the Dongducheon Citizens' Hall April 11.

The event is a cornerstone of enhancing the ROK/U.S. Alliance and community relations through Tae Kwon Do.

Oh, Sae Chang, mayor of Dongducheon City, welcomed and thanked the participants at this year's event, as he also reflected on events of years past. He also emphasized how important Tae Kwon Do and ROK/U.S. friendship events are to maintaining a strong Alliance between the two countries.

After Oh's remarks, the 2ID Tae Kwon Do team performed, their camouflaged faces smeared by sweat, as they jumped and kicked to the delight of the event's spectators. Broken pieces of wood flew through the air, and dangerous stunts with swords and flying kicks astonished the audi-

ence.

Pfc. Kwon, Young Ho, 2ID Tae Kwon Do team, said the friendship between 2ID and local community will become better because of this friendly Tae Kwon Do event. Kwon added that it will be helpful to have more events that can enhance the ROK/U.S. Alliance in the near future.

The 2nd Infantry Division Band performed at the event as well.

"We participate in almost all ROK/U.S. friendship events, and I am very proud of what we have been doing," said Sgt. Kim, Yong Woo, 2ID Band, Division Special Troops Battalion. "I hope we have more ROK/U.S. Friendship events to prosper a closer relationship."

All Soldiers of the 2ID Tae Kwon Do team expressed a feeling of satisfaction with the performance.

"We did everything we wanted to," said Sgt. Lance Casey, 2ID Tae Kwon Do team. "We got many responses from the crowd. The audiences were pretty energetic. We had a lot of crazy movements, and I think they really liked it."



Pfc. Kwon, Young Ho, 2ID Tae Kwon Do Team, demonstrates a ssangjeolgon performance during the Tae Kwon Do exhibition April 11.

Korean SMA visits 2nd Infantry Division

**Story and photo by
Pfc. Bo Park**
Staff Writer

The Republic of Korea's Sergeant Major of the Army paid a visit to the 2nd Infantry Division April 15.

Upon his arrival at Camp Red Cloud, he met with 2ID Command Sgt. Maj. Brian M. Stall at Freeman Hall. They exchanged each other's coins and shared some insights about Korea and the impact of the division's eventual relocation to Camp Humphreys.

Command Sgt. Maj. Yoon, Joong Ki then went on to the 2ID Museum to learn the history of 2ID, where he was greeted by sergeants major from ROKA Support Offices, attached to each battalion in Area I.



2ID Command Sgt. Maj. Brian M. Stall presents his coin to Republic of Korea's Sgt. Maj. of the Army, Yoon, Joong Ki after an office meeting in Freeman Hall April 15.

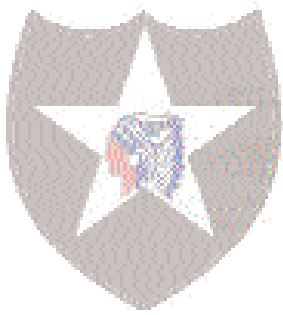
At 2ID Senior ROKA Group, Command Sgt. Maj. Yoon was briefed on the support and role of

the ROKA group as well as KATUSA Soldiers' achievements in the division.

"I was Command Sergeant Major at Second ROK Corps, so I am familiar with 2ID and the U.S. Army," said Yoon. "I am here to see what you all do and how our Soldiers are working alongside the U.S. Soldiers."

Following the briefing from the 2ID Senior ROKA Group, he then moved to the Kilbourne Dining Facility for lunch, where he discussed the concerns of KATUSA Soldiers and Korean Non-Commissioned Officers with sergeants major of the ROKA support offices.

Command Sgt. Maj. Yoon and Command Sgt. Maj. Han, Dae Soo, command sergeant major of the Eighth Army Senior ROKA group, mentioned that they will leave the division with a good impression of the positive attitude and hard work of all 2ID Soldiers.



VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:

What are you most
looking forward to
for KATUSA
Friendship week?



*Sports.
I will participate
in Jok-ku.*

*Spc. Eric Kocourek
D Co., 2-2 AVN*

*Friendly competition
between KATUSA and
U.S. Soldiers and
a fun-filled week.*

*Spc. Siegfried Calixijan
HHSC, DSTB*



*I want to reduce the
gap between KATUSA
and U.S. Soldiers
through this event.*

*Cpl. Kim, Sang Min
HHC, 1-2 AVN*

*Building camaraderie
with KATUSA Soldiers
outside of everyday
work.*

*Maj. Trica Miles
HHC, DSTB*



*Discipline, sports-
manship and fun.*

*Staff. Sgt. Hector Campos
WRC, DSTB*

*Playing soccer with
my Korean friends.*

*Spc. Brandon Vidal
B Co., 3-2 GSAB*



COMMANDER'S CORNER:

Understanding alcohol abuse and combating alcohol incidents

By Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III
Second Infantry Division Commander

Alcohol abuse is a serious problem and reports indicate that alcohol has been implicated in the deaths of some 85,000 Americans every year, making it the nation's third leading cause of preventable death. Those numbers are disturbing and as we recognize April as Alcohol Awareness month, let us remember that what we do on a daily basis can have an impact, positive or negative, on our military, our division and our relationship with our host nation.

It is important that we always adhere to the values and standards of both our Army and our nation as they signify who we are and what we represent.

Here in the second Infantry Division, we will always practice responsible alcohol consumption. As I have stated before, drunkenness and disorderly behavior do not reflect Army values and standards. They represent the opposite.

All 2ID Soldiers should clearly understand the 2ID standards, which include responsible alcohol consumption.

Our Policy Letter # 8, Responsible Alcohol consumption and 2ID Readiness, states that all 2ID Service members must be in a high state of readiness and must be able to respond immediately and decisively in order to perform their armistice and wartime fighting mission.

Any 2ID Soldier who is incapacitated by alcohol cannot be prepared to "Fight Tonight." Such a Soldier is letting down the Army, the nation and his or her fellow Soldiers.

The policy letter also discusses the restric-

tions on alcohol consumption.

No Servicemember under 21 years of age may purchase, possess, consume, or be served alcoholic beverages in the Republic of Korea.

For all 2ID Servicemembers who choose to consume alcohol, they must do so responsibly at all times. Specifically, they will moderate their alcohol consumption and not consume alcohol to the extent that their

blood alcohol content (BAC) is above .10. This .10 BAC limitation applies to all 2ID Servicemembers at or above the age of 21 who are subject to recall (on the ROK peninsula).

Every Soldier and leader is responsible for knowing, understanding and abiding by the rules, regulations and standards. I encourage each of you to review Policy

Letter # 8 thoroughly and ensure you are operating in accordance with those standards.

To all leaders and Soldiers of the Second Infantry Division, do not let your fellow Warriors down— as leaders we are responsible and accountable. Take care of your Battle Buddy. We must always establish an environment that deglamorizes alcohol and promotes early identification and treatment of abusers. Continue to uphold the principles we cherish. I expect this from you because I know that 2ID Warriors are the finest Soldiers any where. We are responsible and accountable for our actions and we are truly "Second to None!"

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1st HBCT completes Iron Focus IV

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With the constant thundering of guns and tanks and choppers swooping overhead, troops from the 1st HBCT, 2-10th FAB, and 2nd CAB launched assault after assault during the Iron Team's field exercise Iron Focus IV March 24 through April 4.

Iron Focus IV consisted of various unit-led exercises, such as the Manchu's Iron Grunt at the Rodriguez Live-fire complex, and the Spartan's Iron Stables, as well as the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team's Tactical Operations Center at Story Barracks on USAG - Casey and Tactical Activities Center at Rooster 8.

Iron focus was a multifaceted training exercise designed to allow the Soldiers to delve into all of their unit's capabilities, from dismounted light infantry tactics, to the proficiency of their tank crews.

The light infantry tactics were practiced in the opening stages of the exercise.

"Part of the intent with Iron Grunt was to do some situational training exercises with the squad leaders and try to give them different looks at what type of environment they'd be working in when they deploy with other units that will be going to either Iraq or Afghanistan," said Capt. Christopher De Ruyter, assistant S-3, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st HBCT.

The tankers gained proficiency through practice and then had to qualify as a crew.

"Each guy in the tank needs to know his job very well, if each guy doesn't know their job well, then the tank will fail as a crew," said Capt.



Top: Infantrymen from 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., 1st HBCT, react to contact during a dismounted patrol at the CACTF in the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex as part of 1st HBCT's Iron Focus IV March 24 to April 4. **Below:** Three infantrymen from 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., 1HBCT, conduct situational training exercise in a mock urban environment during Iron Focus IV March 24 to April 4.

Michael B. Throckmorton, commander, headquarters and headquarters company, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., 1st HBCT.

It culminated in a Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise at the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex April 4. The tankers of 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment engaged targets with their main guns while 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment provided mortar support from Firing Point 180, and AH-64 Apaches from the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade fired their mini-guns and rockets from overhead.

Overall, the exercise succeeded in its mission of testing the readiness of 2ID.

"[2ID] is a ready outfit, you've got a lot of spirit and morale, and you're taking care of your buddies and your families," said Gen. B. B. Bell, commander, USFK, while viewing the CALFEX during his final visit to 2ID. He also remarked, "They mean a lot to me, I'm proud of [2ID]'s readiness, and I'm proud of where they sit on this battle-space."



Alcohol, drugs and rape

...Things you should know before
you take that drink with your friend

- Alcohol and other drugs are often involved in date and acquaintance rape
- Getting someone drunk or high in order to have sex is rape
- Do not give someone the chance to put drugs in your drink
- The most common date rape drug is alcohol
- Go out and stay with friends you trust
- Date rape is not an act of passion, it is a crime of violence

...and always seek help if you have been raped

USFK Commander makes last visit to 2ID

Story and photo by
Pfc. Naveed Ali Shah

IHBCT Public Affairs Office

The commander of United States Forces Korea paid a visit to the 2nd Infantry Division April 4 at the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex during the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team's Iron Focus IV.

Gen. B.B. Bell viewed troops from the 2nd Bat., 9th Inf. Regt., and the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, perform a joint-live fire exercise. The Soldiers of Manchu engaged targets with their tank's main guns while AH-64 Apaches fired their rockets and mini-guns from far overhead. However, Bell found something else, something more important to pay attention to.

"The most interesting part was talking to Soldiers: To hear their stories, to hear them talk about their NCO's, to listen to their challenges, where they're from and their Families," said Bell, "Everyone is a real human being and they've all got stories. I love to hear their stories and help find some solution to their challenges."

Nonetheless, he emphasized the importance of the Warrior Division's "Fight Tonight" readiness in the defense of South Korea.

"[2ID] sits astride a vital avenue of approach. Consequently, any enemy force that chooses to attack South Korea with the mission of attacking the capital city would have to go through the Second Infantry Division," Bell said.

"[2ID] knows that, so they train hard, they train to standard, they send a powerful message to North Korea. And I think in no small way, over the years, that 2ID has sent that message which has resulted in the effective deterrence [of



Gen. Burwell B. Bell, the USFK Commander, Col. Christopher E. Queen, 1HBCT Commander, and Lt. Col. Michael W. Rauhut, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf Regt. Commander watch AH-64 Apache helicopters engaging in live fire exercise at the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex during 1HBCT and 2CAB Iron focus IV training April 4.

North Korean aggression] and peace and stability [for the peninsula] for many years."

The trip was Bell's last visit to 2ID during his remaining time in the service.

"On a personal level, this is no doubt the last visit I'll have with the Second Infantry Division while I'm on active duty in the military," Bell said, "And all I can tell you is that I can't think of a better place to be, with one of the last tactical units I'll visit, then with the great Second

Infantry Division; I'll take great memories from here. I'm very proud of them."

Bell himself served in 2ID as an armor battalion S-3 officer. He said he's taking a lot home with him when he leaves Area 1 for the last time.

Bell said, "When I talk to Soldiers, I take what they tell me and I go to work on their issues where I can impact them. And I have great memories of doing the job that I've done for my nation for 39 years."

Arbor Day highlights 2ID Good Neighbor program

Story and photo by
Pfc. Sohn, Joon Hyung

Staff Writer

"To preserve beauty on the earth, beauty herself beseeches us to plant trees and renew dead landscape with the shadow and light of plant life flitting through the pendant limbs, the willowy boughs and the waving foliage of sturdy, yet graceful woods." - Julius Sterling Morton, Founder of Arbor Day

Morton's poetic words first spoken in 1872, began the Camp Red Cloud and Gyeonggi Province Arbor Day ceremony April 1.

"I believe those words are befitting of what we are about to do today - preserve beauty and renew life through the planting of trees - which also symbolizes the preservation of our history and commitment to our ROK/US Alliance and friendship," said Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III.

Morgan said the planting of new trees is an important activity around



Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, William Alexander, the 2ID Museum director, the 2ID Command Sgt. Maj. Brain M. Stall and Seo, Hyo Won, vice governor of Gyeonggi Province plant a Ginkgo tree during the Arbor Day ceremony held at the 2ID Museum April 1.

the world. He also emphasized that extensive government campaigns and support from the Korean people have increased the planting of trees to support environmental efforts in Korea.

After the speech, Morgan, Seo, Hyo Won, Vice Governor of Gyeonggi Province, 2ID Command Sgt. Maj. Brian M. Stall and William Alexander, the 2ID Museum director, all planted a Ginkgo tree which was

donated by Seo and Gyeonggi Province.

"The Ginkgo tree is a symbol of our faith in the future, our recognition of the past, our respect for the people of this land and our good will to the Republic of Korea," said Morgan.

"We put in a lot of effort to create green places and parks," Seo said during the ceremony. "I hope that the trees we plant today will grow delightfully and become a solid establishment to build up the relationship between the 2ID and Gyeonggi Province."

Morgan added that as these trees grow taller and stronger, the relationship between the two will continue to grow and serve as a symbol for the rest of the world to see.

"It was a good chance to do something remarkable for the environment and local community," said Sgt. Im, Jae Hyung, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Special Troops Battalion. "It was wonderful to see two different cultures come together and work together."

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Swimming
Championship

MWR is sponsoring the "Warrior Country" Swimming Championship June 21 at Camp Casey's Hanson Swimming Pool. The event is open to active-duty Servicemembers assigned to Warrior Country. The categories and ages are as follows:
●Men's Open - 32 and under
●Men's Senior - 33 and older
●Women's Open - No limit
For more information, contact the Warrior Sports Office at DSN 732-6927.

Harvard Strategist
Program

ACS is sponsoring the Harvard Strategist Program for all Army active competitive category captains. Selected Army captains attend Harvard University on scholarship, earning a Master's degree in Public Administration, then complete a follow-on assignment within the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5 as an Army Strategist for a minimum two-year utilization tour. Official copies of GRE scores, college transcripts and a signed DA Form 4187 must be submitted to HRC by July 11. Candidates are responsible for ensuring their official military photo and Officer Record Brief is upto date. For more information, contact

the Education Services Office at DSN 732-7015.
Track and Field Championship
MWR is sponsoring the "Warrior Country" Area I Track and Field Championship June 7 at Camp Casey's Schoonover Bowl. The event is open to active-duty Servicemembers assigned to Warrior Country. For more information, contact the Warrior Sports (Area I) Office at DSN 732-6927.

Comedy ROKs
with MWR

MWR is sponsoring a comedy show April 26 at Camp Red Cloud's Mitchell's Sports Grill at 7 p.m. The Comedy ROKs series bring fun, laughter and top-notch comedians into the clubs. Other performers will be selected from several different genres to meet the entertainment needs of everyone. Feature performers are Christina Walkinshaw, Christina Pazitsky, Tess Drake, Vanessa Graddick, Aida Rodriguez and April Macie.

Incheon Wolmido
Boat Cruise

The MWR Tour & Travel Office is sponsoring an Incheon Wolmido Boat Cruise April 26.
●Transportation Fee: \$25
●Admission fee: varies on age
Wolmido Island was an isolated

island about 1 km off the Incheon coast, but with the creation of a new highway, became part of the mainland. Many cafes and seafood restaurants are situated along the coast. You can enjoy a meal while viewing the sea and basking in the cool ocean breeze. For more information, contact the MWR Tour & Travel Office at DSN 732-6276.

Are you smarter than
a 5th grader?

MWR is sponsoring a quiz show May 5 at Camp Red Cloud's Mitchell's Sports Grill at 7 p.m. A group of smart 5th graders from Uijeongbu International Christian School will compete with participants to answer questions correctly for chance to walk away with cash up to \$500. Purchase a dinnerbuffet ticket at the nearest Community Activity Center for a reserved seat and a chance to win valuable door prizes. The ticket prices and ages are as follows:
●Adults (13 and above) - \$15
●Children (5-12) - \$7
●Children (5 and below) - Free
If you would like to become a contestant, respond with the correct answer to the question below to Nate Green via email at nate.greenel@korea.army.mil. Question: What country is known as the world's leading coffee producer?

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.
April 25 ... The Spiderwick Chronicles
Witless Protection
April 26 ... Witless Protection
Vantage Point
April 27 ... Prom Night
Vantage Point
April 28 ... Prom Night
April 29 ... The Spiderwick Chronicles
April 30 ... Fool's Gold
May 1 ... Vantage Point
May 2 ... Witless Protection
Jumper
May 3 ... Semi-Pro
College Road Trip

Camp Red Cloud
Show times: Fri.-Sat. 7 & 9 p.m., Sun. 6 & 8 p.m., Mon., Tue. & Thur. 7 p.m.
April 25 ... Prom Night
Vantage Point
April 26 ... The Spiderwick Chronicles
Witless Protection
April 27 ... Witless Protection
Vantage Point
April 28 ... The Spiderwick Chronicles
April 29 ... Witless Protection
April 30 ... No Showing
May 1 ... 88 Minutes
May 2 ... 88 Minutes
Semi-Pro
May 3 ... College Road Trip
Jumper

Camp Hovey
Show times: Sat.- Sun. 3:30 & 7 p.m., Mon.-Fri. 7 p.m.
April 25 ... Vantage Point
April 26 ... The Spiderwick Chronicles
Prom Night
April 27 ... The Spiderwick Chronicles
Witless Protection
April 28 ... Witless Protection
April 29 ... Prom Night
April 30 ... Vantage Point
May 1 ... Fool's Gold
May 2 ... College Road Trip
May 3 ... The Spiderwick Chronicles
88 Minutes

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.
April 25 ... Cloverfield
Vantage Point
April 26 ... Witless Protection
Vantage Point
April 27 ... The Spiderwick Chronicles
Witless Protection
April 28 ... Vantage Point
April 29 ... No Showing
April 30 ... 88 Minutes
May 1 ... Witless Protection
May 2 ... Jumper
Semi-Pro
May 3 ... College Road Trip
Jumper
Semi-Pro

Camp Humphreys
Show times: Sat.- Sun. 3:30, 6:30 & 9 p.m., Mon.-Tues., Thur.-Fri. 6:30 p& 9 p.m.
April 25 ... Prom Night
April 26 ... The Spiderwick Chronicles
Prom Night
April 27 ... The Spiderwick Chronicles
Prom Night
April 28 ... Definitely, Maybe
April 29 ... Definitely, Maybe
April 30 ... Step Up 2: The Streets
May 1 ... N/A at the time of press
May 2 ... N/A at the time of press
May 3 ... N/A at the time of press
For additional movie times visit:
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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
West Casey: 730-3014
Stanley: 732-5238
Humphreys: 753-7952
Castle: 730-6889
Saint Nicholas
athedral: 753-3153
LDS: 730-5682

2ID Soldiers show why they're 'Second To None'

By Pfc. Phillip Adam Turner
Editor

As a Soldier, there is a force that dwells within. Although indefinable, it is a pursuit of perfection, with an unwavering spirit and determination that sets that Soldier apart from most other people.

In some, this attempt at perfection can even set Soldiers apart from their peers, and push them to a higher echelon of success that only a truly motivated and self-inspired work ethic can achieve.

For 13 Soldiers of the Second Infantry Division, this commitment to excellence and pride in the uniform they don on a daily basis would send them to the brink of what should be the ultimate goal of every 2ID soldier. - Being named the 2ID NCO, Soldier or KATUSA of the Year.

The 2ID NCO, Soldier and KATUSA of the year competition was held at Camp Casey April 9-11, with the winners advancing to the 8th Army competition June 2-5.

From warrior tasks and drills, to oral expression and military courtesy, these participants were challenged mentally and physically to see which of them had what it takes to sustain the highest level of competence in a stressful, fast-paced environment.

"It is important to hold this event to showcase these individuals and their talents," said 2ID Command Sgt. Maj. Brian M. Stall. "I want these Soldiers to go back to their units and incorporate what they did here within their units to challenge their peers.

The 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade provided logistical and tactical

support for the event. The unit took this as a chance to prepare the Soldiers involved for the tasks, obstacles and intensity of the 8th Army competition in June.

"This year the Division Sergeant Major added the eight-mile road march, which makes it tougher for the competitors involved," said Sgt. 1st Class Richard Caleb, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 210th Fires Brigade NCOIC of the competition. "This event is a stepping stone in their careers. The experience they gain from competing at this level is only going to benefit them, and we are just here to provide the best experience possible."

This event has become a bigger success in the past few years. With major support from the division, there has been a rise in participation from various units and higher ranking NCOs.

"As the NCO creed states, 'all Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership, and I will provide that leadership. I think that's one of the things we should do as senior leaders; we should set the example for Soldiers to emulate,'" said 2ID NCO of the Year winner Sgt. 1st Class James Holland, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment. "I am doing this for the Soldiers," just to show them that even on a senior level you still have the desire to achieve, - it's a pride thing."

That example would serve well for the junior enlisted participants in the competition. Male and female Soldiers from Private to Specialist put their minds and bodies to the test to prove they were up to that challenge.

1st Sgt. Cesar J. Zertuche, Battery C., 6-37 FA, NCOIC of the 'Warrior Tasks and Drills' portion of

the competition, said it was an important step for these Soldiers to have the initiative to come out and accept the challenge of competing.

"There are three types of Soldiers: there is the Soldier who watches things happen, the Soldiers who wonder what just happened, and the Soldier who makes things happen, and these participants are the ones making things happen," said Zertuche.

Spc. Jesse Carpenter, Company C., 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, won her brigade Soldier of the quarter board, which landed her in this competition as one of two female participants.

"I don't see it as male and female; I see it as competing against my peers," said Carpenter. "This competition is a way for me to keep up my skills and to gauge where I'm at, and this has been a great experience that will prepare me for my role as a sergeant. I am glad I got to do this."

Whether 'rucking' eight miles up and down hills, performing their weapon qualifications in front of the division command Sergeant Major, calling in a nine line MEDEVAC, or evaluating a casualty, these men and women proved that they are collectively the best in their rank structures.

"We have identified our best, and our message is we (2ID) are doing the right thing based off of the Army guidelines. We are exposing our men and women to exactly what the Army Best Warrior Competition is all about," said Stall.

As with any competition there can only be one winner. However, in the eyes of the command Sgt. Maj. there is much more to it than that.

"All of these Soldiers should walk a way with a sense of accomplishment. They may not be the top dog, but they are all walking away winners," said Stall.



Pfc. Phillip Adam Turner



Pfc. Kim, Hyo Joon

Top: NCO of the Year contender Sgt. Avonelle J. Brown, HHSC, DSTB evaluates a casualty during the 'Warrior Tasks and Drills' portion of the 2ID NCO, Soldier and KATUSA of the Year Competition at Camp Casey.

Bottom: KATUSA of the Year winner Cpl Bae, Kyung Min, 1-15th FA, 1HBCT decontaminates himself and his equipment during the Warrior Tasks and Drills' portion of the 2ID NCO, Soldier and KATUSA of the Year Competition April 10.

2ID KATUSAs show off their 'Warrior' talents

By Pfc. Kim, Hyo Joong
KATUSA Indianhead Editor

The Korea Augmentation to the United States Army program, is one of the U.S. Army's most extraordinary programs. United States Forces Korea Soldiers and their host nation counterparts wear the same uniform with the only difference being the flag that falls on their left shoulder. KATUSAs work side by side with U.S. Soldiers, playing an important role in defending the Republic of Korea.

KATUSAs are required to have certain abilities to accomplish their mission of working with the U.S. Army. Those include American military techniques, which are different from the ROK's, as well as good English speaking skills. They can show off their talents during their service period through boards that demonstrate their superiority as KATUSA Soldiers. Commitment to the KATUSA program and the U.S./ROK alliance leads these Soldiers to participate in the NCO/Soldier/KATUSA of the Year.

Five KATUSAs in total, four of whom were KATUSA winners of the quarter board last year and one recommended by his unit, took part in the event.

"I was very surprised at how talented the Soldiers in this competition were," said Cpl. Oh, Sae Han Seoul, Headquarter and Headquarter Company, 2ID. "It is an honor that I can have a chance to match my skills against them."

People are apt to think that KATUSAs have less incentive than U.S. Soldiers. That's because their service is not a career, but a 2-year mandatory service obligation under a different military system. Nevertheless, they complete every portion of the event successfully.

"I'm here to show U.S. Soldiers how well we can perform," said Cpl. Choi, Jae Yoon, A Battery, 1st Bn., 15th FA, who finished an 8-mile ruck march third among all the participants. "The more the KATUSAs in our battery win boards, the more regards and attention we can get."

They also can acquire many things in addition to proving their competence and receiving prizes by winning the contests.

"They can get the same things as U.S. Soldiers," said the division Command Sgt. Maj. Brian. M. Stall. "They can gain the confidence in their ability as a Soldier serving their nation and it allows them to showcase their talents. I don't like to think there is a difference between the Soldiers."

The board can also be a good opportunity for them to make up their deficiencies.

"I'd like to encourage everyone to make a challenge for the board," said Cpl. Bae, Kyung Min, A Battery, 1st Bn., 15th FA. "Because I could learn a lot of things useful for doing your job and gain more confidence in working with U.S. Soldiers."

Bae won the event despite the tough competition. He is the first KATUSA to win the annual Board in his battalion. He will go up to the 8th Army level and compete with the winners from the whole peninsula.

"I was very proud when I won praise for my achievement in front of the battery formation," said Bae. "I'll do my best till the competition ends and I get through to the highest level."

2ID NCO, Soldier and KATUSA of the year winners:

NCO:
Sgt. 1st Class James R. Holland, HHB, 6-37th FA, 210th Fires Brigade
Soldier:
Spc. Eric J. Kocourek Co. D, 2-2 AVN, 2CAB
KATUSA:
Cpl. Kyung Min Bae Battery A, 1-15th FA, 1HBCT



Pfc. Phillip Adam Turner

Pfc. Raul Rojas of 6-37 FA, 210th Fires Brigade, squeezes the trigger and releases a round down range while qualifying with his assigned M-16 A-2 rifle at Camp Casey. As a competitor in the 2ID 'Soldier' of the year competition Pfc. Rojas, and his counterparts performed various Warrior tasks. From maintaining their assigned weapon, an 8-mile ruck-march, and a board led by 2ID Command Sgt. Maj. Brian M. Stall, these 'Warriors' proved up to the task of being called the divisions best, and showing they are ready to "Fight Tonight."

World of Travel: Meet the Royal Ghosts

Commentary by

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If you went to the Warrior Readiness Center upon your arrival to Korea, it should be clear to you from your introductory briefings that Korea has a long history. Most of the time, the word 'history' may bring to mind museums, buildings and statues that are not so interactive, but not this time.

Jongmyo Jerye is an annual event that shows the essence of Korea's history, its national heritage, and the culture of the royals combining traditional orchestra, dance and rituals. The ceremony is in remembrance of past royal ancestors who fought in wars, as well as those who worked hard to make the country prosperous. This is very commonly done in families, especially during Korean national holidays like Chusok (Thanksgiving) or Solnal (New Year's Day). People prepare food and burn incense for their ancestors during these holidays, but this event is for all of the royal ancestors, which is why it's such a massive event.

It is the oldest national ceremonial cultural event in Confucianist countries. The structure and key performances of the ceremony have been preserved since 1464 and registered as intangible cultural properties for both the music and ceremony. The event is held at Jongmyo Shrine, where it was originally built in 1394 specifically for memorial services of deceased kings and queens in Korean history. It was rebuilt in 1601, after the war with Japan, and is now listed on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization



Courtesy photo

During 'Jongmyo Jerye,' performers in traditional costumes proceed to the altar at Jongmyo Shrine.

World Heritage.

The event invites nationally recognized artists who possess the skills passed down through generations to carry out the ceremony.

A few years ago, my French friend fell in love with its exquisite authenticity and found the whole experience so amazing that I had to find a CD of the music to send it over to France. I personally thought it was obscure music (as it would be for its purpose – to entertain the dead spirits), but its rarity provides a different aspect of music in general.

You may not like it as much as my friend did, but it will definitely be something that will enable you to see the entire spectrum of a cultural mirage

in the eyes of living persons and dead royals.

Admission: Jongmyo Shrine is open year-round and costs 1,000 won. The memorial service, however, is only done once a year, every first week of May. This year, it's from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. May 4. The admission is waived for the event.

How to Get There: Take the Metro Line #1 (Dark Blue) toward Incheon, from Uijeongbu and Dongducheon Station, and get off at Jongno-3-ga Station. Come out of Exit #11 and walk straight for two blocks. You will see a park-like entrance on the right side, turn into that park and walk through the park until you see the wooden gate.

‘Red Sox’ nation stretches to Tokyo

Commentary by

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Last month, I flew from Seoul to Tokyo for the sole purpose of seeing the Boston Red Sox play the Oakland Athletics at the Tokyo Dome. I felt it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to see them play in this part of the world.

Being a Red Sox fan is part of my DNA. Within minutes of meeting me, people usually pick up on my accent, which leads to my declaration of being a die-hard fan. When I heard about the game, I mapped out a plan to get there. My initial focus was acquiring tickets, which would be a challenge due to this game's historical aspect. It would serve as the 2008 Major League Baseball season opener. I didn't care about being part of history. I wanted to see my team. Thanks to "Al" at Atsugi Naval Base in Japan, I scored.

Traveling to Tokyo and getting to the game was an interesting experience. After working through logistical matters, I arrived at the Tokyo Dome, my first time experiencing a baseball game at an enclosed stadium. The Tokyo Dome was immaculate, packed to the brim with a sea of Boston hats, shirts and signs. Many were Japanese,

there to cheer on Daisuke Matsuzaka and Hideki Okajima, who both came to the team last season from Japan. It was awesome to hear their cheers for the players they loved as they were announced. You could feel their pride.

Yes, I had a cheesy sign stating "I flew from Korea to see the Sox." After all, my family and friends across the U.S. woke up at 6 a.m. to watch and try to catch a glimpse of me. I had to find a way to stand out and get my 15 minutes of fame for their sakes.

I didn't realize how popular "America's pastime" was in Japan. They only clap for the great plays of the game, regardless of who makes it. It was an interesting take on the game compared to the loud, obnoxious behavior I've witnessed at Fenway Park in the past. I was fortunate enough to see the Sox play at Fenway this summer with my niece, Tricia. My sister's boss was kind enough to give us his season tickets for one of the games. Tickets can be wicked expensive and often unavailable because everyone wants to see "the team to beat."

Nothing will ever compare to a Sox game at Fenway. I didn't expect the atmosphere in Japan to be the same. Red Sox Nation is loud, rowdy and obnoxious. We cheer for our boys

when they play well and even louder when they are losing. Our team always responds with vigor.

We're not fair-weather fans. Our love for our teams runs deep regardless of the standings, stats and criticism from others. As a kid, everyone wore something or had a lunchbox with one of the Boston teams' logos on it regardless of where they ranked.

I waited 29 years to see them to win the World Series. I saw them win two since my arrival in Korea four years ago. The younger generations of Red Sox fans may never understand the agony of watching our team fall short each year and understand the importance of loyalty and the never stop believing attitude.

At this game, I relied on the support of the other Sox fans in our seating area and began the cheering. After shouting "Let's go Red Sox" followed by clapping a few times, the Japanese fans in our area joined in. Hi-fives became a custom to celebrate as the Sox came back to win, play by play.

Members of Red Sox Nation are everywhere, especially with our military being stationed all over the world. If our boys played on the moon, a group would somehow get there. For me, it was worth the cost in time, travel and money. GO SOX!

2ID spouses visit Camp Humphreys

2CAB Staff Reports

Spouses of the 2nd Infantry Division's Command Team conducted a tour of Camp Humphreys to see the quality of life for Soldiers and Warrior Family members assigned to USAG-Humphreys on March 26.

The tour, hosted by 2d Combat Aviation Brigade commander Col. William Morris, and his wife, Susan, welcomed Debbie Morgan, Cheryl Stall and Sue Teeple, giving the spouses an opportunity to talk to the community about issues affecting the Family members in the area.

Upon completion of the tour, 2CAB Executive Officer, Maj. Terry Meyer said, "It was an honor hosting the 2nd Infantry Division senior spouses here on USAG Humphreys. We enjoy a very close working relationship with the Area III command team and both commanders really wanted to roll out the red carpet for them. After spending the day with these wonderful ladies I feel very confident that the Families of 2CAB have an even brighter future ahead of them."