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Pvt. Lee, Eun Hong

## Happy 233rd birthday, Army!

Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, the commanding general of the 2nd Infantry Division, and Division Command Sgt. Maj. Brian M. Stall cut the Army Birthday cake with the oldest Soldier, Master Sgt. Dwight Lawler, HHC, DSTB, 2ID and the youngest Soldier, Pfc. Derek Hauk, Company A, DSTB during the Army Birthday ceremony in front of Freeman Hall, Camp Red Cloud June 13.

## 2CAB changes command

By Pfc. Edward Kulik  
2CAB PAO

Soldiers of the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade received a new commander June 12 as Col. William H. Morris handed over the reins of the unit to Col. Joseph A. Bassani, the former Chief of Plans for the United States Northern Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Morris, who led the 2CAB for the past two years, will move on to the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, as the J-3.

As the event kicked into full swing and honors were given, red roses were presented to Susan Morris, the outgoing brigade commander's wife, and yellow budding roses were presented to the incoming commander's wife, Christine Bassani.

Morris, a UH-60 and AH-64 Apache Longbow pilot, said his farewells as the brigade commander and acknowledged all those who had assisted him during his command. Extending his personal gratitude to Soldiers of all ranks, he shared with the Soldiers his triumphs, trials and lessons learned during his time commanding.

"It has been my distinct honor and privilege to be your commander," he said during his speech.

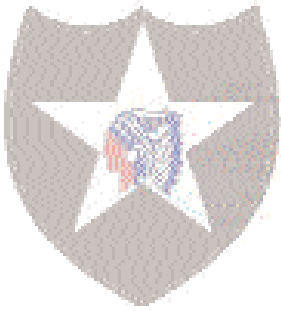
Bassani, a Springfield, Mass. native, then stepped up to the podium and greeted his new Soldiers, and accepted the challenges, achievements, and judgments that he would have to make while in command.

Bassani is no stranger to Korea, or to the 2ID. He formerly commanded the 2nd Battalion (Air Assault), 2nd Aviation at Camp Stanley.



Sgt. Leith Edgar

The incoming 2CAB commander, Col. Joseph A. Bassani, reviews the troops with Col. William H. Morris, the outgoing commander, during the 2CAB change of command ceremony June 12.



## VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:

How will you  
celebrate  
Independence  
Day?



*"I will see my Family  
in Daegu."*

Pfc. Jo, Yung Joo  
HHB, 210th Fires Bde.

*"I will be watching  
fireworks on TV."*

Pfc. Yshuf Ventura  
HHB, 210th Fires Bde.



*"I will travel to Jeju  
Island."*

Spc. Davis Miller  
HHSC, 70th BSB

*"Be with my Family  
and  
barbeque."*

2nd Lt. Juan J. Camacho  
4th Chem. Co., 1st BTB



*"Party with friends  
and spend time with  
battle buddies  
outside of the post."*

Pvt. Joshaya Britt  
Co. G, 302nd BSB

*"Hanging out with  
friends in Seoul."*

Sgt. Robert Van Velson  
AFSC, 70th BSB



# COMMANDER'S CORNER: Summer Transitions: setting conditions for continued success

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

The summer months are here and the division is experiencing a major personnel turnover. We have fare welled some outstanding leaders, Soldiers and Family members and welcomed some great leaders, Soldiers and Family members to the division as well. But, during this transition period it is fundamentally important that we transition properly and to standard.

Everyone has been doing an outstanding job and I applaud your efforts, but this is an important time for commanders and leaders. Units will find themselves at their weakest

point, so we must take active measures to ensure our units are executing training safely and to standard in a doctrinally fashion. We must look at ourselves and our formations to ensure our Soldiers are in the right place and the right time - setting conditions for success.

Don't sit back and hope it works out okay, double your efforts to ensure mission readiness in our formations.

As we move through transition, ensure our replacements are prepared for the mission. All commanders and leaders are responsible for ensuring you have conducted left seat/right seats rides; continuity books are in place; OERs, NCOERs and awards are completed and proper hand over of your units or sections is a must. If done right in garrison, it will become routine and you can and will save lives in the long run.

To the incoming team, welcome aboard!

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works out okay, double your  
efforts to ensure mission  
readiness in our  
formations."*

Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III  
2ID Commander

As you probably have already noticed, this division's train is not stopping. I expect you to jump aboard and continue to provide the excellent leadership, mentorship and discipline that our Soldiers deserve and expect. Take advantage of what you learn during this transition and put it to use everyday.

This division is known for its highly disciplined units and Soldiers that are trained to standard and prepared to conduct intelligence-

driven full spectrum, deliberate combat operations with doctrinal troop leading procedures, pre-combat checks, inspections, rehearsal, risk assessments and after action reviews. You will hear me repeat this many times as I believe if we do conduct this methodology over and over again it will become an intuitive response.

I am excited about the upcoming year and look forward to the opportunity to interact with each of you. Again, welcome to Warrior Country.

Second to None!

*Welcome to  
Warrior Country!*

## Correction:

A page one story in the June 6 issue of the Indianhead misidentified a ROK Cobra helicopter. The unit was also mistakenly ID'd as the 409th ROK Aviation Brigade, instead of the 109th.

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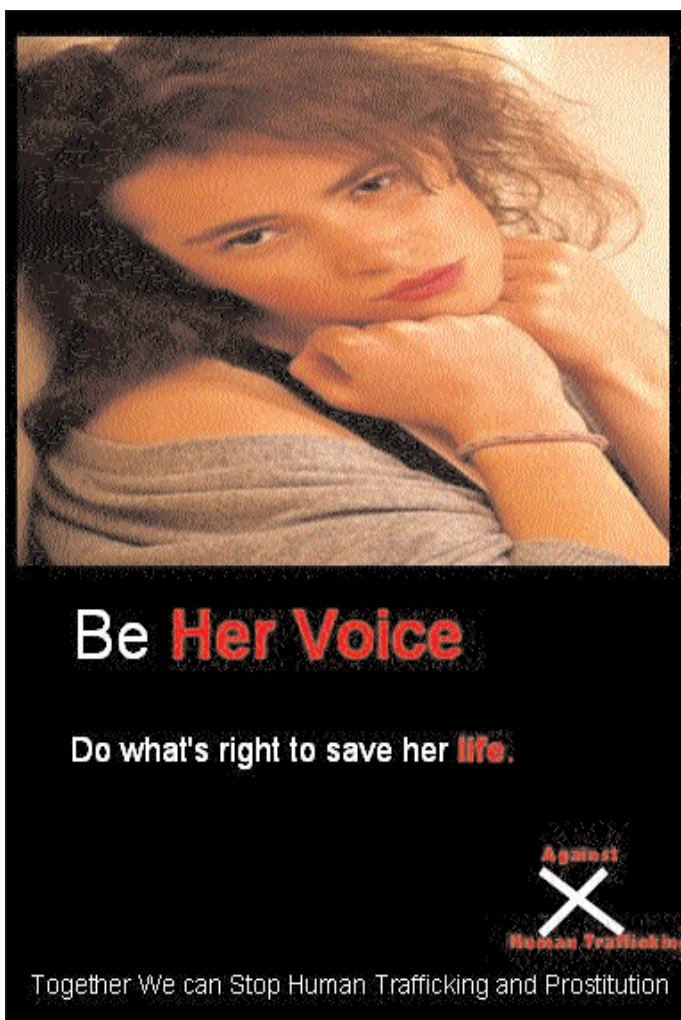
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## Deputy CFC Cdr visits 2ID

Gen. Lee, Sung Chool, deputy commander of Combined Forces Command, presents his coin to Col. Robert P. Pricone, 2nd Infantry Division Chief of Staff, after a command briefing June 9. This is Lee's first tour to 2ID at Camp Red Cloud.

# USFK recognizes 2ID's 'good neighbors'

Story & photo by  
**Cpl. Kim, Hyo Joong**  
KATUSA Editor

"Katchi Kapshida!"

We can hear this Korean sentence, which means 'We go together' in English, in almost every speech in the United States Forces Korea. It reflects the hope of every USFK Servicemember who wants to get closer to the host country's community. These days, many people carry on the spirit of the sentence in practice daily.

USFK distinguished two people who bridged 2ID and the local community during the sixth annual USFK Good Neighbor Programs Award ceremony June 12 at the Dragon Hill Lodge, Yongsan Garrison.

Among the awardees were Kim, Kyoung Cha, the chief of the Dongducheon Volunteer Center, and Maj. Richardson Blair, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, DSTB.

"Through programs such as the Good Neighbor Program, our alliance has evolved from one of mutual security to one of great social and economic prosperity through personal relationships," said Gen. Walter L. Sharp, USFK, United Nations Command and Combined Forces Command commander in his remarks during the ceremony. "You all are out there working in a community of people, building bridges



**Maj. Richardson Blair, HHC, 2ID, is presented a plaque by Gen. Walter L. Sharp, the commander of USFK, UNC and CFC, during the Good Neighbor Program Award Ceremony June 12 at the Dragon Hill Lodge, Yongsan Garrison.**

every day and joyfully opening your hearts to enhance the close friendships that make up this alliance."

A Korean organization and seven Korean civilians were selected as USFK Good Neighbors, and a U.S. Marine unit and three Servicemembers were honored with Ambassador of the Alliance, which started being presented this year. They received a plaque and a medal as tokens of appreciation for their achievements.

"It is my great honor to get this big award," said Kim. "I couldn't even imagine that I would be one of the awardees of the Good Neighbor

Program award. I realized that when getting a letter from Gen. B. B. Bell, the former USFK commander."

Kim started his history with the Good Neighbor Program two years ago by establishing the official Sisterhood Agreement between 210th Fires Brigade, 2ID and the Dongducheon Volunteer Center. Since then, he has coordinated various programs, which include the Adult English Language Program taught by U.S. Soldiers from the 210th Fires twice a week, and the Korean culture tour for American English teachers, as well as the Sincheon River Cleanup.

His efforts allowed the Soldiers and the community to build a strong friendship and bond.

"We, the U.S. Soldier and Dongducheon community, are a Family living in the same location," said Kim. "I hoped we could establish the harmonious relationship through the things I worked on."

The story of Blair's volunteer work goes way back to 1987 when he was first stationed at Suwon Air Base as a second lieutenant. He has taught English at many local schools, including Kyungmin Middle School, located close to Camp Red Cloud.

"I think it's really fun speaking English with kids and watching their English improve," said Blair. "Plus, I learn many things about Korean culture and Korean language."

He also volunteered at orphanages and holiday gift drives with many ROK and U.S. volunteers. He has also initiated many sports matches with his ROK counterparts, and he appeared in the local news because of his selfless volunteer activities and fluent Korean language skill.

"I had a really great time, so I'm not doing any hard work," said Blair. "That's why I like to do this."

This hope was realized as the Good Neighbor Program began in 2003 by the proposal of the former USFK Commander Gen. Leon LaPorte. Since then, every subordinate units of USFK, including 2ID, have been actively participating in the program.



# 210th Fires conducts convoy training

Story & photo by  
Sgt. Leith Edgar

Editor

It was not just practice as usual. The enemy force was stationary targets, but the rounds were anything but fake. Live ammunition made the stakes higher and the training all the more real.

Given the lethal force each weapon possessed, safety was the top priority. From the top down, the leaders emphasized the importance of safety to the Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

"It just takes one – one person to have their weapon on semi," said 1st Sgt. Antonio Amaro, the HHB first sergeant and a native of Lawton, Okla. "This is good training. We're doing good stuff, but we do not need to have this end badly."

Far from a bad ending, the 48 Soldiers and KATUSAs who participated in the Convoy Live-Fire Exercise on Story Live Fire Complex completed the training, which was held June 8-13, incident free.

The mood changed when live rounds were introduced to the Soldiers, said Sgt. Rodolph Avalos, a vehicle commander and human resources specialist.

"As soon as they got live rounds, they started to get the picture," said the native of Santa Ana, Calif.

For some of the new Soldiers the training was an eye opener and sign of things to come. Pfc. James Purvis, a squad automatic weapon gunner and an intelligence analyst, said it was his first Convoy Live Fire Exercise.

"The training won't affect me here as much as when I get deployed to a war zone, such as Iraq," said the Houston native who has been a Soldier for one year and three months. "In a war-time scenario, this (training) will help me survive."

More than just shooting at targets, the training integrated firing live rounds with reacting to an ambush. The Soldiers fired from moving vehicles in a convoy before being ambushed by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). Once the IED was detonated, the Soldiers reacted.

After dismounting their vehicles in teams, some of the Soldiers laid down suppressive fire. While the Soldiers reacted to the enemy's attack, the observer/controllers threw curve balls at the troops. Soldiers were deemed wounded or killed in action to add realism to the scenario. Vehicles became inoperable. Soldiers shared ammunition as needed. The battle drill continued until a Quick Reaction Force relieved the Soldiers and the exercise concluded.

Throughout the training the Soldiers had to react. A wounded comrade meant a stretcher. Inoperable vehicles required recovery. And defending the force was only possible through constant communication, cooperation and determination.

For the leaders, like Sgt. Jerome Norman, the convoy's commander, the exercise was an opportunity to practice troop leading procedures.

"I've been deployed before, but this was my first time leading," said the native of Tyler, Texas. "All Soldiers need the training because we are at war. We have to train our Soldiers to be ready or we fail them."

Norman said the measure of the training's success



**Pfc. Thomas B. Plunkett, NBC clerk, HHB, 210th Fires Bde, carries Pfc. Kim, C.H., supply clerk, HHB, 210th Fires Bde., during a Convoy Live-Fire Exercise on Story Live Fire Complex June 13.**

was the confidence of his Soldiers because the skills they forged in practice may be tested in battle one day.

# MP Officer returns to 2ID as Division Chaplain

Story & photo by  
Pvt. Lee, Eun Hong

Staff Writer

Lt. Col. Richard Spencer served as a Military Police Officer at Camp Casey in 1977. Now, 30 years later, he is back with 2nd Infantry Division as a Catholic Priest serving as the division chaplain.

Spencer assumed the role of the Warrior Division's spiritual advisor during a Passing of the Stole ceremony June 4 at the Camp Red Cloud Chapel. Spencer, who was released from active duty in 1980 and returned to the Army as a Catholic priest in 1999, was deputy command chaplain of 18th Medical Command at Yongsan.

This ceremony represents the passing of spiritual leadership. By doing so, Spencer received responsibility for supervision of the Division's ministry teams from Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Franklin Jackson, who served as the division chaplain since he replaced Chaplain Mike Durham, last year.

This ceremony has been the standard of the 2nd Infantry Division since 1970. It started with a prelude played by the 2nd Infantry Division Band. As the national anthems rang through the church, Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III and both chaplains



**Division Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Richard Spencer gives his speech during the Passing of the Stole ceremony at Camp Red Cloud Chapel June 4.**

walked in.

"I had a chance to work with Chaplain Spencer when I was at (Fort) Polk, (La.) during Hurricane Katrina," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Charles Jackson, 8th Army deputy chaplain said during the ceremony. "He was a part of the clinical education religious support team. They came up to support us during that time. I think he is the right selection for the division."

After the remarks, Maj. Gen. John

W. Morgan III, 2ID commanding general, assumed the stole from Chaplain Franklin Jackson and passed it on to Spencer.

"Today I charge you to carry and to protect Soldiers' right to religious freedom and to faithfully lead our Division ministry team," Morgan said. "I welcome you to the 2nd Infantry Division. We look forward to working and serving with you. Good luck and Godspeed as you take our mantle of leadership for this great

division."

As the general's speech ended, Chaplain Franklin Jackson thanked the audience.

"Thank you for everyone attending this Passing of the Stole ceremony," said Jackson, "Thank you, division ministry team and Family members. I'm especially grateful for General Morgan and Col. Robert Pricone, (2ID Chief of Staff) who set the standard high and encouraged us to attain our mission."

"It's exciting to see a new division chaplain," said Spc. Davis Miller, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 70th Brigade Support Battalion. "I saw the chaplain before Chaplain Jackson, Chaplain Durham. He had done a great job and was a great division chaplain, so it was so exciting to see Jackson, who has a very different personality, and Chaplain Jackson did a good job following Chaplain Durham."

Miller also said he had a wish for Spencer.

"I hope that he doesn't feel overwhelmed with his work and stays focused on his job and Soldiers," he said.

"I'll be very present and available to the troops," said Spencer, "to work with them, along with them, to laugh with them and to train with them during this entire year."



WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Warrior Country  
Bowling Championship

MWR is sponsoring the "Warrior Country" Bowling Championship Sept. 22-24 at the Camp Red Cloud Bowling Center.

The event is open to active-duty Servicemembers assigned to Warrior Country.

The schedules of events are as follows:

- Team Competition - Sept. 22
  - Doubles Competition - Sept. 23
  - Singles Competition - Sept. 24
- For more information, contact the Warrior (Area I) Sports Office at 732-6927.

Summer Camp

MWR will host the Summer Trek 2008 Day Camp Program from June 16 to Aug. 15 at the Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Center.

The program consists of nine one-week sessions for children. The program is operated in cooperation with the University of Northern Iowa Camp Adventure Team Counselors.

The counselors will be responsible for daily activities with the assistance and supervision of the CAC staff.

Day camp activities will be sports, games, Arts & Crafts and social activity.

Visit the Camp Red Cloud CAC for registration. Sponsors must bring the child's immunization record at the time of registration.

If there is less than 50 percent

participation, class and trip schedules are subject to change.

For more information, call 732-9246.

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 up to date.

For more information, contact the Education Services Office at 732-7015.

Blue Island Tribe  
Concert

Blue Island Tribe concerts will be held at the Camp Red Cloud Mitchell's Club June 28 at 7 p.m. and the Camp Casey Gateway Club June 29 at 7 p.m.

The Blue Island Tribe is more than a band, a state of mind, and an attitude. Despite their reggae sound,

they were all raised in Iowa and not one member has ever had dreadlocks. The band respects the heritage of the music they play without infringing on it.

The band forged on and continued to play hundreds of shows a year at colleges, festivals and clubs all over the United States.

For more information, call 730-3400.

Veterinary Care

MWR is sponsoring a veterinary clinic program. The Camp Red Cloud Veterinary Clinic's goal is to provide consistent, quality medicine and surgery for large and small animals.

The team provides a clean, friendly environment with a special emphasis on compassionate care and understanding.

The office is located at Bldg. 437, Camp Red Cloud.

For more information, call 732-7434.

Warrior Country  
Swimming  
Championship

MWR is sponsoring the "Warrior Country" Swimming Championship June 21 at the Camp Casey Hanson Pool.

The event is open to active-duty Servicemembers, civilians and their adult Family members assigned to Warrior Country.

For more information, contact the Warrior (Area I) Sports Office at 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.

June 20 ... Forgetting Sarah Marshall  
Doomsday  
June 21 ... 88 Minutes  
21  
June 22 ... Indiana Jones and the Kingdom  
The Ruins  
Never Back Down  
June 23 ... Forgetting Sarah Marshall  
June 24 ... The Bank Job  
June 25 ... Never Back Down  
June 26 ... 88 Minutes  
June 27 ... 10,000 BC  
Penelope  
June 28 ... Indiana Jones and the Kingdom  
The Ruins

Camp Red Cloud

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

June 20 ... Forgetting Sarah Marshall  
88 Minutes  
June 21 ... Indiana Jones and the Kingdom  
88 Minutes  
June 22 ... 88 Minutes  
Forgetting Sarah Marshall  
June 23 ... Indiana Jones and the Kingdom  
June 24 ... Forgetting Sarah Marshall  
June 25 ... No Showing  
June 26 ... The Incredible Hulk  
June 27 ... The Incredible Hulk  
Street Kings  
June 28 ... The Ruins  
Stop Loss

Camp Hovey

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

June 20 ... Indiana Jones and the Kingdom  
June 21 ... Nim's Island  
Prom Night  
June 22 ... 88 Minutes  
Forgetting Sarah Marshall  
June 23 ... Street Kings  
June 24 ... Superhero  
June 25 ... Indiana Jones and the Kingdom  
June 26 ... Leatherheads  
June 27 ... Meet the Spartans  
June 28 ... 88 Minutes  
The Incredible Hulk

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.

June 20 ... Forgetting Sarah Marshall  
88 Minutes  
June 21 ... Indiana Jones and the Kingdom  
Forgetting Sarah Marshall  
June 22 ... Indiana Jones and the Kingdom  
88 Minutes  
June 23 ... Forgetting Sarah Marshall  
June 24 ... No Showing  
June 25 ... The Incredible Hulk  
June 26 ... Indiana Jones and the Kingdom  
June 27 ... Street Kings  
The Ruins  
June 28 ... 21  
88 Minutes

Camp Humphreys

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

June 20 ... Kung Fu Panda  
Street Kings  
June 21 ... Kung Fu Panda  
Street Kings  
June 22 ... Kung Fu Panda  
Street Kings  
June 23 ... Forgetting Sarah Marshall  
June 24 ... The Ruins  
June 25 ... 88 Minutes  
June 26 ... 88 Minutes  
June 27 ... Horton Hears A Who  
The Incredible Hulk

For additional movie times visit:  
[www.aaffes.com](http://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**  
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**Cathedral: 753-3153**  
**LDS: 730-5682**

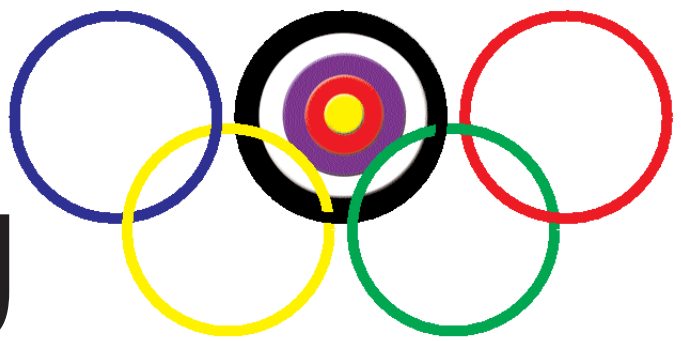




Courtesy Photos

Staff Sgt. Keith Sanderson, a weapons squad leader with 2nd Plt., Co. A, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., practices firing his weapon in preparation for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China. Sanderson secured his spot on the U.S. Marksmanship Team May 19 during the International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup. This three-day competition, in which eight Soldiers won a spot on the team, took place at Phillips Range at Fort Benning, Ga.

# 2-9 Soldier eyes Beijing



By Sgt. 1st Class Rhonda M. Lawson

2ID PAO Operations NCO

On the morning of July 13, 1900, the 9th Infantry led the assault on Tientsen, China, breaking through the walls of the Forbidden City. Despite intense fighting and heavy losses, the city fell, and the unit earned the nickname, Manchus.

Now, more than 100 years later, a Manchu will again visit China bearing a weapon. He will not only take on the giants of China, but shooters from all over the world. Only this time, it won't be in the name of war. It will be in the name of friendly competition - the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Staff Sgt. Keith Sanderson, a weapons squad leader with 2nd Platoon, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, secured his spot on the U.S. Marksmanship Team May 19 during the International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup. The three-day competition, in which eight Soldiers won a spot on the team, took place at Phillips Range at Fort Benning, Ga.

Sanderson competed in the 25-meter rapid-fire pistol event and was the only shooter to win his event all three days. However, he said he wasn't happy with his scores, which totaled 2,129.5 points, and said he would have to work harder in order to win an Olympic medal.

"When you make it on the team, you want to show everybody that you deserve to be there," Sanderson explained. "I felt the drive to do the best I could. I shot really well on the final day."

Fortunately, he didn't have to work too hard to prove that he deserved to take on the best in competitive shooting. He had already become the first American in 12 years to earn a quota slot for the Olympic Games, paving the way for the United States to even compete in the rapid fire event. Quota slots are awarded based on performance, and are given to athletes who weren't top finishers, but shot well during the 2007 World Cup. Currently,

Sanderson is No. 17 in the world in rapid-fire pistol shooting.

He's not taking this accomplishment lightly.

"I earned a slot for our country," he said.

"Without that, nobody would go."

"I was so happy for him when he got that slot and to see it come through for him," said Lt. Col. Michael Rauhut, Sanderson's battalion commander. Rauhut had originally helped make it possible for Sanderson to leave the unit and pursue his Olympic dreams, and has been tracking his progress ever since.

"What was interesting to me was to see him mature as a person, athlete and Soldier," Rauhut said. "He's been a leader in that (WACP) organization in helping other athletes achieve more in their own areas. He's a leader with the Manchus and with the World Class Athlete Program."

In order to get ready for the big game, Sanderson, a former U.S. Marine Corps shooter, isn't taking anything to chance. After completing the International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup in Milan, Italy, May 27, in which he finished 11th overall, he took a short one-week break, then went right back to the practice range in Colorado Springs, Colo., to work on the basics.

"My lift and first shot are my primary focus," he said. "Many competitors spent four years just on the lift. I never did baby steps. That allowed me to get to World Class quicker, but there are things I still need to work on."

Sanderson also takes special care in keeping his weapon, a .22-caliber Pardini SP1 rapid-fire pistol, clean. In a high-stress, timed event such as his, he feels the only luck involved is not having bad luck.

"A bullet that doesn't fire can cost you the entire match, so weapons maintenance is important," he said.

This is a belief that he passes on to his Soldiers when he gets the opportunity. This past Christmas, he took a break from the shooting circuit and

returned to Camp Casey so he could give another Soldier a chance to go home for the holidays. During this time, in which the unit was going through Training Density Exercises, he reenlisted to stay in the Army, and also helped fix things around the unit and passed on his weapons knowledge to some of the Soldiers.

"Only a couple of my former Soldiers were still there. Many of them are in Iraq," he said. "I got emails from them saying that what I taught them really helped. That's the end purpose of all this. I'm definitely an American, but I'm also an American Soldier."

One person who was happy to see Sanderson return to the unit was Rauhut.

"He's received nothing but support from the whole chain of command," Rauhut said. "It's fulfilling for me to see a guy who expresses his desire (and acts on it). This is a win for the nation, this is a win for the Army, and it's a win for this individual."

The return to the unit also solidified Sanderson's belief in his skill. He said he feels shooting is one of the most combat-relevant sports in the Olympic Games.

"An enemy has never been killed by a softball or bowling ball; it's a bullet," he said. "I look forward to taking the lessons I learned here and applying them to the Soldiers going overseas."

But until then, Sanderson has his eye on Beijing, where he looks forward to being the first rapid-fire shooter since 1960 to take home the Olympic gold.



Staff Sgt. Keith Sanderson

# 210th FRG hosts family roundup

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The 210th Fires Brigade Family Readiness Group hosted a roundup for Soldiers and their Families in New Town Park, Dongducheon June 4. From toddlers to spouses, a total of 92 people with 42 spouses enjoyed a variety of dishes prepared by the FRG.

The FRG meeting, which was sponsored by the Camp Casey USO and Camp Casey Golf Club, discussed the concerns regarding Soldiers and Families who continue to transition in and out of the unit.

Maj. Joseph P. Buccino, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th Fires Brigade, pointed out it has been challenging for non-command sponsored Families living off post because many do not have personal vehicles or adequate quality of life.

However, the FRG put forth the maximum amount of effort and tried to work out the difficult concerns regarding Soldiers and Families.

Dongducheon Mayor Oh, Sae Chang, City Council President Hyung, Nam Sun and Dongducheon Volunteer Center President Kim, Kyung Cha participated in the event and received a certificate of appreciation from Buccino.

"We have FRG meetings every month, including the bowling party in Camp Casey, Soyosan mountain visit and the pool party in Camp Hovey," said Buccino. "This time, we presented the award to the mayor, city council and Dongducheon Volunteer Center for supporting the ROK-U.S.



Spc. Eli Dove, HHB, 210th Fires Brigade, talks to a spouse during lunch in New Town Park, Dongducheon June 4.

coalition and to show how much we appreciate them."

Mayor Oh said the U.S. Soldiers and their Families are now a part of the Dongducheon Family.

"I am glad to meet 210th Fires Brigade Soldiers and Families. If you have any concerns, please visit Dongducheon City Hall. We can always support you," Oh said.

After the award ceremony and remarks, Soldiers and Families enjoyed Korean, Filipino, American and Indian dishes. The international dishes reflected the diversity in cultures and ethnicities of the Soldiers' Families. During lunch, kids ran around

the big green park with smiles. Even Korean passers-by greeted them with waves.

"We did really a great job today," said Spc. Philip Samuels, Battery E, 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery, 210th Fires Brigade. "It was a great opportunity to get away and to see Soldiers' Families and kids. It was nice to come out and talk to other people and see what is going on with the brigade."

"We are one big Family," said Staff Sgt. Lymuel Chee, HHB, 210th Fires Brigade. "To the husbands, wives, mothers and fathers, that is the hardest job in the Army. I really appreciate your support."

## Gladiators train to handout enemy beatdowns

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1st HBCT PAO

Soldiers from Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team trained on weapons and Combatives during "Gladiators Weapons Week" June 2-5 at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex.

The goal of the training was to familiarize Soldiers with individual and crew served weapons, as well as to train Soldiers on using themselves as a weapon to overtake the enemy through hand-to-hand Combatives.

"This is our third day, and so far it's been wonderful. We do a lot of training and we also get to enjoy one another while being Soldiers," said Pvt. Regeneld Mentor, HHC.

The Gladiators shot the .50 caliber and MK19 crew-served weapons during the first two days of training.

"As a Headquarters and Headquarters Company it is challenging to execute split base operations and this was the first time we deployed as a Company to a training location off the (Casey) enclave,"

said Capt. Antoinette Turner, HHC commander.

During the third day, Soldiers did one-on-one rolling sessions, which incorporated drills one through three

of Level 1 Combatives. These Soldiers will move on to qualify for Level 1 Combatives certificates with a few more days of training.

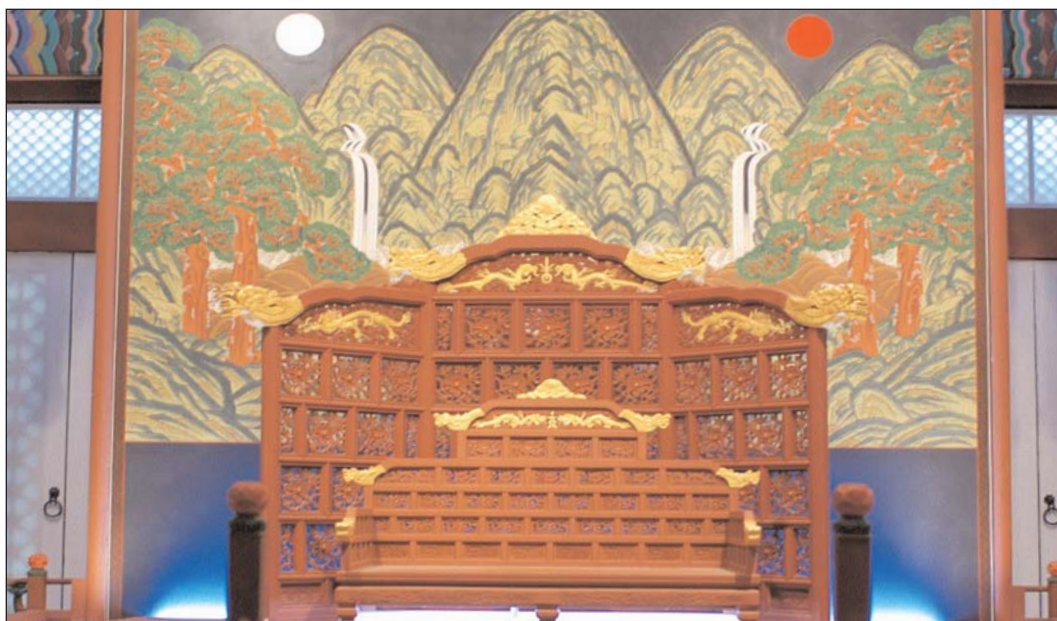
"Overall I would say that this

training exercise was a success," said Turner. "And there was a sense of enjoyment, accomplishment and fulfillment that could be seen on every Gladiator's face."



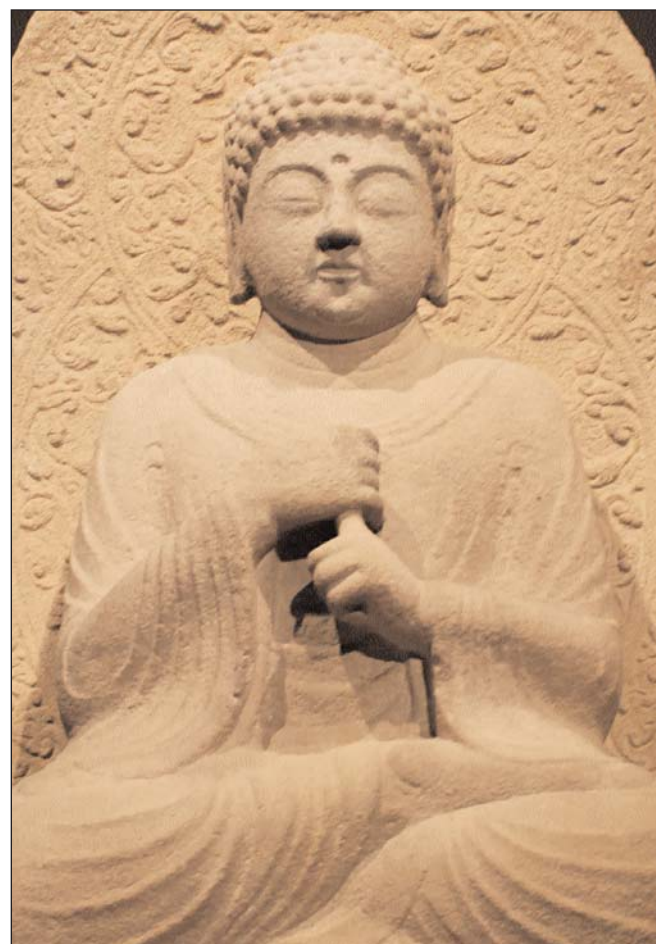
Soldiers from HHC, 1st BSTB, 1st HBCT train on Combatives during "Gladiators Weapons Week" June 2-5 at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex.





Cpl. Bo Park

Above: Ilwolyakbyung, the picturesque screen at the back of the King's seat during the Joseon Dynasty, is displayed at the National Museum of Korea. Right: Amitabha Buddha Stone statue displayed at the National Museum of Korea.



Cpl. Bo Park

## National Museum of Korea and Yongsan Family Park



Whether you wish to learn more about the history and culture of Korea, or you are just in search of a well-maintained park to go to for a picnic, Yongsan has it all.

The National Museum of Korea and Yongsan Family Park sit right next to each other, in the heart of Yongsan.

The national museum, with its very modern architecture, houses some of the most treasured ancient items of priceless worth. There are six galleries in total: Fine Arts I, II, Asian Arts, Historical, Archaeological, and the Donation gallery. All permanent collections are categorized and displayed accordingly. The permanent collections include the national treasure of celadon wares, historic documents, like maps, the first Hangeul (the Korean alphabet) inscription, Buddhist sculptures and artifacts from important prehistoric sites.

There are some pieces that look stunning, such as the Silla Crown, Buncheong lotus ware, a black lacquered Buddha head, Bangasayusang, and the contemplative Buddha statue, which is the most popular exhibit (and most highly insured) in the museum. These are very historical pieces, which will shed some light on how Korean history and culture has evolved since the Stone Age.

The conservation and acquiring process for some of these nationally treasured items was not

easy. During many wars under Japanese rule, the items were either taken or at risk of being damaged or destroyed. The museum opened after gathering all the exhibits from several different places, including Gyeongbokgung Palace and Jungangchung, the Japanese General Government building.

If you are not the historic type, like me, then covering the whole museum can be a bit too much to take in all at once, so I suggest you pick an area that appeals most to you.

Besides these historically rich collections, the architecture of the building is something worth the visit. It is the largest museum in Asia, and the sixth largest in the world in terms of floor space. Personally, I like going to the art galleries and museums, not only because of the contents, but also for the big, airy spaces. It feels really cool just standing under such a massive structure. This newly built museum has plenty of natural light coming into the building, which creates a very low-key and warm feel to the space.

The external design of the building was inspired by the idea of a traditional Korean fortress. The building is very well integrated with the surrounding pond and gardens. The garden itself is an outdoor exhibition area, which has pagodas, stone lanterns and Buddhist shrines all along the trails. If you follow these trails until you see a little gate, that's where the museum ground borders the Yongsan Family Park. The border is not as prominently marked. Both parks keep the same serene

feeling of the museum.

The Yongsan Family Park used to be a golf-course for Yongsan Garrison, before the ground was returned to the Korean government, which turned it into a public park. The park is now very well utilized by the local neighborhood for exercise or picnic on nice days.

Both the museum and the park are very close to Yongsan Garrison, so if you are going down to Yongsan for some PX shopping, be sure to add the museum into your weekend itinerary while you are there.

**Admission:** 2,000 won (\$2) for adults and 1,000 won (\$1) for children. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Saturdays and Wednesdays, it is open until 9 p.m., and 7 p.m. on Sundays. It is closed on Mondays.

**How to Get There:** Take metro line #1 (Dark Blue) toward Incheon, from Uijeongbu and Dongducheon Station, and transfer to line #4 (Light blue) at Changdong Station. Take the train toward Oido and get off at Ichon Station. Use Exit #2 and then the signposts will lead the way to the museum, which is only 200 meters away. Equally, if you are travelling from Yongsan garrison, use Gate 17, from South Post, immediately turn right and walk along the wall until you see the signpost for the museum.

