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Warrior Division welcomes new chief of staff

By Master Sgt. Michael Pintagro

2nd ID Public Affairs Chief

Col. Michael A. Coss, who began his career as a platoon leader at Camp Hovey, returned to Warrior Country as 2nd Infantry Division chief of staff during a patch ceremony conducted the morning of July 1 at the Village Green on Camp Red Cloud, Korea.

The incoming chief of staff commanded the Fort Benning, Ga.-based 192nd Infantry Brigade prior to his return to Warrior Country.

Coss' predecessor, Col. Christopher P. Gehler, departed in early June.

A large crowd of Division leaders, Soldiers and Family members as well as Korean governmental, civic and military leaders gathered amid pleasant, breezy weather to welcome the new chief.

Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, the division commander, welcomed Coss, his wife Nicki, daughters Alyssa and Shaina, and son Mike to the Warrior fold and praised his incoming chief's record of accomplishment.

Coss, the commander said, trained new Soldiers "by demonstrating superb Infantry tactics, providing subject matter expertise, developing doctrine and supporting the Infantry School in all matters. It was his job to provide the Army with Soldiers and leaders prepared to fight and win and in my assessment I can tell you he did a superlative job.

"The infantry Soldiers and officers

you have been sending to this Division are the best I have seen," Morgan told his new chief. "As you know, the Soldiers and units in this Division must continue to be highly disciplined, agile and adaptive in order for us to maintain our ability to be ready to fight tonight, and win in the complex 21st Century full spectrum operating environment."

The Division commander said his incoming chief "knows operations and staff coordination at the highest levels. (His) knowledge and expertise will be invaluable to me and this Division to coordinate our actions and activities with the 8th U.S. Army and United States Forces Korea. Moreover, it is my belief that Col. Coss would be able to help us fight tonight if it becomes necessary."

Coss followed his commander to the podium. The incoming chief thanked his commander and the Warrior community for a gracious welcome and pledged to work diligently on behalf of the Division, its mission, its Soldiers and its Families.

"My Family and I are honored to be here in this beautiful country among these great Warriors on the field and the many thousands they represent as well as the hundreds of thousands in our very important alliance here," Coss said. "With such a great community of supporters, friends and Families it is easy to see why this is the Army's best-kept 'forward deployed' secret. We have been literally overwhelmed by the welcome we have received."

"This tremendous history and fight-



Yu, Hu-Son

Col. Michael A. Coss, the new 2nd ID chief of staff, delivers remarks during a patch ceremony conducted July 1 at the Village Green on Camp Red Cloud.

ing élan of the U.S. and ROK armies has held a special place in my heart, and I am extremely proud to return to this great Division today and join our Warriors who remain ready to fight tonight," he added. "I pledge to you I will do all I can to keep us ready, strengthen and support our alliance, and enhance our Soldier and Family quality of life."

Coss served as operations officer of Combined Joint Task Force-76 in Afghanistan. Prior to his Operation Enduring Freedom mission, he served as operations officer of the 10th Mountain Division, providing support for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The incoming chief commanded an

infantry battalion and served as a senior staff officer in the Balkans. He also participated in operational deployments with the 75th Ranger Regiment, 2nd Inf. Div., 9th Infantry Division and 25th Infantry Division in addition to his missions with 10th Mtn. Coss was the 2004 U.S. Army fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

The colonel's distinguished academic record includes a bachelor's degree from St. Johns College and a master's degree from Harvard University in addition to tenures at the Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College.

2nd CAB Soldier rescues Korean child on Busan beach

Story & photo by Cpl. Kim Kuan-min

8th U.S. Army PAO, and Ken Hall, USAG Humphreys PAO

A 2nd Infantry Division Soldier gave the gift of life to a 9-year-old Korean girl when he saved her from drowning at Haeundae Beach in Busan June 13.

Pfc. Richard Bigouette rescued the child from the sea at Haeundae Beach. Bigouette, who serves with B Company, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, was swimming a little way from shore with Pfc. Joshua Davis, also of Bravo 602nd ASB. Suddenly, Bigouette heard frantic screams from people on the beach pointing to a place beyond the waves, more than 50 yards out into the water.

A little girl was struggling for her life as she tried to remain above the water. Another girl, standing waist-deep in the choppy water between the waves, was crying for help.

"The waves were swelling up and she was caught between them in deep water," Bigouette said. "At first, we heard the two girls yelling and we didn't understand what they were saying but it was obvious the child was in trouble

and I had to help."

Bigouette swam quickly to the girl, wrapped his arm around her shoulder and swam back through the waves toward the shore, where Davis stood by to help bring her ashore.

"I worked fast to get her back into shore and was able to meet up with a few people who came out as far as they could and we met on a sandbar about half-way back to the shoreline," said Bigouette.

Several people entered the water to help Bigouette bring the girl to shore. She was carried to medical personnel who revived her and saved her life.

"As we were leaving, I could see the girl with her family and she was walking on her own," said Bigouette. "It's important that people know that we really care about our neighbors."

Maj. David W. Price, Eighth U.S. Army Battle Command and Knowledge Management Officer, was vacationing on Haeundae Beach that day and witnessed the entire sequence of events.

"Out of nowhere, an American Soldier rushed to the water and began swimming toward the distressed individual," said Price. "It made me feel so proud that this Soldier would make the sacrifice to save a complete stranger. I felt the need to do the right thing and track down his chain of command and recommend that he be recognized for his heroic action."

Bigouette, a native of Texas, hasn't completed combat lifesaver training, but he attributes his quick assessment of the situation to Army basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

"I had a drill sergeant in basic training who had a strong influence on me. He taught us to be confident and professional and most of all to be vigilant, always keeping an eye on everything that happens around us," said Bigouette.

Bigouette credits his upbringing and Army service with his desire to help those in need.

"What enabled me to do this was the overall experience I've received from the Army, a sense of camaraderie and the training to react quickly," said Bigouette. "It may also have been what my father has taught me, to help anyone in need."



VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:

What is the best way
to
celebrate
Independence Day?



*"Picnic on the lawn
listening to the military
band."*

**Sgt. 1st Class David
Baker**
2nd ID Band

*"Relax, have fun and
be safe."*

Sgt. Nicholas Nosek
C Co., 602nd ASB



*"Celebrate by going
out and having fun."*

Spc. Beverly Phillips
HHC, 302nd BSB

*"Have a BBQ with
friends."*

Pvt. William McKenna
E Co., 2-9



*"Barbeque with family
and friends."*

Sgt. Chris Burnside
E Co., 3-2 GSAB

*"Spend it with family and
watch the fireworks."*

**Warrant Officer
Craig Jones**
HHC, 1st HBCT



COMMANDER'S CORNER: 2nd ID celebrates July 4th

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

Recognizing the importance of what he and our other Founding Fathers were accomplishing by approving the July 2, 1776, resolution for independence, which preceded the Declaration of Independence by two days, John Adams wrote a letter to his wife Abigail. In this letter he accurately predicted how our nation would celebrate this historic quest for independence, even though our tradition is to celebrate the actual declaration signing.

"I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more."

As we approach the 233rd anniversary of our Declaration of Independence, the celebrations held throughout the United States will show that we too recognize the importance of this event. Even here in the Republic of Korea, US servicemembers and their Families, plus our R.O.K. allies and the communities that surround our bases will celebrate the life of our country with shows, games, sports and illuminations.

In each area where 2nd Infantry Division units are located there are also events on base to make this a special and memorable time for each of you here in Korea. I encourage you to enjoy these events this weekend with your Families and friends.

As the Division begins its summer transition and new Soldiers and Families arrive to the peninsula, this is a great opportunity for seasoned Warriors to welcome our new Warrior Families. Our sponsorship program is more robust than ever and with these new Families on peninsula now, do not let the program fail simply because it is a four-day weekend. Take some of this much deserved relaxation time to



familiarize our new Warriors with their surroundings.

Just spending a few hours this weekend with our host nation populace and with the new Warriors, celebrating the birth of our nation and showing new Families their new homes, will better prepare your units for the missions that will occur over the next year. New, closer personal relationships will be built. Unit readiness will improve as unit cohesion is established. Community relations will strengthen as we share our traditions with our host nation. And this great Division will be more prepared to Fight (and win) Tonight.

A very important part of our preparedness for our mission is safety. Not just this weekend but every day, Think safety in all that you do. Be safe in your jobs and during your off-duty hours. The very nature of our jobs involves risks but minimize those risks whenever possible. I encourage you to read the Division safety director's article on page 3 and follow this advice to make this weekend and your tour rewarding and safe.

I, along with my Family and the other leaders of the Warrior Division, wish you a safe and enjoyable Independence Day, and we thank you for all that you have and will do for this Division and our great nation.

Second To None!

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Keep safe this Independence Day weekend

By Darrell Thomas

2nd Infantry Division Safety Director

This year we celebrate the 233rd anniversary of the birth of the United States. On July 4, 1776, our Founding Fathers adopted the Declaration of Independence, creating a great nation. Their decisions established a hopeful vision of liberty and equality that endures and continues to grow today.

On this holiday, we celebrate our nation, our given rights to life and liberty, and we honor those men and women who, over the centuries, have been willing to fight and die to keep our country free.

This Independence Day holiday represents a welcome change of pace, a chance to visit friends throughout Korea, a time for relaxation with Family and participation in recreational events. Unfortunately, carelessness and senseless acts could result in tragic accidents resulting in injuries or death during this period. Keep in mind the following safety hints.

The buddy system The buddy system is in effect, both on and off the installation. Ensure you and your buddy keep an eye out for each other, help keep each other out of trouble and respect yourself, your host nation and others!

Alcohol Moderation, moderation, moderation. Drink responsibly, but only if you are over 21 years of age. Know your limitations. Don't drink and drive. Sporting events and alcohol



Courtesy photo

do not mix. Use the buddy system.

Swimming Swim in authorized areas only, such as the USAG swimming pools on-post. Ensure life guards are present. Don't drink alcohol and swim! Use the buddy system.

BBQ safety Follow the manufacturer's instructions for using grills. Operate grills in outdoor areas only, not in enclosed areas. Ensure a fire extinguisher is present. Alcohol and grills do not mix!

Driving If you will operate a POV or rental car in Korea, ensure your vehicle is in good working order and your immediate supervisor knows

where you are traveling. Do not drink and drive! Use rest stops to maintain awareness.

Hydration One of the simplest injuries to avoid is dehydration. On a normal day, conservative thinking is that each of you should drink a minimum of 64 ounces of water. If you are outside, participating in sports or other activities, and especially if you are drinking alcohol, increase your water intake significantly to stay hydrated.

Fireworks There are professional fireworks displays at every major base in the Republic of Korea. Let those companies handle the pyrotechnics

while you sit back and enjoy the show.

Responsibility Leaders, ensure that safety briefings and composite risk management is addressed to every Soldier. Every Soldier should be made aware of the importance of assuming responsibility for his actions. Every leader must actively ensure accident prevention and personally promote and stress safe, responsible behavior.

Preventing the loss of a single 2nd ID Soldier, civilian or Family member is our number one priority. Safely enjoy the holiday activities.

Happy Independence Day!

Allies in sound: Warrior, ROK bands honor Korean War veterans

By Pvt. Ho Young Jung

Staff Writer

The 2nd Infantry Division Warrior Band performed with the 26th Division Republic of Korea Army Band to commemorate the Korean War's 59th anniversary June 22 in the Yangju Art Center in Yangju, Korea.

The event honored the sacrifices of 2nd ID and ROK Soldiers wounded, captured or killed during the Korean War. The concert was performed three days ahead of the official observed anniversary June 25.

"We prepared for today for three weeks" said Sgt. Dustin Whitcomb, clarinet player in the 2nd ID Band. "We practiced and rehearsed with the 26th Division ROK Army Band in the Yangju Art Center and last Friday we invited the ROK Army Band to Camp Red Cloud to practice in the 2nd ID Band building."

Some Korean high school students also participated in the performance. Their inclusion meant the event combined military and civilian musicians.

"It's an honor and great pleasure to play with the 2nd ID Band," said Capt. Lee Hyun Soo, commander of the 26th Division ROKA Band. "Today, we play to commemorate the Korean War and entertain veterans, Soldiers and civilians."

The concert consisted of two halves; each embodied a theme. The first was "Harmony with History" and the sec-

ond was "Harmony for Friendship." The first half included a video about the Korean War set to the song "Incheon." Incheon was the largest landing operation conducted during the Korean War. A rendition of "Taps" and several Army songs followed.

Those in attendance appreciated the concert. For some the performance conjured up patriotic sentiments.

"Thanks for inviting us," said Korean War veteran Lee Bum Hee, a retired ROK sergeant. "I feel bad about today's younger generation, which doesn't have a strong understanding of the Korean War. Some of them are even misinformed. The 2nd ID is a symbol of the U.S.-South Korean alliance. I thank the 2nd ID Soldiers who served in the Korean War."

The second half of the concert featured brighter and lighter fare than the first. The musicians were joined by a traditional Korean band called "Poong-mool-pae," originally formed by Korean farmers playing to celebrate a successful harvest and entertain their communities. The second half was dominated by a Korean pop song medley. The performance peaked during the final song, "New variety chapter 3."

After the final note rang out, Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, commander of the 2nd ID, and Maj. Gen. Park, Nam Soo, commander of the 26th ROKA Div., shook hands with veterans and presented them with gifts out of respect.



Yu, Hu-Son

Soldiers from the 2nd ID band perform alongside musicians from the 26th Division Republic of Korea Army Band June 25 at the Yangju Art Center in honor of the Korean War's 59th anniversary.



Warrior NCO Spotlight



Flight ops NCO employs unique leadership style

Story & photo by Pfc. Brian Glass

Staff Writer

A Soldier's life can be very stressful from time to time. With such stress comes the need for strong leadership to boost the morale of Soldiers in tough times.

One example of strong leadership is Sgt. Tyler Hervey, flight operations sergeant with A Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division.

Soldiers who serve with Hervey say he is there to help them and puts their needs ahead of his own.

"I had a stressful situation to deal with two weeks ago," said Pfc. Skee Ferguson, tactical unmanned aerial vehicle operator with A Co. "Sgt. Hervey came over to me and talked things over. The situation was resolved and things were smoothed over."

Hervey understands that maintaining Soldiers' morale is important, especially when the work is tough and the road ahead seems long.

"We are the only unmanned aerial system platoon on the Korean Peninsula," the 26-year-old native of Washington, D.C. said. "During flight season, we work six-day weeks with 14-hour days."

Hervey said that with that kind of workload, it can be hard for Soldiers to keep their morale up unless



Pfc. Skee Ferguson swims after a volleyball with Sgt. Tyler Hervey in hot pursuit during an aquatic physical training session June 18 at Hovey Gym.

noncommissioned officers stay engaged with their Soldiers and show them that someone is there for them when they need help.

"I've been in the Army for six years," said Hervey. "I've learned that you don't demand the respect of your Soldiers; it must be earned. By earning respect, we stay together as a platoon and work that much harder."

Hervey's engagement with Soldiers extends beyond the confines of the flight line. He brings the

same hands-on approach to physical fitness training, counseling and developing Warrior skills. The flight ops NCO plays a key role in organizational PT, for instance.

The knowledge Hervey learned from his six years of service comes across clearly to his Soldiers.

"He knows his stuff," said Spc. David Carlson, tactical unmanned aerial vehicle operator with A Co. "He handles the missions when they need to be done."

An NCO who developed leadership qualities from experience, Hervey uses his own method for leading Soldiers.

"I lead how I lead to help Soldiers improve their lives," said Hervey. "I don't punish a Soldier by making them push; I teach them by example so they learn something from their mistakes."

His leadership style makes junior Soldiers want to learn the way he does his job.

"I'm going to be an NCO soon," said Spc. Brandon Arellanes, tactical unmanned aerial vehicle operator with Co. A. "He's a great leader and I hope I can be just half the leader he is."

Hervey said he doesn't want to quit being a leader anytime soon.

"I love to travel the world," said Hervey. "It would be too hard to adjust to civilian life right now."

2nd CAB Soldiers build 'hopes' for local Inhabitants

Story & photo by Pfc. Juho Ma

2nd CAB PAO

Soldiers with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, visited the "Village of Hope," in Cheonan, Korea, and helped build houses for local inhabitants June 24.

The Village of Hope was established by Habitat for Humanity, a non-governmental organization that builds houses for the homeless. The local organization and its activities gained prominence after 2001, when former U.S. president Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn visited Asan, South Korea, to promote the organization's Korean campaign.

This project was completed successfully, resulting in the construction of 112 houses for homeless families in Asan and drawing more than 10,000 volunteers in a week. In succession to this project, Habitat started to build the Village of Hope in Cheonan, a city near Pyeongtaek, where Camp Humphreys is located.

2nd CAB Soldiers have been participating in Habitat's Cheonan project since 2004, visiting the Village of Hope and helping residents build houses for homeless families every year. This year, 16 2nd CAB Soldiers volunteered to take part in this housing project.

Soldiers from Camp Humphreys "are part of our community," said Jo, Hyang-sook, the volunteering manager of Habitat, Cheonan/Asan region. "They

mean a lot to us. They come to help us when we really need help, and it's such a pleasure to work with them. We truly appreciate their hard work."

After a short briefing, Soldiers started to do their job right away. For more than six hours, they fixed walls, reassembled pipes, and helped construction workers. Some Soldiers had a chance to meet and befriend volunteering Korean college students.

"I didn't know (the U.S. Soldiers) were doing these kind of things for our community," said Yoon, Pil-yong, a third-year student from Hanyang University. "They are fun to work with, and they gave me a good impression about the U.S. Army, too. I think we could build more friendly relationship through this program."

"We should never forget that each one of us is an ambassador representing the Army and our nation," said Sgt. Carlos Vazquez, a chaplain's assistant serving with HHC, 2nd CAB and key organizer of this year's Habitat event. "Through this Habitat program, not only can we help community members, but also enjoy the real aspects of this country."

"This would be one of the most memorable experiences during my service in Korea," said Pfc. Brandon Hughes, a medic with HHC, 2nd CAB.

The construction of the Village of Hope is slated to be completed by 2012, and supply 112 houses for more than 500 inhabitants — and 2nd CAB Soldiers will continue to do their part, proud to be ambassadors of the U.S. Army.



Sgt. Carlos Vazquez

Cpl. Kim, Yoon-sung and Pfc. Song, Min-seok of HHC, 2nd CAB pile up construction pipes during their volunteering work at the Village of Hope, Cheonan. Six KATUSA Soldiers from HHC, 2nd CAB also participated in this event and helped the other U.S. Soldiers communicate with construction workers and follow directions correctly.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Cross stitching classes

Traditional and modern cross-stitching classes are conducted 11:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Arts and Crafts center on Camp Red Cloud.

For more information, call 732-7355. Registration is \$20.

Guitar lessons

Free guitar lessons are conducted 3 p.m. Sundays at the Camp Red Cloud Community Activities Center.

For more information, call 732-9246.

Fourth of July celebration

A Fourth of July celebration is slated for 2 - 9 p.m. July 4 at the Casey Golf Course and Hanson Field House on Camp Casey.

The celebration includes "Warrior country Swings for a World Record." Soldiers participating in this event will attempt to break the world record for longest softball game. The game is scheduled for June 30 - July 4 at the Hanson Field House.

For information about joining the team, call 730-2322.

The Independence Day celebrations also features free entertainment, including a Deana Carter Show, battle of the bands, inflatable games, costumed characters, clown and magic shows, races and contests, and a performance by the 2nd Infantry Division Band. The extravaganza concludes with a salute to the nation and a fire-

works display.

For more information, call 730-3285.

Triathlon championship

The Eighth Army Triathlon is slated for 8 a.m. July 18 at Camp Casey's Hanson Field House. Registration for the event will be held from 7-7:45 a.m. A mandatory pre-run briefing will be conducted at 7:50 a.m.

For more information, call 725-5064.

'4-Wheeling and Go-Kart Adventure' slated for 4th

A "4-Wheeling and Go-Kart Adventure" presented by the Camp Stanley BOSS program is slated for July 4 at the Kangchon Resort. The bus will depart the Stanley Community Activity Center at 10 a.m.

For more information, call 732-5367.

Community job fair

The Army Community Service Center will present its "Fresh Start Carrer Community Job Fair" 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 31 in the USAG-Casey Digital Conference Center.

For more information, call 730-3032.

Camp Adventure

The Summer Trek 2009 Day Camp Program is scheduled for June 15 to Aug. 14.

The program consists of nine one-week sessions for children in first through fifth grades.

The day camp programs are sponsored by the Camp Casey and Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Centers in cooperation with the University of Northern Iowa Camp Adventure Team counselors.

For more information on activities and registration, call either the Camp Casey CAC at 730-4602 or the Camp Red Cloud CAC at 732-9246.

Boryeong Mud Festival

A fun-packed beach party that's sure to be the highlight of the summer Visit <http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/>.

Babysitters' course

The American Red Cross in Area 1 is slated to hold its first-ever babysitting course 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 22-23 on Camp Casey. Classes will be conducted in the Family Readiness Group Building (2403) on Camp Casey.

Students will learn proper babysitting techniques such as diapering and feeding as well as good decision making skills. Students will also be certified in infant and child CPR.

The course is specially designed for young people ages 11 to 17. Cost of the two day course is \$40.

For more information, interested parties should contact the Red Cross at 730-3184 or 732-6160.

Movies

Camp Casey

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

July 3...Obsessed, The Proposal
July 4... We Were Soldiers (4 p.m.), The Proposal, Sunshine Cleaning
July 5... Crank: High Voltage, Obsessed
July 6...The Proposal
July 7...No Showing
July 8...Ghost of Girlfriends Past
July 9...No Showing
July 10...Earth (3 p.m.), Sunshine Cleaning, Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
July 11...Crank: High Voltage, Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
July 12...The Soloist, Angels and Demons

Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Fri. 7 & 9 p.m., Sat.- Thu. 7 p.m.

July 3...The Taking of Pelham 123, Sunshine Cleaning
July 4...Ghost of Girlfriends Past
July 5...Obsessed
July 6...Earth
July 7...Crank: High Voltage
July 8...No Showing
July 9...The Proposal
July 10...The Proposal, Obsessed
July 11...Angels and Demons
July 12...The Soloist
July 13...Battle for Terra
July 14...Ghost of Girlfriends Past
July 15...No Showing

Camp Hovey

Show times: Mon.-Sun. 7 p.m.

July 3...Crank: High Voltage
July 4...Obsessed
July 5...The Proposal
July 6...No Showing
July 7...Crank: High Voltage
July 8...No Showing
July 9...Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
July 10...Ghost of Girlfriends Past
July 11...We Were Soldiers (5 p.m.), Obsessed
July 12... Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
July 13...No Showing

Camp Stanley

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

July 3...Knowing, Observe and Report
July 4...The Taking of Pelham 123, Crank: High Voltage
July 5...The Taking of Pelham 123
July 6...Dragonball: Evolution
July 7...No Showing
July 8...Trnsformers: Revenge of the Fallen
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
July 9...State of Play
July 10...Sunshine Cleaning, Obsessed
July 11...The Proposal, Fighting
July 12...The Proposal
July 13... Observe and Report
July 14...No Showing
July 15...Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs

Camp Humphreys

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

July 3...The Proposal
July 4...Earth, The Proposal
July 5...Earth, The Proposal
July 6...State of Play
July 7...State of Play
July 8...Ghost of Girlfriends Past
July 9...Ghost of Girlfriends Past
July 10...Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
July 11... Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
July 12... Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
July 13... Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
July 14...The Soloist
July 15...Angels and Demons

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Camp Red Cloud

Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
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:
6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Memorial Chapel

Gospel:
11 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Tuesday

West Casey Chapel

Protestant:
10:30 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
Noon Sunday
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Thursday
LDS:
2 p.m. Sunday
Jewish:
6:30 p.m. Friday

Camp Hovey

Hovey Chapel
Catholic:
9:30 a.m. Sunday
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday

Old Hovey Chapel

Bldg. 3592
Orthodox:
10 a.m 1st and 2nd
Sundays

KATUSA:
6 p.m. Tuesday

Crusader Chapel

Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday

Camp Stanley

Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
Gospel:
12:30 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
11:30 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA:
7 p.m. Tuesday

Camp Castle

Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6 p.m. Tuesday

Camp Jackson Auditorium

KATUSA:
9 a.m. Sunday

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730-2594

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730-3014

Stanley:

732-5238

Humphreys:

753-7952

Castle: 730-6889

LDS: 730-5682

'Manchus' honor heritage with grueling march

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"Manchus" of 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division and a select handful of special guests honored regimental heritage with a 25-mile movement known in unit folklore as the "Manchu Mile" June 24-25.

The Manchu march started and ended at Warrior Base. In between, battalion Soldiers traversed 25 miles of hills, dirt, gravel trails and hardtop roads amid the northernmost reaches of the Republic of Korea.

The movement takes its name from an 85-mile forced march undertaken by 9th Infantry Regiment Soldiers during the Chinese "Boxer Rebellion" in 1900. A column of regimental Soldiers worked its way from the point of debarkation at Taku Bar to the city of Tientsin, where it went immediately into action in an effort to rescue besieged foreign diplomats and missionaries from insurgent Boxers. The regiment earned the honorary title "Manchus" – reserved for the finest Chinese warriors – later in the same campaign.

Soldiers from 9th Regimental organizations across the Army, including battalions currently based at Fort Carson and Fort Stewart, conduct semi-annual "Manchu Mile" marches to instill pride in regimental heritage, build esprit de corps and develop physical endurance.

The Manchu Mile differs significantly from other military endurance tests in its emphasis on brotherhood, cohesion and unit identity. Subordinate organizations maintain unit integrity throughout the movement. Leaders emphasize the importance of maximizing the number of Soldiers who complete the event rather than individual speed.

"It's not just about individual achievement like other events such as the Bataan Death March," said Lt. Col. Milford H. Beagle, the battalion commander. "This is our biggest cohesion-building event. It's about the entire unit. We begin as companies and we finish as companies."

"This is great for young Soldiers," added battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Raul Huerta, a veteran Manchu and native of Tuscan Ariz. "They have to go a little further than they ever have before – it really challenges them. It's all about esprit de corps, pride and



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U.S. Soldiers and KATUSAs of 2-9 Inf. progress through the latter stages of the 25-mile "Manchu Mile" the morning of June 25 in the vicinity of Warrior Base. The Soldiers began marching the night prior.

accomplishments."

Manchus also cherish the exclusivity of the event. "Unlike most marches and runs the Manchu Mile is not open to everyone," Beagle noted. "It's for the battalion and a select few invited guests – and from that day forward, they're part of the Manchu brotherhood. The accomplishment and the buckle is one thing that bonds us uniquely together."

A brief ceremony, including a prayer, safety brief and recitation of regimental history preceded the march. Key leaders, including the battalion commander, addressed the Soldiers prior to the movement.

"The Manchu Mile is not about individual efforts, it is about a team and unit effort," Beagle told his Soldiers. "It is about contributing to a legacy that has been part of the 9th Regiment for well over 100 years – 109 to be exact."

The lead element, headed by key leaders and special invited guests and including battalion scouts, moved out around 10 p.m. Guests included American and KATUSA veterans of previous marches – one in his mid-60s and one in his 70s. Subordinate units followed the lead group in 15-minute intervals, with companies moving in reverse alphabetical order. A Co., the last to step, departed close to midnight.

The night mercifully cooler than the smoldering summer afternoon but "country dark," marchers progressed through the early stages of the march guided chiefly by chemical

lights. Navigating winding paths and sometimes steep grades in the dark challenged the dexterity and alertness as well as the stamina of the marchers. Manchus paused for snacks, beverages and a little rest at three stations strategically placed along the route of march. Soldiers refilled canteens, changed socks and clothing as necessary and attended to their feet during the breaks. A robust contingent of medics and support personnel attended to injuries and mechanical issues as required.

The march coinciding with the anniversary of the start of the Korean War – North Koreans launched their invasion of the south during the early morning of July 25, 1950 – Manchus paused for a moment of silent reflection in honor of Warriors who defended the peninsula against communist aggression.

Exhausted by relentless movement along winding trails, hills and hard pavement not to mention a sleepless night, Soldiers marched, trudged, limped and straggled back through the gates of Warrior Base in full morning light – typically eight to 10 hours after departing the previous night.

The completion of the grueling march marked an achievement that ushered many battalion Soldiers and a few honored guests into the Manchu brotherhood. Commanders, enlisted leaders and Soldiers alike cherished the achievement as they succumbed to exhaustion on the assembly area.

"It's kind of a gut-check," said Capt. Michael McCullough, the commander of "Baker" Company, 2-9 Inf. "It reinforces the whole mental-strength aspect of being a Soldier. It shows them, yeah, you can walk 25 miles.

"It's also a great confidence builder, especially for young Soldiers," added the Louisville, Ky. native. "Many of our guys are first-termers and this gives them an accomplishment to take pride in." McCullough's men maintained impressive unit integrity throughout the movement. Nearly last in order of march, they encouraged fatigued stragglers from other units to complete the often-excruciating final steps of the course as they neared Warrior Base.

Leaders and Soldiers alike characterized the event

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Pfc. Alan Lanning, (left) a forward observer for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armored Regiment, and Spc. Eric Dieter, a forward observer with the same company, change socks at a rest area during the 25-mile road march known as the 'Manchu Mile' June 25 near Warrior Base.

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The Soldiers of B Co. described the achievement as meaningful as well as painful. While the prevailing sentiment was relief at the conclusion of the grueling event, some also reflected on their role in the Manchu legacy.

"For us to march 25 miles to commemorate what our brothers did – that's what's most meaningful," said Staff Sgt. Steven Myers, a B Co. platoon sergeant from East St. Louis, Ill. Myers added that the original Manchus marched 85 miles "and they didn't have a lot of the fancy gear we do."

"The belt buckle, the recognition is something that stays with you throughout your military career," added Cpl. Stephen Wells, a B Co. team leader from Sarasota, Fla.

Veterans of several marches brought perspective to the latest venture and further enhanced their Manchu credentials.

"Meeting the challenge of going 25 miles was the biggest accomplishment," said Pfc. Christian Erichsen, a B Co. infantryman from Junction City, Kan. who completed his second Manchu Mile June 25. "You've done 50 miles for the battalion and not everyone achieves that."

"It's really a gut check and a heart check on what you can achieve and how far you can go," said Huerta, who completed his first Manchu Mile as a young scout serving in Alaska in 1981. "This will give them some perspective. Now they realize what they can achieve."



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Tell me a story

Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, 2nd ID commanding general, and his wife Debbie read to children at the Camp Red Cloud Library June 24 as part of a Military Child Education Coalition initiative. The initiative was created to empower military children by using age appropriate books that tell the military family story. All children in attendance received their own copy of the book the commander read to them, "While You Are Away."

Korea-based infantrymen compete for EIB

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1st HBCT Public Affairs

Soldiers and KATUSAs from across the Korean Peninsula competed to determine who would earn one of combat arms' highest honors, the coveted Expert Infantry Badge, June 15 - 19 at Camp Casey.

The event - hosted by 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team - pushed Soldiers both mentally and physically. Soldiers performed 37 different tasks, including a grenade-obstacle course, a first aid task and a 12-mile road march.

"The purpose of the EIB is to test infantry Soldiers on fundamental skills they need in order to be successful," said Sgt. Maj. Michael Johnson, operations sergeant major, 2-9 Inf. "Not only does it reinforce the basic combat skills, but it also builds pride in the unit that sent the Soldiers and the competitors themselves."

The EIB was created in 1943 and is currently awarded to personnel who hold infantry or Special Forces military occupation specialties. Each station is graded by cadre, all of whom previously earned the EIB. The subject-matter-expert cadre ensures the strict standards of the test are upheld.

"If you receive a no-go at a station, you are given an opportunity to practice and then retry with a different grader," said Cpl. Brandon Jones, a mortar man for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st HBCT, and a member of the EIB test cadre. "However, if you receive two 'no-gos' - at any time during the event - you are dis-

qualified."

This year 438 Soldiers and KATUSAs started the testing, but after the dust settled a mere 87 received the prestigious EIB.

"Those that earned the badge have proven that they can pay attention to detail and focus on the task at hand," said Johnson.

For less experienced Soldiers, the EIB proved to

be a valuable stepping stone toward becoming a better Soldier, infantryman and future leader.

"It was the hardest thing I've done in the Army," said Pfc. Dennis Gleen, an infantryman for B Company, 2-9 Inf. "A lot of it was mental but the payoff is that the badge lets you stand out as an infantry Soldier - it makes you a leader and shows that you know your job."



U.S. Soldiers and KATUSAs from all over the Korean peninsula participate in Expert Infantry Badge testing June 15 to June 19 at Camp Casey. The course was physically and mentally challenging

Warriors experience Korean culture

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Seoul Tower reaches upward 1,574 feet above sea level, making it the highest point in Seoul.

This was the highest point Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division visited June 11-12 during a Korean cultural tour sponsored by the Gyeonggi Provincial Office II.

From Camp Casey to K-16, the Soldiers came from all over 2nd ID. They came together at the first stop, Gyeongbok Palace. It was built in 1395, and is one of the best-representative buildings of architecture during the Joseon Dynasty. The palace is furnished with Woldae (stone steps) and sculptures in the Geunjeongjeon (the Royal Audience Chamber). The guests enjoyed everything the palace had to offer.

"It was an awesome place to learn," said Pfc. Andrew Spann, truck driver, A Company, 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, Camp Castle. "I learned about how the dragon, phoenix and sun were the symbols of the king."

Spann became a celebrity as he signed autographs for a group of Korean children who were also touring the palace.

The tourists embarked for lunch and settled on a small seafood restaurant, which opened the Soldiers' eyes to Korean cuisine.

"I tried squid and octopus," said



Soldiers of the 2nd ID try their hands at traditional Korean archery June 12 at Hwaseong Fortress, located in the Suwon area of Seoul. Archery was the first activity performed during a cultural tour of Hwaseong Fortress.

Spc. Christopher Freeman, electrical avionics systems repairer, B Co., 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, Camp Humphreys. "It was good to try different types of Korean food that I haven't had before. I'd try some again."

After lunch, the tourists were treated to a show called "Cooking NANTA," a comedy that features performers using kitchen utensils as musical instruments. The show is world renowned and was once featured on Broadway.

The show included some 2nd ID talent as well.

"I got to go on stage and be part of the show," said Freeman. "It was hard to keep up with the beat on stage. I enjoyed the show and couldn't stop

laughing."

Seoul Tower followed soon after. The sightseers went up to the top to look over Seoul. Also included at the bottom of Seoul Tower was an optional stop at the Teddy Bear Museum.

Day two brought the tourists closer to Korean culture with a visit to the Kimchi Co. in Suwon where Soldiers made their kimchi.

"It was good to see what it took to make kimchi," said Cpl. Christopher Martinez, shift leader of the 2nd ID Commanding General's Mess. "It was fun to get hands on and prep the kimchi."

The sightseers also enjoyed an opportunity to get "hands-on" and make their own rice cakes from scratch.

After lunch, the tour moved its way over to the Suwon Hwaseong Fortress. Once there, participants tried their hand at traditional Korean archery, and had a blast.

"I only hit one out of 10 targets," said Martinez. "It was fun to try to get a good feel for the culture."

After trying out archery, the participants walked around the wall of Hwaseong Fortress. They saw the Bondgon (projected wall), Nodae (catapult shooter) and Jeokdae. Jeokdae is a defensive structure built to the left and right of Hwaseong Fortress to defend against enemies who approach fortress' gate. The Jeokdae was used to monitor enemy movements.

A Korean folk village was the last stop on the two-day tour. The folk village opened the Soldiers' eyes to the Samulnori (traditional Korean music style). They were delighted with the performance of Whae-Jool-Togi – a Korean tightrope act.

The animal lovers of the group particularly enjoyed the folk village, which featured cows and horses. Tourists had an opportunity to ride the horses.

"I got to ride a horse," said Pfc. David Grundler, truck driver, HHSC, DSTB. "I enjoyed this and will send the pictures back to my stepmother in the States."

From ascending to the top of Seoul Tower to riding ponies and eating squid, the participants got exactly what they hoped for: a small taste of what Korea has to offer.

Convoy training improves Warriors' combat readiness



Soldiers from A Co., DSTB, 2nd ID, conduct a convoy live-fire scenario June 18 at Montana Range, located in Paju City, Korea. The training consisted of three phases: crawl, walk and run.

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Warriors from the Division Special Troops Battalion of the 2nd Infantry Division conducted convoy training to enhance combat readiness June 15-20 in Paju City, Korea.

The weeklong training, culminating in a live-fire exercise,

provided Soldiers experience in several convoy scenarios relevant to contemporary missions – including those in Iraq or Afghanistan.

"We trained on how to react to an (improvised explosive device), a blocked/unblocked ambush and how to pull a 360-degree perimeter," said Pfc. Tyall Thompson, fires support specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company,

DSTB, 2nd ID.

The training started slowly, progressing through "crawl," "walk" and "run" phases. New personnel faced a steep learning curve, often encountering mission scenarios for the first time. Soldiers took on new challenges, struggling at first and growing increasingly proficient – and confident – as the event progressed.

"We didn't know what to

do," said Thompson. "The non-commissioned officers and officers came together and came up with a good training plan to let us Soldiers get the most out of it."

"We didn't know any of it (the training)," added Pvt. Edward Silvers, enlisted actions clerk, HHC, DSTB, 2nd ID. "The training went well toward the end; we practiced four days straight on it (convoy logistics patrol)."

The training accomplished more than originally anticipated.

"The training helped to build good leadership skills," said Thompson. "The communication within the teams was excellent, which led to successful convoy scenarios."

Some Soldiers saw this as a valuable opportunity to soak up general Army knowledge.

"The leaders I had have already been deployed," said Silvers. "It gave me a good idea of what to do and what to expect."

After a few days of training, leaders saw a difference in how the Soldiers performed their tasks and drills.

"I saw a difference in leaps and bounds from the beginning of the exercise – especially in the leadership and how the Soldiers figured out their roles," said Sgt. Matthew Alexander, retransmission squad leader, A Co., DSTB, 2nd ID.

After all the training, three groups of Soldiers, two from HHC and one from Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company, used live rounds in the scenarios.

"We got to fire at the pop-up targets on our right side of contact during the scenarios," said Silvers. "It was very fun. I'd do it again."

The Soldiers emerged from the training better trained and more combat-ready.

"The training was important," said Alexander. "The impact on making Soldiers combat ready is crucial."