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210th medics train Warriors to save lives under fire

By Pfc. Robert Young

Staff Writer

Medics from the 210th Fires Brigade prepared fellow Warriors from the 2nd Infantry Division to save lives under the most challenging of circumstances during a combat lifesaver certification class conducted July 27-31 at the Military Operations on Urban Terrain site on Camp Hovey.

Students in the 40-hour class learned medical fundamentals throughout the challenging training week.

The class culminated in an intense medical training scenario conducted amid simulated urban combat conditions on the final day of the course.

Spc. Patrick Holmes, the senior brigade CLS instructor, oversaw the exercise, during which each student

tended to a casualty amid clouds of yellow smoke and jarring explosions of grenade simulators.

The "casualties," actually members of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires, had multiple simulated injuries, including abrasions, wounds, sucking chest wounds and excessive bleeding.

Some injuries required complex and intensive medical operations, such as amputations.

Each combat lifesaver reacted to the scenario by providing appropriate care under challenging conditions. This typically consisted of performing first aid and evacuating the injured Soldier to a designated casualty collection point. Meanwhile, members of the medical section evaluated their performance.

The exercise simulated the intensity of the battlefield in order to prepare

Soldiers to save lives in combat.

The combat lifesaver must be able to act under extreme stress in order to help medics during mass casualty situations.

"A combat lifesaver's job is very demanding," observed Pfc. Brad Klug, a "casualty" assigned to HHB, 1-38th FA.

The combat lifesaver's mission is demanding because the stakes are so high.

"At the beginning of the course I told my students that I wanted to be able to trust them with my life," Holmes said. The exercise forced the CLS students to bear the responsibility for their battle buddy's life in a high-stress situation. The Soldiers had to make snap decisions and give treatment in a combat environment.

"We're not playing arts and crafts with a little cord," Holmes barked as he observed a Soldier's less-than-perfect

attempt to tie a tourniquet. With that, the CLS student redoubled his effort and tied a passable knot under the instructor's intense scrutiny.

Although this was a simulation, the seriousness of the situation and the importance of the training was never lost on students or instructors.

"I'm tired," said Pfc. Kindal Holman of 2-52nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade after dragging a skid with a wounded soldier over the finish line. "There was a lot of information to keep in mind. It was more physical than I thought."

The aim of the CLS exercise was to emphasize the demands the Soldiers will face while working to save lives in combat.

Holmes seemed pleased with the students' performance. "I'd trust any of those Soldiers who passed through my lane," he said confidently.



Pfc. Ho Young Jung

Look, listen and feel: a 2nd ID Warrior employs fundamentals taught in the combat lifesaver certification class to evaluate an injured battle buddy.



VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:

*It's hot outside.
How do you beat
the heat?*



*"I go to the pool with my
friends."*
Spc. Donovan Peterson
HHC, DSTB

*"I always have my
Camelback to stay
hydrated."*

Pvt. Terrence Huie
HHSC, DSTB



*"Constant hydration and
monitoring the clearness
of my urine."*

Pfc. Daniel Cooper
HHSC, DSTB

*"I drink water and don't
stay too long in the sun."*

**Warrant Officer
Locksley Pennyfeather**
61st Maint. Co.,
501st CSG



*"Drink plenty of water and
eat properly."*

Maj. Bernard House
HHC, DSTB

"Stay inside."
Spc. Richard Allen
HHC, DSTB



COMMANDER'S CORNER: Warrior NCOs 'Second to None'

By Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III
2nd ID commander

As the "Year of the Noncommissioned Officer" nears its final quarter, I wanted to add some personal reflections to a theme we've addressed in NCO recognition events throughout 2009. The Warrior Division has celebrated its NCOs through regular Indianhead stories, leadership seminars, professional development events and even a "Black Tie Affair." As much as we've done to highlight the accomplishments, sacrifices and professionalism of the NCO Corps, I'm not sure we've done enough.

Throughout my career, NCOs have mentored me. Through their example and candid advice they've helped me better understand my Soldiers and how to get the most from them. They've also helped me understand how to take care of Soldiers and their Families. They have shown me what makes our Army the finest in the world.

My respect for NCOs is well grounded in personal experiences at the battery, battalion, brigade and division levels.

As a newly minted lieutenant coming out of the basic artillery officer course I was assigned to the training center at Fort Sill, Okla. My primary mission at the training company was to ensure drill sergeants were properly resourced to train our new Soldiers. Although I was confident in my training, I knew only one thing with certainty: that I did not know everything. I also knew that I wanted to learn. As it turned out, a drill sergeant named Anthony Williams helped shape me the most. Staff Sgt. Williams, later command sergeant major of U.S. Training and Doctrine Command, exemplified the role of the NCO. Even more importantly, he showed me how to train Soldiers according to task, conditions and standards.

I remember vividly the day I received a tasking to run a basic rifle marksmanship range. I had no experience whatsoever in running a range; but I knew my commander certainly had no time to mentor me. Instead, Drill Sgt. Williams took me aside and showed me how to run the range. He briefed me fully on his responsibilities as the range noncommissioned officer in charge. He also knew what a range officer in charge had to accomplish. He told me that if I listened to what he had to offer he would ensure I was "taught right." Moreover, he continued, the battalion commander would see the range was "straight" if he came out to look.

Drill Sgt. Williams was right. The rifle range was "straight." The lessons I learned from future Command Sgt. Maj. Williams in those early stages formed a model for me to gauge Soldier training throughout the rest of my career.

Command Sgt. Maj. Williams and I have been in



contact for the better part of 25 years. He has served as an ideal sounding board for my ideas on training – and he has never shied from providing candid advice on the viability of my plans. His role and his value transcend rank and position. We have a mutually respectful relationship. I trust him, his values and his instincts. I trust him as an NCO and a Soldier. And when I had questions, as I progressed through different levels of command, we could engage in productive discussions about leadership and expectations. His insights as a seasoned NCO were always valuable to me.

When I assumed command of a firing battery at Fort Carson, Colo., I was fortunate to become involved in the "COHORT" experiment, during which the Army sent a new crop of Soldiers directly from a single training company to one unit. In my unit we received 56 new Soldiers from Fort Sill. I told my NCOs we had two choices: we could tell the Soldiers not to worry about the "stuff" they learned in the training center, that this is the real Army and things are done differently here. Or we could tell them we would continue to coach, teach and mentor them as their drill sergeants had, in order to make them the best they could be. My NCOs lined up behind the philosophy of continuing to coach, teach and mentor.

While I've always been partial to my NCOs and my teams, I am truly convinced we had an all-star cast of howitzer section chiefs (NCOs) in my firing battery. The big lesson I learned there is to trust a solid team: if you know you have high-quality NCOs in your command you can trust them to do the right thing.

If commanders properly resource their NCOs they shouldn't be surprised when it all comes out well.

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'Redlegs' receive torrent of training during 'Guns Monsoon'

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CAMP HOVEY, Korea — Firing batteries from 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division spent a week of refresher training covering the basic tactics used during Paladin operations.

"Guns Monsoon" was designed to train, develop and certify sections and platoons, and to provide a common foundation of training for new, or "Redleg" artillery Soldiers of the "Guns Battalion."

"We're focused on how to perform Paladin operations," said 1st Lt. Brian Wadas, platoon leader for "Bravo" Battery. "It is training on how to rapidly shoot and move, and not remain stationary in one position."

The summer transition also brings a large number of new Soldiers to units, and the exercise allowed the battalion to make sure all the new members were ready to go.

"We're learning as much as we can this week," said Pvt. Kenneth Bowden, cannoneer with 1st Platoon, Bravo Battery. "Some of the things we're doing here are occupying a position, conducting fire missions, and time on target missions."

Bowden, like other junior Soldiers, learned valuable new skills during the training.



Pvt. Kenneth Bowden, a cannoneer with 1st Pltn., B Btry., 1st Bn., 15th FA, emplaces a collimator during "Guns Monsoon," an exercise designed to train Soldiers on basic Paladin operations.

"My job is emplacing the collimator, which is used as an aiming reference for shooting. It is one of the first things we do when we occupy a position," he said. "After I'm done, I go back and am the guy who pulls the lanyard when shooting."

More experienced leaders took the time to school the newer Soldiers on all the basics, including occupying a position,

setting up communications and various types of fire missions.

"We have a lot of new guys that have come in, so the senior guys here are making sure the newer, junior guys are up to speed," said Wadas. "With the big summer (personnel) rotation here in Korea, you naturally have highs and lows in the knowledge of your personnel. We're making sure all the new guys

coming in are well trained and ready to execute."

Soldiers like Bowden seemed to embrace the training opportunity and the chance to learn a new job.

"I've had a couple jobs during my six months in the Army, and this is the best one so far," he said. "I get to put rounds downrange, and it's why I joined the Army."

Contemporary tunes, tae kwon do performance add kick to concert

Story & photo Cpl. Bu Yong Han

Editor

Around 150 Soldiers, Families and local community members enjoyed a lively 2nd Infantry Division Warrior Band performance punctuated by contemporary numbers from late pop star Michael Jackson, an Elvis Presley medley and a performance by the 2nd ID Tae Kwon Do Team the evening of July 29 on Camp Red Cloud.

The focus of the performance was to show the spirit of "Katchi Kapshida," or "We Go Together." This

phrase was emblazoned on uniforms throughout and banners at various points of the performance.

The tae kwon do performance preceded the concert. The 17 team members performed a number of their signature demonstrations, including tumbling and sparring. Wood flew and war cries filled the air as the team broke boards with pulverizing kicks, punches and headbutts. They also performed their signature board-breaking broke boards with punches, kicks and headbutts.

After the tae kwon do performance, which lasted around half an hour, the band took the stage. The Warrior Band's eclectic performance included traditional American and Korean fare. The blend of traditional and patriotic numbers strongly reinforced the "Katchi Kapshida" theme.

The band ventured into a variety of contemporary genres as well, ranging from American pop and rock and roll to Latin and Eastern airs. The band performed a tribute to Michael Jackson, serenading the crowd with instrumental versions of hit numbers like "Bad" and "The Man in the Mirror." A medley of Elvis Presley songs, including vocals, followed.

The concert peaked with a lively series of Latin songs, which were very well received by the crowd. Korean guests in particular also

responded enthusiastically to hit Korean songs like "Nobody" and "Gee."

The eclectic performance even featured a poetry reading accompanied by music. The concert ended as customary with the Korean folk song, "Arirang," and the official song of 1988 Seoul Olympics, "Hand in Hand."

The audience will hear a mixture of Korean and American music," Chief Warrant Officer 4 William Brazier, the band director, said of the band's repertoire before the show opened. "There will be a tribute to Michael Jackson as well."

"It's the songs you must have heard outside the post like while shopping at Home Plus," Brazier added with a smile. "I hope you like them."

Brazier said the performance was the third in a series designed to boost morale and bring Soldiers, Families and the local community together. The participation of new Soldiers from the Warrior Readiness Center, the large crowd, including a surprising number of Families and children, and the enthusiastic reception suggested the band had accomplished its mission.

"This is our third 'Concert on the Green' and one more is scheduled for the 30th of August," Brazier said. "We hope to lift the morale of the troops and we hope to improve our relationship with the Korean community."

He director emphasized the importance of the relationship between U.S. Soldiers and the Korean community. "There's much to learn from our good neighbors," he said.



Members of the 2nd ID Warrior Band horn section perform during the "Concert on the Green" held July 29 at Camp Red Cloud.



Warrior NCO Spotlight

Fire support NCO seeks precise distance, direction



Story & photo by Pfc. Robert Young

Staff Writer

Staff Sgt. Phillip Floyd's current mission focus involves communication checks and computer set-up in a makeshift exercise military village. His preparations for an upcoming training exercise at Camp Red Cloud have taken him a long way from the high deserts and the high seas where he spent much of his career.

Now a fire support noncommissioned officer assigned to the Division fire support element, Floyd's eclectic military career began when he enlisted in the Navy in 1995. He served in the Navy for seven years, three of them as a submarine torpedo man. He proudly wears submarine warfare insignia on his Army Combat Uniform to this day.

The 32-year-old Jackson, Miss. native joined the Army in 2003 as the War on Terror raged. His six years as a fire supporter have taken him from the sands of Iraq to the mountains of east Afghanistan to the Uijongbu corridor.

Floyd, a combat veteran of both major contemporary conflicts, deployed to Iraq with the 319th Field Artillery Battalion of the 3rd Infantry Division in 2005. Floyd later served as an infantry team leader with the 75th Fires Brigade near Kabul, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

The father of three emerged from Operation Iraqi Freedom and OEF well versed in a wide array of missions, including infantry and "effects" as well as artillery operations. He now uses that experience as a guide and reference as he prepares his Soldiers for current and future fire missions and ultimately for greater responsibilities.

"One thing Afghanistan and Iraq have in common with Korea is the importance of engaging people from different cultures," he said. "That was something they emphasized during the deployments and something we focus on in terms of being 'good neighbors' here."

As a fire support NCO, Floyd plans and monitors fire missions throughout a division-sized area of responsibility. He tracks artillery missions throughout subordinate units and directs fires as necessary.

A fire supporter's mission, Floyd noted, differs from echelon to echelon. Planning and tracking tend to be the focus at higher echelons like division. "At division level we're more in charge of planning and coordination," he said. "Lower echelons focus more on operations."

Floyd currently serves as "Senior Effects NCO," which he described as akin to a platoon sergeant.



Staff Sgt. Phillip Floyd watches over Pvt. Blake Harly (left) and Pfc. Chad Sommer during a communications check conducted in preparation for a training exercise Aug. 12 at Camp Red Cloud.

Floyd is responsible for a section including 15 officers as well as 11 enlisted Soldiers. He also coordinates closely with the 3rd Republic of Korea Army fire support element.

Although his duties at the Warrior Division focus on planning and coordination, Floyd never loses focus on operational-level fire missions.

He realizes this is especially important to his Soldiers, most of whom will likely serve at lower echelons during future assignments. His combat knowledge provides valuable insights on what it takes to succeed in current operations in the Middle East as well as the Far East. This knowledge guides him as a leader. "I want them to understand the operational as well as the division level as they rotate out of here," he said. "I also want them to leave here focused on improving themselves and improving their units. I want them to seek ways to accomplish missions and make their units better."

"I like to stress how small details can affect you in combat and how this can be applied to all parts of soldier life," he added. "I remind the junior NCOs to keep track of what has and hasn't worked for them so they can pass this knowledge on."

Floyd's Soldiers described him as a diligent NCO who maintains high standards and pays strict attention to detail. "He's an outstanding NCO, very knowledgeable," said Pfc. Chad Summer, one of Floyd's fire support Soldiers. "He's always the first one to come in and the last one to leave. He's always in the mix."

According to Pvt. Blake Harly, also a fire support specialist assigned to Division headquarters,

Floyd's mentorship helped the team understand distinctions in fire missions at various echelons.

"Sgt. Floyd always emphasizes the unit-level missions," Harly said. "That's important because it will help me later in my career. 'This is my first assignment,' he added. 'Sgt. Floyd helped me learn how to interact with other Soldiers and NCOs. He really raised my comfort level working with officers and NCOs.'"

Meanwhile Floyd seeks to develop his own career as well as his Soldiers'. In November, he plans to appear before an induction board representing the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. He's also scheduled to rotate out of Korea in December, in all likelihood returning to the "operational" level he's emphasized with his Soldiers.

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I sincerely believe this officer/NCO relationship is what the Army is all about.

Back then we only had two lieutenants in a firing battery, the fire direction officer and the executive officer.

I made sure the FDO and XO established good working relationships with the FDO NCO and the chief of firing battery, "smoke," or "chief of smoke."

These fine NCOs, Cedrick Bowling

and Richard Eppes, later retired as first sergeants, and both were cut from the same mold as Anthony Williams.

They were tireless in their efforts to forge the best team possible, and they accomplished their mission without compromising their values, ethics or professionalism.

We have a number of great NCOs like Eppes, Bowling and Williams across the Warrior Division.

In every unit you will find NCOs like them. They are motivated and focused. They understand their jobs – and most importantly they understand the jobs and

responsibilities of the people they work for. Over the years they have seen "what right looks like" and developed expectations of how good training should be conducted.

I have always believed good NCOs must speak on behalf of the welfare of their Soldiers and their units.

This is not "griping" or "moaning," but an important open dialogue among officers and NCOs necessary to create the strongest Soldiers and teams.

Over the last 18 months I have strived to achieve my vision of a Division ready to "Fight Tonight."

It is the NCOs of the Warrior Division who make this vision achievable and sustainable.

When high-quality NCOs understand our mission, doctrine and principles, when they buy into our mission and our vision, there is nothing they can't accomplish.

To all the NCOs of the Warrior Division, I thank you for your service. I thank you for what you are doing for our Army today and for what you will do for the Army and your country in the future.

You are truly "Second to None!"

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Women's equality event

A Women's Equality Day program is slated for 11:30 a.m. Aug. 26 at the Commanding General's Mess on Camp Red Cloud. The guest speaker is retired Command Sgt. Maj. Diane Foster. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Cory Wilson or Sgt. 1st Class Rocky Marsh at 732-8815

Soldier Show

The 2009 U.S. Army Soldier Show is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 15 and 16 at the Carey Fitness Center on Camp Casey.

VISC closure

The Visual Information Support Center on Camp Casey will be closed Aug. 17-21 for training.

Casey Legal Center hours

The Camp Casey Legal Center will change its hours of operation beginning in August.

Starting Aug. 3, legal personnel are available by appointment only between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Walk-in customers will be seen from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays. Walk-in customers and customers with appointments will be seen from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays.

Powers of attorney and notarizations will be available on a walk-in basis 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays,

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays.

The office will close for lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays but remain open during lunch hours Fridays for the limited purpose of powers of attorney and notarizations.

Casey Legal Center is located in Maude Hall. The office DSN phone number is 730-3660.

JAG education program

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army's funded legal education program. Up to 25 active duty commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain may attend law school while remaining on active duty starting in fall of 2010 under the program.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14 of AR 27-1 (JAG Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility.

Applicants must have two to six years of total active federal service when their legal training begins.

Eligible officers interested in applying should register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test.

Applicants must send their request through command channels, including the officer's branch manager at AHRC, with a copy furnished to the

OTJAG, Attn: DAJA-PT (Ms. Yvonne Caron-10th Floor), 1777 N. Kent St., Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194. Applications must be received before Nov. 1, 2009. Early submission is recommended.

Interested officers should contact their local staff judge advocate for more information.

Cross stitching classes

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

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

Trip to Caribbean Bay

The trip to Caribbean Bay in Yongin will take place on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Caribbean Bay is the biggest indoor and outdoor water park in the world. It will provide great adventure with wave pool and water slides.

Transportation fee is \$10. Deadline for sign up is August 20. For more information, visit your local Community Activity Center.

Movies

Camp Casey

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

August 14...Aliens in the Attic, My Life in Ruins
August 15...Imagine That, Aliens in the Attic
August 16...The Hangover, My Life in Ruins
August 17...Aliens in the Attic
August 18...No Showing
August 19...Imagine That
August 20...No Showing
August 21...Year One, G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra
August 22...District 9, G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra
August 23...The Taking of Pelham 123, District 9

Camp Red Cloud

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

August 14...The Taking of Pelham 123, My Life in Ruins
August 15...Year One, Land of the Lost
August 16...Land of the Lost
August 17...Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins
August 18...Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian
August 19...No Showing
August 20...Aliens in the Attic
August 21...Aliens in the Attic, The Proposal
August 22...My Sister's Keeper
August 23...The Hangover
August 24...Imagine That

Camp Hovey

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

August 14...Drag Me to Hell
August 15...The Hangover
August 16...Aliens in the Attic
August 17...No Showing
August 18...District 9
August 19...No Showing
August 20...G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra
August 21...District 9
August 22...Imagine That
August 23...G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra
August 24...No Showing
August 25...Imagine That
August 26...No Showing

Camp Stanley

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

August 14...District 9
August 15...G-Force, District 9
August 16...G-Force
August 17...The Soloist
August 18...No Showing
August 19...G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra
August 20...Year One
August 21...The Taking of Pelham 123, Drag Me to Hell
August 22...Aliens in the Attic, Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins
August 23...Aliens in the Attic
August 24...My Life in Ruins
August 25...No Showing

Camp Humphreys

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

August 14...Aliens in the Attic, My Life in Ruins
August 15...Aliens in the Attic, My Life in Ruins
August 16...Aliens in the Attic, My Life in Ruins
August 17...Year One
August 18...Year One
August 19...The Taking of Pelham 123
August 20...The Taking of Pelham 123
August 21...G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra, District 9
August 22...G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra, District 9
August 23...G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra, District 9
August 24...The Proposal
August 25...The Proposal
August 26...My Sister's Keeper

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:
6:00 p.m. Tuesday

Memorial Chapel
Gospel:
11 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6:00 p.m. Tuesday

West Casey Chapel

Protestant:
10:00 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
Noon Sunday
11:45 a.m. Tues&Thurs
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
KATUSA:
6:00 p.m. Tuesday

Old Hovey Chapel
Bldg. 3592

Orthodox:

10 a.m 3rd Sundays

Crusader Chapel

Protestant:
10:30 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

Castle Chapel

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

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Senior Division leaders ‘build the team,’ seek solutions at ‘off-site’ conference

Story by Master Sgt. Michael Pintagro

2nd ID Public Affairs Chief

Senior 2nd Infantry Division leaders sought “Work/Life Balance, Predictability and Team Building” during an “off-site” conference conducted Aug. 5-7 at Yongsan’s Dragon Hill Lodge.

Appearances by the United States Forces Korea commander and retired Republic of Korea Army Gen. Paik Sun Yup punctuated the annual Warrior Division senior leader gathering, typically held near the close of the summer rotation season.

The Division commander, his primary staff officers and command sergeant major joined brigade and battalion commanders, senior enlisted advisors and family readiness group leaders for a series of thought-provoking presentations, and team building exercises.

Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, the Division commander, opened the conference by welcoming “the new team, the team that will lead the Division – Soldiers and Families – into an exciting year of training, readiness and tour normalization here on the Korean Peninsula.”

The commander analogized the integration of new Division leaders to the reception, staging, onward movement and integration process.

“We’ve done the reception,” he noted. “Many new Soldiers have been received within your units. We’ve staged you: we’ve conducted changes of command and change of responsibility ceremonies and put you in positions ready to lead your unit and your Soldiers for the next year. You’ve done your onward movement with your family and/or yourself, positioning yourself either up north or down south; and we’ll pause here a little bit to finalize the integration.”

The general articulated five goals for the event: integration of the new team; striving toward balance and predictability; focusing on tour normalization – urgently important to the Division since the concept represents such a radical departure from previous practice in Area I; sharing ideas; and building relationships.

“The Army is about people and the Army is about relationships,” he told his subordinate leaders. “As you build positive, strong relationships in your unit and establish the kinds of environment that allow your leaders to build good strong bonds and relationships,

that’s what allows us to ‘Fight Tonight.’”

Morgan described the gathering as “an opportunity for us as a team – as a command team, a leadership team – to build and forge the relationships that are necessary to be successful here in the ROK and in the future” since “in this Army you’ll undoubtedly have an opportunity to serve with many of the people in this room again.”

Gen. Walter Sharp, the USFK commander for the past year, discussed his three priorities for units on the peninsula: “be prepared to fight and win; strengthen the alliance; and improve quality of life for Servicemembers, Department of Defense civilians and Families.” Sharp addressed the full spectrum of diplomatic, organizational and quality of life issues impacting Division personnel – indeed Americans throughout the peninsula – in a wide-ranging discussion followed immediately by a question and answer session. The general described the evolving USFK force structure and transformation issues, along with training and manning strategies and challenges from the theater perspective.

He also encouraged Warriors to embrace their role as cultural ambassadors

“Work very, very hard to ensure we maintain both professional and personal relationships with the people of the ROK,” he told the Division leaders. “It is important from a warfighting perspective and it is important from a personal perspective. I’d charge all of you here, commanders and sergeants major, to make sure you have effective good neighbor programs in place and ensure you are doing everything you can to further that relationship with our Korean hosts, personally, professionally and militarily.”

The general offered some practical leadership and living advice in conclusion.

A series of Division staff officers followed their senior leaders to the podium, discussing topics ranging from command sponsorship and tour normalization to vehicle safety and equipment accountability.

Lt. Col. Richard Creed, the 2nd ID operations officer, discussed the commander’s intent, Division priorities, major upcoming events and strategies for building on successive accomplishments. Lt. Col. Connor Brown, the Division plans officer, described the evolving U.S. footprint in Korea, touching on organizational and

operational as well as structural aspects of transformation.

Lt. Col. David Hater, the 2nd ID personnel officer, addressed some of the hottest topics of the conference – command sponsorship, tour normalization and manning. Lt. Col. Chuck Nelson, the Division civil-military affairs officer, discussed community engagement with Korean partners, noting military, educational, governmental and civic opportunities to serve as “good neighbors.”

Col. Jeffery Pederson, the Division staff judge advocate, discussed legal and administrative issues surrounding international marriage. Darrell Thomas, the 2nd ID safety director, briefed the leaders on vehicle and driving safety. While FRG representatives conducted a breakout session, Lt. Col. Nancy Spencer, the Division logistics officer, briefed military participants on property accountability, a subject that provoked frank discussion among the leaders.

A dynamic performance by the Tae Kwon Do team preceded a lively “leadership development” dinner punctuated by fine foods and outstanding musical performances. The 2nd ID Band, which performed throughout the conference, delivered a stellar performance.

William Alexander, director of the 2nd ID Museum, provided a historical backdrop for Paik’s presentation. Paik, later the ROKA’s first four-star general, commanded the division which bore the brunt of the North Korean invasion June 25, 1950. The elderly general delivered a compelling presentation on the war accompanied by slides depicting its course, key events, images and key figures. The 2nd ID senior leaders listened in rapt attention as Paik, who later distinguished himself as a diplomat, author and lecturer, detailed a first-hand account of the war’s key events and participants.

Paik also took questions from his audience, responding to queries about leadership styles, senior enlisted advisors and the prospects for peace on the peninsula. Asked by a participant about the distinguished U.S. leaders he served with, Paik recited an impressive list of prominent Korean War figures, including Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Gen. Matthew Ridgway, Lt. Gen. James Van Fleet and Lt. Gen. Walton Walker among others.

“I learned a great deal from them,” he said. “I was very fortunate to meet these people. They were very well known people who came to serve with us. They were heroes.”

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Sgt. Maj. Cornelius Richards of the Division fire support element introduces himself to fellow 2nd ID senior leaders as part of a team-building exercise conducted Aug. 6 at Yongsan’s Dragon Hill Lodge.



Members of the 2nd ID Tae Kwon Do Team swing into action Aug. 6 at Yongsan’s Dragon Hill Lodge.



The 2nd ID Band performs during an “ice-breaker” held the evening of Aug. 5 at Yongsan.



Col. Joseph Bassani, commander of the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, brandishes two shoes during a team-building exercise conducted by senior Division leaders Aug. 7 at Yongsan’s Dragon Hill Lodge.

Take action against identity theft — Part II

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So how can you detect a possible identity theft? First, you should keep an eye on your financial statements and regularly check your credit report.

You may purchase a copy of your credit report from one of the three credit-reporting agencies at any time, but there are also times when you may receive a free copy of your credit report. Under federal law you're entitled to a free credit report if a company takes adverse action against you — such as denying your application for credit, insurance or employment — if you request your report within 60 days of receiving notice of the action. Each of the three major nationwide consumer reporting companies are also required to provide you with a free copy of your credit report, at your request, once every 12 months. For details on obtaining any of these reports, visit the web site at www.ftc.gov.

Once you have your financial documents and credit reports, you should review them for any warning signs of identity theft. Look for accounts that you didn't open and debts on your accounts that you can't explain. Scan your reports for fraudulent or inaccurate information, including accounts and personal information, your Social Security number, address, name or initials, and employers.

It is a cause for concern if you fail to receive bills or other mail. Follow up with creditors if your bills don't arrive on time. A missing bill can mean that an identity thief has taken over your account and changed your billing address to cover his tracks. It can also be a bad sign if you receive mail that you are not

planning on getting. Receiving credit cards you didn't apply for and bills for purchases you didn't make through the mail can mean an identity thief is using your identity.

If, when applying for new credit, you are denied credit, offered credit on less favorable terms, or offered high-interest rates for no apparent reason, you should be aware that an identity thief may be tampering with your good name. Lastly, if you are getting calls or letters from debt collectors or businesses about merchandise or services you did not buy, you have most likely become a victim of identity theft.

If you determine that you may be a victim of identity theft, how do you defend yourself? The first thing you should do is place a fraud alert on your credit reports. Fraud alerts can help prevent an identity thief from opening any more accounts in your name. You only need to contact one of the three credit-reporting companies to place an alert on your credit report. The company you call is required to contact the other two. They, in turn, will also place an alert on the other versions of your report. If you do not receive confirmation from the other two credit-reporting companies, you should contact them directly to place a fraud alert.

Once you place a fraud alert on your file, you're entitled to order one free copy of your credit report from each of the consumer credit-reporting companies. When you get your credit reports, review them carefully. Look for inquiries from companies you haven't contacted, accounts you didn't open and debts on your accounts you can't explain. Ensure information like your Social Security number, address, name and initials, and employer is correct. If you

find fraudulent or inaccurate information, get it removed. Again, the Federal Trade Commission's Web site, www.ftc.gov, will provide you with current information on how to contact the credit-reporting agencies and how to correct any fraudulent information on your credit report.

If you find or suspect any of your accounts have been tampered with, or that fraudulent accounts have been opened in your name, close those accounts immediately. Call and speak with someone in the security or fraud department of each company. Follow up your calls in writing and include copies (not originals) of the documents required by the companies to support your claim. Send your letters by certified mail, return receipt requested, so that you can document what the company received and when. Keep files of each company's documents and mail so that you have a record of all your dealings on the identity theft and you can better dispute any false charges on your accounts. When you do open new accounts make sure your new passwords provide good security and are not easy to guess or infer.

Next, file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission. You may file a complaint online or use the FTC's identity theft hotline at 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338). By contacting the FTC, you'll help law enforcement to stop identity theft. Furthermore, your printed FTC ID theft complaint, in conjunction with a police report, can constitute an identity theft report and entitle you to certain protections.

This identity theft report can be used to permanently block fraudulent information from appearing on your credit report. This ensures that debts do not reappear on your credit report and pre-

vents companies from continuing to collect on debts that result from identity theft.

Lastly, you should file a report with your local police department or the police department in the community where the identity theft took place. When you go to your local police department to file your report, bring a printed copy of your FTC ID theft complaint form, the FTC cover letter and supporting documentation.

The FTC cover letter explains to the police how a properly created identity theft report is so helpful to an identity theft victim. Ask the officer conducting the report to incorporate the ID theft complaint into the police report. Tell the officer you need a copy of the identity theft report — the police report with your ID theft complaint attached or incorporated — to dispute the fraudulent accounts and debts created by the identity thief. Make sure you follow all of the FTC's guidelines in dealing with law enforcement so you can best use the police report to clear your good name.

In conclusion, identity theft is a modern crime wave which has a great impact on Servicemembers and the general public. Modern criminals adapt their craft to the prevailing technological, legal and social environment, as they have throughout history.

This article and its companion piece described what identity theft is, examined signs indicating possible identity theft and offered some tips on deterring and combating it. But the articles are by no means comprehensive.

If you require further information on this topic, or suspect you may be a victim of identity theft, please contact the Camp Casey legal assistance office in room 244 of Maude hall at 730-3660.

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The lively octogenarian offered gracious praise to American Soldiers as well as their senior leaders. He noted the unique contributions of the Warrior Division — which provided the most fighting men and sustained the heaviest casualties of any American organization — to the defense of his country. Paik closed his remarks with "katshi-kapshida" as conference participants rose to a standing ovation and delivered sustained applause.

At the conclusion of the presentation, many Division leaders lined up for handshakes, many seeking autographs for their copies of Paik's memoir, "From Pusan to Panmunjom." Participants described the event as valuable, informative and fun.

"There was a lot of very good professional dialogue," Pederson said. "The team-building exercises were also very effective in forming us together in a cohesive way. The

time was managed well — every minute of time was utilized to maximum effect in building a cohesive team."

"This was a valuable opportunity to meet all the other key leaders," added Lt. Col. Ramon Collazo, the Division provost marshal. "The slides were nice, but anyone can read them anytime."

The real value was in bringing everyone together and developing those personal relationships.

It was very important to involve the spouses since they'll be leading the FRGs.

"I'm going to have 200,000 e-mails when I get back to the office, but I enjoyed it," he continued with a smile. "But it's worth it." Another participant, a Warrior wife who teaches for the Department of Defense Education Activity, found the sessions, presentations and social activities alike very valuable.

"I'm a teacher in the DODDS system, and I'm going to translate Gen. Sharp's tips into kids' language and introduce them to my students," said Michelle Strom, wife of Maj. Judson Strom and a fifth-grade teacher at Seoul American

Elementary. "I think that's terrific advice for 10 and 11-year-olds as well as military leaders."

She also praised Paik's presentation, noting the assembled Division leaders' enthusiastic reception of the general and his story.

"It was awe-inspiring to be a part of living history," she said.

"Seeing the level of respect all these senior leaders showed — standing in line for an opportunity to shake his hand and get his autograph. It made a big impression."



Yu Hu Son

Retired ROKA Gen. Paik Sun Yup delivers his presentation before a rapt audience of 2nd ID senior leaders Aug. 7 at Yongsan.