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Allied Warriors assault MOUT course



Troops from the 125th Mechanized Infantry Battalion, 75th Republic of Korea Army Brigade conduct breaching and room-clearing operations during training Jan. 27 at the Sueng Ji Gol Village training area.

Story & photo by Pvt. Paul Holston

1st HBCT Public Affairs

CAMP HOVEY, South Korea – With tanks firing as “dismounts” and infantrymen maneuvered, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment “Manchus” and brother Warriors of the Republic of Korea Army assailed the Sueng Ji Gol Village training site among other training targets during the last week of January.

The training missions were conducted as part of “Iron Focus,” an exercise including Warriors throughout the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

The training was conducted notwithstanding closure of the “Hovey Cut,” the road between Camp Casey and Camp Hovey – where the training village is located. Undeterred, the allied Soldiers conducted Military Operations on Urban Terrain in a realistic environment. Preparations for the training began two weeks prior to the event.

The mission consisted of securing an

area and defending it against an opposition force as ROKA troops eliminated any targets along the way.

The Soldiers found great value in the training. “I definitely enjoyed this training,” said Spc. Michael Abajia, an infantryman from A Company, 2-9th Inf. “Coming here was like a treat for us. Being able to train in this city-like environment helped us prepare better for Iraq and Afghanistan. If we had this back at our own company, we would probably come out every single day, doing a lot more training and getting

better at what we do.”

Abajia played “enemy” as part of the opposition force. He said being on the other side teaches the Soldiers different pointers as well.

“You get a different perspective, actually picking up a little bit more as the enemy because you are able to learn from the aspect of what not to do as well as seeing what you improve on,” he said.

Staff Sgt. Alex Gradiz, a tanker from D Company, 2-9th Inf., explained how the tankers executed their part during this exercise.

“The training allowed us tankers to work with our brothers in the infantry world as well as the engineers,” said Gradiz. “We got a chance to work with the engineers to receive the battle drill for breaching during the exercise at Sueng Ji Gol Village. Part of the breaching element for my part was to clear the lane with the plow to allow the other vehicles behind me come through.”

Lt. Col. Milford H. Beagle, battalion commander of 2-9th Inf., and his ROKA counterpart, Lt. Col. Coho Seuk, commander of 125th Mechanized Infantry Battalion, 75th ROKA Brigade, observed the training from above the city as ROKA and American Soldiers conducted the exercise side by side.

“I watched two aspects of the training, breaching and room clearing,” said Seuk. “It was impressive to see my Soldiers train with the American Soldiers.”

“During this entire training with U.S. Army, I’ve learned that we can prevent a lot of accidents that can happen in an actual war while cooperating missions,” said Seuk. “These kind of missions will help us go back and improve our errors as well as our combat strength.”

Soldiers said the change of venue did not affect the quality of the training.

“The training here compared to Twin Bridges Training Area didn’t really make too much of a difference,” said Gradiz. “There’s going to be times when situations change suddenly, so it is our job as Soldiers be ready at all times should different circumstances come to us. Overall, this was great training for me as well as my Soldiers.”



VOICE OF THE WARRIOR: Who is your favorite U.S. president? Why?



"Bill Clinton, because of his foreign policy and economical structure."

Sgt. Rocky Butler
HHC, 1st BSTB

"Bill Clinton. Everybody had money when he was the president."

Pfc. Adam Schebler
E Co., 302nd BSB



"Franklin Roosevelt. He led during the Great Depression."

Spc. Eric Cantu
HHB, 6-37th FA

"Ronald Reagan. He won the Cold War."

Pfc. T.J. Davis
B Co., 1-72nd Armor



"Ronald Reagan. He beat communism."

Spc. David Strobel
B Co., 1-72nd Armor

"President Obama. He is going to make the world better."

Pfc. Ryan Mecate
E Co., 302nd BSB



COMMANDER'S CORNER

'Sae hae bok mani badduseyo,' Warriors

By Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker

2nd ID Commander

As you may remember, our Korean good neighbors celebrated New Year's Day according to the Gregorian calendar alongside Americans and other friends and allies around the world. But another "New Year's" holiday – falling this year on Feb. 14 – plays a much more meaningful role in Korean culture.

The "Lunar New Year" is a celebration firmly rooted in traditional Asian culture. Peoples from Mongolia and China to Laos and Vietnam celebrate festive New Year holidays centered on family reunions at ancestral cities, towns and villages. Old timers like me recall the Vietnamese Lunar New Year, Tet Nguyen Dan – or Tet – lent its name to the most famous campaign of the Vietnam War. As you read this column, hundreds of thousands of Asian people from Tibet to Thailand to Taiwan are en route to their parents' and grandparents' homes or stuck in traffic attempting to get there.

In Korea, Lunar New Year festivities take the form of a three-day holiday celebrated at each family's ancestral hometown. Lunar New Year and Chuseok are the two most important Korean holidays of the year.

Among the many fascinating aspects of the Korean Lunar New Year is the tradition of the "sebae," or big bow. According to this tradition, young Korean children deliver a deep "big bow" to their parents and older relatives on the Lunar New Year. In return for the honor, the recipient of the bow frequently bestows a gift of cash along with a few words of praise. It is no wonder that many of our Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers are looking forward to going home this weekend and seeing their families. I wish all them good luck with their Sebae. As the "Old Man" of the Division I can't honor all of our KATUSAs with a "saw-buck" – ten bucks – but I can honestly say I am proud of you all. I'm honored to serve alongside you and I'm confident your experience with the 2nd Infantry Division will help you grow as young men and leaders for your great country.

Since this Lunar New Year coincides not only with Valentine's Day but with our Presidents' Day celebration, most of us will have an opportunity to enjoy some down time during a long holiday weekend. To my way of thinking, this marks not only a chance to relax and socialize but an outstanding



opportunity to embrace our role as cultural ambassadors.

Warriors, your ambassadorship can take many forms. On the high end, you might participate in a Lunar New Year celebration with Korean friends and colleagues. What an opportunity to experience Korean customs, cuisine and hospitality first-hand. You'll find our Korean fellow Soldiers, colleagues and neighbors profoundly gracious hosts if you exercise a little initiative. If they see you taking an interest in their cultural traditions, you'll find yourself on a guest list faster than you can say "sae hae bok mani badduseyo." This flows beautifully in Korean but translates a bit awkwardly in English as "please receive many New Year's blessings."

A less adventurous but nonetheless valuable way to build the team and bolster the alliance is through participation in Korean-American social events. Whether at a formal event such as the reception held Feb. 10 at Mitchell's on Camp Red Cloud or one of the numerous informal gatherings conducted throughout Warrior Country, your participation in Lunar New Year events demonstrates your respect for our Korean partners and commitment to our great alliance.

On the low end, even barracks rats can serve as cultural ambassadors by wishing Korean colleagues and fellow Soldiers "many New Year's blessings" and demonstrating sincere interest in their traditions and customs in the office and around the base.

In any case, Warrior-ambassadors, embrace this Lunar New Year as an opportunity to reach out to our Korean friends, colleagues, allies and good neighbors. I wish them, and you, a Lunar New Year that's "Second to None!"

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2nd CAB gunnery lights up Korean sky

By Spc. Timothy Oberle

2nd CAB Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea – Once every January, Soldiers of the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade treat onlookers to a rare and exhilarating display of rotary aviation and firepower.

The annual winter gunnery produces a mind-numbing din of helicopter blades slicing through the cold winter air and blistering fire from AH64 D Apache Longbow aircraft.

While other 2nd CAB battalions provide assistance during gunnery,

Soldiers of 4th (Attack) Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment and 2nd (Assault) Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment took the lead. Soldiers of 4-2nd Avn. blasted their way into the gunnery with the Apache helicopter at Rodriguez Range, the multi-purpose range complex near Pocheon, while 2-2nd Avn. kicked things off at Bisung Range near the city of Yangpyeong, flying the UH60 Blackhawk.

For 2-2nd Avn., the annual gunnery qualifications started with live ground fire on the M240 machine gun in preparations for the aerial portion.

“Crew gunnery qualifications are designed to train and evaluate air crews

and their ability to engage targets from the air,” said Col. Joseph A. Bassani, the 2nd CAB commander. “But you have to prepare on the ground because of modifications to the weapon system.”

In addition to allowing Soldiers to train with the M240 and the Blackhawk, The event allowed Soldiers to train with their systems amid realistic combat conditions-even simulated nuclear, biological and chemical threats.

“The Soldiers are required to qualify during the day with an NBC mask on and another time at night with NVGs and laser mounted weapons,” said Maj. Darren Buss, the 2-2nd Avn. executive

officer.

“The idea that you have to fly the aircraft and maintain situational awareness while responding to a threat and identifying targets is a real challenge,” said Bassani.

Despite the intense training schedule, the 2nd CAB Soldiers also found time to help Republic Of Korea units understand the training for use down-range.

“This event is part of the Bisung Range land partnership program to use the range to get all of our crews qualified and help the 601st ROK Aviation Battalion prepare for their deployment to Afghanistan,” said Lt. Col. Mathew Lewis, the 2-2nd Avn. commander. “It has been great training for all the Soldiers involved and helps prepare them for engagements with the enemy.”

This year’s gunnery differed a bit from last year’s.

“This is the new gunnery manual with some lessons learned from training in Iraq, including some high speed running fire,” said Bassani. “The next gunnery event will build on this one so that we can do some air and ground integration to better support troops in contact. Our overall goal is to make sure everybody is qualified so that they can be prepared to do it in combat.”

The 4-2nd Avn. Soldiers used the annual gunnery event as a chance to train and evaluate their aircrew’s aptitude for attack helicopter operations.

“Our goal is to fire and qualify 20 aircrews on both the individual portions and 18 teams on team gunnery,” said Lt. Col. Kevin L. Berry, commanding officer of 4-2nd Avn. “Each aircrew is evaluated on 12 complex engagements using the 30-millimeter cannon, the 2.75 rockets, and the Hellfire point target weapon system.”

Family members were invited to look on from a nearby watchtower as part of gunnery Family day as pilots from 4-2nd Avn. rocked the icy caverns at the MPRC range. The event hosted 96 Family members, who looked on as 4-2nd Avn. conducted a live-fire demonstration, and later participated in an engagement skills training portion, said Berry.

Despite the challenging nature of the event, “the training was very successful,” said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Craig D. Yerdon. “Our Soldiers are remarkable at maintaining both our air and ground systems, and they prove it time and time again with our high operational readiness rates,” said Berry.

Not only do the Soldiers have to compete with the helicopters, but they must also contend with the weather.

“It’s amazing to see young Soldiers loading rockets in the middle of the night in freezing temperatures without a complaint,” said Berry. “Their service and dedication to their mission always makes me proud to serve alongside these great heroes.”



Cpl. Ju-ho Ma

An AH 64 Apache helicopter from 4-2nd Avn. comes around for another pass at training targets during the 2nd CAB gunnery qualifications conducted at the multi-purpose range complex in Rodriguez Range Jan. 16.

OP has special meaning for 210th troop

By Lt. Col. Russell Goemaere

2nd ID Public Affairs Officer

It was no accident Pfc. William Ouellette Jr. chose to receive his transition award at an Observation Post located inside the Demilitarized Zone within 25 meters of the Military Demarcation Line. "Observation Post Ouellette" was named in honor of another private first class – a kinsman awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism during the early stages of the Korean War.

Eighteen Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division received the Medal of Honor for valorous acts during in the Korean War. Pfc. Joseph Ouellette was awarded his medal posthumously for service in the southern most part of the Peninsula from Aug. 31 – Sept. 3, 1950.

William Ouellette, a distant relative of Joseph as well as a "Command Post of the Future" operator with 210th Fires Brigade headquarters, is slated to receive his award Feb. 12. The Lenawee, Mich. native was unaware of his relative's heroic actions as he grew up.

"I found out about it when I was here in Korea," he said. Col. Brian McKiernan, former 210th commander, told him about the OP that shares his name. "He called me 'OP Ouellette' and told me the story about my uncle," William Ouellette recalled.

Joseph Ouellette, who entered military service from his native Lowell, Mass. was the son of the brother of William Ouellette's great grandfather. But the 210th private never heard any

stories or references to his kinsman's heroic actions in Korea until he was assigned to Camp Casey last year. Now nearing the end of his tour, William Ouellette is extremely happy his assignment brought him closer to his heritage.

"After Col. McKiernan told me about it I asked my father if he knew about our possible relationship to the Joseph Ouellette who had received the Medal of Honor in Korea, and he told me that he thought he was an uncle to us," he said. As far as William Ouellette knows he is the first relative to visit Observation Post Ouellette.

"Although I did not know much about Joseph before I came to Korea I will spread the story to all my relatives," he said. "Joseph did so much to save the lives of his fellow Soldiers. I am proud to be related to him."

According to the official citation Pfc. Joseph Ouellette's actions with the 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division included voluntarily exposing himself numerous times to withering enemy fire as he tried to gather supplies and information to allow his unit to continue to fight.

"Pfc. Joseph Ouellette was fighting during some of the most brutal and desperate combat of the War – when the Division had first got here," said retired Col. William Alexander, the director of the 2nd ID Museum. On one occasion, upon leaving the perimeter, Joseph Ouellette was attacked by an enemy combatant as he attempted to gather supplies and ammunition from enemy dead. After defeating and killing him in hand to hand combat, the young



Pfc. Joseph Ouellette poses for a service picture taken in 1950.

American returned to the perimeter and continued the fight. After sustaining a severe wound, he continued to resist until the end of his life.

William Ouellette carries with him the strong sense of devotion to duty and patriotism personified by his heroic kinsman. "He is the senior 'Command Post of the Future' operator in the bri-

gade", said Staff Sgt. Terrin Damico of the brigade operations shop. "He played a pivotal role in the brigade command post operation and will be greatly missed."

William Ouellette will soon depart Warrior Country for his next assignment in Fort Bliss, Texas, where he will be joined by his wife of just over a year.

Warriors retrace path of MacArthur's men

By Pfc. Robert Young

Staff Writer

Ten Warriors from the 2nd Infantry Division retraced the steps of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's men during a tour of Inchon conducted Jan. 30.

The tour, sponsored by the Second to None Soldier Support Group, gave participants an opportunity to visit the site of the famed Inchon Landing, which changed the course of the Korean War in September of 1950.

The successful allied amphibious invasion led to the recapture of Seoul and severed the North Korean People's Army supply and communication lines, putting the invading forces in the south in an untenable situation.

The tour started at Jayu Park, where a massive statue of MacArthur, the architect of the Inchon landing, dominates the landscape. The park commemorates the three landing points of the allied invasion: Green, Red, and Blue Beach.

"American Soldiers and Koreans are blood brothers. We can never forget the bonds that were forged by the Korean War," said Kim Soon-Yeul, a professor of security at Kyunggi University.

"The Soldiers need to learn why we fought here and the importance of what happened during the war. Learning their history and the history of Korea helps them put their mission in perspective," said Song Suk-

Keun, chairman of the support group.

Spirits were appropriately high and curiosity abundant throughout the tour. The event not only highlighted the history of the Korean War and the importance of American Soldiers on the peninsula but also showed the diversity within Korea and the lasting impact of Korea on the world at large.

Inchon itself holds a prominent place in Korean history. The city's history mirrors its geography. It's an estuary – a place where local waters meet the ocean – and historically a port city where Korea meets the wider world. It was the first open port city in Korea and became an important international trade center at the end of the Choson dynasty.

The intermingling of cultures is visible in the very architecture of the city. Traditional Korean buildings stand next to western churches and Chinese gardens.

Lunch reflected the unique nature of the city. Inchon is home to the only official "Chinatown" on the peninsula. The enclave was founded in 1883 as a result of the increased trade with China and the influx of Chinese workers.

The tour satisfied the palate as well as intellectual curiosity. Warriors were treated to a sumptuous Chinese meal during the visit.

"I've never had Chinese food like this before. It's really different from the Chinese food I'm used to. These noodles in black bean sauce and the fried shrimp were definitely my favorite dishes," said Spc. Matthew Loveland of A Company, Division Special

Troops Battalion.

The city of Inchon holds an important place in Korean-Chinese cuisine. It is the birth place of the popular dish "chajangmyun." A hardy noodle dish in a black bean sauce, chajangmyun is based on a traditional Chinese recipe but it was given a Korean twist. It was favored among the dock workers for its low price and filling nature and has since become a cornerstone of Chinese food in Korea.

The Soldiers also enjoyed a tour of the Museum of Korea Emigration History on Wolmi Island. The museum was established in 2003 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Koreans moving abroad to establish a better life.

The exhibition charts the movement of Koreans initially to the sugar cane plantations in Hawaii and from there to points throughout North and South America.

"I thought the tour was very educational. I didn't think that there was so much diversity in Korea. Inchon is a really interesting city," said Sgt. Brent Reitze of A Co., DSTB.

The Second to None Soldier Support Group was founded in 1976 and now consists of 82 Korean community leaders who seek to welcome Soldiers to Warrior Country and remind them of their importance and continuing impact on Korean history. The group sponsors cultural events for incoming Division personnel as well as tours and golf events. It also holds an annual reception for key leaders.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Tax Center service

Warrior Tax Centers are operating throughout the Division footprint. Tax preparation services for Soldiers, retirees and their dependants run through June 15 – the deadline for overseas tax returns.

Patrons should note, however, that any required payments are due by April 15, the same date they’re expected in stateside. Personnel who pay at the later date will be charged interest during the interim.

The Camp Casey Tax Center, located in Maude Hall, will operate 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 1-5 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays.

The Camp Red Cloud Tax Center, located in building T-57 (next to the library and education center) will operate 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and 1-5 p.m. Thursdays.

Tax preparers will serve at 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Camp Stanley legal office.

Patrons should bring their military identification cards, copies of all W-2 and 1099 forms, copies of all dependants’ social security cards, a copy of last year’s tax return if available and a voided check for bank account information.

For more information, call DSN 730-3591.

Haiti donations

In order to donate to help people affected by earthquake in Haiti, log on to www.redcross.org.

Children’s movie schedule

The children’s matinee movie schedule for the Camp Casey Theater has changed.

The movies are now shown at 3 p.m. every second Friday and fourth Saturday. For more information, call DSN 730-4856.

Medical express

A free shuttle service transporting Warriors, civilian personnel serving in Area I and Family members to medical appointments at the main hospital on Yongsan Garrison is available.

Two daily shuttles will run Mondays through Fridays except federal holidays.

The route beginning at Camp Casey, stops at Camp Red Cloud, and then drops patients off at the 121st Combat Support Hospital and completes the route at the Yongsan Garrison bus station.

Both buses make a return trip featuring the same stops two and a half hours later.

Priority for transportation is as follows:

1. Military members or Family members with medical appointments;
2. Civilian personnel or Family mem-

bers with an appointment.

Bus 1

Departs Casey	8 a.m.
Departs CRC	8:40 a.m.
Departs 121	9:40 a.m.
Arrives bus station	9:50 a.m.

Return trip

Departs bus station	12:20 p.m.
Departs 121	12:30 p.m.
Departs CRC	1:30 p.m.
Arrives Casey	2:10 p.m.

Bus 2

Departs Casey	10:30 a.m.
Departs CRC	11:10 a.m.
Departs 121	12:10 p.m.
Arrives bus station	12:20 p.m.

Return trip

Departs bus station	4:10 p.m.
Departs 121	4:20 p.m.
Departs CRC	5:20 p.m.
Arrives Casey	6 p.m.

Claims appointment hours

The Camp Casey Claims Office will now see clients by appointment only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Tuesday and Thursday are reserved for walk-in clients. The new office hours are 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

To schedule an appointment with the claims examiner, patrons should call DSN 730-3660.

Movies

Camp Casey

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

February 12...The Blind Side, Edge of Darkness
February 13...The Princess and the Frog, Ninja Assassin, Edge of Darkness
February 14...The Twilight Saga: New Moon, Brothers
February 15...Edge of Darkness
February 16...No Showing
February 17...Brothers
February 18...No Showing
February 19...Pirate Radio, Dear John
February 20...Amelia, Dear John, It's complicated
February 21...Everybody's Fine, Invictus

Camp Red Cloud

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

February 12...Legion, Armored
February 13... Brothers
February 14...Ninja Assassin
February 15...The Princess and the Frog
February 16...Everybody's Fine
February 17...No Showing
February 18... Edge of Darkness
February 19...Edge of Darkness, Brothers
February 20...It's Complicated
February 21... Invictus
February 22...The Blind Side
February 23...It's Complicated
February 24...No Showing
February 25...Dear John

Camp Hovey

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

February 12...Everybody's Fine
February 13...Armored
February 14...Edge of Darkness
February 15...No Showing
February 16... The Blind Side
February 17...No Showing
February 18...Dear John
February 19...Ninja Assassin
February 20...Brothers
February 21...Dear John
February 22...No Showing
February 23...It's Complicated

Camp Stanley

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

February 12...Everybody's Fine. The Fourth Kind
February 13...Legion, Pandorum
February 14...Legion
February 15...Law Abiding Citizen
February 16...No Showing
February 17...Dear John
February 18...The Men Who Stare at Goats
February 19...Brothers, Pirate Radio
February 20...Edge of Darkness, It's Complicated
February 21... Edge of Darkness
February 22...The Fourth Kind
February 23...No Showing

Camp Humphreys

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

February 12...Edge of Darkness
February 13...The Princess and the Frog, Edge of Darkness
February 14...The Princess and the Frog, Edge of Darkness
February 15...Brothers
February 16...Brothers
February 17...Cirque Du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant
February 18...The Men Who Stare at Goats
February 19...Dear John
February 20...Astro Boy, Dear John
February 21...Astro Boy, Dear John
February 22... Invictus
February 23...Invictus
February 24...It's Complicated

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

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

West Casey Chapel
Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
Noon Sunday
11:45 a.m. Tuesdays
and Thursdays
Ash Wednesday:
11:30 a.m. Feb. 17
LDS Bible study:
6:30 p.m. Thursdays
Jewish:
6:30 p.m. Friday

Camp Hovey

Hovey Chapel
Catholic:
9:30 a.m. Sunday
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6 p.m. Tuesday

Old Hovey Chapel
Bldg. 3592
Orthodox:

10 a.m 3rd Sundays
Crusader Chapel
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday

Camp Stanley

Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
Gospel:
12:30 p.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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Warrior Family Focus



Brothers-in-arms forge Family tradition



It's all in the Warrior Family for Sgt. Horace Alan Ross (left) and Sgt. 1st Class Lorenza Ross of 302nd BSB, 1st HBCT.

Story & photo by Pvt. Jamal Walker

IMCOM Public Affairs

CAMP CASEY, South Korea — Sgt. 1st Class Lorenza Ross of C Company, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, and Sgt. Horace Alan Ross of E Company, 302nd BSB are Warrior brothers-in-arms. Literally.

Lorenza Ross, who serves as treatment platoon sergeant, and Horace Ross, who serves as fuel and supply noncommissioned officer in charge of his unit, have been stationed here together for the past four months. The NCOs are close to each other, but most fellow Soldiers don't realize how close. Most assume they're just good friends.

The Rosses said serving together has brought them closer together than ever.

"Alan" Ross, as he is called by his Family, arrived in Korea in February 2009. He later received a call from Lorenza Ross in the summertime. Lorenza Ross, then on recruiting duty in Tulsa, Okla., told his older brother he had also received orders sending him to Korea in October.

"When Lorenza said he was going to Korea I said 'wow this is crazy,' but what made me excited was he was going to be stationed at Casey. I just couldn't believe it," Alan Ross said.

Despite their long 27 combined years of service dating back to Desert Shield/Storm, this is the first time the brothers have been permanently stationed together. Years later, Alan Ross still remembers the

important role Lorenza Ross played in his career when they deployed from Fort Bragg, N.C.

"I went to Iraq first, and then Lorenza arrived a little later," Alan Ross said. "During the deployment Lorenza was always there so we could talk to each other and make sure we were OK. Sometimes he would uplift me, and to me that was the most important time during the deployment. Lorenza then left Iraq before I did but still continued calling me and saying, 'hey man, don't worry, you will be out soon and we will be on the basketball court playing ball together.'"

"We were both young," Lorenza Ross said. "Horace had his Family at the time, and I was always trying to be positive because I wanted all of us to come back home. Our Family was going through a rough time with all of us being away, and I wanted to encourage Alan and stay focused."

After Desert Storm and Desert Shield, Lorenza Ross left his job in communications and the Army in 1992 to pursue a degree at Western Carolina University in North Carolina while Alan Ross continued his service as a petroleum supply specialist. Lorenza Ross rejoined the Army in 1996 as a combat medic. Alan Ross said he finished his contract in order to spend more time with his Family.

In 2008, Alan Ross accompanied his mother and father from Tulsa on a visit to see Lorenza Ross, then a staff sergeant working as a recruiter. Alan Ross said he felt an immense amount of pride for his younger brother and asked Lorenza Ross to sign him up in the Army.

"Just being around him at the time made me realize, 'wow, this is my younger brother;' I need to go back

into the military and finish what I started," Alan Ross said. "I didn't join because I felt obligated, or because of the state the economy was in. It all came down to that connection my brother and I share together, and seeing him motivated me."

"I don't remember his exact words, but he told me things were supposed to be different," Lorenza Ross said. "I was supposed to be visiting him, versus him coming to visit me, and it just motivated me because I love my older brother. To hear him say those words encouraged me to believe I was doing something right."

"It is amazing how people don't know they can say things to influence you, and to hear my older brother say the things about me caused me to speak at church about it, and I told everyone he doesn't know how much he helped me by telling me those things," he continued. "Horace said that I helped him and encouraged him. But honestly, I don't feel that I played a role at all because Horace has always been the one who has encouraged me more than anyone else."

Since October the Ross brothers have been inseparable. The only time they are not together is when they are at work or sleeping.

"Their relationship is very loving and both brothers have a mutual respect and share a true friendship," said Sgt. 1st Class Marilyn Rinchack, evacuations platoon sergeant with C Co., 302nd BSB. "You can tell the closeness of the relationship because they are motivated by each other. When Alan first got here he came to Lorenza for some advice on how to counsel each other, and you could tell they were feeding off of each other."

Warrior Family born, blooms in Korea

Story & photo by
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Families serving and living in the Area 1 footprint face significant and well-known challenges. Yet some Families prosper in Warrior Country. Indeed, some Families are literally born within the 2nd Infantry Division footprint.

Lt. Col. Frank Escalera, now the Division signal officer, met his wife in 2003 during his first tour of Camp Red Cloud. Frank and Youn Soon Escalera began dating on the eve of 2005 and married amid circumstances familiar to Warrior Families if few others.

As executive officer of the 122nd Signal Regiment, then-Maj. Escalera found himself ensconced in a hill-top outpost overlooking Uijongbu and wearing Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear during a training exercise as he contemplated marriage to the Korean fiancée he met at Mitchell's Sports Bar and Grill.

"Our appointment fell on a day we were in the field," he recalled with a laugh. "So I asked my commander for two hours to go get married. I got out of MOPP 2, changed into civilian clothes and took the subway into the city. We linked up and completed all the paperwork pretty quickly. We went to the embassy and saw a line wrapped around the entire building."

Luckily, he added, "that wasn't our line. Ours was actually pretty reasonable. We took a number and in around 15 minutes they called us. The lady at the window asked my wife a few questions, stamped our paperwork and said 'congratulations, you're man and wife.' The entire event took an hour and 20 minutes – including travel time."

The newlyweds used the 40 remaining minutes to shop for rings. Now a Family man, Maj. Escalera donned his MOPP gear and returned to his battalion tactical operations center.

Not content with a secular bureaucratic wedding, the Escaleras later conducted two ceremonies, both on CRC. The first, a Catholic wedding celebrated at the post chapel, "nearly filled" the facility. The second, a traditional Korean ceremony, attracted a similarly large crowd of friends, colleagues and well-wishers to the Commanding General's Mess. Since the bride's Family lives in the area, her relatives turned out in impressive numbers.

"It was challenging signing that number of people onto post," Frank Escalera recalled. "There were so many people we had to put together a guest roster and the garrison commander had to approve it and everything. We really packed the place – it was incredible."

The Escaleras' wedding ceremonies epitomized their relationship with Warrior Country. All told, Frank Escalera has spent around six years in Korea – five of them with the Division – during two tours. Most of Youn Soon Escalera's Family lives in Uijongbu and Chunchon to the northeast. She worked as a clerk on Camp Casey and a waitress at CRC. Their son – now 2 years old – like their Family, was born in Korea.

Frank Escalera, in turn, has warmly embraced the people, country and culture that defined so much of his life and his career. Unlike many Americans who struggle with the putative "lack of infrastructure" available in Warrior Country, he describes life in Area 1 as "easy" and "convenient."

"Everything's there," he said with a smile. "The grocery store, the garage, the barber shop and the beauty parlor where my wife goes are right across the street. Everything's so convenient on the economy we



Lt. Col. Frank Escalera, the Division signal officer, his 2-year-old son Jacob and his wife Youn Soon belt out the entrance hymn during a Catholic mass conducted Feb. 7 at the Camp Red Cloud chapel. Escalera and his wife were married in the same chapel in 2005.

hardly ever go to the commissary. Once you figure out how to use the mass transit system, it's easy and convenient to travel. And unlike in the states, you can take a taxi anywhere for a few bucks."

A technologically savvy gadget guru not to mention the Division signal officer, Frank Escalera marvels at the electronic opportunities available in Korea. Brandishing a sophisticated cell phone capable of transmitting images as well as voice in real-time, he described area electronics facilities as "super – overwhelming. You can get anything – I was completely blown away!"

Frank Escalera loves the Korean people, who he characterizes as warm and gracious hosts who welcomed him at every turn. "They're great," he said succinctly. "If you show them courtesy and respect it comes back to you tenfold."

He loves the climate. "There's no place in the world with a better autumn than Korea," he said. "The colors are incredible here."

The automation officer eats Korean food for virtually every meal except breakfast. He even embraced kimchi. "I not only like it, but now I even crave it sometimes," he said. "I've definitely broadened my culinary tastes during this tour."

Significantly, the Escaleras advocate not only life in Korea in general, but command sponsorship opportunities within Area 1 in particular. And since the Family lived on Yongsan Garrison during the early days of Frank Escalera's second tour with the Warrior Division, they have a solid basis for comparison.

"I'm really happy with the command sponsorship program," Youn Soon Escalera said. "Living in Yongsan we were separated for most of the week. But now we see each other every day. This is a very close community so I'm very happy here."

Escalera acknowledges life in Warrior Country poses challenges, particularly in language and communication. Young Soldiers, he noted, encounter daunting housing, transportation and administrative obstacles, and rely much more heavily on base services.

He also realizes most military wives won't share

Youn Soon's linguistic skills and cultural expertise. But he observed many "challenges" turn into opportunities with a little initiative and cultural immersion. Rather than complain about the relatively small inventory at the Post Exchange, for instance, he recommends Warrior Families learn to navigate the local economy. The Escaleras not only shop "on the economy" but strategically base major purchases partly on exchange rate.

They also appreciate the chance to immerse their son Jacob in Korean culture. Jacob Escalera not only visits Korean relatives and neighborhood facilities but attends a Korean-run daycare for several hours most days. He already sings and counts in both languages. "He is very happy to play with his friends," Youn Soon Escalera said.

And while limited, the base infrastructure provides crucial support. Frank Escalera described the Pear Blossom Cottage, for instance, as "a great facility. It was a terrific hangout for my wife and boy." Administrative obstacles, he noted, will diminish with time and more widespread experience navigating the command sponsorship bureaucracy.

When the newly announced policy allowed him to move his Family from Yongsan to Uijongbu in 2008, he recalled, "The command sponsorship process was very cumbersome. It was new to everyone. The process is much more streamlined now."

As more Families arrive, Escalera said, communities will benefit from the situational awareness, institutional knowledge and cultural experiences of predecessors. "It's just going to get better and better," he predicted.

Conscious of leaving a land that defined much of his life as he prepares to rotate out of Korea and into Kuwait in June, Frank Escalera finds consolation in the prospect of future visits. "There aren't too many jobs I could do here, but we'll definitely be coming to visit our relatives up here," he said. "I'll be able to see Area 1 as it transforms."

"It's amazing how fast the time has flown," he added. "It'll be pretty tough to say goodbye to everyone when I go."

The sun never sets on the 2nd ID *Three forces stand watch in Iraq*



Soldiers of the Iraqi Army, Peshmerga and the 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, react to a grenade thrown from a vehicle during a training exercise Jan. 10 at Combat Outpost Cobra.

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3rd SBCT Public Affairs

DIYALA, Iraq – For several weeks in January, members of the 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team have been training members of both the Iraqi Army and the Kurdish Peshmerga at Combat Outpost Cobra. They are working together to staff checkpoints around the As'Sadiyah area of Diyala, Iraq.

The checkpoints are a part of the “Combined Security Area” in the region. The checkpoints, positioned throughout the area, will be manned by U.S. forces, Iraqi forces and Peshmerga as a cooperative effort to protect the local communities. The CSA is a region where Iraqi Security Forces’ responsibility for security ends and Kurdish forces generally take the lead.

Currently the 1-14th Cav. is not only working to prepare members of both groups to handle any and all challenges they may encounter at these points but also building a partnership between the two forces. A goal of Capt. Richard Dempsey, the commander of “Bronco” Troop, 1/14th Cav., is that both forces will build the foundation for a lasting friendship through training and working together on a daily basis.

“The training is very strategic and goes above and beyond checkpoint tactics to foster cooperation between the two groups who, in their history, have had conflicts,” Dempsey said.

Through training, the partnering Soldiers have been able to take one step closer to achieving the overall goals of working together and becoming more knowledgeable about the operations of

a checkpoint.

“The training has gone very well, and we will try to apply everything we have learned here to the real checkpoints. We have greatly benefited by this training,” said Maj. Farhat Hamma Muhammed of 2nd Battalion, 34th Peshmerga Brigade.

Checkpoint training at Cobra is made up of three four-hour blocks. During the first block members of Bronco Troop demonstrate procedures used at checkpoints. Soldiers teach the different levels of searching suspects, how to use escalation of force with approaching vehicles, and how to react to casualties during attacks. In the second block, the students perform what they have learned at a slow speed while U.S. Soldiers provide helpful tips. Finally, a full speed mission readiness exercise allowed all three groups to work together during a real-time simulation.

The Soldiers trained through a variety of scenarios, ranging from untroubled conventional vehicle searches to a mass casualty event. Soldiers, role-playing as combatants, used smoke grenades to simulate improvised explosive device blasts and grenades as they “attacked” the training checkpoint.

“Just like anywhere else, when the groups came in they were initially divided and by the end you could see Pesh soldiers and Iraqi army working together to help the simulated casualties and really gelling as a group by the end,” said Dempsey.

“It was very good experience for us to learn different things like indirect fire and moving casualties and I wish the best for everyone as we go to the checkpoints,” said Lt. Hassanen Amir Mohammed of 2nd Company, 4th Iraqi Army Brigade.



Members of the Iraqi Army and Peshmerga detain a Soldier role-playing an “attacker” during checkpoint training exercises Jan. 10 at Combat Outpost Cobra.

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동자들에게 인기가 많아져 한국식 중국 음식에 많은 변화를 가져온다.

점심 식사 이후 장병들은 월미도에 위치한 한국 이민 역사 박물관을 방문했다. 이 박물관은 한국 이민 100주년 기념으로 2003년에 세워졌다.

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첫인사를 뭐라고 써야할지 한참을 고민하다가 결국은 못쓰다ㄱ 뭔가 평소애 만났을 때 이야기하는거랑 편지쓰는거랑 무지 다르구나..ㄱ 내가 편지를 평소애 잘 안써봐서..ㄱㄱ 뭔가 말하려니까 쑥스럽고 그르네
게다가 민지 혼자 보는것도 아니고 다른사람들까지 다 보는거라고 생각하니까 더 쑥스럽고 무슨말부터 꺼내야할지 모르겠고 그냥 그르네^^정말 처음애 만났을 때 요즘들어 자꾸 생각난다. 강남 크레이지 후크..ㄱ 항상 나 혼자나 남자친구들끼리 가던 곳인데, 거기에 여자를 데려가 본게 처음이었는데.. 지금 생각하면 그때 내가 왜 그랬는지도 잘 모르겠네ㄱ
그땐 민지가 어떤사람인지도 잘 몰랐고, 그냥 좋은 호감..정도였다고 생각했는데 왜 내가 거기에 데려가야겠다는 생각을 하게 됐는지..ㄱ 지금 생각해보면 처음애 만날때부터 민지가 다른여자들하고는 다르다고 느꼈는지도 모르겠다^^
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남자친구가 군인인데 친구들이나 부모님께 당당하게 말하기 더 쉽지 않은일인데, 진짜 한번 고민도 없이 당당하게 내 남자친구라고 소개도 시켜주고, 별로 잘난 것 없는 난에도 항상 자랑스럽게 생각해 주는거... 쑥스러워 말은 잘 못해도 항상 고맙다고 생각해^^

이제 한...1년하고 3개월정도 남은건가? 길다면 길고 짧다면 짧은 시간이지만, 지금까지 그래왔던것처럼 웃을때도 같이 웃고 울때도 같이 울고 하면서 내 군복무기간 함께해 줬으면 좋겠어!

항상 고맙고, 미안하고... 얼굴보고 쑥스러워 말 못하는 말이라... 여기서서도 고백해야지^^ 민지야. 정말 많이 사랑한다.

우편 엽서



받는 사람

To 사랑하는 재익오빠에게

To. 꼬방 ♥
오빠 안녕 ^^ ◦
난 지금 회사에서 편지를 쓰는 중이야 ~췌!!
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그래도 난 오빠 여자친구고 아직도 내 마음 진행형이야 ^^가끔 화날 때도 있었고, 슬플 때도 있었지만.. 우리 둘이 잘 견뎌냈잖아?
앞으로도 그런 일 있으면 서로 의지하면서 지냈으면 좋겠어. 오빠..밤 먹을 때도 맛있고 일 할 때도 멋있고 노래 부를때도 멋있고 화내도 멋있지만~역시 웃는게 제일 멋있는 것 같아^^ 내가 앞으로 많이 많이 웃게 해줄게 기대하세요♥
그리고 나 오빠 핸드폰 비밀번호 궁금해하지 않을게 ~ 난 Cool한 여자니까~오빠가 말해줄 때까지 기다릴게야~오빠 말만 믿을꺼고 오빠 말만 들을꺼야.. 난 언제나 오빠 편이랑거 잊지말고 아무리 힘들어도 나한테 말해줬을 좋겠어 ^^
힘든거 슬픈거 즐거운거 우리 나눠서 같이하자~^^응? 오빠 때문에 다시 웃게됐고 사랑을 할 수 있게 됐고 앞으로도 같이 행복하고 싶어~
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항상 고맙구~우리 앞으로도 싸우지 말고 알콩달콩 사랑하자 ♥ 사랑해 꼬방 ♥

미 2사단 장병들, 인천의 다양한 맛을 맛보다

지난 1월 30일, 10명의 미 2사단 장병들이 인천 여행을 통해 더글라스 맥아더(GEN Douglas MacArthur)장군의 흔적을 따라가며 인천을 둘러봤다.

이번 여행에서 참가자들은 1950년 9월에 한국전쟁의 흐름을 완전히 바꾼 인천 상륙 작전이 이루어진 장소를 볼 수 있었다.

이 성공적인 상륙으로 연합군이 서울을 재탈환하고 인민군의 물자 수송망과 연락망에 치명적인 타격을 입혀 남쪽에 있는 인민군의 상황이 악화되었다.

인천 상륙 작전을 기념하기 위해 세워진 거대한 맥아더 장군 동상이 위치한 자유 공원에서 투어가 시작되었다.

경기대학교 교수인 김순열 교수는 “한국인과 미군 장병들은 피로 맺어진 형제이다”고 말하며 “우리는 한국 전쟁으로 인해 생긴 이 관계를 잊지 못할 것이다”고 덧붙였다.

이번 여행 관계자인 송석근씨는 “장병들은 왜 우리가 여기서 싸웠는지 알아야 하며 전쟁에서 일어난 일들의 중요성을 깨달아야 한다”고 말하며 “그들의 역사와 한국의 역사를 같이 배우는 것은 그들의 임무를 수행할 때의 균형감이 생기는데 도와줄 것이다”고 덧붙였다.

여행에 참가한 장병들 모두 여행을 즐겼고 그들의 호기심은 충만했다. 이 이벤트는 한국 전쟁의 역사적 의미와 한반도에서 미군의 중요성을 보여주는 것 뿐만 아니라 한국내의 다양한 볼거리와 세계 무대에서 한국이 미치는 영향도 동시에 보여주었다.



지난 1월 30일 인천 차이나타운에서 한 미군 장병이 짜장면 모형 앞에서 포즈를 취하고 있다.

인천이라는 도시 그 자체가 한국 역사에서 중요한 위치를 차지하고 있다. 이 도시의 역사는 지리적 상황과 일치한다. 인천은 바닷물과 강이 만나는 삼각강이라는 지형적 특성을 가지고 있어 한국이 더 넓은 세계와 소통하는 항구 도시 역할을 했다. 또한, 인천은 한국 최초의 개방 항구 도시이며 조선 시대 말 국제 무역 중심지 역할을 수행하기도 했다.

국제 무역의 흔적은 도시 곳곳의 건

축물을 보면 알 수 있다. 전통 한국 건축물 바로 옆에 서양식 교회 건물과 중국식 정원이 있는 것이 바로 그 예이다.

이날 여행의 점심 식사는 도시의 특징을 제대로 살린 중국 음식이었다. 왜냐하면 인천에만 공식적인 차이나타운이 존재하기 때문이다. 인천 차이나타운은 1883년에 중국과의 늘어난 교역량과 그로 인해 몰려온 중국인들을 위해 세워졌다.

이런 점심 식사는 미각뿐만 아니라

지적 호기심도 자극하였다. 장병들에게 점심때 호화로운 중국 음식들이 제공되었다.

사단특수근무대대 알파 중대 소속의 메튜 러브랜드(SPC Matthew Loveland)상병은 “이런 중국 음식을 먹어보는 것은 처음이다”고 말하며 “내가 보통 먹는 중국 음식과는 다르지만 자장면은 정말 마음에 들었다”고 덧붙였다.

<4면에 이어집니다>

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6-37야전포병대대 선임병장 윤정민 상병

인 - 간단한 자기소개를 부탁드립니다.

윤 - 6-37야전포병대대 선임병장 상병 윤정민입니다. 서울대학교 산업공학과를 2학년 1학기까지 마치고 입대했고 원래는 대대 미군 인사과인 S1에서 일하다가 작년 11월 선임병장이 됐습니다.

인 - 다른 카루사들에게 6-37야전포병대대를 소개한다면?

윤 - 6-37야전포병대대는 국내 3개의 MLRS 부대 중 하나다. 그 중에서도 가장 많은 수의 MLRS를 보유해 전력에서 단연 으뜸인 부대다. 대대 구호는 'On the minute Deep Strike'이다. 1분도 안되어 적의 전력을 마비시키는 일발필살의 뜻을 가지고 있다. 한미 연합 작전능력을 키우기 위해 매년 한국군 MLRS 부대와 연합 사격 훈련을 실시하고 있다.

인 - 입대 후 달라진 점이 있다면?

윤 - 선임병장이 되기 전에는 그다지 활발하지 않고 적극적이지 않은 성격이었다. 하지만 선임병장으로 재보직을 받은 이후 그 성격을 유지할 수 없는 상황들이 이어지면서 자연스럽게 성격이 적극적으로 바뀌었다. 사람들을 대할 때 자신감도 생기고 논리적으로 말하게 됐다.

인 - 미군과의 재미있는 에피소드는?

윤 - 주말에 옆방에 사는 미군이 옷을 사러 가고 싶다고 해서 서울에 데리고 간 적이 있다. 그 미군은 서울에 처음 가봐서 그런지 정말 좋다는

말을 연발했다. 그도 그럴 것이 동두천엔 변화가 얼마 없기 때문이다(웃음). 그날 백화점을 가서 옷도 사고 다른 생활용품도 사는데 도와줬다. 그리고 저녁은 T.G.I.F 에서 스테이크와 와인을 먹었다. 음식값만 해도 만만치 않았던 기억이 난다. 미군이 사줘서 나는 부담이 없었지만 말이다.

인 - 아주 좋은 지원대장님 밑에서 일한다고 들었는데 어떤가?

윤 - 그렇다. 우리 지원대장님은 인터뷰라서 하는 얘기가 아니고 정말 내가 지금까지 본 한국군 간부 중 최고다. 부대원들을 항상 제일 먼저 생각하시는 분이다. 같이 지내면 느낄 수 있다. 부대원들과 가족같이 지내는 지원대장님이라 몇몇 기분좋은 에피소드들이 기억난다. 지원대장님의 생일에 부대원들이 케익을 준비해서 업무가 끝날때쯤 깜짝파티를 했었고 작년 연말 지원대장님의 셋째 딸의 돌잔치가 있었는데 직접 참석하기는 어려워서 선임병장 중 부모님이 유아용품 가게를 하는 사람이 있어서 선물을 해 드렸던 기억이 난다.

인 - 지원대장님께 대대원들을 대표해 할 말이 있다고 들었는데...

윤 - 지원대장님 항상 대대원들을 생각해주시고 믿어주시고 위해주셔서 감사합니다. 그런 지원대장님의 믿음에 보답하여 맡은 바 임무에 최선을 다하고 보람차고 아무런 사고 없이 군생활하도록 하겠습니다. 사랑합니다! 단결!

인 - 부모님께 보내는 편지

윤 - 길러주셔서 고맙고 새해에는 더욱 건강하세요. 남은 군생활 최선을 다하고 건강히 전역하겠습니다. 사랑합니다!

<기사 및 사진: 상병 정호영/기자>



"만추," 한국군과의 시가전 합동 훈련을 가져



지난 1월 마지막 주 캠프 케이시에 위치한 성지골 마을에서 열린 한미 합동훈련에서 제 125 기계화보병대대 장병들이 한 건물을 장악하고 있다.

지난 1월 마지막 주에 캠프 케이시에 위치한 성지골 마을에서 이루어진 훈련에 2-9 보병대대 장병들과 한국군 장병들이 참여하였다.

이 훈련은 1 전투여단의 장병들이 참여한 "아이런 포커스" (Iron Focus) 훈련의 일부분으로 진행된 훈련이다.

캠프 케이시와 호비 사이에 위치한 도로의 교통이 이번 훈련으로 인해 통제되기도 했다. 한미 연합군은 이런 실전과 같은 환경에서 시가전을 위한 작

전을 펼쳤다. 이번 훈련을 위한 준비는 2주전부터 시작되었다.

이번 훈련의 미션은 한 지역을 장악하고 적들로부터 그 지역을 방어하는 것과 한국군이 각 지역을 휩쓸고 다니면서 목표물을 제거하는 것으로 이루어졌다.

장병들은 이번 훈련에서 많은 것을 배웠다고 한다.

2-9 보병대대 알파 중대 소속 마이클 아바지아(SPC Michael Abajia)상

병은 "이번 훈련은 정말 즐거웠다"고 말하며 "이 장소에 온다는 것 자체가 우리가 특별한 대접을 받은 것 같다. 이렇게 실제 도시와 같은 환경에서 훈련을 받는 것은 우리가 이라크나 아프가니스탄에 가서 더 좋은 모습을 보여주는데 도와줄 것이다"고 덧붙였다.

또한 그는 "만약에 이 훈련 장소가 우리 중대가 위치한 곳에 있었다면 우리는 매일 이런 훈련을 통해 우리가 맡고 있는 일을 더욱 더 잘할 수 있을 것 같다"고 말했다.

아바지마 상병은 이번 훈련에서 적군의 역할을 맡았다. 그의 말에 따르면 적군의 입장에서 훈련에 임하다 보면 새로운 관점을 배우게 된다고 한다.

그는 "우리는 적군의 입장에서 훈련을 받으면 하지 말아야 할 행동과 더 잘할 수 있는 방법이 보이는 등 새로운 것들을 배우게 된다"고 말했다.

델타 중대의 탱크 승무원인 알렉스 그레디즈(SSG Alex Gradiz)하사는 이번 훈련에서 탱크 승무원들이 맡은 임무에 대해 자세히 설명해주었다.

그레디즈 하사는 "이번 훈련을 통해 우리 승무원들은 같은 대대에 있는 보병들과 공병들과 호흡을 맞추며 일할 수 있는 기회가 생겼다"고 말하며 "우리는 공병들과 일하면서 성지골 마을에서의 훈련 도중 파괴 작업에 대해 배웠다. 이 파괴 작업의 일부분으로는 파괴 후 뒤에서 뒤따라 오는 차량들을 위해 도로를 치워야하는 것이었다"고 덧

붙였다.

2-9 보병대대 대대장인 밀포드 H. 비글(LTC Milford H. Beagle)중령과 한국군 제 125 기계화보병대대 대대장인 석고호 (LTC Coho Seuk) 중령은 가상 도시 위에서 한국군과 미국군 장병들이 함께 훈련을 받는 것을 지켜 보았다.

석고호 중령은 "이번 훈련에서 건물을 장악하는 것과 폭파 작업을 직접 봤다"고 말하며 "나의 장병들이 미군들과 함께 훈련을 받는 모습이 인상적이었다"고 덧붙였다.

또한, 석고호 중령은 "미군과 함께 한 이번 훈련을 통해 실제 전쟁에서 서로 협력할 때 일어날 수 있는 많은 사고들과 실수들을 방지할 수 있다는 것을 배웠다"고 말하며 "우리들의 실수를 토대로 전투 능력을 끌어올릴 수 있는 것이다"고 덧붙였다.

평소와 다른 장소에서 열린 이번 훈련에 대해 장병들은 장소의 변화가 훈련의 질을 떨어뜨리지는 않았다고 평가했다.

그레디즈 하사는 "트윈 브리지 훈련 장소와 여기는 별로 차이가 없다"고 말하며 "어느날 갑자기 상황이 급변할 수 있기 때문에 우리 장병들은 이런 경우를 대비해 준비를 해야 한다. 전체적으로 이번 훈련은 나와 나의 부하 장병들에게 매우 좋은 훈련이었다"고 덧붙였다.

<기사 및 사진 _ Pvt. Paul Holston / 1st HBCT Public Affairs>

인디언헤드가 만난 사람들

"올해 세뱃돈을 받으면..."



6-37 야전포병대대
행정/PC 운용병 병장 배홍한

어느덧 20대 중반을 향해 달려가고 있는 제 나이를 보자면 세뱃돈을 받는다는 사실이 다소 부끄러운 일입니다만 만약 세뱃돈을 받게 된다면 일단 최근 강진으로 인해 많은 인명 및 재산의 피해를 입은 아이티에 소액이나마 기부하고 싶습니다.

방송이나 기사에서 보도되는 상황을 보면서 지금까지 남을 돕는 일보다는 제 자신을 위해서만 살아온 것이 후회스럽고 안타까웠기에 이번에는 조금이나마 다른 이들에게 힘이 되고 싶습니다.

그리고 남은 돈으로는 저와 제 동생을 위해 헌신해주시고 계시는 세상에서 가장 위대한 이름, 아버지와 어머니께 작은 선물이라도 해드리고 싶습니다.



6-37 야전포병대대
로켓포 사지병 상병 이영재

세뱃돈을 받으면 제일 먼저 스키장을 가고 싶습니다.

겨울이라 방 안에만 웅크리는 경향이 있는데 스키장에 가면 몸도 움직이고 땀도 나고 활력을 되찾을 수 있을 것 같습니다.

특히 부대 선후임들과 야외활동을 같이 할 기회가 많지 않습니다. 부대 선후임들과 스키장을 가면 부대원끼리 우정도 다지면서 정말 재미있게 놀 수 있을 것 같습니다.

또 설날 즈음에 부모님 생신 날이 이를 연속으로 있습니다. 세뱃돈을 받으면 부모님 생신을 축하하는 케이크도 사고 선물도 준비할 것 입니다.



6-37 야전포병대대
로켓포 사지병 일병 최종학

세뱃돈을 받게 되면, 친구들과 함께 노래방을 가고 싶습니다. 그리고 여태 부대에 있어서 보지 못한 여자친구를 만나서 DVD방을 가고, 같이 카페를 간 후에, 그녀의 자취방에 데려다 주고 싶습니다. 그리고 설날을 맞아서 부모님께 선물을 드리겠습니다. 남은 돈은 그대로 모아 두었다가 앞으로 오는 후임들을 위해 쓰겠습니다. 미군들과 함께 롯데월드도 한번 가보고 싶습니다. 또한 설날을 맞이해서 저의 미군 섹션 치프에게 한국적인 것을 선물할 것입니다. 예를 들면 식혜나 떡국이나 아니면 복조리를 선물해 줄까 생각 중 입니다. 이제 기다리고 기다리던 설날이 다가오고 있으므로 다들 새해 복 많이 받으시고 세뱃돈 많이 받으시고 부자 되시길 바랍니다.



6-37 야전포병대대
행정/PC 운용병 이병 김경준

대한민국 국방부에 취직하여 월급을 받기 시작한 이후로 부모님께 선물을 사드려야 할 처지에 세뱃돈을 받았을 때 하고 싶은 것을 생각하러니 참 힘들었습니다. 사실 군 입대 몇 달 전부터 세계적인 경제 악화와 미래를 준비해야겠다는 생각 때문에 경제공부를 꼭 해왔습니다. 또 열심히 아르바이트를 하여 돈도 모았습니다. 큰 돈은 아니지만 경제활동의 첫 출발이라 생각하고 각종 재테크를 시작하였습니다. 그 결과 돈을 쓸데없이 사용하지 않는 습관을 들이게 되었습니다. 세뱃돈은 근로소득이 아닌 목돈이므로 낭비하기 쉽다고 생각합니다. 저는 이 돈 역시 잘 관리하여 불확실한 미래를 준비하고 싶습니다. 마지막으로 KJP♥

한미 연합군, 시가전
훈련을 가졌다

2면

미 2사단 장병들,
인천을 방문하다

3면

제 2 전투항공여단, 한국 상공을 가르다



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지난 1월 16일 4-2 항공대대 (4-2nd Attack Battalion) 소속 아파치 롱보우 헬기가 로드리게즈 사격장에서 매년 열리는 사격 훈련중 다음 사격을 위해 자리를 옮기고 있다.

매년 1월이면 제 2 전투항공여단이 구경꾼들을 위해 보기 드문 비행 시범과 화력 시범을 보여준다.

이렇게 매년 열리는 사격에서 아파치 롱보우 헬리콥터 (AH-64D Apache Longbow aircraft) 가 비행을 할 때 만드는 소음과 미사일을 발사할때 소음은 지켜 보는 이들의 정신을 혼미하게 만든다.

제 2 전투여단의 4-2 항공대대와 2-2 전투항공대대의 장병들이 이번 사격을 주도해서 진행하는 동안 다른 대대들은 그들을 보조해주었다. 4-2 항공대

대는 포천에 위치한 로드리게즈 사격장 (Rodriguez Range) 에서 아파치 헬기로 사격을 실시했고 2-2 전투항공대대는 양평시 근처에 위치한 비성 사격장에서 블랙호크 헬리콥터 (UH-60 Blackhawk) 를 이용하여 사격을 실시했다.

이번 2-2 전투항공대대의 사격 훈련은 M-240 기관총으로 지상 공격을 하는 실탄 사격으로 시작되었다. 제 2 전투항공여단의 여단장인 조세프 A. 바사니(COL Joseph A. Bassani)대령은 “이번 사격 훈

련은 승무원들이 공중에서 목표물을 사격하는 것을 훈련시키고 평가하는데 초점을 맞추었다”고 말하며 “하지만 우리는 무기에 변화가 생겨서 먼저 지상에서 준비를 해야 했다”고 덧붙였다.

이런 사격 훈련은 장병들이 기관총과 블랙호크 헬기를 가지고 훈련을 하는 기회뿐만 아니라 실제 전투 상황과 같은 환경에서 여러 장비들을 다루는 훈련도 동시에 받게 된다. 2-2 전투항공대대의 데렌 버스(MAJ Darren Buss)소령은 “장병들은 대낮에 방독면을 쓰고 사격을 해야 했고 밤에는 야시경과 레이저 빔이 달린 무기로 사격을 실시했다”고 말했다.

또한, 바사니 중령은 “헬기를 조종하고 주변 상황을 파악하며 목표물에 사격을 가하는 것은 도전이라고 할 수 있다”고 덧붙였다.

비록 훈련 일정으로 인해 시간이 부족했지만 2 전투항공여단의 장병들은 한국군 부대들이 훈련의 초점을 이해하도록 도와주었다. 2-2전투항공대대의 대대장인 메튜 루이스(LTC Mathew Lewis)중령은 “이번 훈련은 우리 승무원들이 사격에 다 합격하도록 하는 것도 있지만 한국군 601 항공대대의 아프가니스탄 파병 준비를 도와주는게 목표다”고 말하며 “올해는 적과 대처하는 상황을 대비하는 훈련에 모든 장병들이 적극 참여하여 성공적이었다고 생각한다”고 덧붙였다.

올해 사격 훈련은 작년과는 약간 달랐다. 바사니 대령은 “이라크에서 새로 배운 경험을 토대로 새로운 사격 지침서가 나왔다”고 말하며 “다음번 사격때는 이번 훈련을 토대로 더 발전된 모습을 보여줄 것이고 공격을 받고 있는 부대를 도와주기 위해서 공중과 지상 부대간의 협력 훈련도 할 예정이다. 하지만 모든 승무원들이 전투 상황에 적합하도록 사격 시험에서 합격하는 것이 가장 큰 목표인 것은 항상 똑같다”고 덧붙였다.

4-2 항공대대 장병들 또한 이번 사격을 공격 헬기 운용 능력을 평가할 수 있는 좋은 기회였다.

4-2 항공대대 대대장인 케빈 L. 베리(LTC Kevin L. Berry)중령은 “우리의 목표는 20명의 승무원들이 모두 사격을 합격하는 것과 18개의 팀이 합격하는데 있다”고 말하며 “각 승무원은 30밀리 포와 헬파이어 미사일을 사용하여 12개의 목표와 대처하면서 평가를 받게 된다”고 덧붙였다.

또한, 승무원들의 가족들이 직접 감시타워에서 승무원들이 사격하는 것을 지켜 볼 수 있었다. 베리 중령에 따르면 96명의 가족들이 와서 구경을 했다고 한다.

여러 어려운 조건에도 불구하고 훈련은 성공적이었다. 크레이그 여든(CW4 Craig Yerdon)준위는 “이번 훈련은 매우 성공적이었다”고 말했다. 또한, 베리 중령은 “우리 장병들은 매년 훈련을 할 때마다 높은 작전 수행 능력을 보여주고 있다”고 덧붙였다.

장병들은 이번 훈련때 그들의 장비를 뿐만 아니라 날씨도 정복해야 했다.

베리 중령은 “어린 장병들이 밤사이 엄청난 추위에도 불구하고 불평불만 없이 로켓을 쏘는 모습이 놀라웠다”고 말하며 “그들의 임무에 대한 헌신을 보며 내가 이런 대단한 영웅들과 함께 복무한다는 사실이 자랑스럽다”고 덧붙였다.

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