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Allies unite for Warrior Friendship Week

By Master Sgt. Michael Pintagro

2nd ID Public Affairs Chief

Allied Warriors who trained together in support of the massive Key Resolve exercise conducted by joint, combined forces will play together during a robust recreation and cultural program slated for April 5-8 at Camps Casey, Hovey, Red Cloud and Humphreys.

Warrior Friendship Week, the 2010 version of an annual 2nd Infantry Division team-building event, promises a new approach to an established tradition.

In order to celebrate the U.S.-Republic of Korea alliance and Family life in rapidly developing "Warrior Country," 2nd ID key leaders and event organizers invited Republic of Korea Army personnel as well as Family members to participate in this year's event.

The new concept reflects the philosophy of Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, who implemented a series of Family and quality of life initiatives after taking command of the Division last fall.

The new approach highlights our commitment to our Families and our allies," said Col. Michael A. Coss, the Division chief of staff. "We're taking a terrific event and making it even stronger this year. Bringing Families out for the whole program is the right call. We want them to be a part of this. They're an enormous part of everything to do and definitely a huge part of the Warrior team we're building.

"The inclusion of ROKA brothers-in-arms definitely elevates the event," he added. "We train and compete as teammates all the time. Why not bring that teamwork, partnership and friendly competition to the ball field as well? This reflects the depth as well as the strength of our alliance."

Maj. Kim Woong Jin, an operations officer serving on the ROKA staff, also described the event as a



Sgt. Han Bu-Yong

Members of the 2nd Infantry Division Tea Kwon Do Team demonstrates their abilities on the closing day of last year's "Warrior-KATUSA Friendship Week" held at the Camp Casey Schoonover Bowl.

unique alliance-building opportunity.

"When Korean and U.S. Soldiers participate in sports events and sweat together they learn to cooperate and work together," he said. "I think the teamwork between Korean and American Soldiers will improve because of this event."

As befits an alliance partnership event, the schedule includes a mixture of American and Korean activities. Teams drawn according to major command will com-

pete in conventional team sports, such as basketball and soccer. Each team must include American, ROK and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers. Olympic-style events include tug of war and relay races.

A unique "Ultimate Warrior" relay will test Soldiers' ingenuity in a variety of unconventional team events ranging from a tank track pull and water-can carry to a javelin throw and tire roll.

The Warrior Fun 5K Run takes off April 5 at Camp Casey, while a golf scramble open to military members and their Families tees off the morning of April 6 at Camp Casey. Eighteen integrated allied teams will participate in the nine-hole (each played twice), best-ball scramble.

Korean events include "jok-ku" – essentially volleyball played using the feet – and "kimajun," which resembles "chicken fighting." Competing teams of carriers and riders attempt to push or pull riders from their mounts. The last team standing after 10 minutes wins. "Ssireum" wrestling matches will test Warrior strength and endurance. The event resembles sumo wrestling, emphasizing take-downs.

The culminating day of the event features a variety of demonstrations and cultural events punctuated by martial arts performances by the ROK Honor Guard and 2nd ID Tae Kwon Do Team. A cheerleading team from Seoul Women's University



Pfc. Brian Glass

U.S. Soldiers and KATUSAs of the 2nd ID engage in "kimajun," a "chicken fight" contest held during the 2009 "U.S.-KATUSA Friendship Week" at the Schoonover Bowl on Camp Casey.

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VOICE OF THE WARRIOR: Who is the most influential female role model in your life?



"My grandmother raised me and seven other children. She taught me to be the man I am today, and I am grateful that she is still going strong."

Pfc. Jesse Garrett
A Btry., 1-38th FA

"My wife taught me to be a good husband and made me a better man. She definitely made me a more responsible person and keeps me in line."

Spc. David Ezzio
B Btry., 1-38th FA



"Mother Theresa is an influence in my life. I often reflect on her poem 'Anyway' about overcoming negative influences and carrying on."

Pfc. Peter Fernandes
C Co., DSTB

"My mother is a powerful role model for me. She raised six children as a single parent while serving in the Army and earning two Master's degrees at once."

**Chief Warrant Officer 2
Carolyn Taylor-Brown**
B Co., DSTB



"My recruiter really influenced my life. I saw in her a strong, independent woman who was in control of her life and had only herself to answer to."

Pvt. Nakoshia Carlton
B Co., DSTB

"My mother is a source of inspiration and a great role model for me and my three siblings. Without her I don't know what I would be doing today."

Spc. Keith Deeds
B Co., DSTB



COMMANDER'S CORNER

A week in the field you'll never forget

By Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker

2nd ID Commander

"Upon the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that on other days and other fields bear the fruits of victory."

— Gen. Douglas MacArthur

Warriors, some of you realize and others do not know that you'll be going to the field with Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army (KATUSA) and Republic of Korea (ROK) fellow Soldiers the first full week of April. This field problem is a little different, however. Your challenges will not include enemy forces, weapon systems or terrain; but they will include scoring the go-ahead goal, figuring out how to play "volleyball" with your feet and finding the best seat at the Mark Chesnutt concert.

All the fun is part of Warrior Friendship Week, this year's take on an annual team-building event. In the past, this friendly competition involved mainly our U.S. and KATUSA Soldiers — hence, names such as "U.S.-KATUSA Friendship Week" were often employed. I'm all for building the Division team — in fact, I'm sort of the coach of that team, so I have a vested interest in its morale and esprit de corps.

But we've shifted fire this year, in a way I think makes a great event even better. We've welcomed not only our ROKA brothers-in-arms but our Families to this great camaraderie and esprit building week of friendly competition, recreation and fun.

We're not kidding about the Family-friendly part. Family Readiness Groups are seizing the opportunity to engage Warrior Families and provide information on all their terrific outreach efforts, activities and community support programs. Just as importantly, they'll be cooking up some great chow.

If your children attend Department of Defense Education Activity — Korea schools they are eligible for an excused absence as long as you coordinate it with the principal. I'm not promising the students an exception from homework but I do appreciate the administrators and teachers who are helping us open the event to our Warrior children. Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials promise plenty of child-focused activities. Look for face-painting booths, bounce castles, food,

games and all sorts of fun.

They won't be missing school purely for Family fun and games, although that's admittedly a draw. Warrior Friendship Week is also a great opportunity to grow your understanding of Korean culture.

If you have dreamed of learning how to make kimchi or traditional rice cakes, this is your chance — classes and, better yet, samples on both will be offered. You can enjoy Korean sports like "kimajun" — similar to a giant chicken fight — and "jok-ku," which is played and scored like volleyball with one catch: you have to kick the ball rather than bump it. Korean exhibits will offer a glimpse of traditional dress and wedding customs. The ROK Army is sending a special outdoor exhibit to highlight the history of the Korean War. And if you enjoy Korean music, you're in for a real treat — the Gugak concert Wednesday, April 7 will offer a mixture of hip modern music and classic oriental sounds.

For all the dynamite Korean cultural opportunities, the event will culminate with a great reminder of home — a free concert from country legend Mark Chesnutt. So we'll enjoy the best of both worlds.

Yet the centerpiece of the event remains the tremendous esprit and team-building competition on the field — most of the finals at the Schoonover Bowl on Camp Casey. Good luck to all the players, teams and Family members rooting them on. I look forward to seeing you compete on those "friendly fields of strife." The teams and the competition reflect our alliance. Teams will consist of U.S., KATUSA and ROKA players. We'll practice, play and compete together just as we train and fight together. Look for the daily schedule of Warrior Friendship Week events elsewhere in this issue of the Indianhead and on the Division Web site at www.2id.korea.army.mil

Regardless of what units come out on top, the Warriors win since the final result is always a team that's "Second to None!"



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U.S. and KATUSA Warriors battle it out during last year's tug of war finale at the Schoonover Bowl on Camp Casey.

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will also raise spirits during the final day of activities.

Static displays will highlight American and Korean military gear, weapons and vehicles. Culinary and cultural activities will feature everything from Korean foods, clothing and artwork to fans and marriage customs. Bold participants can prepare and sample kimchi of all varieties as well as rice cakes. Family and children's activities include a jump castle, dunk booth, crafts and social events organized by unit Family readiness groups.

The program offers treats for the ears as well as the eyes and taste buds. Country music star Mark Chesnutt, known for such chart-topping numbers as "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing," "Bubba Shot the Jukebox" and "Your Love is a Miracle," headlines the music program. Chesnutt and his band will perform the afternoon of April 8 at Gateway Plaza. Musical fare caters to other tastes as well. The National Korean Traditional Music Performers will play April 7, also at Gateway Plaza.

An awards ceremony conducted by Tucker and other Korean and Division key leaders marks the conclusion of the week's competitive events and ushers in a long weekend for most Warriors. A Division "Family Day" is scheduled, appropriately enough, for April 9.

Event leaders characterized the event as a tremendous opportunity for team, community and even alliance-building.

"I think it's extremely valuable for morale and esprit de corps to get away from our place of duty for a week and participate in these events together," said Lt. Col. Eric Davis, a key event planner. "This is also a great way for our families to share in our activities. We've specifically built the program to include the families and the kids."

"We ramped things up this year with the inclusion of our ROK brothers," Davis added. "This is a wonderful way to build esprit de corps and reinforce the tremendous relationship we've had for 60 years. Friendly competition and cooperation will continue to build that relationship. The cooperation and the relationship we build now will be second nature on the battlefield if we're ever called on to defend the country."

Warrior Friendship Week Schedule

Day and time

Monday, April 5

8-9 a.m.

9 a.m.-until complete

Tuesday, April 6

9 a.m.-until complete

9 a.m.-until complete

Wednesday, April 7

9 a.m.-until complete

6 p.m.-until complete

Thursday, April 8

8:30-9:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

9:45-11:45 a.m.

10-11:20 a.m.

10:15-11:15 a.m.

10:20-11:40 a.m.

10:30-11:30 a.m.

11 a.m.-noon

11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

1:15-1:30 p.m.

1:30-1:45 p.m.

2-2:30 p.m.

3-4 p.m.

Location and event

Camps Casey, Hovey and Humphreys

Warrior 5-kilometer fun run at Camp Casey

Unit level sports

Camps Red Cloud, Casey, Hovey and Humphreys

Unit level sports

Camp Casey Golf Scramble

Camp Casey

Division preliminary level soccer, basketball, kimajun, ssireum wrestling, jo ku, tug of war and tae kwon do events
Gugak concert outside of the Gateway Club

Camp Casey

Opening ceremony and cheerleading performance at Schoonover Bowl

Athletic opportunities at Schoonover Bowl and various locations on Casey

Basketball, ssireum wrestling, soccer

Kimajun at Schoonover Bowl

Relay at Schoonover Bowl

Jo ku at Carey Courts

Tug of war at Schoonover Bowl

"Ultimate Warrior" competition at Schoonover Bowl

Lunch at Schoonover Bowl

ROK Honor Guard demonstration at Schoonover Bowl

Tae kwon do demonstration at Schoonover Bowl

Awards presentation and closing remarks at Schoonover Bowl

Mark Chesnutt concert outside of the Gateway Club

Note: Casey Dining Facilities will serve brunch 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and supper 4-5:30 p.m. April 5-7
Casey DFAC will serve breakfast 7:30-9 a.m., lunch 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and dinner 5-6:30 p.m. April 8

'Hip Pocket' scholarship deadline looms

Warriors, the deadline for Green-to-Gold Reserve Officers' Training Corps "Hip Pocket" scholarship submissions is **April 1**.

So potential applicants must act now or watch the opportunity slip from their pocket.

Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, our commanding general, may nominate up to five enlisted Soldiers for these "Hip Pocket" scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year. Nominees must display the "scholar, athlete, leader" attributes and qualities of the officer corps. Scholarships are not final until the nominee is fully qualified. The scholarships will pay full tuition, **\$1,200** annually for books and supplies, and up to **\$500** per month, based on the award recipient's academic status.

Nominees must be U.S. citizens and under 31 years of age on Dec. 31 the year of the potential commissioning, in possession of a GT score of 100 or greater and guilty of no "Lautenberg Amendment" violations. The program memorandum of instruction and supporting materials will be routed through S1 channels.

For more information contact Capt. Rachel Joshua at **DSN (315) 732-8707**.

Education initiative encourages Division art students

Story and photo by
Pfc. Robert Young

Staff Writer

"Elements of Drawing I" might not seem like a probable class for a Warrior but 14 Soldiers stepped up to the aisle and embraced the challenge of this elective during the academic semester that began in January.

The University of Maryland offered the introductory class at the Camp Red Cloud Education Center as part of its normal course schedule. But the Warrior University initiative, which allows Soldiers to leave duty early for a "degree at three," allowed more Soldiers than usual to take part in the class.

"I am teaching this class precisely because of the 'degree at three' program. When I came to Korea I wasn't scheduled to teach a class until next semester but the opportunity arose for me to teach this semester because of the Division's push for education," said Sarah Colby, the instructor of the drawing class.

The class broke into groups according to students' prior experience; but students of all skill levels seemed highly motivated.

"I'm not an artist and have never taken an art class before but it did fill a general education requirement so I decided to give it a shot. The class is challenging because it focuses on different skills than other intro-type courses. I didn't think I would have spent so much time working on projects but I have found it really rewarding," said Pfc. Arlene Dantes of Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company, Division Special Troops Battalion.

On the other end of the spectrum, Dantes' classmate, Spc. Emmanuel

Romelus, a mechanic with HHSC, DSTB, wants to become an animator. Although he came into the class with considerable talent, he finds the formal instruction helpful and the time devoted to drawing gives him the opportunity to hone his craft.

"I enjoy the creative process. At the end of a class you can look at something that you made," said Romelus.

The Soldiers appreciated the open and constructive atmosphere that Colby created for her students.

"It's a hands-on class. There is a lecture portion of the class but, most of the time is spent drawing and improving your artistic ability. In fact, I find it really relaxing to be able to have time to pursue a creative outlet after a day at the office," said Pfc. Edward Silvers of B Company, DSTB.

The Division commanding general's education initiative, known as "Warrior University," facilitated offerings like Elements of Drawing.

One aspect of the initiative – dismissal from duty at 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in order to pursue educational goals – was a major impetus for some Warrior-scholars.

"I've been in the military for 14 years and this is the best educational opportu-



Pfc. Arlene Dantes of HHSC, DSTB develops her artistic abilities during a session of Elements of Drawing I at the Camp Red Cloud Education Center during time allotted for "Warrior University."

nity I've had in the past decade. A few years ago, I tried taking a Saturday class so it wouldn't interfere with my work schedule but some things came up and I missed a couple classes. I struggled just to pass," said Sgt. Jean-Paul Thibodeaux of C Company, DSTB.

Many Soldier-students have also benefitted from the strong support of the officers and noncommissioned officers in their immediate chain of command.

"If my sergeant is out of the office he will always call me to make sure I get to class on time. It feels good that he is so into my education," said Spc. Josephine Brown of B Co., DSTB.

The support from leaders has contributed to high motivation throughout the current academic semester.

"The enthusiasm from the students has been great, probably because they've been getting so much support from their leaders. I think everybody should take advantage of this while they can," said Colby.

The drawing class illustrates some of the opportunities available through "Warrior University."

It has allowed many of Colby's students to explore their creative side and visualize the world from a different perspective.

"I got so much from this class. It really focused on proper technique and I like how it was graded by your personal improvement rather than comparing your work to another student's," said Silvers.

Warrior Geek Squad' keeps megabytes moving during Key Resolve

By Maj. William J. Griffin

2nd ID Deputy Public Affairs Officer

Key Resolve/Foal Eagle 2010, an annual command post exercise involving more than 229,000 U.S. and Republic of Korea military personnel, ended March 18 after two weeks and the movement of millions of megabytes worth of data.

Normally a challenging event for the "Web Warriors" of the 2nd Infantry Division signal shop, this year's exercise was made more difficult by the introduction of other major command networks into the information environment.

"We normally operate with 8th Army. During this (exercise) we had 2nd ID, 8th Army, 3rd ROK Army, and XVIII Airborne Corps all running different battle command systems," said Maj. Jason Hester, 2nd ID automation maintenance officer. "We have to make sure that we have a common operational picture so they all have the same awareness of the battlefield at the same time."

Working with other commands to achieve that goal was not an easy task.

"Functions that we normally share with 8th Army had to be established with XVIII Airborne Corps," said Angelo Sisneros, a tactical battle command contractor for 2nd ID. "It's not something they practice normally, so we had to train them as we went along."

In addition, the DAMO and network operations personnel had to change the 2nd ID computers and secure networks to a new system only three weeks prior to the start of Key Resolve.

"The fact that we were able to do that is a testament to the kind of work guys like Chief Gueye put in prior to the exercise," said Hester. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Abdou Gueye is an information systems technician and jack of all trades in the G-6.

Not everything was smooth sailing throughout the exercise, however.

"There was a power outage at Camp Stanley that knocked out the (network) hub," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Chris Henderson, a network engineer assigned to the 2nd ID forward tactical operations center.

"We had to rely on other 'less-used' satellite communications. They were more reliable than I expected and I'm a big fan now," said Henderson.

Division network operations section personnel were able to make a few new connections, as well.

"We had some external nodes that came into the network from Hawaii – terminals that had never been instituted into (our system) before. We were the first ones to actually get them to work. We had some late nights trying to get those systems engineered into our network," said Warrant Officer 1 James Jones, a Division network technician.

While signal Soldiers may be experts in establishing communication between networks and computers, one may wonder if they have trouble explaining the intricacies of their world to tactical leaders.

"We're told not to upset them that way," said Henderson. "We tone down our conversations so they can understand."

Even considering their recent accomplishments during Key Resolve, the Soldiers of the "Warrior Geek Squad" aren't looking for accolades. Instead, they intentionally take a low-key approach.

"I always like to say, the best we can hope for is that people forget we exist. Because if people forget that 'G-6' exists, that means that everything is working and we're doing our jobs," said Hester.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Women's history events

March is National Women's History Month. To show appreciation and honor women for their contribution to the Army and nation, the Warrior team will observe the following events:

An event is slated for noon March 26 at the Camp Humphreys Super Gym.

A luncheon is slated for 11:30 a.m. March 29 at Camp Hovey 1st BSTB Dining Facility.

A luncheon is slated for 11:30 a.m. March 31 at the Thunder Inn Dining Facility on Camp Casey.

AFTB class at CRC

An Army Family Team Building Level I class is scheduled for 4 p.m. April 5-7 at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation classroom in Building S-16 on Camp Red Cloud. Level I courses are targeted toward Family members new to the Army and explain the purpose and benefits of the AFTB program.

For registration or more information, contact Charles Lyons at DSN 732-7314 or LyonsCA@korea.army.mil

Pediatric care at CRC

Pediatric care is now available the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at the troop medical clinic on

Camp Red Cloud. Pediatricians will see children ages 2 weeks to 5 years old on days the pediatric wellness clinic is in session.

To schedule an appointment, call DSN 737-2273(CARE).

For more information, call DSN 732-6011.

Bowling tournament

The Red Cloud Bowling Center will hold a Color Pin Bowling Tournament April 3 and 4 beginning at 1 p.m. Sign up by 12:30 p.m. each day. Entry Fee is \$20.

For more information, call DSN 732-6930.

Cast your vote

All Warriors and dependents serving in Korea are eligible to cast absentee ballots in the 2010 mid-term elections.

Warrior-voters registered in Indiana, North Carolina, Ohio, Nebraska, West Virginia, Arkansas, Kentucky, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Idaho, your primaries are in May, so act now.

For more information consult your unit voting assistance officer or the Web site at www.fvap.gov

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 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 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursdays; and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

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

Tax preparers will serve at 9 a.m. to 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.

Movies

Camp Casey

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

March 26 ... The Spy Next Door;
Green Zone
March 27 ... The Spy Next Door; When in Rome; Green Zone
March 28 ... The Spy Next Door; Legion
March 29 ... Green Zone
March 31 ... When in Rome
April 2 ... The Bounty Hunter; The Edge of Darkness
April 3 ... Tooth Fairy; The Bounty Hunter; The Lovely Bones
April 4 ... When in Rome; Edge of Darkness
April 5 ... The Bounty Hunter
April 7 ... The Lovely Bones

Camp Red Cloud

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

March 26 ... Alice in Wonderland;
Daybreakers
March 27 ... Legion
March 28 ... When in Rome
March 29 ... The Spy Next Door
March 30 ... Nine
April 1 ... Green Zone
April 2 ... Green Zone; The Book of Eli
April 3 ... The Edge of Darkness
April 4 ... The Lovely Bones
April 5 ... Tooth Fairy
April 6 ... When in Rome
April 8 ... The Bounty Hunter

Camp Hovey

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

March 26 ... When in Rome
March 27 ... Legion
March 28 ... Green Zone
March 30 ... The Spy Next Door
April 1 ... The Bounty Hunter
April 2 ... Tooth Fairy
April 3 ... When in Rome
April 4 ... The Bounty Hunter
April 6 ... The Edge of Darkness
April 8 ... The Lovely Bones

Camp Stanley

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

March 26 ... Nine; Legion
March 27 ... Alice in Wonderland; When in Rome
March 28 ... Alice in Wonderland
March 29 ... The Spy Next Door
March 31 ... The Bounty Hunter (2)
April 1 ... When in Rome
April 2 ... Legion; The Book of Eli
April 3 ... Green Zone; The Edge of Darkness
April 4 ... Green Zone
April 5 ... Nine
April 7 ... How to Train Your Dragon (2)
April 8 ... When in Rome

Camp Humphreys

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

March 26 ... Green Zone (2)
March 27 ... The Spy Next Door;
Green Zone (2)
March 28 ... The Spy Next Door;
Green Zone (2)
March 29 ... When in Rome (2)
March 30 ... When in Rome (2)
March 31 ... Legion (2)
April 1 ... Legion (2)
April 2 ... The Bounty Hunter (2)
April 3 ... Tooth Fairy;
The Bounty Hunter (2)
April 4 ... Tooth Fairy;
The Bounty Hunter (2)
April 5 ... The Lovely Bones (2)
April 6 ... The Lovely Bones (2)
April 7 ... The Edge of Darkness (2)
April 8 ... The Edge of Darkness (2)

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Camp Red Cloud

Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

Catholic:

9 a.m. Sunday

Holy Week Services:

9 a.m. March 28

7 p.m. April 1

7 p.m. April 2

7 p.m. April 3

9 p.m. April 4

KATUSA:

7 p.m. Sunday

COGIC:

12:30 p.m. Sunday

11:45 a.m. Tuesdays
and Thursdays

Holy Week Services:

Noon March 28

6 p.m. April 1

6 p.m. April 2

8 p.m. April 3

Noon April 4

LDS Bible study:

6:30 p.m. Thursdays

Jewish:

6:30 p.m. Friday

Camp Hovey

At Hovey Chapel

Catholic:

9:30 a.m. Sunday

Holy Week Services:

9:30 a.m. March 28

9:30 a.m. April 4

Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

6 p.m. Tuesday

At Old Hovey Chapel

Orthodox:

10 a.m. 3rd Sundays

At 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

Holy Week Services:

11:30 a.m. March 28

11:30 a.m. April 4

KATUSA:

7 p.m. Tuesday

Camp Castle

Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

6 p.m. Tuesday

At Castle Chapel

KATUSA:

6 p.m. Wednesday

Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday

Camp Humphreys

Catholic:

9 a.m. Sunday

Holy Week Services:

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11 a.m. Sunday

Gospel:

6 p.m. Tuesday

1 p.m. Sunday

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Manchu moms 'stir the pot' during battalion gunnery

By Master Sgt. Michael Pintagro

2nd ID Public Affairs Chief

When Manchus of 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team departed for a month-long field training mission their wives didn't sit idly by crying in their soup. Instead they learned how to make it.

Inspired by Family Readiness Group leaders representing Headquarters and Headquarters Company and "Easy" Company, 2-9th Inf., a longstanding friend of Americans serving in the Dongducheon area taught an informal but enlightening class on the preparation of "miyok kuk," or seaweed soup, March 15 at the Camp Casey Pear Blossom Cottage.

Lee Sun Ok, a regular presence at Warrior Family events, prepared authentic Korean seaweed soup and added a batch of "seaweed chips" in the bargain as around 10 Manchu wives looked on, assisted in the preparation of ingredients or took notes.

"I'm very excited to help them cook," she said as she prepared to make the soup, a broad smile spanning her compact face. "I want to help. Babies like soup, so this is a good thing to teach them."

Lee, a native of Seoul who moved to Dongducheon nearly three decades ago, participates in a wide array of partnership activities with Warrior Families serving in the "Casey enclave." She socializes easily and often with Americans serving in the area, introduces them to Korean cuisine and even escorts Warrior Families during tours of her native Seoul.

"The American people do not know how successful and beautiful Korea is," she said. "I want to show them Korea is very modern and beautiful now. I want to show them there is much more to Korea than what they will see on the base."

Jamie Ping, wife of Capt. Derek Ping, the HHC, 2-9th commander and a key organizer of the cooking class among many other FRG events, described Lee as a cultural diplomat.

"She's like an ambassador for Korea," Jamie Ping said. "She tries to teach as many people as much about Korea as she can. She wants everyone to love Korea as



Photos by Pfc. Robert Young

Lee Sun Ok, assisted by one-year-old Benjamin Ping, prepares authentic Korean seaweed soup as more than 10 Manchu wives look on, assist in the preparation of ingredients or take notes at the Pear Blossom Cottage.

much as she does."

"She's taken us into her home and into her life," she added. "The kids all call her 'halmoni'" — Korean for "grandma."

Indeed, Lee played affectionately and enthusiastically with many of the roughly two dozen children who circulated through the PBC during her cooking class, even carrying children as she prepared her soup.

According to Tess Compton, manager of the Camp Casey PBC for the last eight years, the PBC menu includes much more than soup. The facility hosts regular cooking classes featuring a wide array of ethnic and regional specialties.

"We have a multinational group, so we do a different kind of cooking every month," Compton said. "The people share their own kind of food with the group." Recent classes featured Filipino, Mexican, Spanish and Polish as well as American fare.

"They're very much interested — especially in the Korean and Filipino food because they know the American food already," Compton added with a smile. "It helps them adapt and learn about other kinds of food. Sometimes the Americans are picky before they come here but they like the other foods once they start to experience them."

Compton described the lesson in Korean soup-making as particularly valuable and relevant. "It's beneficial for them to learn about Korean food and cooking since we're in Korea," she said. "It's a very big advantage having a volunteer like this teaching us about Korean cooking."

Participants echoed her sentiments. "It's nice to have a local Korean show us how to cook it the right way," said Jana Adams, wife of Easy Co. commander Capt. Eli Adams and leader of the company FRG. "Maybe some of us can learn how to cook this ourselves at home instead of going to restaurants every time."

"I think it's good," said Iveth Sandoval, wife of Spc. Brayen Sandoval of HHC, 2-9th Inf. "I like to cook, so as soon as I found out about the class I decided to come."

"I'm taking good notes. If it turns out good, I'll be ready to make it myself," she added with a smile as the

soup simmered.

Would too many cooks spoil the broth? The evidence was served around noon.

Amber Jordan, the half-Korean wife of Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Jordan of HHC 2-9th Inf. and a former active-duty hospital food specialist, boasts unique credibility as a judge of Korean cuisine.

"It's great to have a taste from home," she said of the Korean soup. "I make this all the time. It came out fine — just the way my mom makes it."

"Now I can confirm it came out good, so I'll make it," Sandoval said as she sampled the soup.

Choosy Manchu wives and mothers unanimously endorsed the soup. But what about notoriously finicky American toddlers and young children? While some of the kids feasted on familiar American snacks like cereal and cookies, others sampled cuisine prepared during the class.

"I think it's good," said 5-year-old Michael Moore, who accompanied his mother Joette to the event. "I like the seaweed chips, especially the salt."

The cooking class was not the only pot on the FRG stove. Organization leaders scheduled a robust series of Family activities, ranging from parenting classes and play dates on Camp Casey to excursions in parks and zoos in Dongducheon and Seoul, during the gunnery dates. The aim, FRG leaders said, transcends recreational and culinary goals.

"It's important to bring the wives together, especially while our husbands are in the field," Jamie Ping said. "We get to know each other and learn how we can support each other. This provides a forum to discuss issues and problems and solutions to problems. We can compare ideas and experiences and that helps us solve problems."

"These events build a network of support that's available for everything," Jana Adams added. "That's very important, especially for Families who are new to Camp Casey. Without the right information and a supportive team it can be overwhelming for people not used to being in a foreign country."

"We invite everybody," she noted. "We want to in-

clude as many of the spouses as we can."

The participation of Iveth Sandoval, a young Manchu wife with no children, highlights the success of FRG outreach efforts.

"I think it's good they include everyone, not just the people with kids," she said. "The group is not just about the kids — it's about giving all the wives a chance to interact and supporting all the Families."

The success of cultural, culinary and community activities such as those conducted by the Manchu FRGs also reflects the rapid expansion and evolution of Family life in Warrior Country.

"When I first got here there weren't very many spouses," Amber Jordan said. "Now we have a lot more FRG events and that's definitely a plus. It gets spouses out of the house and allows them to experience Korean culture."

The PBC itself plays a key role in community and Family life in Warrior County.

The Casey PBC serves Warrior Families throughout the Dongducheon enclave and offers a wide array of educational, social and recreational opportunities. The facility, Compton noted, features regular parenting classes, play groups, and parent and child interaction sessions.

The facility includes robust outdoor and indoor play facilities as well as a laundry room and an enormous kitchen replete with cooking equipment. Warrior Families can avail themselves of ranges, microwave ovens, rice cookers and kitchen utensils. The PBC offers an ideal venue for parents to socialize and accomplish household tasks while their children play.



Amber Jordan and her 19-month old daughter, Myoki, watch Lee Sun Ok prepare homemade seaweed soup and seaweed chips March 15 at the Camp Casey Pear Blossom Cottage.

"It's a great facility," said Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Johnson of the Division Special Troops Battalion, a dual-military mother of three. "You can focus on adult activi-

ties and have adult conversations while the kids play with each other. There are plenty of toys and other kids to keep them busy."

Warrior Family Forum:

What advice do you have for Families coming to Warrior Country?



April Miller

Ask a lot of questions and do research before you get here. I definitely recommend getting out and meeting other Families. You can see what they are doing to get by so you can get an idea of what you should do for your Family.

I've found that there is everything here that you need for a good Family life, but it is not always right in front of you. You have to get out there and find it.

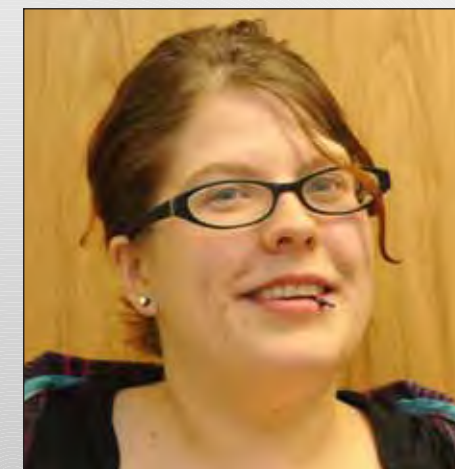
Also, be prepared that there aren't many public restrooms.



Carolyn Heidelberger

Since Families are so new to Warrior Country, you've got to be prepared for the fact that there is not the same level of Family resources as back in the States.

I can't stress enough to have all your documents ready and to have a few copies of each. I've found Koreans to be friendly and gracious. If they seem a little reluctant to deal with you it's probably because they don't speak English well. Be patient and understanding. Learn as much as you can.



Cristyn Farris

Don't expect it to be like the States. It is another country after all.

People complain that Area 1 doesn't have all the things you would expect to find on a base. I can understand that since command sponsorship is so new here.

On the other hand, I think that everybody should try to get out and explore Korea.

I'm from Chicago and I think that the Korean subway system is better than the one back home.



Elizabeth Schroader

I've only been here for three weeks. The language barrier is definitely the biggest obstacle. I'm actively learning Korean to try to get over it.

The Pear Blossom Cottage is a great way to meet other Families that are going through the same things you are. It is a really valuable support system.

I have also joined apartment complex Facebook groups. It is a great way to meet people.

Overall, you have to get out and make friends.



The youngest member of the cooking class, Merick Child, reaches for last minute ingredients at the PBC.



The sun never sets on the 2nd ID

Iraqi electoral achievements hearten Warriors

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BAGHDAD – Warriors of 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment last served with the 2nd Infantry Division's main body of forward-deployed forces in Korea in 1986. But since their assignment to the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team in 2006, these Warriors have been as heavily engaged as any brother infantrymen from Dongducheon to Warrior Base.

Most recently, they've contributed to the security

of voters during Iraq's historic national parliamentary elections. While brother infantrymen wearing the Indianhead patch secure the contentious border separating the Republic of Korea and the "Democratic People's Republic of Korea," 1-38th Warriors helped ensure the safety and integrity of elections determining the 325 members of the Iraqi Council of Representatives, who in turn select the president and prime minister of Iraq.

Even before the sun rose at the Victory Base Complex March 7, Soldiers from C Company, 1-38th Inf. were poised to help Iraqi Security Forces protect voters during the elections.

Iraqi forces had given the Warriors permission to set up inside the 3rd Iraqi Army Battalion, 6th Iraqi Army Division post in Abu Ghraib so they could react quickly to support Iraqi Security Forces if needed.

"We're here only if the Iraqi Army calls on us," 1st Lt. Andy Byers, the 4th platoon leader, said before the voting. "The only way we're allowed to move is if it is specifically requested by ISF command."

This approach allowed the ISF to demonstrate their capacity to protect their own people and the electoral process to insurgents and observers around the world.

"The ISF seem much more confident in working independently," said Byers. "This election was a perfect chance for them to prove to their people that they are a professional force, and to earn the Iraqi people's respect."

Soldiers said the ISF's ability to stand on its own is also a testament to the U.S. military's success in preparing Iraq to protect itself.

"American forces have trained the ISF well," said Sgt. Cody Jurens, a team leader serving with C Co., 1-38th Inf. "The ISF seems ready, so when we leave, Iraq will be in capable hands."

After multiple deployments, some 1-38th Soldiers have noticed significant changes with Iraq's ability to defend itself.

Sgt. Keith York, a team leader assigned to C Co., 1-38th Inf., served in Iraq from 2007 until 2008. York said he noticed the difference in how the ISF operated then and how they conduct themselves now.

"Back then, there was corruption among the Iraqi Army and police, and they didn't understand the use of chain of command," York said. "Over the last three years, it's been great to see how much better it has become."

Jurens also had prior experience in Iraq.

"In my two deployments to Iraq, I can definitely tell we've made a difference, said Jurens. "Even the local populace has mentioned they're happy that we're around."

York also noticed a big change in the mindset of voters, particularly in Abu Ghraib.

"Last election, hardly anyone in Abu Ghraib voted," he said. "But (in) this election, there has been a great deal of anticipation leading up to the election among the people of Abu Ghraib, with many of them expecting to cast their votes."

Leaders from Iraq and around the world have applauded Iraqis for taking a big step toward becoming a free, peaceful nation and their security forces for giving them the opportunity to do so. That step holds a special meaning for York.

"It is great to see them taking the next step," he said. "It means that when me and my guys go home, we have helped this nation on its way to its potential. I am honored to have been a part of this."

Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans currently serving with the Division main body in Korea echoed those sentiments.

"The progress is heartening," said Lt. Col. Russell Goemaere, a Division staff officer who served with a brigade combat team based in Baghdad from the beginning of 2005 to the beginning of 2006. "This validates the sacrifice, dedication, endurance and hard work of so many great American and Iraqi Soldiers."

"I was there for the 2005 elections, and this is precisely what we were trying to achieve," he added. "God knows we still have a long way to go, but it's amazing how far we've come together. I was proud then and I'm even prouder now."



Pfc. Jacob Woods, an infantryman assigned to C Co., 1-38th Inf., 4th SBCT, watches for security threats while the Abu Ghraib populace votes during the March 7 Iraqi national parliamentary elections.