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Combined competition celebrates U.S.-ROK alliance

By Master Sgt. Michael Pintagro

2nd ID Public Affairs Chief

American and Korean Warriors who more often train to "Fight Tonight" embraced a weeklong opportunity to "play today" April 5-8.

"Warrior Friendship Week," an annual 2nd Infantry Division teambuilding event, harnessed the spirit of American, Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army and Republic of Korea Army Soldiers as well as Family members, local communities and even country music stars on behalf of the U.S.-ROK alliance.

Team and individual athletic events punctuated by "fun runs" and a golf scramble at Camp Casey dominated the early stages of Warrior Friendship Week.

Activities included such traditional Korean contests as kimajun, ssireum wrestling and jo ku. A tae kwon do demonstration, static displays and Korean cuisine samplings also provided participants a taste of local culture. The event featured international favorites like soccer and basketball, along with perennial team-building contests such as tug-of-war. A unique "Ultimate Warrior" relay tested participants' ingenuity in a specifically military genre of "extreme sport."

Major subordinate commands conducted unit-level preliminary competitions at home bases during the first two days of competition. Allied Warriors competed mainly as part of combined American and Korean teams. Volleyballs, soccer balls and occasionally Soldiers filled the air from Dongducheon to Pyeongtaek as units throughout Warrior Country competed on fields and courts amid generally pleasant spring weather.

American and Korean participants alike embraced the team-building opportunity. U.S. Soldiers welcomed the chance to participate in Korean activities and develop camaraderie with Korean colleagues.

"I thought the Korean sports were a lot of fun to watch," said Spc. Christopher Baldwin of A Company, Division Special Troops Battalion. "I'd never seen ssireum wrestling in person so this was

a unique opportunity to see and participate in a traditional cultural event. It is also great to see ROK Army Soldiers out here supporting the event as well. Being a guest in their country, I feel more welcomed by their taking part in Warrior Friendship Week."

"It's really great to be able to socialize with KATUSAs outside of work in a fun sporting environment," added Pfc. Zach Forshell of A Co., 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team. "I really like unwinding with a round of golf and was really excited to hear that Sgt. Cho, who I see every day, enjoys golf too. It was a natural fit that we would enter the golf scramble together, and were doing pretty well."

KATUSA and ROK troops echoed those sentiments.

"I think it's really important that the ROK Army is out here participating in these events," said Pfc. Chung Jin-Ho, a KATUSA serving with D Co., 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st HBCT. "They are bringing so much enthusiasm to the games and I think the American Soldiers are picking-up on it. I feel proud that Korean Soldiers are supporting these games."

"This event is really important," said ROK 1st Lt. Noh Jong-San. "The two armies never get to have the kind of cultural exchange that we're getting in these relaxing, fun activities when we interact in military exercises. I feel very fortunate to be out here playing a round of golf with American Soldiers."

"The U.S. Army signal battalion commander invited us to enjoy the event together," said Capt. Park Jae Seok of the 13th ROKA Signal Battalion. "It's very good for our Soldiers. This helps us to experience the U.S. Army and U.S. culture. Our Soldiers are really enjoying this event."

"I think it's very good event," said ROK Sgt. Na Young Kwang, a noncommissioned officer with the same organization. "As ROKA Soldiers, we don't have as many chances to experience the U.S. Army. This event helped me make a lot of friends with the U.S. Soldiers."

Families as well as ROK allies played an unprecedented role in this year's version of the annual Division esprit-building event.

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Pfc. Robert Young, Staff Writer

Warriors of C Company, Division Special Troops Battalion, aided by several Republic of Korea Army Soldiers, pull together during a tug-of-war event held April 6 at the soccer field on Camp Red Cloud during Warrior Friendship Week.



VOICE OF THE WARRIOR: What did you like most about Warrior Friendship Week?



"I entered the soccer event. I've never played soccer before but I went out to help out the KATUSAs I work with and to support my company."

Pvt. Daniel Weldy
A Co., 302nd BSB

"Aside from getting the chance to play basketball during the duty day, I enjoyed playing with my KATUSA counterparts."

Sgt. Toliver Edward
A Co., DSTB



"I enjoyed getting out and mingling with everybody. The entire community was there. It made me feel welcome as a guest here."

Staff Sgt. Randy Briggs
A Co., 70th BSB

"I really liked hanging out with the KATUSAs I work with. I've learned so much about the Korean culture and a bit of Hangul from them."

Pfc. Elisha Elmer
B Co., DSTB



"Participating in the soccer event was my favorite part of Warrior Friendship Week. I've enjoyed playing this sport since I was young."

Sgt. 1st Class Jesse Willett
C Co., DSTB



"I liked the whole thing. It was great to socialize and have fun with KATUSA Soldiers that I normally just work with."

Pvt. Gabriel Garcia
A Co., 70th BSB



COMMANDER'S CORNER

We go together, in good times and bad

By Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker
2nd ID Commander

Most of you are aware of the tragedy that befell the Pohang-class corvette Cheonan, a Republic of Korea Navy patrol boat, the night of Friday, March 26. An explosion in or around the stern, or rear, of the ship inflicted catastrophic damage as the Cheonan patrolled around one nautical mile off the southwest coast of Baengnyeong Island in the West Sea – not far from Warrior Country and close to the water boundary separating South and North Korea. The ship broke in two and sank. While ROK sailors and coast guardsmen rescued 58 of the 104 crewmembers aboard the Cheonan at the time of its sinking, 46 men remain unaccounted for as I write.

Korean sailors, coast guardsmen, airmen and rescue workers have done everything in their power to rescue their comrades and salvage the remains of the ship notwithstanding stormy, frigid waters that rendered recovery efforts impossible for several days. One ROK diver tragically died in a brave but vain rescue attempt. Soldiers from our own 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade have provided heavy lift capability and are maintaining medical evacuation crews on station. American sailors from the USNS Salvor, USS Harpers Ferry and USS Shiloh, are also supporting our Korean allies to the utmost of their ability as recovery efforts continue.

This is a heart-wrenching experience for the family members and friends of the missing sailors and a very difficult time for our Korean allies, friends and neighbors.

In honor of the crew of the Cheonan, in respect for their families, friends and loved ones, and in solidarity with our ROK allies, I've proclaimed a 2nd Infantry Division "Day of Remembrance" on Friday, April 9. I'd ask each of you to spend part of this day reflecting on the sacrifice and courage of our fallen and missing brothers in arms as well as the pain and grief of their loved ones.

I'd also ask you to reflect on the value of our alliance. Let us renew our commitment to our shared vision and to each other. The challenges and tragedies of the past have taught



us to accomplish missions under the most trying of circumstances – even in the face of heartbreaking loss.

Our mission right now is to be sure that, if called upon, we are ready to "Fight Tonight." In light of this, we will carry on with next week's combined arms live fire exercise. Soldiers from the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, and ROK Army 26th Mechanized Division will execute a live-fire exercise that will employ the decisive combat power of U.S. and Korean armor, infantry, aviation and artillery to destroy the enemy and seize the objective. This is the capability that we, together as the strongest alliance in the world, bring to bear against our enemy.

We can and we will persevere. In these difficult times, let us open our arms and hearts to our alliance brothers and sisters. In good times and bad, in joy and sorrow, in peace and war, "Katchi Kapshida – We Go Together."

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ADA Soldiers descend into training 'Inferno'

**Story and photos by
Pfc. Robert Young**

Staff Writer

Air defenders of E Battery, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade descended into an "Inferno" of smoldering-hot training April 1; but if participants felt like the devil they performed like true Warriors.

The third "Diablo Inferno" competition instilled esprit de corps, built the team and reinforced Soldier skills through a grueling 14-hour competitive event. The event tests basic Warrior as well as short range air defense skills in a challenging, competitive environment.

Diablo Inferno is a rite of passage for Soldiers willing to step up to the challenge; its inspiration is the "Spur Ride" conducted by cavalry troopers. The air defenders who complete the event receive a belt buckle and can take pride in the fact that they faced the challenge of the "Inferno" and succeeded.

"The competition builds esprit de corps and reinforces what is unique about air defenders," said Capt. Alexander Corby, E Battery commander. "When Soldiers identify with a group and take pride in what their mission is, you are less likely to have disciplinary issues."

"We started the Diablo Inferno in order to foster unit pride and boost morale. As the last SHORAD battery on the peninsula, this competition gives a chance to differentiate ourselves from the units that we are attached to," said 1st Lt. James Ko, the leader of 4th Platoon and officer in charge of the competition.

The 30 air defenders taking part in the competition were separated into three groups that would march a total of 15 miles by the competition's end. The Inferno consisted of some seven stations dispersed among locations at Camp Casey and Camp Hovey. At each station, the air defenders completed a basic Soldier or SHORAD task.

Each group was led by a lane walker, a Soldier who had completed the Inferno in the past and whose job was to keep his team motivated and on time for each event. The walker set the pace and ensured event mechanics progressed smoothly.

"As a lane walker, it is my responsibility to make sure that nobody gets hurt and that the Soldiers stay motivated. I have to control the operations tempo and make sure things go smoothly," said Spc. Kristopher Green of the Maintenance Platoon.

The air defenders came to the event motivated and demonstrated a desire to prove something to their peers and themselves.

"I'm in this to see if I can make it. I think I'm prepared for the physical challenge but I've heard that it's the mental part of the Inferno that's the toughest,"

Pvt. Cameron Mayes of 3rd Pltn. said before the event.

On the other hand, the tough physical demands of the competition could not be ignored.

"This is going to be a long night. It isn't just that we have to 'ruck' all over the place but we're getting smoked all the time. I haven't done eight-count push-ups since basic and even then it wasn't in full battle rattle," said Pvt. Maurissa Steppe of 3rd Pltn.

The Inferno started promptly at 4 p.m. on April Fool's Day but it was no joke. It ended 6 a.m. the next morning with a board headed by the battery commander and first sergeant. The board tested the Soldiers' knowledge of air defense and what they learned from the night's events.

"This is really good training. It tests the Soldiers' mission essential knowledge under high-stress circumstances. They are really motivated and have shown a lot of heart. I know that every Soldier participating has the ability to finish the Inferno but they will have to dig deep to see it through to the end," said E Battery 1st Sgt. Richard Pyles.

Apart from training and Army knowledge, the Inferno offered the participants a chance at deeper self-knowledge.

"I believe that every Soldier has unlimited potential and that it is my duty as a leader to show Soldiers what they can accomplish even when they thought they couldn't," said Staff Sgt. Paul Wiklund of 4th Pltn., an Avenger weapon system instructor.

By the morning, all but two of the air defenders had finished the arduous Diablo Inferno and earned the belt buckle that demonstrates their proficiency – and their endurance of the night's ordeal.



Pvt. Cameron Mayes of 3rd Pltn., 6-52nd ADA prepares to enter the gas chamber on Camp Casey during the CBRN section of Diablo Inferno April 1.



Pvt. David Jones, Staff Sgt. Jeffery Harvey and Sgt. Altom McLaurin of 6-52nd ADA practice rifle drills using Stinger missiles at the Avenger weapons system station of Diablo Inferno April 1 on Camp Casey.

210th artillerymen, locals team up to clean up

Story and photo by Pfc. Robert Young

Staff Writer

Around 300 Soldiers from the 210th Fires Brigade joined more than 100 Korean volunteers from several Dongducheon-area community organizations for a "spring cleanup" conducted March 24 along the Shin River.

The annual beautification endeavor marked the most recent effort in an ongoing community engagement campaign undertaken by "Thunder Brigade" leaders and Soldiers. It aimed to bolster sanitation and improve the quality of the natural environment in the allies' shared living space.

The Soldiers assembled by the Sangpae Bridge just outside of Gate One on Camp Casey at 10 a.m. the morning of the event, eagerly anticipating their hike north to the Anheung Bridge – a distance of about one and a half kilometers. Soldiers and civilian volunteers picked up tongs, trash bags and gloves provided by the Dongducheon Volunteer Center at the link-up point.

U.S. and Korean leaders described the cleanup as emblematic of the partnership between the Dongducheon community and American units based in the area.

"The 210th has a history of participating in community events. We try to be good neighbors by maintain-



Soldiers from 210th Fires Brigade help Kim Mi-Sook of the Hantan River Organization pick up the papers and the trash during the cleanup campaign conducted March 23 along the Shin River.

ing a strong, friendly relationship with the community. In addition to the annual river cleanup, we run an Eng-

lish class for local Korean students and participate in Arbor Day activities with our Korean neighbors," said Col. Steven A. Sliwa, the 210th Fires Brigade commander.

"I'm thankful for the Soldiers of the 210th Fires Brigade and of the 2nd Infantry Division as a whole. By participating in today's cleanup, I hope the Soldiers realize that they are vital members of the Dongducheon community. Events like these foster good will between local Koreans and Soldiers," said Oh Sea-Chang, mayor of Dongducheon.

The cleanup helps the Soldiers become active members of the Dongducheon community and strengthen the relationship between the troops and the locals.

"We started this program about six years ago to get Soldiers out and involved in the community. I think programs like these make Soldiers feel like a part of the larger Korean community outside the base," said Lee Pok-Hee, administrative director of the Dongducheon Volunteer Center.

The program proved effective and created a palpable difference in the Soldiers' attitude toward the surrounding city. They have come to see themselves as part of a larger community in which the civilian and military parts are mutually dependent.

"I was stationed here in 1998 and I never saw anything like this. The only time Soldiers went off base, well, it was not necessarily for the betterment of the community. I think programs like this have really improved relations," said Staff Sgt. Brandon Ruzbacki of E Battery, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires.

After picking-up along the river banks, the Soldiers were treated to a snack of kimbap provided by the Dongducheon Volunteer Center.

"This is an important event because it gets the Soldiers involved in the community and interacting with locals in a way they couldn't otherwise do," said Sliwa.

At the end of the day several of the Soldiers expressed a sense of accomplishment and could look over a clean river bank as proof of their labors.

"I think it turned out very well. The Soldiers did a great job cleaning and they seem to be glad to be helping the community," said Capt. Joseph Hong of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th Fires.

"It feels good to give back to the community. I like the sense of duty that you get from doing community service. I can see that the city is doing a lot of work building a park along the river and I will definitely take advantage of it in the summer," said Pvt. Gaibreanna Smith of E Btry., 6-52nd ADA.



Cpl. Ma Ju-ho, 2nd CAB Public Affairs

Not in Kansas anymore

Col. Joseph A. Bassani Jr., commander of the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, hands incoming brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Leeford C. Cain the brigade colors during a change of responsibility ceremony conducted March 25 at the Camp Humphreys Community Fitness Center. Cain, who served most recently as command sergeant major of 3rd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan., succeeded retiring Command Sgt. Maj. Richard E. Santos as 2nd CAB senior enlisted advisor. Santos served 31 years in the military, culminating with his role with the 2nd CAB.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Baby-sitting class

A baby-sitting class sponsored by the American Red Cross is slated for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 13-14 at the Camp Casey Army Community Service classroom (Bldg. 2317). The class includes infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as well as baby-sitting instruction. Cost of the course is \$40.

For more information, call DSN 730-3184.

Obstacle course challenge

The 2010 Warrior Country Second Annual Invitational Obstacle Course Challenge is slated for April 17 on the Camp Hovey Air Assault Obstacle Course.

Registration for the event will begin at 9 a.m. The event briefing will begin at 9:55 a.m., and the action will begin at 10 a.m. For more information, call DSN 732-6276/6927.

CRC lodge opens

A ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of a new lodging facility on Camp Red Cloud is slated for 1:45-2 p.m. April 26 in front of the newly refurbished Camp Red Cloud Lodge. The lodge is located across from the bus station and commissary.

For more information, call DSN 730-4247.

Community town hall

A Community town hall meeting is slated for 3-4:30 p.m. April 26 in the Camp Casey Community Activity Center.

For more information, call DSN 730-4853/4601.

Pre-register now, parents

Parents of children entering Casey Elementary School, the Department of Defense Dependents-Korea School slated to open in late summer, are invited to pre-register their children for the 2010-2011 academic year 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 27 at Maude Hall on Camp Casey.

Registration tables will be located in the common area just inside Maude Hall. The pre-registration event is designed to facilitate a smoother transition for children enrolling in the school.

Registration forms and additional information can be found at the DODDS-K Web site at <http://www.korea.pac.dodea.edu/dex.html>

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

AER campaign

The Warrior Country 2010 Army Emergency Relief campaign continues through May 15. Retirees and civilian employees as well as active duty Soldiers are encouraged to participate in the campaign on behalf of AER, a program which provides grants and interest-free loans to Soldiers in finan-

cial need. Contributions in won and dollars, or by personal checks and allotments, are welcome.

For more information, call DSN 732-9011.

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.

April 9 ... How to Train Your Dragon;
Region
April 10 ... How to Train Your Dragon;
Wolfman
April 11 ... Dear John; Wolfman
April 12 ... The Lovely Bones
April 14 ... Wolfman
April 16 ... Dean John; Clash of the Titans
April 17 ... Valentine's Day; Wolfman; Clash
of the Titans
April 18 ... Region; From Paris with Love
April 19 ... Clash of the Titans
April 21 ... When in Rome
April 22 ... The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Camp Red Cloud

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

April 9 ... The Bounty Hunter; Legion
April 10 ... The Wolfman
April 11 ... Dean John
April 12 ... When in Rome
April 13 ... Edge of Darkness
April 15 ... The Wolfman
April 16 ... Edge of Darkness;
The Lovely Bones
April 17 ... From Paris with Love
April 18 ... Valentine's Day
April 19 ... Dear John
April 20 ... Legion
April 22 ... Clash of the Titans

Camp Hovey

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

April 9 ... The Wolfman
April 10 ... Region
April 11 ... The Lovely Bones
April 13 ... Edge of Darkness
April 15 ... Clash of the Titans
April 16 ... Region
April 17 ... Dear John
April 18 ... Clash of the Titans
April 20 ... The Wolfman
April 22 ... Date Night

Camp Stanley

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

April 9 ... Legion; When in Rome
April 10 ... The Bounty Hunter; Edge of
Darkness
April 11 ... The Bounty Hunter
April 12 ... The Spy Next Door
April 14 ... Clash of the Titans (2)
April 15 ... Tooth Fairy
April 16 ... The Wolfman; Edge of Darkness
April 17 ... The Wolfman; From Paris
with Love
April 18 ... Dear John
April 19 ... Tooth Fairy
April 21 ... Date Night (2)
April 22 ... Edge of Darkness

Camp Humphreys

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

April 9 ... How to Train Your Dragon (2)
April 10 ... How to Train Your Dragon (2);
The Wolfman
April 11 ... How to Train Your Dragon;
The Wolfman (2)
April 12 ... The Wolfman (2)
April 13 ... Dear John (2)
April 14 ... Dear John (2)
April 15 ... Valentine's Day (2)
April 16 ... Clash of the Titans (2)
April 17 ... The Boy in the Striped Pajamas;
Clash of the Titans (2)
April 18 ... Alvin and the Chipmunks;
Clash of the Titans (2)
April 19 ... Valentine's Day (2)
April 20 ... From Paris with Love (2)
April 21 ... From Paris with Love (2)
April 22 ... Earth; From Paris
with Love (2)

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Camp Red Cloud

Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

Catholic:

9 a.m. Sunday

7 p.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

7 p.m. Sunday

COGIC:

12:30 p.m. Sunday

Camp Casey

At Stone Chapel

Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday

At Memorial Chapel

Gospel:

11 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

6 p.m. Tuesday

At West Casey Chapel

Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday

Catholic:

Noon Sunday

11:45 a.m. Tuesdays

and Thursdays

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

Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

6 p.m. Tuesday

At Old Hovey Chapel

Bldg. 3592

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

Camp Humphreys

Catholic:

9 a.m. Sunday

Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

Gospel:

6 p.m. Tuesday

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Humphreys:

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Castle:

730-6889

LDS chaplain:

010-5337-0872

DSTB troops compete for 'Warrior Stakes'



Spc. Sharone Evans of HHSC, DSTB pulls herself through the belly crawl obstacle during the Warrior Stakes competition conducted March 30-31 at Camps Casey and Hovey.

Story and photos by Sgt. Karla P. Elliott

Editor

Beads of sweat ran down the faces of rain-soaked Division Special Troops Battalion Warriors as they crawled through mud, scaled obstacles and trudged up hills during the "Warrior Stakes" competition held March 30-31 on Camps Casey and Hovey.

Organizers said the event reinforced basic Soldier skills and team-building through spirited competition.

"Warrior Stakes tested Soldiers on basic Warrior tasks such as land navigation and weapon systems knowledge, but it also showed us who has heart and who doesn't," said Sgt. David Postel of B Company, DSTB, a participant in the event.

Each DSTB company provided teams. Each team consisted of eight Warriors and included at least one female, one Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldier and one noncommissioned officer.



Pfc. Bradley Joe of HHSC, DSTB, formulates and transmits a call for fire using a radio telephone during Warrior Stakes March 30 on Camp Casey.

Teams were evaluated on the speed with which they progressed between tasks and how effectively they completed each one. The event tested skills honed throughout the previous quarter.

"This was a culminating event to evaluate the Soldiers on what they learned throughout the quarter," said Sgt. 1st Class Charles A. Dennis, an operations noncommissioned officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Support Co., DSTB.

Some of the tasks included correctly disassembling and reassembling the M249 machine gun, formulating and transmitting a call for fire using proper radiotelephone procedures, simulating the loading and firing of the caliber .50 machine gun, and properly sending a message through a "SINGARS ASIP" radio using the correct call signs, phonetic alphabet and numerals.

Warrior Stakes was not the typical "round robin" training exercise, however. Event organizers, key leaders and the format of the event reinforced teamwork and challenged Soldiers to give their all. DSTB Warriors were forced to employ their land navigation knowledge to traverse steep, rugged terrain, which

separated the different task stations.

"Prior Warrior Stakes were always held in a garrison environment," said DSTB Command Sgt. Major Ethan Dunbar. "My vision was to have these Warriors train and develop proficiency on the Warrior tasks and drills, but in a more realistic environment."

DSTB is made up of Soldiers with all kinds of jobs, from finance to intelligence, and a lot of them don't get out of the office very often, said B Co. 1st Sgt. Robert Rodriguez. "Doing this competition in the field, in the woodland environment, really tests what they're made of."

During the first day, the Soldiers devoted more than eight hours to reaching and completing all six task stations. The following day, the challenge continued with a road march to the air assault obstacle course on Camp Hovey. Even though the weather looked promising, Mother Nature was unforgiving, bringing the troops rain to make the tough tougher.

Soldiers spent more than five hours in the rain, negotiating challenging obstacles. As the exercise came to a close, participating Warriors stood tall with pride and confidence in their Soldier skills, which they had just demonstrated through their exhausting efforts. And the rain certainly did not get in the way of that.

"In the end, we're all Soldiers, hooah!" said Sgt. Geoffrey Wise of B Co., DSTB. "Sometimes you gotta do what you gotta do," he joked.

Soldiers from the first place team received a three-day pass, a trophy and an Army Achievement Medal. Second and third place finishers also received a three-day weekend pass.

"Team 5," made up of Soldiers from C Co., took first place in the event. The team consisted of Staff Sgt. Zachery Bayles, Cpl. Kim Yoon-Kyem, Spc. Brandi Macdougall, Spc. Shane Macdougall, Spc. Dwight Patch, Spc. Alexander Rock, Pfc. Aaron Hadcock and Pfc. David McGillivray.

When they were announced as winners of the event, the pack joked that their efforts were "not bad for a bunch of computer nerds!"

Many Soldiers took a lot from this experience.

"Warrior Stakes was challenging but well worth doing," said Pvt. Catherine Rakowiecki of B Co. "We completed every task and even the things we didn't know, we learned as we went along. But most importantly, we learned to work as a team."

"The Soldiers took a lot of pride from this, because they came out here, endured rough elements, overcame them and completed their tasks," said Dennis.



Spc. John Agnes of B Co., DSTB, jumps over a vault without hesitation during the obstacle course portion of Warrior Stakes held on Camps Casey and Hovey March 30-31.

'Spartans' strive to earn their shield

Story and photos by Pfc. Paul A. Holston

1st HBCT Public Affairs

CAMP HOVEY, South Korea – "Spartans" from the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team attempted to join the "Order of the Hoplite" during a training mission known as the "Shield Ride" conducted March 24 to 25 on Camps Casey and Hovey.

The event was open to all Soldiers from the Spartan Battalion. The training mission challenged the Spartans physically, mentally and, at times, emotionally. The Soldiers pushed themselves to their limits, completing several warrior tasks in order to earn their "Order of the Hoplite" belt buckle shield.

"There are nine teams, consisting of Soldiers from each company," said Staff Sgt. Benjamin Savage of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st BSTB, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the event. "This makes it an experience for the Soldiers, as the teams are grouped into different rank structure from private first class to major."

This event was inspired by the training received by ancient Greek heavy infantrymen, who were called hoplites. These young Soldiers were placed in an "agoge," or school of the warrior, to complete rigorous training and exhaustive conditioning prior to receiving their shield and earning a place within the Spartan phalanx. The success of the phalanx relied on each Soldier holding his own as well as protecting the Spartan to his side.

The event kicked off with a written exam testing the Soldiers' basic Army knowledge, followed by a rucksack inspection, said Staff Sgt. Stanley Silveira, a cadre member during the Shield Ride. After that, the teams stepped off into a variety of tasks.

The Soldiers negotiated an obstacle course, reacted to a chemical attack, assembled and disassembled a .50 caliber machine gun, qualified on their assigned weapon and took an Army Physical Fitness Test.

The event was conducted over a grueling 24-hour period. Soldiers had to road-march from station to station and remain awake throughout the event.

"It's a team-building opportunity, an event that

brings all Soldiers, regardless of rank, together into achieving a goal," said 1st Sgt. James Birdsong, first sergeant of HHC, 1st HBCT. "You have certain events that are graded individually, but it also helps build a team. That's the reason why I'm participating."

While testing the Soldiers in their war-fighting capabilities, the Shield Ride was conducted mainly to foster the Warrior Ethos and instill esprit de corps. "Actually completing it is the hardest thing, but it shows them that they can endure under any circumstances," said Birdsong.

However long and arduous the "ride," Spartans who completed it thought the journey well worth the cost – for they emerged with the special pride of belonging to the Order of the Hoplite.



Pvt. Patrick Allen of 4th Chemical Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st HBCT negotiates a rope obstacle during the "Shield Ride" conducted March 24 on Camp Hovey.



HHC, 1st HBCT 1st Sgt. James Birdsong grapples with an obstacle during the "Shield Ride" conducted March 24 on Camp Hovey.

Policy change adjusts 'reenlistment windows'

By 2nd ID Retention Office

On 1 Oct. 1, 2009, the Army changed reenlistment policy in order to support and properly manage the "Grow the Army" plan.

The change in policy impacted "reenlistment windows," the period during which enlisted Soldiers are eligible to reenlist. Specifically, the reenlistment window for Fiscal Year 2010 was changed to allow predictability for Army commands; therefore the window is now "static," and those Soldiers

whose end term of service – ETS dates fall between now and March 31, 2012 are eligible to reenlist provided that they are otherwise qualified.

The "static" reenlistment window allows the Army the flexibility to change and meet the force structure desired by Army leadership.

"The significant and most important piece is Soldiers must understand that they must reenlist prior to falling inside the 90 day window," said Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Raibon, the 2nd Infantry Division's command career counselor.

"Soldiers who migrate inside of 90

days prior to ETS will require a waiver that must be endorsed by the first colonel in their chain of command to (U.S. Human Resources Command)," said Master Sgt. Casey Deardorff, the Division's senior retention operations noncommissioned officer.

Deardorff added that reenlistments outside the 90-day window will be allowed only for highly meritorious Soldiers on a case-by-case basis.

Such cases must be fully justified and warranted, and all exceptions must be processed through retention channels.

Raibon asked unit leaders to support the new policy and assist in its effective implementation.

It is vital that leaders assist in enforcing the 90-day window policy and only process meritorious cases," he said. "If not, the exception becomes the norm."

Personnel with questions on reenlistment requirements, eligibility and procedures should contact their unit career counselors or retention NCOs.

"Stay on the winning team," Raibon advised emphatically. "Reenlist, Warrior Division!"

Warrior Friendship Week

WFW

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"Families were out in force this year," said Lt. Col. Eric Davis, a key event organizer. "Wives, children, baby strollers and were ubiquitous all week from Camp Casey to Camp Humphreys. They watched the games, they cooked and ate at the barbecues, and the kids ran all over the place. All the Family activities were well attended and exceeded expectations."

"This was part of a conscious decision to make this a Family friendly event," Davis added. "We invited Families through the chain of command, the command information papers and everything else. I think the involvement of the Families vastly improved Warrior Friendship Week. I think the results speak for themselves and validate our decision."

The Families added innovative wrinkles to the week's festivities, including children's games, barbecues and cooking contests.

"Some of the other wives and I entered the chili making competition," said Lauren Gasper, whose husband serves with B Co., D5TB. "It was so much fun giving the Soldiers a taste of something that was homemade. I'm not sure who won, but it was all gone by the end of the morning."

They also participated enthusiastically in the sporting events.

"I watched my husband play in the kimagun event," Gasper said. "That was just hysterical. It was interesting to see Soldiers participate in a traditional Korean sport and truly enjoy themselves."

I think that Warrior Friendship Week offered both the Soldiers and their Families a unique opportunity to relax together and get to know each other outside of work."

Warriors and Family members converged on Camp Casey for the championship rounds of team athletic events and a barbecue as well as the Tae Kwon do demonstration and marquee Family entertainment.

Major Gen. Michael S. Tucker, the Warrior Division commander, and other key leaders across echelons presided over the event's culminating activities. The general congratulated participants and thanked Family members for their participation. An awards ceremony highlighted outstanding individual and team performances.

The event concluded on a high note as country legend Mark Chesnutt serenaded a combined crowd of American and Korean Warriors and Families.

"This embodies everything the Warrior Division is about — our American and Korean Soldiers competing side by side toward a common objective," said Lt. Col. Russell Goemaere, the Division spokesman. "Our Warriors are tough, spirited competitors on the battlefield as they are on the battlefield. But we also take care of each other and take care of our Family members, who are a huge part of everything we do. Warrior Friendship Week really captures the essence of the commander's vision — the spirit to fight and win tonight and, at the same time, a firm commitment to taking care of our Soldiers and Families."



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Pfc. Paul A. Johnson, 1st HBCT Public Affairs
A team of Soldiers from the 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st HBCT, competes in the Ultimate Warrior Competition, one of the many events conducted as part of Warrior Friendship Week, April 6 on Camp Hovey.



Cpl. John Mc. 2nd CAB Public Affairs
Above: Warrior-runners from the 2nd CAB "get set" for a relay race held April 6 at Camp Humphreys. Aviation and support Soldiers from K-16 Air Base joined colleagues assigned to Camp Humphreys for preliminary competitions.



Sgt. Kevin Elliott, 1st HBCT Public Affairs
Right: "Spartans" from the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion and "Guns" from 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st HBCT race for a ball during a soccer match held as part of Warrior Friendship Week April 6 on Camp Hovey.

Leaders lasso community development issues during 'FRG Round-up'

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Michael Pintogro
2nd ID Public Affairs Chief

Around 150 commanders, senior staff, senior enlisted advisors and Family Readiness Group leaders of the 2nd Infantry Division corralled vital community development, education and child care issues during an "FRG Round-up" held March 24 at the Warrior Club at Camp Casey.

May Gen. Michael S. Tucker, presiding over his second FRG Round-up as Warrior Division commander, and Lt. Col. David Hater, 2nd Infantry Division commander, made "Your Growing Community" the forum's theme.

The quarterly event began with a customary review of upcoming Division activities and social events. Col. Larry A. Jackson, the Area III garrison commander, and Col. Joseph Moore, the Area III garrison commander, delivered presentations on key initiatives and upcoming events in their respective regions. The colonels covered major facility construction and developmental projects within their respective communities, emphasizing family, child care and quality of life issues.

Jackson predicted prodigious progress on planned projects, particularly within the "Dongducheon cluster." "There's a lot going on in Area I," he said. "We talk about things changing and tour normalization but until folks start seeing construction going on and walls going up, they don't believe anything's happening. Now they'll be able to see a lot's happening."

Moore discussed the rapidly developing military Family Footprint at Camp Humphreys and nearby Pyeongtaek, noting ongoing and upcoming projects designed to improve infrastructure and accommodate a growing number of Warrior Families.

Education issues provoked the most intense discussion of the forum. Irbly L. Miller, the district superintendent for Department of Defense Dependents Schools - Korea, discussed DODDS-K policies within the Division footprint, articulating the background and rationale for key decisions. With the exception of students completing the sixth, eighth or 12th grades in 2010-2011, he said, grammar and middle school children will attend the new DODDS facility on Camp Casey, with high school students attending class in Yongin Garrison. Students scheduled to graduate grammar, middle or high school after the next academic year can remain in their current school with government funding. Parents can educate children at the school of their choice if they pay out of pocket for school costs, of course. A forthcoming letter to parents, Miller said, will provide further details.

Division and FRG leaders, including the commanding general, "first lady" and chief of staff, pressed for strategies to mitigate potentially long commutes - an hour and forty five minutes each way for a student living in Dongducheon and attending high school at Yongin - for Warrior children.

Priscilla Slope delivered a spirited presentation on New Parent Support Group activities and services, including classes, screenings, playgroups and home visits. A follow-up presentation described "Operation Baby Bundles," a project which aims to provide baby care packages to needy Division junior enlisted Soldier Families.

Chaplain (Maj.) Insoon G. Hougland, the Division's first Family life chaplain, described the new agency's mission, resources and programs. She also outlined some of the challenges confronting Warrior Families and how her team can help.

"My main focus is to ensure we provide counseling and treatment for Soldiers and Families," Hougland said before her presentation. "This will help the leaders

know what's available so they can encourage Soldiers throughout their chain of command and also the Family members to take advantage of our counseling services."

Lt. Col. Alan D. Gatlin, the Division surgeon, briefed the assembled leaders on "comprehensive Soldier fitness," emphasizing the master resiliency program. He also reminded listeners to complete a mandatory online "global assessment tool" designed to measure "comprehensive fitness."

Chon Gwan Young of the Uijongbu district prosecutor's office delivered a well-received briefing on criminal jurisdiction and the status of forces agreement governing U.S. military personnel serving in Korea. Chon identified traffic accidents, driving under the influence, theft, assault and teaching English without proper credentials as areas of particular concern. He interspersed his presentation with comments on unique and particularly relevant provisions of Korean law.

"Self-defense," justifications for physical injury, for instance, must meet extremely exacting criteria, including imminent physical danger. Korean law, he noted, and the Army's new initiative on master resiliency training.

"There's a lot of great information put out during these roundups," said Candi Kinney of the 4-7th Cav. FRG. "It's great to see programs like Operation Baby Bundle similar to the ones they have in the States. It's great they're doing that overseas now. It was also great to see the general and the leadership so engaged on the school issues."

"This is a great program because it helps us understand what's going on not only in our garrisons but throughout the peninsula," Canupp added. "It's great because it allows us to hear about issues throughout the Division. It allows us to voice our opinions on behalf of Families."

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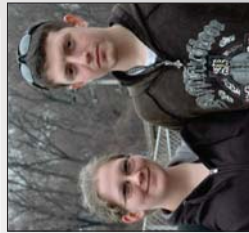
Lt. Col. David Lee, commander of 1-38th FA and wife Kelly, head of the battalion FRG, exchange thoughts on a presentation delivered during the FRG Round-up conducted March 24 at the Camp Casey Warrior Club. The round-ups, Kelly Lee of the 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade FRG noted, "always give us the current information on issues communities."

Warrior Family Forum:



Samantha Sullivan and daughter Joneasia

My youngest daughter, Sanigha, is eight months old and was born over here so a big part of adjusting to Korea has been going to St. Mary's hospital for her check-ups, but we have a separate list of customs pretty quickly, but Korean doctors. They were so supportive and knowledgeable with my care that it really put me at ease. If I had a question, the doctors had a helpful answer.



Spec. Jonathan Tracey and wife Christina

Well, since my wife is eight months pregnant we've had to learn a lot about the Korean health care system. We've been going to St. Mary's hospital for her check-ups, but we have a separate list of hospitals that offer emergency services, just in case. It's tough to keep them straight. On the other hand, the large stores remind us of shopping in the States even though everything is written in Korean.



Lindsay Ejnik

Language has definitely been a barrier, but I try to communicate with the Korean people the best I can and they try to communicate with me. My husband and I like to just go out there and walk, if we see something interesting, we're not afraid to stop and just try it out. There are many places down in Yongin to visit, but the more we get out there and get to know places, the more comfortable we feel.



Rachel Osborne and daughter Autumn

You have to find common places where you can meet your friends, like at the Blossom Cottage. Some Families here still don't have cars, so I try to help out by carpooling with them. I'm an outdoor person. I like to be out of the house and discover different places. In some ways, being here is a lot less stressful than being in the States because you don't have to worry about your spouse deploying.

Jana Adams of the E Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st HRCT FRG follows a briefing as 1-year-old daughter Juno appropriates a pen for other purposes March 24 at the Camp Casey Warrior Club.



The sun never sets on the 2nd ID

SBCT Warriors swap Barbie backpacks for 'rucks'

Story and photo by By Sgt. Bryce Dubee

4th SBCT Public Affairs

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – Dongducheon isn't the only city benefiting from the ingenuity, initiative and community spirit of 2nd Infantry Division Warriors. Just as Korean children from towns such as Dongducheon, Uijongbu and Pyeongtaek benefit from the friendship and fellowship of "Good Neighbors" from Camp Casey, Camp Hovey, Camp Red Cloud and Camp Humphreys, Iraqi children living in areas patrolled by Soldiers of the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team enjoy companionship as well as more tangible goods provided by American partners. As artillerymen from the 210th Fires Brigade and infantrymen from the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team conduct partnership events in northern South Korea, brother Warriors from the 4th SBCT engage Iraqi friends in a hotter, drier

"Warrior footprint" thousands of miles to the west.

A series of humanitarian assistance drops conducted March 25 reflected the Warrior spirit.

With their Strykers parked outside, 1st Lt. Matt Sawdy led Warriors from 1st Platoon, C Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 4th SBCT into the building, his men setting up a security perimeter along the way.

Inside the courtyard, the lieutenant met with his Iraqi Army counterpart, discussed plans for the day's mission, then took a knee, placing his M4 carbine at his side and picking up a bright pink Barbie backpack.

Thus began an initiative resulting in the delivery of roughly 2,400 backpacks full of school supplies to children at schools in their operational environment.

As Sawdy and his men took their positions to begin distributing the supplies, teachers from the school led their eager students into the courtyard.

"It's good to get out here and help the kids out," he

said. "As a father, it makes you feel good."

As security continues to improve in Iraq, the infantrymen are finding themselves conducting more of these types of missions rather than the high-intensity combat operations they would have conducted during their previous deployments.

After two deployments to Iraq full of intense fighting from 2003 to 2004 and again from 2006 to 2007, Sgt. 1st Class Adam Asclapiadis of C Co., 1-38th Inf. assumed this deployment would be similar.

"This deployment is different from the last," he said, explaining that even with the pre-deployment emphasis on supporting the Iraqi Security Forces, citizens and government, the amount of "non-lethal" missions he's conducted this deployment came as a surprise.

"Even the 'non-kinetic' operations at (the Joint Readiness Training Center), the key leader engagements and all that did not prepare my brain for this," the infantry platoon sergeant said, as smiling schoolchildren lined up to get their supplies. "There's a sense of satisfaction that the deployments we did before meant something."

That's something Asclapiadis imparts to his Soldiers, admitting that sometimes there's a challenge in explaining this new reality to young infantrymen, straight out of training, who anticipate they will be heading into a fight.

"Ever since basic, they've been drilled 'kill, kill, kill, assault and breach.' We're not really doing any of that, so you have to refocus them," he said, adding that while some might get frustrated at times with the boredom of something like a school supply drop, he feels his Soldiers will realize the significance of their actions in the long run. "Years from now they'll look back and say, 'I did that.'"

Participating in the mission that day, while on his first deployment, was Pfc. Benjamin Dodd, a M240 machine gunner with C Co., 1-38th Inf. He said that while it's not what he expected, he's embracing his new role.

"It's a totally different war now," he said. "We're trying to build (the Iraqis) up now as a country."

Dodd said that while he's first and foremost an infantryman, he enjoys watching the Iraqi children run away with smiles on their faces and arms full of school supplies.

"If I had to do projects all the time," he said, "these are the kind I'd want to do."



The C Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment platoon leader, 1st Lt. Matt Sawdy, hands a backpack full of school supplies to a young Iraqi girl during a humanitarian assistance drop conducted March 25.

New 2nd ID museum exhibit 'out of this world'

The 2nd Infantry Division Museum took "one giant step" for patrons the afternoon of March 30, establishing an exhibit punctuated by an Indianhead patch that went "where no Warrior has gone before."

Patrons can view the Division patch distinguished astronaut, U.S. Military Academy graduate and Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael Collins brought to the moon aboard Apollo 11 in 1969.

"The big black patch has been all over the world," said retired Col. William Alexander, the museum director. "We want to show it's been out of this

world as well."

The Indianhead insignia that visited the moon during the inaugural American lunar landing was no ordinary patch. It was worn proudly by Michael Collins' father, Maj. Gen. James Lawton Collins Sr., when he commanded the Warrior Division.

The Collins Family not only brought the Indianhead insignia out of this world but directly and indirectly led Warriors and other U.S. Soldiers into battle during the defining conflicts of the 20th Century.

The exhibit highlights many of the

remarkable achievements of its foremost members.

James Lawton Collins Sr. not only commanded the Division but received the Army Distinguished Service Medal and Silver Star.

His younger brother, Gen. Joseph "Lightning Joe" Lawton Collins, also a recipient of the Army Distinguished Service Medal and Silver Star, served as Army chief of staff during the Korean War.

Brig. Gen. James Lawton Collins Jr. distinguished himself in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam but is

best known for his 12-year tenure as director of the Army's military history program. He too received the Army Distinguished Service Medal and Silver Star.

The remarkable Family, Alexander noted as he catalogued the aforementioned achievements among others, boasts an amazing 186 years of cumulative military service.

Visit the museum, located on Camp Red Cloud, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

For more information, call DSN 732-6544.