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Allies launch 'historic' training barrage

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Armor crewmen, gunners, infantrymen, artillerymen and support Soldiers wearing the 2nd Infantry Division Indianhead patch made history with Republic of Korea Army Soldiers as they participated in a Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise April 15 at Rodriguez Range.

U.S. and ROK Soldiers have worked together since the beginning of the Korean War on June 25, 1950. However, the CALFEX marks the first time in 60 years in which both countries used such a large number of Soldiers, equipment and weaponry in a joint combined arms live fire.

The size and make-up of the exercise weren't the only reasons why this year's CALFEX was deemed historic. Among the more than 100 members of the audience was a Korean War hero who commanded a joint contingent of troops during the conflict, ROK Gen. Paik Sun-yup. He was the first four-star general in the Korean Army. His presence at the side of 2nd ID commander Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker was a constant reminder for the Warrior Division leader of the legacy he is poised to carry on.

"The idea of U.S. armor fighting alongside ROKA Soldiers is not a new concept," said Tucker. "General Paik led the way when he climbed on the number one tank of the U.S. Army 6th Tank Battalion, attached to his ROKA 1st Division and led the charge north toward Pyongyang during the Korean War in October 1950."

Tears rolled down Paik's cheeks as he looked on at the exercise designed to test ROK/U.S. capabilities. As he watched the Korean and American Soldiers, known as "Team Demon," maneuver side-by-side on foot, in the air and on tracks, he turned to Tucker and said, "I think I am back in 1950 watching my U.S. and ROK Soldiers," just as he did 60 years ago when he commanded the ROK 1st Division.

This day, Team Demon was organized into three elements. The support force was composed of one U.S. infantry platoon and one ROK Army infantry platoon. The breach force consisted of one

U.S. tank platoon and one U.S. engineer "sapper" platoon. The assault force consisted of a ROK Army tank platoon.

Once viewers found a seat and grabbed a pair of earplugs, artillery rounds immediately hit the Pulmu Mountain. Though the audience could not see the artillery rounds, the pounding sound and the thick air of brown smoke told onlookers the supporting efforts were successful.

During the next 50 minutes the combined force of the U.S. and ROK armies, with close air support from the Air Force, continued to attack Pulmu Mountain. After the last tank platoon engaged 'the enemy' with all available weapons, Team Demon had successfully completed their mission.

"It's been an eye-opener for me as well as my Soldiers working with the ROKs," said 1st Lt. Nathan Purswell, platoon leader of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team. "We're learning different things from the ROKs as well as them learning from us. It's been great training. I feel like we're a much stronger team after we've conducted this joint exercise."

The demonstration was a culmination of intense

training that began in January. While most Soldiers and Families were welcoming the New Year with resolutions, U.S. Soldiers from the 2-9th Inf., ROK Army with the 27th Armor Battalion and 125th Mechanized Infantry Battalion of the 75th Mechanized Infantry Brigade, 26th Mechanized Infantry Division and other supporting units from Warrior Country were executing tactical simulated missions at the company and team level in the close combat tactical trainer as well as live missions in the confines of Camp Casey and Camp Hovey.

"Exercises like these bring both countries together, which is great for morale," said Staff Sgt. Chad Walker, armor crewman with D Co., 2-9th Inf. "Our platoon, in particular, trained with the ROK Soldiers. We went out on the range together and pretty much have been working with them the entire time we have been out here, which brought us very close to each other."

"I'm honored to train and work together with the American Soldiers. I believe it helps us become an even greater force for the security and prosperity of our futures," said 1st Lt. Hyuk Lee of the ROK 75th Mech.

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Cpl. Lee Sang-Jun

An M1 Abrams tank manned by "Manchus" from 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team fires a 120-millimeter round against "enemy" targets during the CALFEX held April 15 on Rodriguez Range.



VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:

What does
serving in Korea
mean to you?



"It is really eye-opening to work with another nation's army. To see another soldier's values through the lens of my own service is remarkable."

Pvt. David Baldon
D Co., 2-9th Inf.

"Experiencing another culture is amazing. We have so much to learn from each other and I think that we are open for that exchange."

Pfc. Christine Simon
B Btry., 1-38th FA



"As an American Soldier, I like to feel that I'm making a difference every day. When given a chance to work with ROK Soldiers, I try to learn as much as I can."

Pvt. Matthew Schafer
D Co., 2-9th Inf.

"The KATUSAs I work with are a source of inspiration. They make me think about the material nature of the states versus a higher estimation of education and personal virtue."

Pfc. Roderick Brown
HHB, 1-38th FA



"I think that being here gives me a unique opportunity to learn from another army. This country is an amazing economic powerhouse and its army offers us a lot."

Pvt. Kenneth Steward
E Btry., 6-52nd ADA

"The culture, language and history are thousands of years old. The people are so friendly I don't feel like a foreigner. I feel proud to be here as a Soldier."

Pfc. Martinti Albertus
E Btry., 6-52nd ADA



COMMANDER'S CORNER *It's not just 'NCO business'*

By Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker

2nd ID Commander

As some of you know, the Warrior First Lady and I are visiting Fort Benning, Ga., as this paper goes to press.

We hope to accomplish several things during the visit. First, we will be telling the Warrior story in several venues, including the Maneuver Captain's Career Course and Pre-Command Course as well as Soldiers and Families on orders for Korea or interested in a tour here. We're also going to take in an Officer Candidate School graduation. For the First Lady, the ceremony is a "2fer" since her husband is the guest speaker and, much more importantly, our son is a proud graduate.

As my staff can attest, I'm rather passionate about company level leadership. If there's any subject that gets my dander up more than maintenance and gunnery, it's lower-echelon leadership. As you can imagine, there is a lot that I want to say to those officer candidates as they depart on their own professional journey of expectations. As I assemble my remarks for the event I want to share some ideas that should resonate well with young leaders, officers and noncommissioned officers alike, serving on the front lines in the Warrior Division.

Firstly, we should all constantly ask ourselves as leaders, regardless of the event – be it training, maintenance, etc. – am I "value added"? What actions am I taking which add value to this event; are these actions within the company commander's intent? Second, have I effectively communicated that intent to my troops and do they understand it? Third, this folklore about "sergeant's business" is a pernicious myth that does considerably more harm than good. Leadership at the platoon level is a responsibility equally shared among officer and NCO leaders, and is best described as "leader business." More about this later...

So how, as a junior leader, do you "add value"? Using maintenance as an example, act as a valued interface with the maintenance team and maintenance warrant officer to ensure your platoon's maintenance needs are met. Seek out the status of overdue parts; set conditions for a quality upcoming service; work closely with the unit executive officer to ensure the proper resources are available to your Soldiers so they can do their job. Grab a creeper and get under a vehicle and learn what a "class one, two or three leak" really is. Perform preventative maintenance checks and services on your own vehicle along with your crew. Bottom line up front: just "being there" like Elvis is

not value added. You're not a celebrity but an equal partner in assisting your platoon to accomplish the commander's intent. Make a difference. Make yourself useful. Be value added.

Our Soldiers are smart, intelligent and have a right to know "what's going on, and why." Knowledge is power and we want everyone to be powerful, so share with your troops the "why" of what we're doing. If you can't explain the "why" of a mission, then it brings into question whether it's worth executing in the first place!

You and the platoon sergeant are the critical link between the troops and the company commander and first sergeant. You are the conduit through which his or her intent is transmitted and executed. Keep your Soldiers informed as to why we are doing a mission, and you'll allow them to grow and exercise their own initiative to accomplish a task. This is the only way they will grow professionally. Keep them in the dark and they'll wilt away, lose interest and become ineffective. We want to encourage our troops to become critical thinkers with ideas of their own on how to accomplish tasks. They have ingenuity as well and there is often more than one sharp pencil in a drawer. This is how we grow them as future leaders. This is also another way you become value added to the organization – by setting the conditions for your troops to grow into our Army's future leaders.

Platoon leaders and platoon sergeants have distinct duty descriptions, but they share more common ground than often allowed. Officers tend to draw to the orderly room, attend meetings, do e-mail, etc., while the platoon sergeant takes care of the troops, trains the troops and counsels them. Truth is, they are both equally responsible for leading the troops and one is not above the other in this regard. They create a balance of leadership which optimizes each of their abilities while always sharing the responsibilities of training, maintaining and caring for the troops under



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Allies confront 'terror strike' at K-16

Story and photo by Spc. Tim Oberle

2nd CAB Public Affairs

Undeterred by cold, rainy weather throughout the week, American and Korean Warriors assigned to K-16 Air Base demonstrated their ability to confront and defeat terror threats during an exercise conducted March

29 to April 1.

All K-16 units participated in the force-protection exercise, including a battalion of Soldiers with 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, the 15th Composite Wing of the Republic of Korea Army from Seoul Air Base, a team from the 718th Explosive Ordinance Disposal Company and civilian personnel from the base fire department.

The exercise, designed to ensure readiness in the event of a terrorist strike, focused on communication among the various units involved in defending the base, said 2nd Lt. Laurence Hines, the intelligence officer of 2nd Assault Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd CAB. "It helps personnel know what to do, how to do it and when to do it based on the command group's overall protection plan."

The exercise also satisfies annual force protection training requirement and allows the command from U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan to evaluate overall readiness, said Hines.

During the exercise, Soldiers with 2nd CAB, along with their ROK Army counterparts, EOD and fire department personnel, simulated civil and military disturbances and designated responsibilities for the protection of assigned and visiting personnel.

Simulations ranging from a mass casualty event to a Korean national protest to a planted explosive device challenged participants during the strenuous exercise.

I think we did really well given the short preparation time, but if we had more practice it certainly couldn't hurt, said Sgt. Kevin Shoun, the assistant platoon sergeant for D Company, 2-2nd Avn., and leader of one of the participating quick reaction force teams.

The 15th Composite Wing augmented the exercise with a K-9 military working dog unit employed to search for explosive devices and two armored personnel carriers to reinforce gate guard strength.

ROK as well as American and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers played a vital role in the exercise.

K-16 Air Base leaders are committed to fostering a better relationship with the ROK Army, and practicing the exercise with the 15th Composite Wing helps to forge a stronger relationship, Hines said. "During the exercise I was impressed by their professionalism and efficiency."



Republic of Korea Army Soldiers form behind an armored personnel carrier during a suspected gate breach as part of a force protection exercise held March 29 to April 1 at K-16 Air Base.

Army testing program helps Warrior earn degree

By Pfc. Mardicio Barrot

IMCOM Public Affairs

Warriors of the 2nd Infantry Division endure long, exhausting hours of training to ensure they're ready to "Fight Tonight." The robust training schedule doesn't always leave a great deal of free time; but that did not stop one Soldier from completing his civilian academic degree.

Sgt. 1st Class Jorge Guzman of A Company, Division Special Troops Battalion was lauded for completing 18 College Level Examination Programs and Dantes Subject Standardized Tests in a ceremony conducted April 9 at Freeman Hall on Camp Red Cloud.

Guzman took college courses online and was able to earn his associate and bachelor's degrees in half the time normally required. Guzman also was able to get all of his college cred-

its accepted by Thomas Edison State College, where he plans to pursue his master's degree.

"Using CLEP and DSST, I was able to finish an associate degree in computer technology and a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts and Management Studies," Guzman said. "I'm working on my second bachelor's degree in history at Thomas Edison."

This method of schooling is good for Soldiers, Guzman said. Many Soldiers don't have the time or money to attend a conventional school.

Army programs provide financial support and give Soldiers the opportunity to rapidly acquire information and take tests as soon as possible. This helps them accrue college credits quicker.

"I've taken only six college classes, and I am already on my way to receiving a second bachelor's degree in four months," he said.

"The program is free for Soldiers,"

said James Campbell, an educational advisor on Camp Red Cloud. "If you paid for the courses in a regular college, in most cases, the cost of a semester hour could be around \$250. If you calculate how many courses Guzman took, you can see how much money he saved with this program."

Local military education programs offer a wide variety of courses and classes for interested Soldiers, Guzman said.

"If you name the course, they have it," Guzman said. "All you have to do is find a college of your choice that accepts your credits, which in most cases isn't difficult at all."

Studying for the tests is not very difficult either, he pointed out.

"I study maybe an hour or two every night before I go to bed," he said. "I read my books and I study at www.instantcertonline.com Web site, which is my main study source and has been a great source for me. They provide ad-

equate study tips and information for these courses."

Guzman said he recommends the program for incoming Soldiers who are trying to further their education.

Civilian education also helps Soldiers advance in their military careers.

"Every college credit is worth promotion points," Guzman explained. "And every CLEP exam is a college credit. Using this method of schooling is the easiest way for new Soldiers to get their degree and gain promotion points in a short amount of time."

For those who are interested, the education center provides abundant information about these programs and assisting in arranging CLEP exams, Campbell said.

"I strongly encourage Soldiers to look into the examination program the Army has," Campbell said.

"It's free, it's quick, and it's a professional way to earn promotion points and your degree," he said.

CRC Soldiers, Families gather 'at the grill'

Story and photo by Sgt. Andrea Merritt

Staff Writer

Camp Red Cloud Families celebrated National Library Week and the Month of the Military Child with food, fun and other festivities April 16 near the CRC library.

The Soldiers and Family members savored tasty hamburgers and hot dogs during the barbecue, sponsored by the CRC Pear Blossom Cottage.

CRC leaders described the event as an effort to foster community spirit at the Warrior Division headquarters hub. Just two years ago, Families were a rare sight on CRC and throughout Area I; but with command sponsorship on the rise, events like the barbecue are increasingly relevant.

"We know there is more command sponsorship and we're trying to be proactive and make sure there are events to make people feel more at home," said Gordon Imrie, the manager of the CRC library.

With warm temperatures and a cool breeze, weather conditions were favorable for the occasion. Soldiers and their Families enjoyed food that sizzled fresh off the grill. Children played cordially together and could be seen swinging and drawing colorful pictures on the concrete with chalk.

"The kids love things like this. Plus, we just wanted to show our support. If more people attend, it will encourage them to keep hosting events like this," said Lauren Gasper, a command-sponsored mother of three whose husband serves with B Co., Division Special Troops Battalion.

In addition to the barbecue, the library held a variety of other events throughout the month of April in recognition of the Month of the Military Child. The



Robin Kim, a military mother of two, plays with 4-month-old son Theo during a barbecue April 16 on CRC.

facility sponsored a weekly "story time," for instance, with each session based on a different theme. Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, the 2nd Infantry Division commander, even turned up as a guest reader for an event. Themes included "Earth Day" and "pajama day."

As Families continue to arrive in Area I, the developing base infrastructure expands to support them. Di-

vision and base leaders alike emphasize the importance of Family life and Family facilities.

"Behind every good Soldier, there's a Family. They've been invited to come to Korea and the least we could do is be waiting to help them out and make them feel like they're at home wherever they may be," Imrie said.



Pfc. Mardicio Barrot, IMCOM Public Affairs

Warrior tales

Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, the 2nd Infantry Division commander, reads "The Kissing Hand" to military children at the Camp Red Cloud library April 6. The CG's performance, part of his Division's Month of the Military Child program, elicited smiles and peals of laughter from his young audience. The children warmed up for the general's appearance with songs and nursery rhymes including "Bingo" and "The Itsy Bitsy Spider." The event concluded with cake.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

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

Area I community leaders will host a town hall meeting 3-4:30 p.m. April 26 at the Community Activity Center on Camp Casey. Soldiers and Family members from Camps Red Cloud, Casey, Stanley, Hovey, Jackson and Castle are invited to attend. Topics addressed during the community forum will include the Camp Casey school and health services, and information on the Patriot Express service, the commissary and area employment. 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> For more information, call DSN 732-6896.

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 financial need. Contributions in won and dollars, or by personal checks and allotments, are welcome. For more information, call DSN 732-9011.

Singles, couples retreats

The Strong Bonds Program will host a retreat for Division Special Troops Battalion single Soldiers May 28-30 at the Dragon Hill Lodge on U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan.

A retreat for DSTB married couples is slated for July 2-4, also at the Dragon Hill Lodge. For more information, call DSN 732-6199.

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 23 ... Dear John; Date Night
April 24 ... The Lightning Thief; Date Night; Cop Out
April 25 ... The Wolfman; From Paris with Love
April 26 ... Date Night
April 28 ... Cop Out
April 30 ... Death at a Funeral (2)
May 1 ... When in Rome; The Crazies; Death at a Funeral
May 2 ... The Crazies; Shutter Island
May 3 ... Death at a Funeral
May 5 ... Shutter Island

Camp Red Cloud

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

April 23 ... Clash of the Titans; The Wolfman
April 24 ... Cop Out
April 25 ... From Paris with Love
April 26 ... The Lightning Thief
April 27 ... The Lovely Bones
April 29 ... Date Night
April 30 ... Date Night; Cop Out
May 1 ... Shutter Island
May 2 ... The Crazies
May 3 ... Valentine's Day
May 4 ... Dear John
May 6 ... Death at a Funeral

Camp Hovey

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

April 23 ... Cop Out
April 24 ... The Boy in the Striped Pajamas; From Paris with Love
April 25 ... Date Night
April 27 ... The Lightning Thief
April 29 ... Death at a Funeral
April 30 ... Dear John
May 1 ... Shutter Island
May 2 ... Death at a Funeral
May 4 ... When in Rome
May 6 ... The Losers

Camp Stanley

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

April 23 ... The Lightning Thief; From Paris with Love
April 24 ... Clash of the Titans; The Lightning Thief
April 25 ... Clash of the Titans
April 26 ... Cop Out
April 28 ... Death at a Funeral (2)
April 29 ... Dear John
April 30 ... The Lightning Thief; Cop Out
May 1 ... Date Night; The Wolfman
May 2 ... Date Night
May 3 ... Tooth Fairy
May 5 ... The Losers (2)
May 6 ... From Paris with Love

Camp Humphreys

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

April 23 ... Date Night (2)
April 24 ... The Lightning Thief; Date Night (2)
April 25 ... The Lightning Thief; Date Night (2)
April 26 ... The Lightning Thief (2)
April 27 ... Cop Out (2)
April 28 ... Cop Out (2)
April 29 ... Cop Out (2)
April 30 ... Death at a Funeral (2)
May 1 ... Tooth Fairy; Death at a Funeral (2)
May 2 ... Tooth Fairy; Death at a Funeral (2)
May 3 ... The Crazies (2)
May 4 ... The Crazies (2)
May 5 ... Shutter Island (2)
May 6 ... Shutter Island (2)

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Camp Red Cloud

Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
9 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
7 p.m. Sunday
COGIC:
12:30 p.m. Sunday

Camp Casey

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:
7 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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Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise



Pfc. Paul Holston



Mr. Yu Hu-Son

Jane Fandrich, mother of Lt. Col. Steven Fandrich, the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team operations officer, takes time to survey the capabilities of the MK-7 Laser Rangefinder April 14 at Rodriguez Range.



Sgt. Karla Elliott

ROKA Soldiers with 75th Mechanized Infantry Brigade and U.S. Soldiers with 2-9th Inf., 1st HBCT dismount their armored personnel carriers and move to their support by fire positions during the Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise conducted April 15.

Above: A "Manchu" Soldier with 2-9th Inf. helps a ROKA Soldier from 75th Mech. load mortar rounds onto his K242 Mortar Carrier prior to the Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise conducted April 15 at Rodriguez Range.

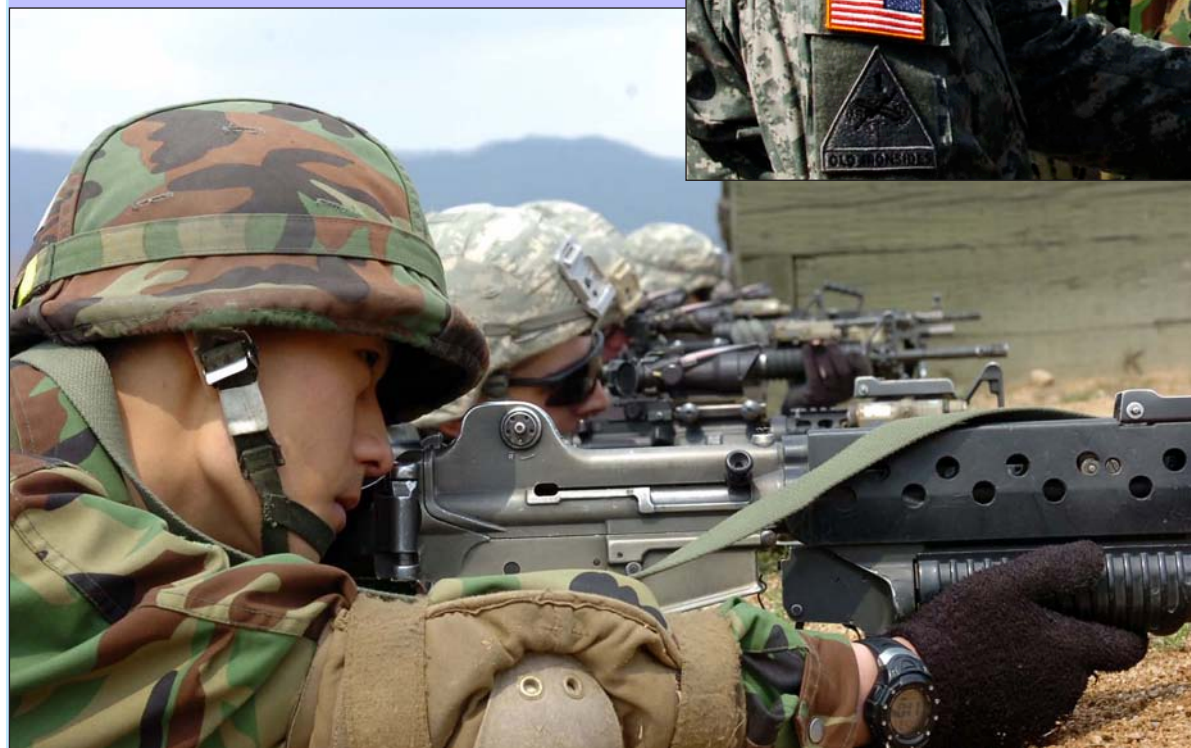
Below: A ROK infantryman with 75th Mech. takes a support by fire position next to counterparts from 2-9th Inf., 1st HBCT during the Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise conducted April 15 at Rodriguez Range.



Sgt. Ryan Elliott

Above: Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, 2nd ID commander, shakes the hands of Republic of Korea Army Soldiers from 75th Mech. after the CALFEX conducted April 15.

Right: An AH-64 Apache helicopter launches a missile at the "enemy" during a Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise conducted April 15 at Rodriguez Range.



Sgt. Karla Elliott



Spec. Timothy Oberle



The sun never sets on the 2nd ID

SBCT Warriors restore Iraqi past, build future

By Spc. Brian Johnson

1434th Engineer Company, U.S. Division-Center

BAGHDAD – Warriors serving with the 2nd Infantry Division main body in Korea devote significant energy to the heritage they share with Korean counterparts. Americans wearing the Indianhead patch participate frequently in cultural and historic observances and other events alongside Republic of Korea military and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army colleagues, local community leaders and civic organizations such as the Second-to-None Soldier support group. Events frequently, but not always, relate to the shared U.S.-ROK military heritage – particularly the searing experience of the Korean War. Division Soldiers and Family members also participate enthusiastically in purely Korean cultural events, celebrating holidays and touring historic sites alongside colleagues, friends and neighbors.

As Korea-based 2nd ID Soldiers help cultivate cultural heritage in the Far East, Warriors serving with the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team participate in efforts

to preserve the ancient culture of the Middle East.

It started last month, when the Iraqi Ministry of Antiquities approached leaders from the 4th SBCT for help in restoring some modern structures at the temple in order to attract visitors to the site. This, it was hoped, would revitalize the local economy as well as preserve the temple.

The Stryker Soldiers coordinated with colleagues from the 16th Engineer Brigade. A survey and design team from the 16th Engineers, in turn, conducted a site assessment on several buildings at a historic site in Aqar Quf, located 20 miles west of Baghdad to assess and verify the electrical needs of renovating two modern structures at the base of an ancient ziggurat.

The ziggurat, a stepped temple tower, is the Mesopotamian equivalent of the Egyptian pyramids. Experts believe Aqar Quf's ziggurat, rising 180 feet above the desert floor, was constructed more than three and a half millennia ago.

The modern structures at the base of the ziggurat, built in the 1960s, functioned as a museum and administrative building throughout the second half of the

20th Century. However, after years of war, the site is not what it once was.

Aided by the Stryker Soldiers, who provided logistical and security support, the engineers assessed the site, the surrounding infrastructure and the situation in hopes of developing a strategy to revitalize a once-thriving tourist and historic center.

"The administrative buildings have been degraded and looted," said Sgt. 1st Class Kyle Markel, a member of the survey and design team.

According to Markel, the ziggurat and temple areas have suffered no damage but the modern buildings are in need of restoration work. The restoration, still in the planning stages, will eventually be completed by local Iraqi contractors.

"We came to the site to look at the electrical installation and to validate the existing scope of work for the electrical project," said Markel.

Their work was apparently cut out for them.

"The museum had nothing electrical left in it – no lights, no switches, and wires have been literally pulled out of the walls," said Spc. David Robbins, another member of the survey and design team sent to assess the site.

According to Robbins, even the electrical panels were removed from the museum and administrative buildings at some point, leaving holes in the walls. The neglect left the facility in sad shape.

"This was a functioning facility," Markel said. "It's now not functioning at all."

During their visit to Aqar Quf, Robbins and Markel had the opportunity to explore the ruins. They said the experience deepened their understanding of the facility and their appreciation for the significance of the museum and administrative buildings.

They said they were "awestruck" after exploring the ancient ruins.

"When I climbed the steps I was able to see the monument up close and the fine details about how it was constructed," Markel said. "It's impressive to think that 3,500 years ago someone had constructed this. It's an engineering feat because it is still standing after all these years."

Both Robbins and Markel said they hope their work will help reopen this historical site someday and bring tourists – themselves included – back to the area.



Spc. David Robbins

Warriors with the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team approach the ancient ziggurat at Aqar Quf, Iraq March 11.

LEADER

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charge. BLUF: platoon leaders must know their troops just as well as the platoon sergeant does. Platoon leaders must be able to conduct any task expected of his or her platoon sergeant and vice-versa.

Finally, be with your Soldiers at every opportunity. If they are at PT, then you should be there. You should lead PT, at least, if not more often,

once a week. If they are at the weapons range, you should be there. If they are conducting training of any sort, you should be there. And, just as a personal note from Warrior 6, if they are in the motor pool, you had damn well better be there! In 38 years of active service, I have not once seen a platoon leader get into trouble for being with his or her troops. The opposite, however, has often been the case.

Again the bottom line is your time as a platoon leader is precious and in

the continuum of a career, it is a sliver of time. You will never get the opportunity to spend time with Soldiers and lead them at this level again. Think of the peers with whom you graduated from college. Not one of them is personally in charge of 30-50 people this early in their careers. If you don't learn how to lead Soldiers now, while being a platoon leader, then you will not get another chance.

Learn, ask lots of questions, and grow every day. The further up in rank

you progress, the less contact you'll have with Soldiers. Take advantage of it and don't squander it away sitting in an office, in front of your laptop, doing e-mail!

The officers and NCOs of this storied Division are partners – with distinct but overlapping roles – executing and embracing the commander's intent, while training, leading, and caring for our great Soldiers and Families who are, and always will be, "Second to None!"

2-2 전투항공여단, 공군과 함께 응급후송 훈련을 진행하다

2-2 전투항공여단 3 일반지원항공 대대 블랙호크 헬리콥터 승무원들이 전화를 받고 출발을 한 것은 거의 오후 3시가 다 되었다. 그들은 캠프 워커(Camp Walker) 근처 마른 호수에서 부상을 당한 공군 대원들을 안전한 곳으로 후송을 하여 응급 처치를 하는 훈련을 진행했다.

이 응급후송 훈련은 공군특수부대 인원들을 위해 계획되었다.

찰리중대 중대장인 조세핀 톰슨(MAJ Josephine Thompson)소령은 “이렇게 공군과의 합동훈련은 우리의 능력을 발휘할 수 있는 좋은 기회였다”고 말했다.

후송용 헬기 조종사인 조니 가르시아(CW4 Johnny Garcia)준위는 “우리 승무원들의 목적은 공군 대원들이 그들이 하는 일을 효율적으로 하도록 도와주는 것이고 그들에게 다양한 긴급 상황을 소개하여 그들이 그런 상황에 대처하는 방법을 가르쳐주는 것이었다”고 말했다.

또한, 가르시아 준위는 “우리는 육군과 공군이라는 서로 다른 부대가 같이 일할때 겪는 어려움을 극복하는 방법도 배우게 되었다”고 말하며 “이번 훈련은 정말 성공적이었다고 생각한다. 우리는

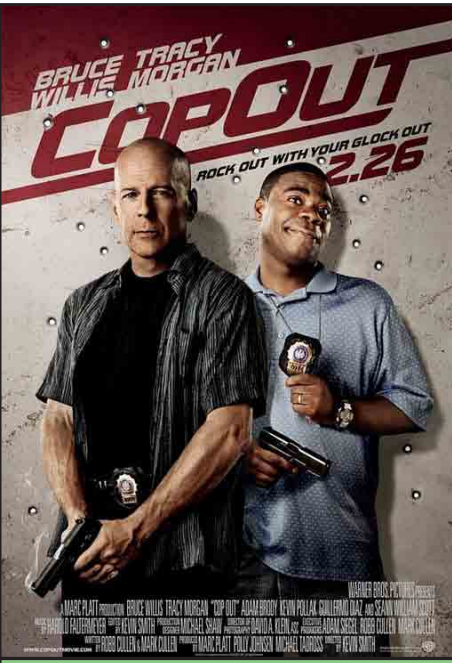
우리 부대원들이 평소에 경험하지 못하는 훈련을 받는데 도움을 주었고 공군과 같이 다른 부대와 같이 일하는 방법

도 가르쳐주었다”고 덧붙였다.

<기사 _상병 마주호 / 2nd CAB Public Affairs>, <사진_ Spec. Tim Oberle / 2nd CAB Public Affairs>



지난 4월 8일 캠프 워커 근처 호숫가에서 2-2전투항공여단 소속 장병이 다친 공군 소속 장병을 급히 후송하여 응급처치를 하는 훈련을 진행하고 있다.



캡 아웃

엘증전 배우 브루스 윌리스와 코미디언 트레이시 모건이 코미디 영화에서 경찰 파트너로 돌아왔다. 뉴욕경찰서에서 오랫동안 파트너로 활동한 이 둘은 정말 희귀한 야구 카드가 도난을 당하자 그 흔적을 찾아 조사를 하기 시작한다. 하지만 이들을 기다리고 있는 것은 수집품에 집착하는 잔인한 조폭이었다. 베레랑 경찰관 지미 (브루스 윌리스역)는 이 야구 카드를 찾아야지만 딸 결혼식 비용을 댈 수 있어 그의 젊은 파트너 폴 (트레이시 모건역)과 필사적으로 이 잔인한 자들에게 대항을 하게 되는데...

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인디언헤드가 전하는 사랑의 편지

이번 호의 주인공은 사단특수근무대대 찰리중대 야전공병 이민석 이병과 경성대학교 시각디자인과에 재학중인 김아름양입니다. '인디언헤드가 전하는 사랑의 편지'는 여러분의 참여로 이루어집니다. 게재를 바라시는 분은 미 2사단 공보실 한부용 병장 buyong.han@korea.army.mil 또는 732-9518로 연락주시길 바랍니다.

우편 엽서



받는 사람

To 알두

아름아 이렇게 또 기회가 되서 자기한테 이런식으로 편지쓰게 됐다. 신문에 뜨면 중대사람들도 볼수있어 처음에 쑹 그랬는데 그래도 좋은 추억이 될거같아서 자기한테 써달라고 했지. 나중에 우리가 쓴거 나오면 다음에 부산내려갈때 내가 가지고 가서 보여줄게. 아직 내가 들어온지도 얼마안됐고하는데 뒤돌아보면 벌써 3달가까이 지났다가. 이렇게 서로 각자의 위치에서 서로 열심히하고 조금해하지않고 하다보면은 군대에서 있는 시간도 금방 지나갈꺼 같다. 항상 자기가 말한대로 조심없이 앞으로 노력하고 있다. 나중에 전역할때 되서 밖에나가면 뭐하지? 이런 걱정안하게 지금 부터 여가시간 잘활용해서 운동하고 공부하고 자기개발 열심히해가지고 멋진사람되서 자기 뿌듯하게 해줄게! 얼마전에 컷외박나가서 자기만났을때 진짜 너무 좋았다 훈련소에 있는동안 계속 그리워만하고 하다가 오랜만에 만나니깐 너무 좋더라. 군대오기 전에 내가 섭섭하게 한것도 많고 못해준것도 많은데 항상 미안해하고 후회스럽고 그랬다 그래서 계속 잘 할려고 노력하고 있고! 아름아 내가 니한테 많이 의지 하면서 항상 긍정적으로 생각하면서 해야 할일 다 잘 할려고 노력하고 있으니깐 너무 걱정하지말고 자기도 힘들거나 외롭거나 하면 항상 내한테 의지하고! 서로 힘들고 그런일있더라도 항상 서로 배려하면서 잘이겨 나가지 다른애들에 비해서 내가 군대도 늦게오고 그래서 쑹 뒤쳐져있는데 그래도 좋은 기회 얻어서 좋은데서 군생활하는 만큼 많이 배워서 나갈꺼 그래서 더 이상 뒤쳐지지않고 항상 내 기다리지만 했는데 앞으로 그런일없게 할께! 그러니깐 자기도 항상 열심히하고 항상 내생각하고! 난 맨날맨날한다잉 ㅋㅋ우리 항상 지금처럼 앞으로도 쭉 서로 아끼고 배려해주면서 잘하자. 그럼 또 조만간 부산내려가서 보자 아름아 사랑해!

받는 사람

To 민석이♡

힘든 하루하루를 보내고 있는 우리 자기 안녕? 훈련소 갔을때 편지쓰고 마지막일줄 알았는데 또 이렇게 편지를 쓰게 되니 색다른데? ㅋㅋ 자기 외박 나왔다 들어간지 이제 4일째 인데 너무 긴 시간이 지난것 같이 느껴진다 ㅠ ㅠ 그래도 한달 뒤에 볼수 있으니깐 잘 참고 기다려야지 ^^ 내가 서울에 살았더라면 좋았을텐데 .. 훈련소 가있는 동안 연락도 잘 못하고 보지도 못해서 조금 힘들었는데 이제 자주 나오고 하니깐 너무 좋다 ㅋㅋ 서로 소중함을 더 알게되고 이대로 만 지냈음 좋겠넹 ㅎㅎ 요즘 세상을 다 가진 기분이다 자기가 나한테 너무잘해주니깐^^ 그래서 엄마한테도 자랑 하구 친구들한테도 자랑 했어. 내가 자기 얼마나 자랑 스러워하는줄 알지? 앞에선 내색 안해도 뒤에선 자기 자랑 하면서 디게 뿌듯해한다? ^o^ 5시에 일과를 마치고 영어 공부도 하고 한자공부도 하고 책도 많이 읽는 모습 너무 보기좋다 ㅋㅋ 그렇게 계속 전역 할때 까지 열심히 했음 좋겠다 ㅋㅋ 항상 조심없이 말고 자기 말은 항상 거창하게 하거나 ㅋㅋㅋㅋ 이제 말뿐만 아니라 행동 까지 하는 멋진 남자가 됐음 좋겠다 난 자기 가 잘할꺼라구 믿으니깐 내가 항상 뒤에서 응원해주고 잔소리 해줄게 알았지?? 화이팅 ^o^ !!!!!!! 힘들어도 포기 하지말구 그럼 이만 줄일께 ^^ 몸조심하구 안녕~~~~ 하트뽕뽕

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한미연합 실사격 훈련



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지난 4월 15일 로드리게즈 복합사격장에서 진행된 한미연합실사격 훈련 도중 AH-64 아파치 헬기가 공중지원을 위해 지정된 장소로 이동하고 있다.



<사진_Sgt. Andrea Merritt / 기자>

지난 4월 15일 로드리게즈 복합사격장에서 진행된 한미연합실사격 훈련 도중 지상군이 공격을 가하는 도중 공중지원이 이루어지고 있다.



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지난 4월 15일 로드리게즈 복합사격장에서 진행된 한미연합실사격 훈련 도중 미 2사단 장병들과 한국군 장병들이 목표물을 향해 실사격을 실시하고 있다.

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사단특수근무대대 찰리중대 화학작전병 노민일 병장

인-자기소개를 부탁드립니다.

노-나는 미국에서 위스콘신 메디슨 대학 산업공학과 2학년을 마치고 입대했다. 중학교 3학년 때 미국에 가 8년 동안 살았고 그곳에서 만난 학교 선배 덕분에 카투사를 알게 되어 방학 때 휴식차 한국에 들어왔을 때 토익에 응시하고 카투사에 지원했다.

인-처음 미군부대를 봤을 때의 소감은 어땠나?

노-그저 신기했다. KTA를 가기 전 5주간 훈련했던 논산과는 너무나 다른 모습이었기 때문이다. 처음 보는 군복을 입고 돌아다니는 미군들과 각종 시설들도 신기했다.

인-KTA 생활을 떠올려본다면?

노-처음엔 논산보다 편할 줄 알았는데 운동을 훨씬 열심히 하는 것에 놀랐다. 입대 전엔 운동을 별로 하지 않는 편이었는데 KTA에 와서 PT의 중요성을 깨닫고 열심히 운동했던 기억이 난다. 그리고 동기들과 함께했던 수많은 추억들이 생각난다. 그 동기들 중에 현재 같은 부대에 근무하고 있는 동기도 있다.

인-보직에 대한 설명을 부탁드립니다

노-미 2 사단 사단본부중대 화학작전반은 미 2사단 전체 화학반의 물품관리와 검열을 담당하고 결과를 상부에 보고하고 있다. 훈련 때는 통역업무와 상황실에서 컴퓨터를 운용하며 화학공격 발생시 그것에 대처하는 역할을 하고 있다.

인-군입대 후 달라진 점이 있다면?

노-계획적으로 바뀐 것 같다. 시간도 어떻게 하면 더 효율적으로 쓸 수 있을까 고민하게 되었다. 그리고 자대 전입 후 선임들과 축구를 하면서 친해졌고 PT 대비로 몸관리를 하면서 살도 많이 빠지고 몸도 입대전보다 건강해졌다.

인-얼마전 미 8군에서 개최하는 Indoor Soccer Tournament 에 CRC 팀의 일원으로 출전했다고 들었는데

노- 그렇다. 미 8군 전체 부대가 참가한 대회였다. 내가 속한 CRC팀은 카투사 6명과 미군 4명으로 이루어져 있었다. 캠프 케이시에서 지역 예선을 통과하고 팽택에서 열리는 본선에 다녀왔다. 본선은 3일간에 걸쳐 이루어졌는데 첫 날에 한 경기, 둘째 날에 두 경기, 마지막 날엔 결승전 한 경기를 했고 운 좋게 우승했다. Indoor라는 단어에서 보듯 야외에서 하는 축구가 아니라 실내에서 한 풋살이었다. 전후반 각각 20분에 한 팀에 5명씩 경기에 출전했다. 결승전 상대는 대구 팀이었는데 정말 잘해서 연장전까지 간 끝에 겨우 골든 골로 이겼다. 좋은 추억이다.

인-전역 후의 계획은?

노-6월 초에 전역하는데 9월에 미국에 돌아가 공부를 하면서 여러 기업의 인턴쉽을 준비하려고 한다.

인- 중대원들에게 한마디

노-카투사라는 특성상 일과 후 시간이 많으니 목표를 정하고 계획을 세워서 열심히 생활하면 좋겠다. 그리고 꾸준한 몸관리가 중요하다.

<기사 및 사진_상병 정호영/기자>



한미 합동 훈련을 통해 K-16 기지 방어를 위한 준비를 끝낸다



지난 3월 31일 한국군 장병들이 K-16 공군기지 출입문에서 생긴 비상 상황에 대비한 훈련을 받고 있다.

3월 29일에서 4월 1일까지 K-16 공군기지 (Air Base) 에서 미군과 한국군 장병들이 춥고 비오는 날씨에도 불구하고 테러 위협을 대처하는 방법을 배우기 위해 훈련에 참여했다. 이 방어 훈련에는 2 전투항공여단, 제 15 혼성비행단, 제 718 폭발처리중대, 그리고 기지내 소방서 직원들을 포

함한 K-16 공군기지에 있는 모든 부대원들이 참여했다. 2-2 전투항공대대 정보처 장교인 로렌스 하인즈(2LT Laurence Hines) 소위는 “이번 훈련은 테러 위협으로부터 기지를 방어하는데 각 부대들 사이의 통신을 중점적으로 훈련했다”고 말하며 “지휘관들의 기지 방어 전략에 맞

추어 각 부대원들이 어디서 무엇을 어떻게 해야되는지 배울 수 있는 기회이기도 했다”고 덧붙였다. 하인즈 소위는 이번 훈련이 매년 이루어져야 하는 기지 방어 훈련 조건을 만족시키고 용산에 있는 지휘관들이 방어 준비 태세를 평가하는데 도움을 줄 것이라고 전했다.

2 전투항공여단의 장병들과 한국군 장병들, 그리고 소방서 관계자들은 모의의 시민 소란과 무장 소요로부터 기지내 방문자와 근무자를 보호하는 훈련을 마쳤다. 이 격렬한 훈련에는 많은 사상자가 나는 상황에서부터 한국 시민들이 일으킨 시위와 폭발물 발견에 대처하는 상황이 진행되어 훈련 참가자들에게 도전적이었다. 2-2 항공대대 델타 중대 부소대장 케빈 쉰(SGT Kevin Shoun)병장은 “준비 기간이 짧았는데도 불구하고 우리가 정말 잘했다고 생각했지만 더 훈련을 받는 것도 나쁘지 않을 것 같다”고 말했다. 제 15 혼성비행단 장병들이 설치된 폭발물 수색을 위해 K-9 군용견 중대와 협조하였고 2 대의 병력수송장갑차를 출입문에 배치하여 경비를 강화하였다. 한국군뿐만 아니라 미군 장병들과 카투사 장병들도 이번 훈련에서 중요한 역할을 맡았다. 하인즈 소위는 “K-16 공군기지의 지휘관들은 한국군과의 더욱 강화된 관계를 유지하기 위해 노력하고 있고 그래서 제15혼성비행단과 훈련을 같이 진행하였다”고 말하며 “나는 장병들의 전문성과 효율성에 감탄했다”고 덧붙였다. <기사_ Spc. Tim Oberle / 2nd CAB Public Affairs>, <사진_ 상병 마주호 / 2nd CAB Public Affairs>

인디언헤드가 만난 사람들 "이번 시즌 활약이 기대되는 프로야구 팀"



사단특수근무대대 차리중대 행정/PC운용병 병장 김기환

나는 삼성 라이온즈를 응원한다. 삼성 라이온즈는 이번 시즌에 New Beginning이란 슬로건을 내걸었다. 지난해의 부진을 떨치고 다시 옛 영광을 찾겠다 의미이다. 지난해엔 투수진들이 좀 약해서 후반에 점수를 많이 내준 탓에 지곤 했는데 이번 시즌엔 돌아온 간판투수 오승환과 단단해진 볼펜진이 있어 달라질 삼성의 모습이 기대된다. 또한, 삼성 전성기를 이끌었던 양준혁,박한이 등 간판 타자들과 젊은 선수들이 함께 활약해 준다면 우승도 충분히 기대할 수 있다. 외박을 나가면 경기를 꼭 보러 갈 것이다.



사단특수근무대대 차리중대 행정/PC운용병 상병 이병곤

나는 이번 시즌 프로야구 팀들 중 삼성 라이온즈의 활약이 기대된다. 물론 내가 원래 삼성의 팬이기 때문이기도 하지만 현재 삼성의 투수와 타자, 그리고 다른 모든 부분에서 아주 뛰어난 모습을 보여주고 있기 때문이다. 이는 작년과는 다른 모습이라 팬으로서 기대가 된다. 현재 삼성이 두산 다음으로 2위를 하고 있는데 이제 곧 두산을 제치고 1위를 빼앗을 것이라 믿어 의심치 않는다. 승리의 삼성, 최강 삼성 화이팅! 양준혁 선수도 화이팅!



사단특수근무대대 차리중대 행정/PC운용병 일병 이상욱

내가 응원하는 팀은 한화이다. 이런 말을 하면 대부분의 사람들이 '대전 사람인가'하는 질문을 한다. 하지만 나는 그저 어렸을 적 야구를 좋아하시는 아버지를 따라 TV를 보다가 가장 마음에 들었던 빙그레 팀을 지금까지 꼭 응원해오고 있을 뿐이다. 다른 야구팬들만큼 광팬은 아니어서 팀의 전력 및 전적 등을 자세히 알고 있는 것은 아니지만, 항상 한화의 승리가 나의 기쁨이고 패배가 아쉬움이었다. 적어도 내가 본 경기 중에는 비록 패배한 경기라도 경기 내용이 괜찮은 경우가 대부분일 정도로 한화는 저력이 있는 팀임이 틀림 없다. 비록 부진의 늪에 빠져있지만 나는 한화의 눈부시게 빛났던 시절을 언제나 잊지 않으며, 언젠가 다시금 그런 날이 올 것이라 믿어 의심치 않고 계속해서 응원할 것이다. 한화 이글스, 화이팅!



사단특수근무대대 차리중대 행정/PC운용병 이병 고필준

이번 시즌에 가장 기대가 되는 프로야구 팀은 바로 두산 베어스이다. 두산 베어스는 막강한 투수진과 타자들을 보유하고 있으니 플레오프까지는 무난히 진출할 것으로 보이며, 마지막에 실수하지만 않는다면 무난히 한국시리즈 우승도 가능할 것이라고 생각한다. 게다가 작년에는 두산 베어스가 상승세를 타다가도 내가 보러 간 경기마다 지는 바람에 기세가 꺾이곤 했는데, 올해는 내가 경기를 자주 보러가지 못하므로 두산 베어스가 무리없이 승승장구 할 것 같다.



방어 기지 훈련을
통해 만약의 상황에
대비하다

2면

한미연합실사격
훈련현장을 생생히
기록하다

3면

장병들, 60년동안 보지 못한 한미연합군의 위력을 보여주다

지난 4월 15일 로드리게즈 복합사격장 (Rodriguez Range) 에서 열린 한미연합실사격 (Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise) 훈련동안 미 2사단에 소속된 기갑 승무원들, 사수들, 보병들, 포병, 그리고 훈련지원 장병들이 한국군 장병들과 함께 새로운 역사를 쓰게 되었다.

미군 장병들과 한국군 장병들은 1950년 6월 25일 한국전쟁이 발발하면서부터 함께 일해왔다. 하지만 올해 한미연합실사격은 60년만에 처음으로 각국이 엄청난 인원의 장병들과 장비, 그리고 무기를 동원해 함께 실사격을 실시한 것이라 의미가 있는 것이다.

이번 훈련이 역사적인 이유는 그 규모와 구성 요소만이 아니었다. 100명이 넘는 관중들 중에 한국 전쟁의 영웅이자 한미연합군을 이끈 퇴역장군 백선엽이 참석했기 때문이다. 그는 한국군 사상 처음으로 4성 장군이 된 사람이다. 실사격 훈련 도중 미 2사단 사단장 마이클 S. 터커(MG Michael S. Tucker)소장 옆에 앉은 백선엽 장군은 사단장이 한국에서 어떤 임무를 지니고 있는지를 상기시켜주기에 적합한 인물이었다.

터커 소장은 “백선엽 장군은 굉장히 용감한 장군이였다”고 말하며 “한국 전쟁 당시 군산 지역에서 그는 그의 장병들에게 ‘우리는 더이상 밀려나면 안된다. 우리는 적군에 계속 대항할 것이다. 내가 만약 적군을 피해 돌아선다면 나를 쫓라’라고 말할 정도의 지휘관이고 나는 그를 이런점에서 존경한다”고 덧붙였다.

실사격이 실시되어 한미 연합군의 능력을 과시하기 시작하자 백선엽 장군은 그 자리에서 바로 눈물을 보였다. 그는 악마의 팀 (Team Demon) 이라 불리는 한미연합군 장병들이 같이 지상과 공중에서 같이 협동하는 모습을 보고 터커 소장에게 ‘1950년 나의 한미연합군의 모습을 보는 것 같다’ 고 말하기도 했다. 그는 60년 전 한국군 1사단을 지휘했었다.

이날 악마의 팀은 3가지로 분류되었다. 첫번째는 지원 병력으로 한개의 미국 보병 소대와 한개의 한국군 보병 소대로 이루어졌다. 또한, 파괴 병력으로는 한개의 미국군 탱크 소대와 미국군 공병 소대로 이루어졌다. 마지막으로 공격 소대는 한개의 한국군 탱크 소대로 이루어졌다.

관중들이 자리에 앉아 귀마개를 끼자마자 포탄이 풀무산을 향해 떨어지기 시작했다. 비록 관중들이 포탄 자체는 볼 수 없었지만 엄청난 소리와 산에서 피어오르는 갈색의 연기가 미 2사단 장병들이 간접사격을 성공적으로 마쳤고 한국군 AH-1 코브라 헬리콥터와 미국군 AH-64 아파치 헬기가 접근전 지원을 위해 미사일을 쏘는데 도움을 주었다.

무려 50분 동안 한미연합군이 공군의 지원을 받으며 풀무산으로 진군을 계속 할 수 있었다. 마지막 탱크 소대가 적군에 사용할 수 있는 모든 무기를 사용하면서 악마의 팀이 성공적으로 임무를 완수했다는 볼 수 있었다.

2-9 보병대대 브라보 중대 소대장인 나탄 퍼스웰 (1LT Nathan Purswell)중위는 “한국군과 같이 일하면서 새로운 관점을 배울 수 있었다”고 말하며 “우리는 그들에게 새로운 것을 배웠고 그들도 우리에게 많은 것을 배웠을 것이다. 우리가 연합훈련을 마치고 나니 더욱 강해진 것을 느꼈다”고 덧붙였다.

이 실사격은 1월부터 시작된 훈련의 정점을 찍은 것이었다. 거의 모든 장병들과 가족들이 새해를 맞이해 좋은 시간을 보낼때 2-9 보병대대의 장병들과 한국군 75 기계화보병여단, 27 기갑대대, 125 기계화보병대

대, 그리고 미 2사단의 다른 지원 부대들이 캠프 케이시와 호비에서 훈련을 계속 받아왔다.

2-9보병대대 델타중대 기갑 승무원 채드 워커(SSG Chad Walker)하사는 “이런 훈련은 한미 양국의 협동심을 기르고 우리 장병들의 사기에도 도움이 될 것이다”고 말하며 “특히 우리 소대는 한국군과 사격장에도 같이 나오고 일도 같이 해와서 사이가 많이 가까워진 것

을 느낀다”고 덧붙였다.

한국군 기계화 보병 여단 소속 이혁 중위는 “나는 미군 장병들을 훈련시키고 같이 일했는데 영광이라고 생각한다”고 말하며 “이 훈련은 우리 미래를 위해 더욱 강력해진 병력이 되는데 많은 도움을 주었다고 생각한다”고 덧붙였다.

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<사진_Pfc. Paul Holston / 1st HBCT Public Affairs>

지난 4월 15일 로드리게즈 복합사격장에서 진행된 한미연합실사격 훈련 도중 미 2사단 장병들과 한국군 장병이 실사격을 위해 한 팀을 이루어 포탄을 장전하는 것을 도와주고 있다.