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Soldiers, KATUSAS earn Expert Infantry Badge

By Pfc. Paul A. Holston

1st HBCT Public Affairs

Warriors from 2nd Infantry Division, and candidates from around the peninsula, competed to earn one of the highest honors an infantryman can earn, the Expert Infantry Badge, June 14-18 at Camp Casey.

Participating American and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers were pushed physically and mentally as they were tested on 36 different tasks, including an Army Physical Fitness Test, day and night land navigation, and a 12-mile road march.

"This time around, we've changed the test completely," said Command Sgt. Maj. Raul V. Huerta, of 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment and president of the EIB committee.

"Last time during train up, they were able to go through the lanes and the graders were able to help them," Huerta said. But this time, they had to train away from the EIB site, so it was harder for them, having not seen the lanes prior to testing.

The EIB gives the wearer bragging rights, Huerta added. Soldiers spend weeks upon weeks with their units preparing for this challenge and must qualify "expert" on their weapons before being allowed to compete.

"I've trained with my unit in the past couple of weeks to prepare for this," said Pvt. Richard L. Isom, from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team. "I'm just taking it one day at a time."

The EIB was created in 1943 and can only be awarded to personnel who hold infantry or Special

Forces military occupation specialties. Each station is graded by cadre already wearing the badges, who ensure the strict standards of the test are upheld.

The test is not only one of skill; it's a measure of a Soldier's inner will and motivation.

"I think the physical training test, land navigation course and the road march are the events that have eliminated the most this year," said Huerta.

In order to earn their EIBs, the 242 Soldiers had to pass every station. If they received a "no-go" on their first attempt, they would have one more chance to retest. If they received a second "no-go" at any time during the event, they would be disqualified from earning an EIB.

After completing the final test, a 12-mile road march in less than three hours, only 32 of the 242 who started the three-day ordeal, were awarded the badge.

"Everyone who came out here gave all that they could, but some didn't make it," said Pvt. Jonathan Matos, B Company, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st HBCT. "I'm just glad I earned my EIB today, while



American and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Infantrymen from around the peninsula take part in a five-day training and qualification to earn the Expert Infantry Badge June 14-18 on Camp Casey.

I'm still a young infantryman."

"Every infantryman should strive to earn their EIB," he said. "It sets you apart from the rest and lets people know that you're an expert at your job."

Click on  at www.2id.korea.army.mil for more photos of the event.

Manchu Soldiers walk the mile into history

By Staff Sgt. Daniel Shapiro

1st HBCT Public Affairs

As the sun set on Warrior Base in the Republic of Korea June 24, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment Commander Lt. Col. Milford H. Beagle Jr. stepped up to the podium to address the men and women who came out to do one thing: complete the Manchu Mile, a 25-mile march in honor of the regiment's 85-mile journey into battle during the 1900 Boxer Rebellion.

Most of the participants were members of 2-9th Inf., however Soldiers from across the peninsula came to participate in the historic march.

Beagle reminded the Soldiers that although the march would be challeng-

ing, it paled in comparison to what the Manchus faced more than a century ago.

"With every step those Manchus took, they were one step closer to the enemy, and if you walk two consecutive Manchu Miles, you will have completed only about half of the distance they travelled," Beagle said.

The Manchus began their journey at 9 p.m., and the first element wasn't expected to finish until 8 a.m. the next morning.

Beagle reminded his Soldiers that at 4 a.m. the following day would mark the 60th anniversary of the Korean War, and that the war wasn't over yet by saying, "Along the route you will come within observation range of North Korea and at many points you

will also be within rifle range. I tell you this to remind you of the fact that you are truly in a combat zone."

By the time the Soldiers began marching, the landscape was covered in darkness. If it wasn't for the glow sticks they attached to their uniforms, it would have been pitch black in many of the areas along the route.

"You had to be aware of your surroundings at all times. I kept trying to feel the ground before I stepped because I couldn't see if I'd step on something that would twist my ankle and put me out of the march," said Cpl. Yoon Woo-Byun, a Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldier with Headquarters Company, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

Woo-Byun had his own personal

reasons for marching.

"Being out here gives me a greater appreciation for what Soldiers have done in the past. Throughout the march I kept thinking about what it must have been like for those Soldiers who had to march into combat. Thinking about the sacrifices they made kept me motivated throughout the night. There was no way I could quit," he said.

As the sun crest over the horizon, the teams started rolling into Warrior Base. Beagle, greeted each group that came in and presented each participant with the Manchu belt buckle, telling those who completed the march for the first time, "You're a real Manchu now."

And so, the Manchu Mile legacy is brought to life year after year.



VOICE OF THE WARRIOR: What qualities does a good leader have?



"Good leaders lead from the front and help motivate Soldiers to get the job done."

1st Lt. Michael Baldi
C Co., 3-2nd Avn.

"Good leaders are professional and always take care of their Soldiers."

Pfc. Bryshal Jones
HHC, 1st HBCT



"A good leader is always willing to leave behind the past and accept the changes of the future."

Pvt. Lee Sung-Hak
B Co., DSTB

"Good leaders take care of their Soldiers and help them with any issues."

Pfc. Justin Prado
E Co., 4-2nd Avn.



"Good leaders are honest, put others before themselves and lead the way in PT."

Pfc. Bryan Coolidge
HHC, 1-15th FA

"A leader is all of the Army values rolled into one person."

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Whidbee
C Co., DSTB



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Good conduct brings Curfew Policy change

By Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker

2nd ID Commander

Warriors, Independence Day marks an important anniversary in our nation's history. On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence and announced the original 13 American colonies' separation from Great Britain. Every Independence Day reminds us of the freedoms we have because of the sacrifices of U.S. Servicemembers, both past and present.

This Independence Day, U.S. Servicemembers in Korea will also enjoy the freedom that comes from today's lifting of the USFK peninsula-wide curfew. The curfew was adopted initially for force protection and readiness reasons. The specific hours of curfew have been adjusted up or down periodically, based on available information about potential threats. In fact, Korea is an extremely safe place to live and raise your Family. However, over the last few years, many have come to believe that the curfew was intended to prevent Servicemembers from engaging in off-post misconduct during specific off-duty hours. That is not so. The vast majority of Warrior Country troops, civilians and Family members do what is right every day. And, we want to thank you because your actions help strengthen one of the world's greatest alliances.

The lifting of the curfew is an indication of the good faith and trust the commander of USFK has in our ability to exercise good judgment, personal responsibility and self-discipline. It is also another important step toward normalizing tours of duty here in Korea. Since January of this year, the 2nd Infantry Division has consciously given you opportunities to demonstrate your responsibility through programs such as the R.E.A.L. Warrior campaign, monthly Warrior Family Days, and Warrior University's "Degree at Three." As a result, we have made great strides in decreasing alcohol-related incidents and misconduct while significantly increasing responsible behavior such as university enrollment. You are doing great! That's why we enthusiastically support this policy change, and



you deserve it!

Now that the curfew has been lifted, I trust that you will continue to exercise good judgment, that you will look out for your battle buddies, and that you remain ambassadors for the United States at all times during your tour here in the Republic of Korea.

You should also keep in mind that as key members of this Alliance, we must maintain our readiness at all times. You will be expected to be present for duty, on time, to standard - ready and able to perform your duties. It is hard to do that if you stay out all night partying. Needless to say, abusers of the privilege will be held accountable and curfew may be reinstated at any time. Let's not let the few ruin it for the many and help police each other from violating the trust we have earned.

As you celebrate Independence Day and all the freedoms we enjoy, remember the sacrifices that have been made in our honor and the very essential role you as a Soldier play in the security of our nation and our host country. So, enjoy some well-deserved time off with friends and Family and have a safe and responsible Fourth of July. Teresa and I wish you and your loved ones an Independence Day that is "Second to None!"

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Across the Pacific and back: a Soldier story



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew C. Kim, an aviation safety officer and an Apache pilot in command with B Co., 4-2nd Avn. explains to Korean elementary school children how the helicopter works and what he does.

By Spc. Tim Oberle & Pvt. Paek Geun-Wook
2nd CAB Public Affairs

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew C. Kim of B Company, 4th Attack Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade is no stranger to Camp Humphreys. Born Kim Chang-Joong, he was raised near Pyeongtaek, and grew up with visions of flying helicopters one day. His journey to his current position as an Apache pilot has taken him from the heights of South Korean Aviation, all the way across the world to America, working full time for a food distributor while going to school and raising a Family, and finally back to the skies as a pilot for the U.S. Army.

During the 1990s, ROK Army Capt. Kim served as a pilot for the 109th Aviation Unit and operated three different types of helicopters. After nearly 350 hours of flight experience in the ROK Army and seven years of service, he decided to move his Family to the United States so that he could further envelop his love for aviation at an American university.

However, settling down in America was not easy for Kim's Family. The language barrier was a big issue and

the exchange rate between the Korean won and American dollar became a serious problem due to the ongoing International Monetary Fund crisis in South Korea. With all of the aforementioned issues already on his plate, Kim received bad news: his son was extremely sick and had to undergo a delicate heart operation.

Due to the urgent circumstances surrounding his son's surgery, Kim decided to relocate his Family to Los Angeles to afford his son the best surgical care possible. Unfortunately, in order to make the move feasible, Kim had to make the decision to forego admission at Southern Illinois University.

Remarkably, Kim's son recovered in only six months and their Family was able to move to Houston, where he was able to attend Houston Community College. While attending school, Kim worked at a local food distribution company and took care of his Family while bottled up with an unquenchable thirst to one day return to the air.

Following his introduction to the U.S. Army during basic and advanced individual training, Kim got his first look at U.S. Army aviation with the 25th Aviation Brigade out of Hawaii.

About a year later, Kim finally saw his first opportunity

to return to the skies as a pilot of a U.S. Army aircraft. His warrant officer candidacy was accepted and he completed the necessary warrant officer flight training. Upon graduation from the Army's Aviation School at Fort Rucker, Ala., things finally came full circle for Kim when he was assigned to not only his native country of South Korea, but merely a couple of miles down the road from where he grew up in Pyeongtaek.

His experience as a pilot for both the U.S. and ROK Armies allows Kim to serve as a liaison officer facilitating communication between the ROK and 4-2nd Avn. during missions.

His bilingual nature allows him to strengthen ties between American Soldiers and the Korean community by coordinating events through the Good Neighbor program and serving as a Status of Forces Agreement representative to help American Soldiers with legal problems.

"Matthew Kim is a company asset as well as a battalion asset. His ability to communicate both in English and Korean proves to be an excellent benefit on many occasions as a liaison when dealing with ROK Army officers," said Capt. Matthew R. Taylor, commander of B Co., 4-2nd Avn., 2nd CAB. In his capacity as the company's safety officer, Kim is able to inform the company commander on safety-related issues and always has the answers or knows where to find pertinent information for any issues that come up, he said.

Recently, Kim was selected to become a pilot in command.

"His abilities as an excellent aviator and his experience as a Korean pilot have allowed him to be selected for pilot in command in only 14 months," said Taylor.

Kim is currently an aviation safety officer and an AH-64 Apache Longbow pilot with 4-2nd Avn. at Camp Humphreys. He was recently selected for Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. He will be the first U.S. Army commissioned officer who formerly served in the ROK Army as an officer. Following OCS this fall, Kim will become a second lieutenant.

Kim has raised the bar by working to become the first person to formerly serve as a ROK Army officer and then make the transition to the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer. After completing OCS, Kim is unsure of where he will be stationed or what he will be doing, but for him there is one thing he can be sure of.

"I will do my best to complete my missions as an Apache pilot in command. As an officer, I would like to help Soldiers and other officers by giving them counseling. Moreover, I am willing to support the ROK Army so that we can enhance the friendship between ROK and U.S. Armies," he said.

Be on the look out for these upcoming Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers events:

Event:	Date:	Location:
Fourth of July celebration	July 3	Camp Casey Steward Field
Independence Day cook out	July 4	Camp Red Cloud pavilion
Fun in the Sun beach trip	July 9	Local beach
Outdoor pool party	July 16	Camp Casey Hanson Field outdoor pool
Talent show	July 17	Camp Red Cloud Mitchell's Club
Pajama jam	July 24	Camp Stanley Reggie's Club

For more information, contact your company BOSS representative or call the following numbers:
Camp Casey DSN: 730-6187 Camp Red Cloud/Stansley DSN: 732-5464 Camp Humphreys DSN: 753-8970

Travel the Republic of Korea with Cpl. Jung... **Building 63**

By Cpl. Jung Ho-Young

KATUSA Editor

As visitors in a strange land, many of you may not know all the wonderful sites there are to experience here in the Republic of Korea.

For this and future editions of the Indianhead, I will show you various places that you, your Family and friends may enjoy, which may offer an alternative to nightlife in the "villes" or just sitting around in your rooms on the weekends.

The first destination I would like to share with you is Building 63, which is also known as 63 City. It was built in 1985 and is located in Yeou-ui-do in Seoul.

Building 63 is one of the highest buildings in the Republic of Korea. It stands 264 meters high, which is only one meter less than Nam Mountain in Seoul.

When you arrive to the building, your first stop should be the ticket office located on B1. There is a sign on the first floor to direct you.

This facility offers four main activities: the Sea World aquarium, the Sky Art museum, an IMAX theater and a wax museum.

You can buy a ticket for just one or two activities but you'll get a discount for purchasing a "Big 3" and "Big 4" ticket package.

At the aquarium, you will see various fish, penguins, dolphins, seals and more.

The 63 Sky Art is an art gallery located on highest floor of 63 city. It is the highest art gallery in the world. They exhibit pictures and artworks of many Korean artists. The panoramic view allows you to see all of Seoul. You can also look through a telescope to see the city's landscape in more detail.

The 63 IMAX theater features a huge screen that maximizes the human's eyesight. They show a variety of movies including 3D features. You can rent a translator headset to listen in English.

The 63 Wax Museum exhibits the wax figures of many famous people, such as Vincent van Gogh, Jesus Christ, Benjamin Franklin and many famous Korean people and cartoon characters.

If you like to shop, a strip of stores is located on floor B1.

How to get there

Bring Korean Won to use public transportation.

lic transportation.

* From Camps Casey, Red Cloud, and Stanley:

-By Subway: Take the dark blue line #1 to Incheon. Transfer to line #5 at Jongno3-ga station toward the Gimpo airport direction. Get off the train at Yeouinaru station. Use Exit #4 and you will see a tall golden skyscraper. Walk about 80 meters to get there or you can take a cab from any exit. If you take a cab, say "Yook-sam (Korean pronunciation of 63) building" to the taxi driver.

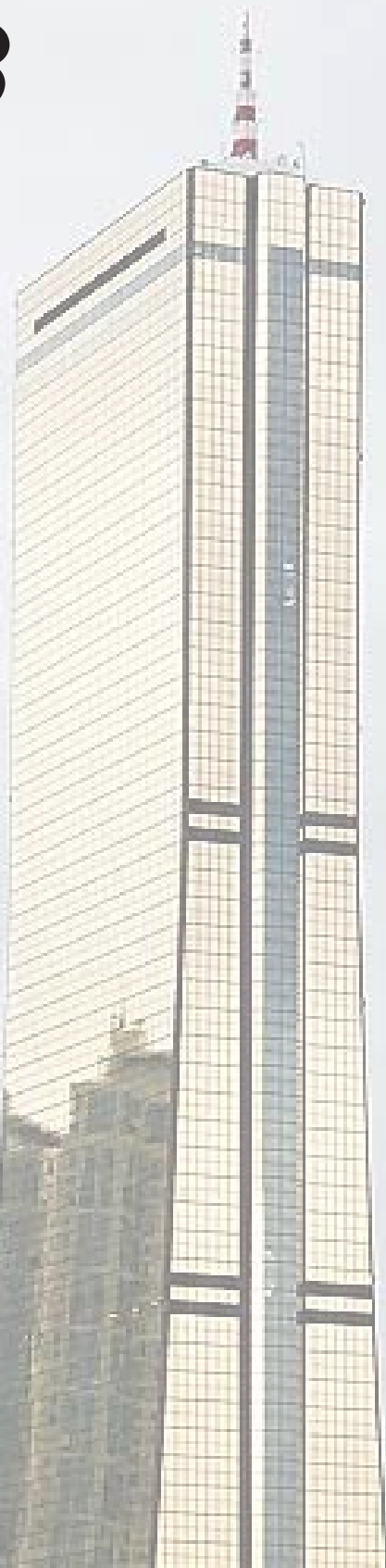
-By military bus: Take a bus in your post to Yongsan Garrison. Once you arrive to Yongsan, take a cab and say "Yook-sam building please" to the taxi driver. It takes 10-15 minutes to get there.

* From Camp Humphreys

-By Subway: Take the dark blue Line #1 to Yongsan station. Get off at Yongsan station and use any exit. Take a cab in the street and say "Yook-sam building please" to the taxi driver. It takes 15-20 minutes to get there.

-By military bus: Same as from Camps Casey, Red Cloud, and Stanley.

(Editor's note: when you take a taxi, it may take longer depending on traffic.)



Above: A tourist purchases tickets at the counter on floor B1 at Building 63.
Top right: A tourist admires the talents of many artists at the 63 Sky Art gallery on the 60th floor of the Building 63.

Above: The 63 Wax Museum of Building 63 exhibits wax figures of many famous people.
Left: The Sea World aquarium is home to an array of fish and other water life.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Is soccer your calling?

Soccer enthusiasts who are interested in playing for the Futbol Club CRC Indians from Camp Red Cloud are invited to attend practice 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the post soccer field.

For more information contact Chief Warrant Officer 2 Bogdan Burduselu at 010-5849-7025 or DSN 732-8328, or via e-mail at bogdan.g.burduselu@korea.army.mil

Camp Adventure

Camp Adventure will be offered at Camp Stanley and Camp Casey for 1st-5th grade students June 21-Aug. 20. Students from Camp Red Cloud will be bused to Camp Stanley for the event.

Children can take part in the adventure at any time between those dates.

The program includes arts and crafts, swimming, field trips, science and other summer activities.

For more information, call DSN 730-3628/9241.

FRG leadership training

The Army Community Service is holding Family Readiness Group leadership training from 9 a.m.-noon July 9 at the Camp Casey ACS classroom. Topics will include FRG roles and responsibilities, getting started, partnership with commands, communicating with Families, and community resources. The training will also provide other helpful tips to become an effective FRG leader.

FRG training targeted for company-level commanders and first sergeants will be held 1:30-2:30 p.m. July 9 at the Camp Casey ACS classroom. Topics will include commander roles

and responsibilities, understanding FRG regulatory guidelines, FRG mission and purpose, and FRG funding and resources.

For more information or to register, call DSN 730-3107.

Temporary closure

The dental clinics on Camps Red Cloud and Stanley will be closed July 15-16 due to a situational training exercise. All sick call and emergency patients should report to the Camp Casey Dental Clinic on those days. The Camp Casey dental clinic front desk phone number is DSN 730-6753/6750.

ADSO class

The Division Safety Office will conduct an Additional Duty Safety Officer course Aug. 4-6 at the G-3 schools building on Camp Casey. The course teaches ADSO appointees how to support their company's safety program. Noncommissioned officers and officers with duty appointment orders are eligible to attend the class. Contact your unit training NCO to enroll.

For more information, call DSN 732-7061.

MBA opportunity

The University of Phoenix is now offering the Masters of Business Administration at the Camp Casey Education Center.

Classes start Aug. 28 and will meet 6-10 p.m. every Thursday.

University representatives will be at the Camp Red Cloud Education Center every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month and at the Camp Casey Education Center every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

For more information, call DSN 723-7807.

Casey ed center relocates

The Camp Casey Education Center has relocated to the former Manchu Dining Facility near Warrior Club, Bldg. S-1757, and is now fully operational. The new DSN telephone numbers are:

Receptionist 730-1826
Counselor 730-1808
Counseling support 730-1804
Education services spec. 730-1802
Testing 730-1836
Learning facility 730-1829
University of Maryland 730-1809
Central Texas College 730-1825
University of Phoenix 730-1838

Fire prevention relocates

The Camp Casey fire prevention office has relocated to Bldg. 2362, Rm. 102 on Camp Casey. The new DSN phone numbers are:

Fire inspectors 730-4011/3177
Fire prevention chief 730-6049

Any fire safety and prevention-related questions or concerns for Camp Casey may be directed to the fire prevention office.

Shuttle to Gyeongju, Jeonju

Everyday from June 1 to Dec. 31, there will be free shuttle bus bound for the 1,000-year-old city of Gyeongju and the city of traditional Korean food, Jeonju.

To apply for a free ride, go to the Visit Korea website at http://english.visitkoreayear.com/english/benefit/benefit_07_01_01.asp

For more information, call DSN 730-2585.

Movies

Camp Casey

Show times: Mon. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Fri. 9:30 a.m., 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.
Sat. 3:30, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.
Sun. 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.

July 2 ... Toy Story 3; Grown Ups
July 3 ... Toy Story 3; Grown Ups;
Death at a Funeral
July 4 ... The Losers;
Nightmare on Elm Street
July 5 ... Death at a Funeral
July 7 ... Nightmare on Elm Street
July 9 ... Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa;
Night and Day; Salt
July 10 ... Furry Vengeance;
Night and Day; Salt
July 11 ... The Losers; Salt
July 12 ... Grown Ups
July 13 ... Iron Man 2

Camp Red Cloud



**No further showings until
Sept. 24 due to renovations**

Camp Hovey

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

July 2 ... Nightmare on Elm Street
July 3 ... Furry Vengeance
July 4 ... Grown Ups
July 6 ... Salt
July 8 ... Knight and Day
July 9 ... Iron Man 2
July 10 ... Robin Hood
July 11 ... Knight and Day
July 13 ... Iron Man 2

Camp Stanley

Show times: Sun., Mon. & Thu. 7 p.m.
Wed. & Sat. 7 & 9 p.m.
Fri. 9:30 a.m., 7 & 9 p.m.

July 2 ... Bolt; Nightmare on Elm Street;
Furry Vengeance
July 3 ... The Karate Kid;
Nightmare on Elm Street
July 4 ... The Karate Kid
July 5 ... The Losers
July 7 ... Grown Ups (2)
July 8 ... Furry Vengeance
July 9 ... Horton Hears a Who;
Iron Man 2; Robin Hood
July 10 ... Grown Ups; Iron Man 2
July 11 ... Grown Ups
July 12 ... Robin Hood
July 14 ... The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (2)
July 15 ... Furry Vengeance

Camp Humphreys

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

July 2 ... Toy Story 3;
Nightmare on Elm Street
July 3 ... Toy Story 3 (2);
Nightmare on Elm Street
July 4 ... Toy Story 3 (2);
Nightmare on Elm Street
July 5 ... Iron Man 2 (2)
July 6 ... Iron Man 2 (2)
July 7 ... Post Grad; Robin Hood (2)
July 8 ... Knight and Day (2)
July 9 ... Knight and Day (2)
July 10 ... Furry Vengeance;
Knight and Day (2)
July 11 ... Furry Vengeance;
Knight and Day (2)
July 12 ... Knight and Day (2)
July 13 ... Robin Hood (2)
July 14 ... The Pursuit of Happiness;
Just Wright (2)
July 15 ... Just Wright (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:

6:30 p.m. Tuesday

At West Casey Chapel

Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday

Catholic:

Noon Sunday

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:

6:30 p.m. Tuesday

At Old Hovey Chapel

Bldg. 3592

Orthodox:

10 a.m. 1st,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

At Freedom Chapel

Catholic:

9 a.m. Sunday

Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

Gospel:

1 p.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

7 p.m. Tuesday

Points of contact

Camp Red Cloud:

732-6073/6706

Hovey Chapel:

730-5119

Memorial Chapel:

730-2594

West Casey:

730-3014

Camp Stanley:

732-5238

Camp Humphreys:

753-7952

LDS chaplain:

010-5337-0872

Rockets soar during 6-37th FA Family Day



Juan Carlos Gonzalez Goings, son of a Soldier with 6-37th Field Artillery, watches a rocket fly by during Family Day at Rocket Valley inside the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex in Gangwondo Chulwon June 15.

By Pfc. Lee Hyun-Bae

Staff Writer

The 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery, 210th Fires Brigade Family Readiness Group hosted an event for Family Day at Rocket Valley inside the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex in Gangwondo Chulwon where Soldiers and their Families got a chance to watch a Multiple Launch Rocket System show its capabilities.

On June 15, more than 50 wives and children gathered in front of Camp Casey Carey Gym for their bus to Rocket Valley and received a safety briefing before departing.



Pfc. Lee Hyun-Bae, Staff Writer

Lt. Col. Dale Smith, battalion commander of 6-37th Field Artillery, 210th Fires Brigade tells the children to make the order to fire the MLRS rocket during Family Day at Rocket Valley inside the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex in Gangwondo Chulwon June 15.

my kids. I think they had a lot of fun."

After the demonstration, Soldiers and Families had lunch together of food brought by United Service Organizations, such as hotdogs, hamburgers and sodas.

ROK Soldiers invited their Families to this event, too.

Maj. Jung Ki-Yeon, commander of 2nd Firing Battery, 5000th Bn., looked around Rocket Valley with his wife and daughter.

"There are not many chances like this because of security problems," he said. "I hope more events like this are held in the future. Moreover, the three-weeks training we had with 6-37th FA has been very efficient."

Soldiers also displayed MLRS vehicles to their Families. Some children got into the vehicles, wore helmets and grabbed the steering wheel, as if they were about to drive off.

"It was exciting to watch rockets fly," said Juan Carlos Gonzalez Goings who came to Rocket Valley with his mother. "I'm proud of my father firing rockets. I want to come here again next year. It was a very interesting experience."

When lunch time was over, Lt. Col. Dale Smith, 6-37th FA commander, called children to gather in front of him, to explain to them about the MLRS, and said that one rocket would launch if the kids yelled 'Fire.' Nothing happened on the first try because the kids' voices weren't loud enough. Smith gave the children one more chance. When he signaled to the kids, they yelled 'Fire' loudly and one rocket was launched, causing them to cheer.

"We have these kinds of training often, but we don't really have a chance to share it with Families," Smith said. "This is an annual event and Families are always welcome. It's better to watch what Soldiers do with their own eyes than to watch it on TV or YouTube."

Click on at www.2id.korea.army.mil for more photos of the event.



Pvt. Hong Sang-Woon, Staff Writer

Family members of 6-37th Field Artillery enjoy their lunch of hotdogs, burgers and sodas during the Family Day at Rocket Valley inside the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex in Gangwondo Chulwon June 15.

Yongsan Commissary manager gives tips

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2nd ID Public Affairs Operations NCO

Defense Commissary Agency Yongsan Store Manager Matthew Whittaker visited the Camp Red Cloud Pear Blossom Cottage in June to hear feedback from Area I Families on how DECA is doing to meet the needs of the growing number of command-sponsored Families moving to the Land of the Morning Calm.

Whittaker heard a few common themes and wanted to give Area I customers, who weren't able to attend the gathering, a few tips on how to create a positive shopping experience and to dispel myths about DECA policies.

1) If you have purchased a product that is not fresh or appears to have a quality issue, please return it to the commissary for a full refund or exchange. It is best to return the product and take a moment to fill out a food quality report. This report and the product will be provided to the Military Food Inspectors for testing and you can request a response from the food inspectors on their findings.

2) Manufacturer coupons are valid OCONUS for six months beyond the expiration date printed on the coupon.

3) Items that have exceeded the manufacturer's expiration date are removed from commissary shelves. Military Food Inspectors inspect items to determine if they are safe for resale beyond the expiration date. If the MFI finds the product to be safe for consumption, the product is certified. Next, the certification with the new expiration date is hung on the item's shelf location in the store's clearance

corner. Items such as baby foods, formulas and medicines are at no time extended beyond the prescribed expiration date. All expired items must meet stringent criteria in order to be sold in the clearance corner. The clearance corner is also used for selling items that have been phased out and items to which the packaging has been damaged, like dented cans.

4) When requesting items, it is not necessary to provide "UPC" codes or used containers. All that is needed is a basic description and/or brand name of the product and the store manager will work it from there. Please remember that sometimes the item requested cannot be obtained. Fill out a patron communication form and be sure to leave a name and number so that store managers can follow up on your request. You will receive contact from the store manager within five days or less.

5) You can make special orders of one box or container of an item that is available at another commissary and it will be delivered to your local commissary in about two days if it's already in stock. It is not a requirement to buy a whole case when making a special request. Be sure to fill out a special order form with your store manager and provide a name, number and e-mail for contact.

"My door is always open and if you have concerns or comments, please fill-out an Interactive Customer Evaluation e-card available on the garrison and DECA websites. I will personally address your issues," said Whittaker.

Click on at www.2id.korea.army.mil to share your thoughts on your local commissary hours.



An inspection sign, like the one shown above, should be present when expired items are put on sale at any commissary.



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Warrior Family Forum:

What do you like about your local commissary and what can be different?



Alicia Scott

The commissary in our area is doing the best they can to meet the needs of my Family.



Denise Harbert

I like the commissary, but some of the products are not fresh. I hope they would care more about keeping food fresh.



Capt. Selwyn Johnson
2nd ID protocol officer

I'd like to see at least one commissary in Area I open on Mondays. Fresh food doesn't keep well over a long weekend.



Joshua Scott

I like the fact that the commissary is open most days. However I would like to see a bigger and healthier selection.



The sun never sets on the 2nd ID

Mechanics, Stryker operators keep vehicles rollin'

Story and photo by Pfc. Kimberly Hackbarth

4th SBCT Public Affairs

JOINT SECURITY STATION NASIR WA SALAM, Iraq – With grease on their coveralls, wrenches at their sides and a row of Strykers lined up in front of them, the mechanics of 1st Combat Repair Team are ready to get down and dirty.

From the moment a Stryker operator drives a vehicle into the motor pool, the CRT mechanics, part of B Company, 702nd Brigade Support Battalion, work alongside the Soldiers of 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment “Manchus” to fix the damaged vehicle as quickly as possible so the infantrymen can get back to their missions.

Spc. Nathaniel Smith, a native of Coffman Cove, Alaska, who has worked as a mechanic with 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division since he joined the military almost five years ago, said it’s easy for CRT Soldiers to work with the Manchus because the unit has supported the battalion with vehicle maintenance since the brigade rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center on Fort Polk, La. last June.

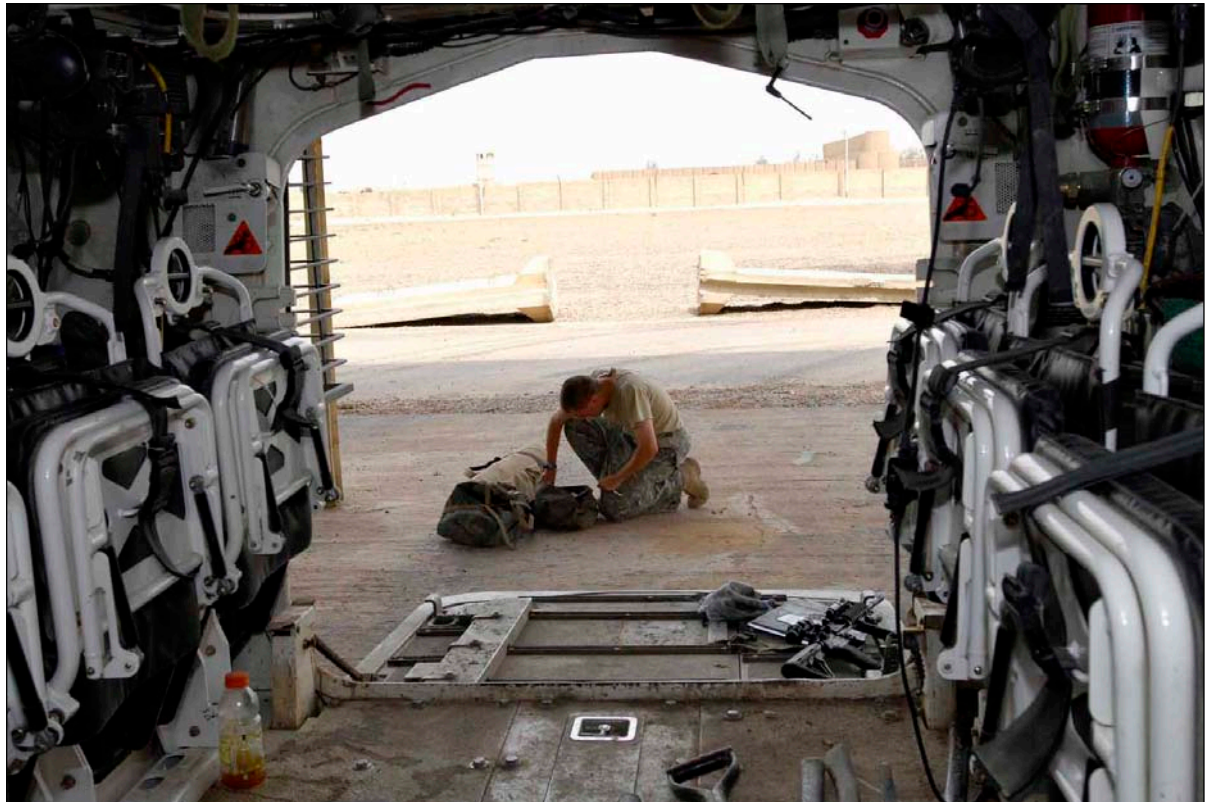
“In order to support an actual line unit, you’ve got to know your guys and know how they take care of their stuff,” said Smith.

He added that the 4-9th Inf. Soldiers are constantly out on missions and once they return to the JSS, they come straight to the motor pool to have their vehicles fixed.

Mechanics like Sgt. Larry Bruce, from Benton, Ill., said they’re appreciative of the opportunity to do their jobs, even though it means something comes into their shop broken.

“They’re letting us do our job because we’re not going to be proficient unless something breaks, or they tell us something breaks,” said Bruce.

As a way to assist the Manchus in better maintenance of their Strykers, Bruce and his Soldiers also teach classes on common issues with vehicles and how to resolve them.



Pfc. John Buchanan, a “Manchu” mechanic with 1st CRT, B Co., 702nd BSB, 4th SBCT, searches through his tool bag for a wrench to fix the inside of a Stryker at Joint Security Station Nasir Wa Salam, Iraq.

The infantrymen respond well, said Bruce.

“They ask questions because they want to know more about their vehicles,” he said. “It helps out a lot of those guys and it teaches them to be better operators and how to take care of their equipment.”

Of course, no one can do the job quite like an actual trained mechanic, a fact in which Pfc. Jeff Basile, from Kings Mountain, N.C., takes pride.

“I love turning wrenches,” exclaimed Basile. “It’s very satisfying knowing the battalion would not run if it wasn’t for the mechanics.”

In his nine years as a mechanic in the Army, he said 4-9th Inf. is one of the best battalions he has ever worked for.

The battalion commander and command sergeant major do everything they can to help us out and they accept us as Family, like we are Manchu warriors, he said.

Bruce said he has grown accustomed to the “small-town” life at Nasir Wa Salam and prefers it instead of “big city living” on places like Victory Base Complex, which houses the rest of his battalion.

“Here, we’re a really close-bonded Family because all we’ve got is each other,” said Bruce.

Once the wrenches are stored and the pumice soap washes away the grease of another long day, the Manchu mechanics of 1st CRT rest easy knowing that tomorrow they’ll be needed again to get down and dirty.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION Noon-9:30 p.m. July 3 on Camp Casey

Event:

Opening ceremony
Paintball tournament
Food eating contest
Field activities (kite flying and games)
Inflatable/costume games
Carnival games and concessions
Family bazaar and vendor booths
Chili cookout
Kiddie Korner
Children entertainment
Food eating contest
2nd ID band variety performance
Paintball tournament awards
Korean cheerleaders performance
Sevendust and Hoobastank
Salute to the Nation
Fireworks display

Time:

noon
noon-5 p.m.
12:15-12:45 p.m.
1-4 p.m.
noon-5 p.m.
noon-6 p.m.
1-8 p.m.
1-5 p.m.
1-7 p.m.
3:30-4 p.m.
4:15-4:45 p.m.
4:45-5 p.m.
5-5:15 p.m.
5:15-5:45 p.m.
5:45-8:30 p.m.
8:30-9 p.m.
9-9:15 p.m.

Location:

Steward Field
1st half of Steward Field
2nd half of Steward Field
2nd half of Steward Field
2nd half of Steward Field
Roadway leading to Golf Club
Roadway leading to Golf Club
In front of Golf Club
Roadway leading to Golf Club
Roadway leading to Golf Club
Golf Course parking lot
Golf Course parking lot
Golf Course parking lot
Golf Course parking lot
Golf Course parking lot
Indianhead Field