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Warriors, as a proud member of the U.S. Army, I am equally honored to serve as the 2nd Infantry Division command sergeant major. I want to express the respect I have for all of you who are committed to being a faithful servant to our nation, its people and to our Soldiers. When I say servant, I am defining it as, "a person who performs duties for others," and "a person employed in the service of a government." It is based on those definitions that many of us are serving in the Army.

It is our nation and its people that have given us the opportunity to serve them. Without their support, the resources for training, equipment, housing and education would be virtually impossible to access. As an Army we are fortunate to have the support of our nation's people and leaders who ensure we remain the most agile, precision and lethal military force in the world.

As servants to our nation, we accept the hardships of mission requirements and separation. Each and every one of us voluntarily left our homes to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. I respect that. However, we must understand that our Army service does not entitle us to bonuses, special recognition or guarantee us a job after our service obligation is over. Our only

guarantees are the commitment we make to ourselves, our fellow Soldiers and our nation's citizens. That promise means we will put forth our best efforts in every task, mission and endeavor every day. Whether it is during a training event, leading troops in combat, or executing the unit's mission, each of us owes it to our nation to be trained and ready to fight and win on any battlefield and assist in any support mission.

We are accountable to the American people. As a public servant, we are charged with being responsible, trustworthy, dependable and purposeful. The American people depend on us, as service men and women to protect, defend, respect and use our resources wisely. They cannot decidedly express what exactly that entails. The people depend on us to be honest brokers to which they entrust with the security of the nation, fiscal responsibility and environmental guardianship; all the while staying committed to ensuring our forces have the best training and equipment available to deter aggression, to sustain and win a battle anywhere, anytime.

The strength of the Army is its Soldiers. The American people have entrusted us with their sons and daughters to serve in our ranks. As servants we are committed to all those men and women in uniform. Soldiers are and always will be the centerpiece



Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew J. Spano
2nd ID Command Sergeant Major

of our organization. We are duty-bound to give them true leadership, mentorship and the tools for success. We owe one another the respect and loyalty forged in realistic-training to prepare for any battlefield; coupled with the trust that each of us gave our very best during training and day-to-day operations because we will rely on one another to accomplish missions, training and survival.

We serve all of the above, and we owe all of them our best. We are not owed anything; we owe all we have to all.



Historic photos that represent 60 years of U.S. Army camps in the Uijeong-bu area went on display at the city's main train station August 12-16.

Photo courtesy of USAG Area I Korea



Army Gen. James D. Thurman, commander of U.S. Forces Korea and Combined Forces Command, and Lt. Gen. Bernard S. Champoux, commander Eighth Army, talked about the importance of the ROK-U.S. Alliance.



Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal thanks the guest speaker, Maj. Gen. Chun In-bum.



ROK guest speaker, Maj. Gen. Chun In-bum, deputy chief of staff, CFC also briefed attendee on the perspective of the ROK Alliance.

SENIOR LEADERS ATTEND ANNUAL TRANSITION SEMINAR

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The last remaining permanently forward-stationed division in the U.S. Army welcomed new leaders during Transition Week from July 22 through 25 at Camp Red Cloud.

Every summer, the 2nd Infantry Division hosts a week-long seminar designed to explain the division's mission and its relationship with Republic of Korea to brigade commanders, command sergeants major, division primary staff and their spouses.

Military and government officials from both the ROK and U.S. briefed the incoming personnel on the division's mission.

Army Gen. James D. Thurman, commander of U.S. Forces Korea and Combined Forces Command, and Lt. Gen. Bernard S. Champoux, commander, Eighth Army, talked about the importance of the ROK-U.S. Alliance. Thurman emphasized the importance of 2nd Infantry Division's role and how crucial it is for the division to be ready to fight tonight.

Thurman and guest speakers gave their definition of the division's expression of fight tonight, which refers to the division's commitment anytime or anywhere

to fight alongside our Korean partners in combined training, deterring security threats and ensuring security on the peninsula.

Republic of Korea Army guest speakers discussed the importance of continuing to strengthen the alliance. From the impact of U.S. support to partnership efforts, ROK Army presenters gave their perspective of the true meaning of the 63-year alliance.

Speakers from the division support staff briefed topics that included training exercises, the division battle rhythm, new equipment, communication synchronization, and the command sponsorship program.

The briefings provided an overview of the 2nd Infantry Division's mission and future plans to continue the unit's success.

This year marks the 63rd anniversary of the ROK-U.S. Alliance, and its importance was highlighted during the seminar. Over the past six decades, the two militaries have developed a strong bond, enhancing the relationship between both nations.

Initiatives like the Head Start Program and the Good Neighbor Program were recently established to enhance the cultural understanding of Army Soldiers by learning about the Korean language, culture

and history with the assistance of local universities and the Gyeonggi Province Government.

"I believe the Good Neighbor Program is a great way to get to know our Korean neighbors," said La Sandra Wise, wife of Lt. Col. Malcolm Wise, both Hinesville, Ga., natives from Company A, Headquarters, and Headquarters Battalion. "By inviting our Korean friends to the 2nd Infantry Division's special events and our military families in attendance at their ROK and local-hosted events, together we are able to share and learn from one another while appreciating our cultural differences."

Furthermore, Soldiers and their Family members are able to go on culture tours sponsored by the Gyeonggi Provincial Office throughout the year free of cost.

"We want to support Soldiers while they're stationed in Korea and help build a stronger relationship between U.S. Forces Korea, and [the citizens of Gyeonggi Province]," said Lee Kang-hee, the director of the Gyeonggi Provincial Office Military Cooperation Division, while on a Korean culture tour April 30.

At Transition Week, leaders learn about other programs that offer care and support to Soldiers and their Families, including support groups that can assist

them while living and working in Korea. Programs, such as Army Community Service, Red Cross, Morale Welfare and Recreation and Family Readiness Group were mentioned during the seminar.

By taking care of Soldiers and Families, the division can successfully focus on the mission. By focusing the force, the division can plan for fielding new equipment and future training events that will maintain the edge on the battlefield.

With information on what's ahead, the spouses of the leadership felt Transition Week was very helpful in gaining understanding 2nd Infantry Division's mission and how each of them contribute to the Alliance's success.

"It showed a real perspective on the relationship the 2nd Infantry Division has with our host nation's army and the Korean civilian leadership," said Wise. "It was nice to have representation on both sides. Together they made it clear they are committed to keeping the relationship strong and making our U.S. Soldiers and their Families feel welcomed."

The 2nd Infantry Division continues to train and partner with its ROK army counterparts, the enduring mission of the 60-year alliance remaining ready to fight tonight.

CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS CELEBRATES CHAPLAINCY ANNIVERSARY

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AND MONICA K. GUTHRIE

Chaplain corps senior leaders visited 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers and Families to take part in the 238th Chaplaincy Anniversary Celebration in Area I July 29.

The Army Chief of Chaplains, Maj. Gen. Donald Rutherford, a Kinderhook, N.Y., native, and U.S. Army Chaplain Corps Regimental Sgt. Maj. Stephen Stott, an Indianapolis, Ind., native, visited Area I to personally provide training and mentorship to the division's chaplains and their assistants.

In Area I, Rutherford and Stott observed Catholic community mass on Sunday at the Casey Chapel. They also attended a dinner reception at Camp Red Cloud to celebrate 238 years of religious support.

The division invited members of the Korean community to attend the celebration, demonstrating the importance of the partnership and the strength of the alliance.

Rutherford announced a new campaign Monday during the celebration dinner. Rutherford described the

campaign, which is called, 'Care to the Caregiver.'

"This campaign supports the Army's Ready and Resilient Campaign and focuses our efforts on coaching and mentoring," Rutherford said.

He went on to explain that the campaign requires 2nd Inf. Div. chaplains to ask themselves whether or not their lives are balanced and how they can better care and equip the division's ministry teams to ensure world class religious support.

"The chief has been known for getting his 'boots on ground' and checking on Soldiers and their Families and spending time with the chaplains," said Master Sgt. Sean P. Fitzwilliam, a Sumter, S.C., native from Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion.

The remainder of the dinner celebration focused on the chaplaincy program in the Republic of Korea and the growing relationships between the two countries.

The anniversary of the chaplaincy fell on the 60th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, and many senior leaders from both the U.S. and Korean armed forces attended, including Korean Chief of Chaplains for the Ministry of Defense, Chap. (Col.) Ho Yoo Lee. The

Korean National Military Symphony Orchestra provided music for the event.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Vandal, a Rhode Island, N.Y., native, and commander of the 2nd Inf. Div., was a guest speaker at the dinner celebration. He expressed his appreciation of the chaplain corps and our Korean neighbor coming out together to celebrate the anniversary.



Army Chaplains from the Army Chaplain Corps and 2nd Infantry Division cut a cake at Camp Red Cloud to celebrate the 238th Chaplaincy Anniversary Celebration July 29. (Photo by Army Sgt. Ange Desinor)



Medical personnel from 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team work together as they evacuate a casualty under fire competed during the Eighth Army Best Medic Competition, July 22-25.

1ABCT MEDICS SHINE IN COMPETITION

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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A resilient group of competitors pushed to their mental and physical limits show their combat medic skills were gold-status worthy during one of the toughest medical competitions of the year.

Medical personnel assigned to the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team went head-to-head with peers from different medical units across the Korean peninsula, while participating in the Eighth Army Best Medic Competition held at the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex, July 22 to 25, 2013.

During the competition, Soldiers completed a 250-question test, ran through day and night combat medic lanes, urban assault courses, an advanced land navigation course, a physical fitness test and several surprise challenges. In addition to the laundry-list of challenges; competitors ruck-marched to the various stations amidst inclement weather and rolling hills, totaling approximately 25 miles.

The competition consisted of 14 two-man teams. Out of the 14 teams, only seven completed the physically demanding tasks. From the seven teams, two teams were comprised of Soldiers from the 1st ABCT. The finishing Soldiers were from team five, 1st Lt. Theophilus Little, a Los Angeles native with Company C, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion and Pfc. Alexis Miclat, 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment and team four, which consisted of Pfc. Alex Stamm from Woodlands, Texas and Spc. Matt Whalen from Columbia, Md., both assigned to the 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment.

"I really wanted to test myself and expand my abilities as a medic," said Whalen. "If anything happens to one of my Soldiers, I'm responsible for his life, so I need to be on top of my game."

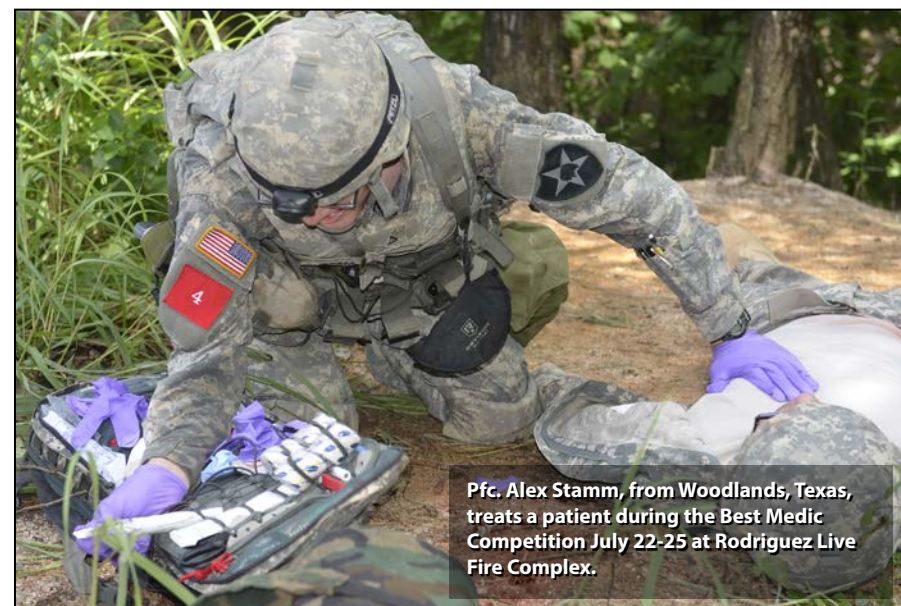
With approximately six hours of sleep in 72 hours, teammates constantly relied on each other for support during missions. They motivated one another to push themselves above and beyond their limits.

Stamm said that they had to learn each other's strengths and weaknesses along

the way while working hand-in-hand. He also mentioned that the competition helped them to embrace the motto "One team, One fight," despite their different unit affiliations. Stamm teamed up with Whalen, forming the lone junior enlisted team to complete the challenge.

"It was quite interesting, we were fairly familiar with each other before this, so we used that cohesion to our advantage and pushed each other," said Stamm.

The winning team was awarded Meritorious Service Medals, and all competitors that completed the mission received certificates of appreciation. These standout Soldiers proved to be a direct representation of the 2nd Inf., Div., standards as their preparedness for real-life casualty-care correlates with the "Fight Tonight" mantra.



Pfc. Alex Stamm, from Woodlands, Texas, treats a patient during the Best Medic Competition July 22-25 at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex.

GARRYOWEN TAKES ON SABER LANES

STORY AND PHOTO BY
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As the 2nd Infantry Division is the only forward deployed division in the Army, it is essential for the Soldiers to have a strong grasp of their soldiering skills for survival.

The leadership in the 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team set out to ensure their Soldiers maintained a constant level of readiness and were prepared to meet the need if they were called to "Fight Tonight."

Garryowen troops participated in the Semi-Annual Warrior Tasks Testing known as Saber Lanes on Camp Hovey, South Korea, July 16 to 18.

The training event tested the Soldiers' fundamental knowledge of individual warrior tasks and their ability to react quickly in various training scenarios.

"This is a time where we get back to the basics," said Spc. Devin Onofrietti, Angola, Ind., a Bradley Fighting Vehicle gunner for Troop A, 4th Sqdrn., 7th U.S. Cav. Regt. "This is stuff we all should know and will possibly help save a life one day. For the Soldiers who haven't participated, we will have to stress the importance of this training and build upon our weak areas."

Throughout the day, Soldiers foot-marched across Camp Hovey taking on the obstacles while being evaluated at stations like: how to orientate a map, land navigation, create

a hasty fighting position, escalation of force, civilians on the battlefield, casualty evacuations, sending a situational report and a nine-line medical evacuation report, along with other training and evaluation stations.

"While we're in the Army, we're going to train—it's important," said Staff Sgt. Axel Feliciano, Ponce, Puerto Rico native and senior mechanic with Troop D, 4th Sqdrn., 7th U.S. Cav. Regt. "However, you have to adapt it to your situation. We're not in Iraq or Afghanistan. You have to know how to operate in the environment and situations around you."

The testing helped the Soldiers to assess their ability to execute the fundamental tasks and boost confidence in the process. However, not everyone was successful at all of the events. Those Soldiers learned from those mistakes and pushed through to the rest of the testing.

"Knowing your basic soldiering skills is invaluable. I know for me, it's been a few years. It has definitely been a struggle, but the Saber Lanes have helped to renew my confidence," said Onofrietti. "I think the land nav. has been



A team of Soldiers with the 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, pulls security while the team leader sends a situation report up to higher command during the Semi-Annual Warrior Tasks Testing located at Camp Hovey, July 16 to 18. The Soldiers had to bound across an open field to get to a casualty and conduct an evacuation.

the toughest for me so far. The hills will definitely make you sweat. I started off a little shaky but after doing this for a while and getting back into things, I'm getting my confidence back."

The Garryowen Soldiers advanced through the Saber Lanes, the tasks proved not only to refresh the talents of veteran Soldiers, but the training also helped newer Soldiers understand the importance of training and remaining competent in their warrior tasks.

"It's important for us to continue to train on these tasks because if a war did come, our training takes over, you don't have to think about it, and the action just comes out naturally," said Pvt. Carlos Sierra, a Vegabaja, Puerto Rico native and scout for Troop C, 4th Sqdrn., 7th U.S. Cav. Regt. "It's important for us to keep up on our soldiering skills because this is what we will be using in case of war."

As the testing came to an end, the Soldiers gained valuable experiences in soldiering skills. They will continue to build on those skills as they transition into their collective gunnery training exercise later this year.

RAVEN TRAINING TAKES IRON SOLDIERS TO NEW HEIGHTS

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When you think of the word "Raven," the first thing that comes to mind would probably be the mascot for the Baltimore football team or the bird. In this case trainers and trainees sharpened their skills to "Fight Tonight."

Thirteen Soldiers assigned to the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, Camps Hovey and Casey took part in a two-week class July 8-19, 2013 at Camp Hovey and Rodriguez Live Fire Range in which they learned all technical and physical aspects involved with flying the RQ-11 Raven Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.

Requiring only two operators per system, the remote controlled Aerial Vehicle's relatively small appearance does not match its huge importance. Used to conduct surveillance, intelligence, and reconnaissance over danger zones, this essential tool serves as quite a resourceful alternative as it helps preserve the manpower of troops in a combat environment. Also, it allows units to monitor an area with a less obtrusive presence, live video and photo capabilities during the day and night, said St. Louis, Mo., Staff Sgt. Tyrone Harvey, Raven System Master Trainer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team.

"This allows more safety and flexibility for Soldiers on the battlefield, it's a significant force multiplier," said

Harvey.

The first week of training students received lessons in the standards, limitations, and capabilities of the vehicle and its parts, familiarizing the trainees with the camera operations, emergency procedures and altitudes associated with flight of the vehicle. Along with three written tests, they also received ample time prepping for flight through the vehicle's simulator, where all students had to show proficiency before actually flying during their second and final week of training, said Harvey.

"As a cavalry scout, becoming a certified operator of this vehicle is a big deal to myself and my unit, it's like having a "scout" for the scouts," said Pvt. Nicholas Batson, Raven System trainee, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, from Norwood, Mass.

This aerial "scouting" referred to by the diligent trainee, is a skill available to Soldiers of different ranks and military occupation specialty codes attached to units requiring Raven operators. Becoming a more marketable and well-rounded Soldier are also perks associated with the familiarization of the Raven system, said Batson.

The concept of working equally as smart as working hard was well demonstrated during this training. Increasing the number of Soldiers prepared to operate this surveillance tool increases manpower and the Army's chances in combat. Through their willingness



Staff Sgt. Tyrone Harvey, Master Raven System Trainer from St. Louis, Mo., launches the Raven during a flight demonstration while training at Rodriguez Live Fire Range July 16. During the second of two weeks, Soldiers attending the course must successfully complete several different flight missions with the Raven to earn their certification. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Kwon Yong Joon, 1st ABCT PAO)

to learn and attention to details, these commendable Iron Soldiers are now certified Raven operators bringing more versatility to the fight tonight, supporting the 2nd Infantry Division's "Second to None" standard as they continue to soar to above the rest.



Pfc. Christopher Lee Sargent (left) from Anderson, Ind., an information system operator-analyst assigned to Headquarters Support Company, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade is trying to use chopsticks while Pfc. Ha Heon-jin, his KATUSA friend, also assigned to HSC helps him to use it. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Park, Jae Hyung, 2nd CAB PAO)

TWO CULTURES BUILDING ONE ALLIANCE



STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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When Korean men turn 19, they receive a letter. After receiving it, some might experience panic striking their body, some might feel proud, or some might even feel thrilled. What kind of a letter can cause such a range of emotions? A letter from the Military Manpower Administration notifying them that they must conduct a physical examination for the 21-month-long mandatory conscription into military service.

On the other hand, U.S. Soldiers choose the Army as a career; it is not an obligation. While they often experience a similar range of emotions before reporting to basic training, the reasons they decide to join the military are diverse.

"I joined the Army because my grandfather, father and sister also served in the military," said Pfc. Christopher Lee Sargent from Anderson, Ind., an information system operator-analyst assigned to Headquarters Support Company, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. "If I look at them, I just want to be one of them."

After the examination, Koreans can choose the date of the conscription and the military force they would like to apply to join. Among many military forces they can choose, there is a special program for Koreans who can speak English fluently: Korean Augmentation to the United States Army program. It began in July 1950 during the Korean War and provides the U.S. Army with Korean and English speaking Soldiers to assist the U.S. Army maneuver in the unfamiliar terrain. KATUSAs, with their own military occupational specialty, are assigned to U.S. units and work alongside U.S. Soldiers in the 2nd Infantry Division.

Quite evidently, when two groups of people with different cultural backgrounds work alongside each other, cultural misunderstandings sometimes occur. Yet friendships are forged when each side respects the other and makes an effort to understand the others' culture.

"I was eating rice in a restaurant and I put both chopsticks in the rice standing up," said Sargent. "My KATUSA friend told me that was offensive because they only do that at funerals."

A cultural anomaly to a KATUSA is how American Soldiers are usually more outgoing and friendly with anyone. They can feel strange when someone who they don't know approaches them and says things such as "How are you doing?" or "What's up?"

"At first, I felt it was strange because Koreans normally do not say that when they first meet," said Cpl. Sung-Hun Lee from Gwacheon, Gyeonggi-do, a senior KATUSA assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade. "At that time, I just was at a loss for an answer."

On the other hand, U.S. Soldiers may sometimes feel that KATUSAs are quiet and shy leading some to think that KATUSAs are avoiding conversation.

"Whenever I see a KATUSA I always yell a greeting at them but they never yell it back, always quiet and polite," said Sargent.

There are various reasons for such differences but one reason may be differing perspectives on social etiquette. Usually Koreans do not say hello until they feel they have become close friends with someone before they will greet one another.

"Koreans try to act carefully before they get close," said Lee. "But once Koreans become close with others, they can be really kind and our friendships tend to last a long time."

Another social etiquette difference is Americans do not use formal titles. When they address someone they feel close to, they are allowed use first names; no matter the age gap.

While there are many cultural challenges experienced by KATUSA and U.S. Soldiers, activities that encourage intercultural understanding have helped each come to appreciate the other's differences.

One such program is the annual KATUSA Friendship Week that allows the Soldiers to come together and have fun playing sports, seeing live music performances, and experience other cultural demonstrations that are native to each country.

"Though U.S. Soldiers can experience Korean culture outside the military base, KATUSA Friendship Week gives an unique opportunity to U.S. Soldiers to experience Korean culture with KATUSAs," said Lee. "During the sport events we become closer and closer with U.S. Soldiers. I think KATUSA Friendship Week is a great opportunity to build camaraderie and teamwork."

Today, the KATUSA program still stands as a symbol of alliance between the United States and Republic of Korea. Such success would not have been possible without the effort of both sides to understand each other's cultural backgrounds.



Cpl. Lee Sung-hun (left) from Gwacheon, Gyeonggi-do, the senior KATUSA assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade and his friend, Pfc. Nicholas Le'ronn Bostic from Waynesboro, Ga., a signal support system specialist also assigned to HHC, bow to each other to show respect in Korean way. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Park, Jae Hyung, 2nd CAB PAO)

A FAMILY AFFAIR



STORY BY
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In the lobby of a building known as Freeman Hall, located on a U.S. military base known as Camp Red Cloud, two officers approach each other. Even though they are not far from the area known as the Demilitarized Zone, in a country that for more than 60 years, has the potential of war to cast a shadow across its land, this meeting starts in hugs and smiles. One thing is clear; this is a family reunion for two officers; a mother and her son.

For Capt. Kenya Wicks, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade as the officer in charge of brigade personnel and administration, and 2nd Lt. Courtney D. Wicks, assigned to Company A, 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th Fires Brigade, this was their first face-to-face meeting since Courtney arrived in country.

Their story starts in 1992, when Kenya was faced with the difficult decision of how to support her family. She was a young, single mother and her options were limited but she was determined to provide a future for her only child at the time, Courtney.

"I am very proud of her because she kept pushing when she was doing it by herself" Courtney said. "She set the example of how to carry yourself when nobody is able to help you."

After reviewing her options, she decided to enlist into the U.S. Army. Coming in as a private first class, she progressed to the rank of sergeant first class earning a degree in Restaurant Hospitality Management from the University of Alabama. Also, she earned respect of a general officer she worked for. That experience provided her an opportunity to become a commissioned officer through the direct select program.

"I consider myself a 'go-getter' and 'self-starter,'" said Kenya. "I made it to the rank of sergeant first



Capt. Kenya Wicks, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, hugs her son 2nd Lt. Courtney Wicks, Company A, 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th Fires Brigade Aug. 9 2013 at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Vincent Abril, 2nd CAB PAO)

class and wanted new challenges."

For Courtney, who grew up watching his mom succeed in the Army and experiencing the Army's value-centered culture, the idea of entering the military himself began during high school. While he initially only took advantage of his high school's Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program to receive physical training credits for graduation, it soon represented something else to him.

"I found I really enjoyed (the Army) and the

values that it stands for," said Courtney. "It has allowed me to do the things I have been able to do in my life. Also, just seeing everything my mom went through as a single parent, the push she gave, and everything she stood for, and all the hard work. It made me want to continue doing it and also to make her proud."

After receiving a commission himself, he was assigned to the 70th BSB and quickly excelled; he volunteered to become his company's voting assistant officer and air load officer in the process.

"I am very proud of my son. I have watched him mature from a boy into a fine officer," said Kenya. "I was proud of him at ROTC but I am really proud of the go-getter attitude that he has and that he does not let anything deter him from getting the mission accomplished."

The values he learned from his mother's go-getter example and the desire to make those he cared about proud, became the driving force behind his will to succeed. As his mother's son, success during his career in the Army is not enough. He is already looking ahead to the challenges he will face in civilian life when his Army career is over.

"It is important to succeed because when I do get out the military it will enable me to use the skills I learned in various areas within corporate America and also just to make everybody that saw me growing up in life proud," said Courtney.

Eventually, Kenya's and Courtney's career paths will cause them to part again as Kenya goes on to retire and Courtney takes his next military assignment. Until then, their family will get to spend some quality time together in the land of the morning calm sharing a common mission and love for each other.



Capt. Kenya Wicks and her son 2nd Lt. Courtney Wicks sit on a bench at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea., catching up on their lives and careers since they last spent time with each other Aug. 9. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Vincent Abril, 2nd CAB PAO)

COMBINED SIMULATION EXERCISE STRENGTHENS ROK-US ALLIANCE



STORY BY
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While rain drops steadily beat against the roof of a tactical operations center, inside voices echo "counterfire!" Soon, the sound of a rocket launch erupts from a computer. These are the sounds of a simulated U.S. and Republic of Korea Army exercise.

The 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division and Third Republic of Korea Army conducted a Combined Counterfire Exercise on Camp Casey July 17-19.

The simulation-based exercise was to enhance the ROK-U.S. counterfire capability, improve staff coordination and test battle command computer systems.

"Overall, it's to exercise the counterfire fight, but more importantly it's to exercise our systems and their systems," said Maj. Donald Dangler, the 210th Fires Bde. simulations officer, a native of Morristown, N.J. "That goes from using our equipment properly, sharing data, command and control relationships between our subordinate battalions, our brigade headquarters and TROKA."

For Spc. Gregory Hornishny, from Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, a human resources specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Bde., it was a chance to learn a whole new way to fight.

"This is the first time I've been with an artillery unit," said Hornishny. "I've been learning from all of the Soldiers."

According to Maj. Jeremy Linney, the 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Bde. operations officer, the exercise was about pulling out every training opportunity. The Memphis, Tenn. Native, explained that despite normal hiccups the unit builds flexibility and (gains) experienced operators to enhance their overall capabilities.

"We are not getting wrapped around the axle when things go wrong. It replicates the fog of war," said Linney. "The focus is on cross-training."

The exercise was also an opportunity to build new relationships. Capt. Lee Wright, a native of Hoover, Ala. and the 210th Fires Bde., liaison officer to TROKA, spent the exercise at TROKA headquarters in Yongin, South Korea. His section worked face-to-face with their ROK army counterparts coordinating fires between the U.S. and ROK army units.

The exercise was important to Wright because he was able to introduce his replacement to TROKA and share valuable knowledge with him about how to effectively work together.

"In the simplest form, all we're trying to do is to bring people together, form good relationships and make it to where we have a fully-functioning relationship," said Wright.

The combined counter fire exercise was the first brigade-level training event since the majority of the brigade's senior positions transitioned to new leaders. The exercise provided continuity to carry the Alliance into the future, according to Dangler.

The simulated exercise tested the new leaders without having a large logistical impact on their units. With increasing constraints, such as training areas, budgets, weather, simulation and constructive virtual training which is becoming a bigger and bigger tool to train units, Dangler continued.

"It gives confidence when you take a step back and the exercise ends," said Dangler. "That we could do something like this with our ROK partners and get something out of it and nail down our systems."

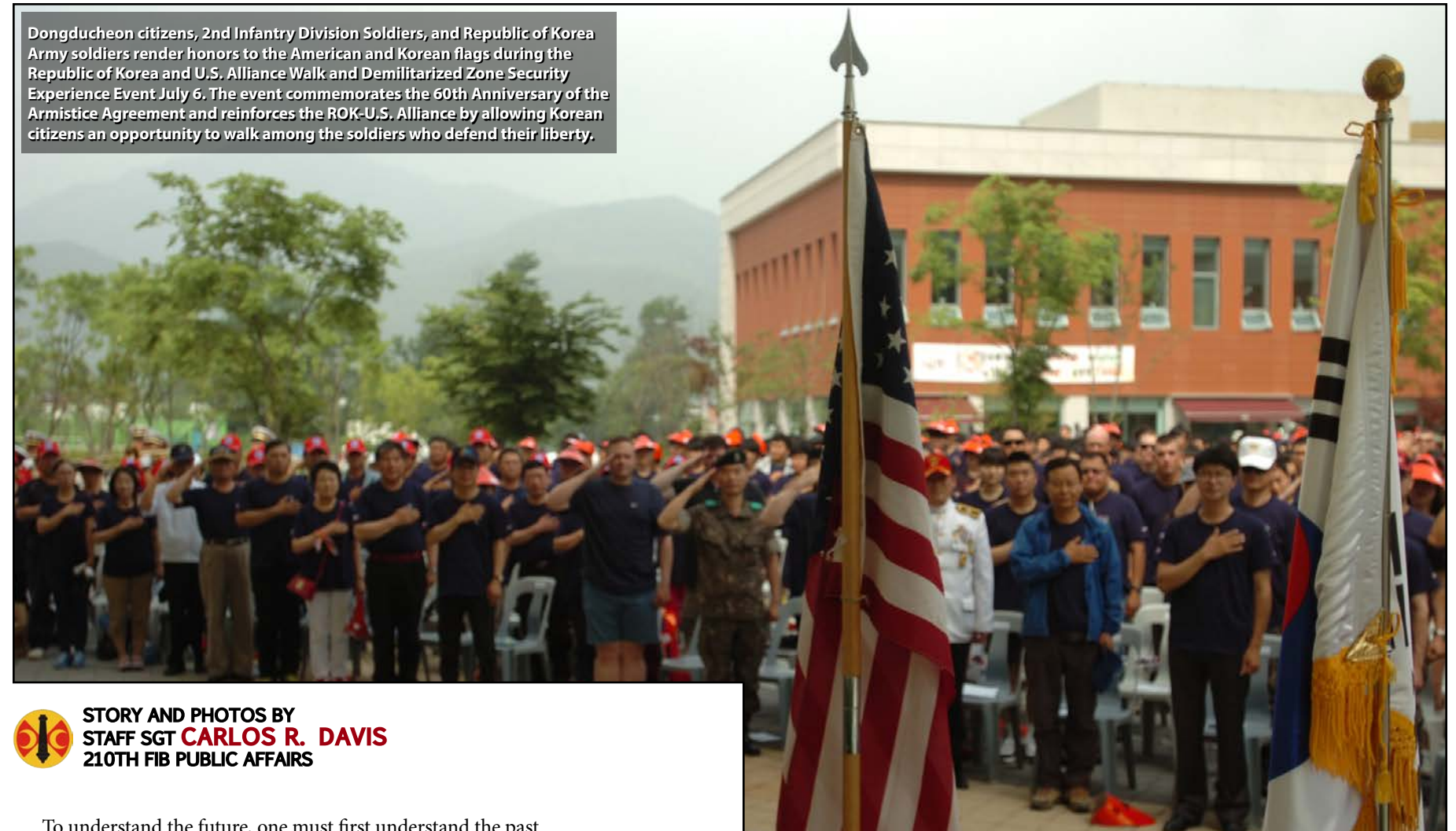
The counter fire exercise is another example of 210th Fires Bde., training with its ROK partners to strengthen the Alliance and ensure it is ready to "Fight Tonight" and deter any threats toward the Republic of Korea.



Lt. Col. Lim Eung-sik, (right) the Third Republic of Korea Army counterfire control officer, and Maj. Donald Dangler, (left) from Morristown, N.J., the 210th Fires Brigade simulations officer, discuss the progress of the Combined Counterfire Exercise at the end of the second day while 1st Lt. Kim Euk, TROKA interpretation officer, translates for the two officers at Warrior Mission Planning and Rehearsal Complex on Camp Casey July 18. The 210th Fires Bde., trains with its ROK partners to strengthen the Alliance and ensure it is ready to "Fight Tonight" and deter any threats toward the Republic of Korea.
(U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Kim Han-byeol, 210th Fires Brigade public affairs specialist/Released).

UNDERSTANDING THE PAST BUILDING THE FUTURE

Dongducheon citizens, 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers, and Republic of Korea Army soldiers render honors to the American and Korean flags during the Republic of Korea and U.S. Alliance Walk and Demilitarized Zone Security Experience Event July 6. The event commemorates the 60th Anniversary of the Armistice Agreement and reinforces the ROK-U.S. Alliance by allowing Korean citizens an opportunity to walk among the soldiers who defend their liberty.



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To understand the future, one must first understand the past.

While celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Armistice Agreement, 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers, Republic of Korea Army Soldiers and Korean citizens took part in the ROK-U.S. Alliance Walk and Demilitarized Zone Security Experience event July 6.

U.S. Soldiers, ROK Soldiers and Civilians walked side-by-side, shoulder-to-shoulder as they shared in a remembrance of the sacrifices necessary to secure freedom.

"It's been 60 years since U.S. and ROK Soldiers fought together and bled together, so it is meaningful that Soldiers and Civilians walk together today," said Brig. Gen. Song Hee-seob, from Yongin, Gyeonggi-do, who is the commander of ROKA 6th Artillery Brigade.

For one U.S. Soldier taking part in this event, it was a chance to show a softer and gentler side of the American Soldier.

"We have a great history with this country and its people," said Sgt. 1st Class Reynaldo Torres Jr., from Dallas, Texas, 210th Fires Brigade network operations noncommissioned officer. "By coming out and participating in these types of events it shows that we are not bad people. It shows the citizens that we are just like them and it shows we are part of the community also."

Throughout the experience, ROK and U.S. Soldiers and local Citizens, including students, learned about the history of their two nations and how their strong bond came about.

The group had a chance to visit the Luxembourg War Monument, the Independence Patriot Memorial Stone, the Freedom Protection Peace Museum and the Typhoon Observatory as part of the event to gain cultural knowledge.

"I have never been out of the U.S. before, so I really didn't know what to expect," said Pvt. Samuel Beresford, from West Palm Beach, Fla., a field automated tactical data system specialist assigned to A Battery, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. "But it's been pretty cool. It gives you an understanding of what happened in the past and what is set for the future."

As the group stopped and visited each site, individuals were asked to give respect by presenting a flower to the fallen Soldiers who served and died before them.

"While today's Soldiers showed their respect to those who came before them, Korean citizens showcased their gratitude to the American Soldiers serving in their country today," said Torres.

While today's Soldiers were showing respect to those who came before them, the Korean citizens were showcasing their gratitude to them, as well.



Pfc. Kurt Gabriela, a Bradley fighting vehicle system maintainer from San Diego, Calif., assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, tells a joke to Dongducheon Korean High School student Cheryl Hye-bin at the Republic of Korea and U.S. Alliance Walk and Demilitarized Zone Security Experience Event July 6.

American Soldiers received a book of letters written by students of Dongducheon Foreign Language High School, showing their deepest appreciation for the sacrifice to defend the freedom of South Korea for more than 60 years.

"We also gave the Soldiers a pin to thank them for everything which they have done for us," said Cheryl Hye-bin, 17, a student at Dongducheon Korean High School.

Korean citizens joined ROK and U.S. Soldiers to honor fallen Soldiers of the past, and along the way they received a history lesson on the events that led to the relationship they share today.



Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea Army Soldiers, and citizens of Dongducheon, participate in the Republic of Korea and U.S. Alliance Walk and Demilitarized Zone Security Experience Event in Dongducheon July 6.

NEW VEHICLE BLOWS THROUGH SPARTA



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The engineers in the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion "Spartans," 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, conducted a demonstration of the Mine Clearing Line Initiating Charge explosive launched from their new inventory of Assault Breacher Vehicles at the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex, Aug. 14.

During the demonstration, the Company C engineers launched and exploded the MCLIC to clear a simulated minefield. After the minefield was clear, the Soldiers conducted breaching drills with the ABV.

The ABV is a new engineering vehicle that is making its way throughout the U.S. Army, both stateside and overseas. This new vehicle has made a heavy impact in the inventory of Company C, 1st BSTB. During the last five months, the Spartan engineers have fielded the only six ABVs on the Korean peninsula.

The ABV brings a new element to the unit's ability to "Fight tonight" and prepares to take on a primary role for the engineering company, surpassing the older Combat Engineer Vehicle.

"The primary vehicle before was the Combat Engineer

Vehicle," said 1st Sgt. Anthony Davis, Lancaster, Calif., native, Company C, 1st BSTB. "When the rest of the Army upgraded to faster vehicles years ago, the CEV was left behind. Now, with the ABV, we are a viable force and we can maneuver with the task force we support."

Davis reflected on the days when he was a gunner on the older slower engineer vehicles.

"I used to be a gunner on the CEV back in the day. We used to have to travel several kilometers behind the main element because we couldn't keep up," Davis said. "Now we can travel alongside with the tanks. When the main element accelerates, we can accelerate. I'm excited to have the ABV," he added.

With increased capabilities and efficiency, the ABV greatly reduces the clearing time from hours to minutes. This allows assets in the rear to advance forward faster to provide additional support or aid as needed.

"The ABV greatly increases our capabilities to provide breach support to the maneuver units," said Capt. Frank Camara, an Oakland native, commanders for Company C, 1st BSTB. "It reduces the time drastically that it would take to conduct a breach, saving my Soldiers lives if we would ever have to do a breach. With our older vehicles it used to take several hours to clear a minefield. Now, we can clear

roughly a 100-meter minefield in about 10 minutes."

Budget issues have slowed the distribution of ABVs throughout the Army, so the Spartan engineers are taking advantage of having the only ones on the peninsula.

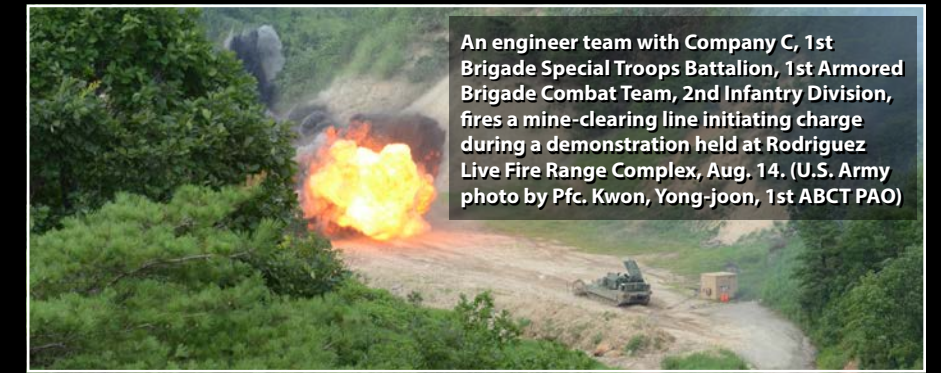
They wasted no time testing out the new equipment. The unit has spent more than three months in a tactical in environment, increasing their proficiency with the ABVs.

"It's incredibly important that the Soldiers get the doctrine down," said Staff Sgt. James Mullins, Memphis native, a doctrine-tactics training instructor with the engineer school. "(Techniques, tactics and procedures) may change, but the doctrine will stay the same. A new Soldier coming into a unit needs to learn the doctrine to standard. Soldiers have to understand how breaching works to clear the way for maneuver elements to come through to get to the objective."

Davis said that a lot of his Soldiers are new to the unit; however that hasn't hindered them from understanding the training. He continued to say that there has been a seamless transition to operating the ABVs.

"I've been in the unit for two-and-a-half months and I've been training on this vehicle the entire time," said Pvt. Yoe Garcia, Miami native, an ABV operator with Company C, 1st BSTB. "I'm really excited that I get to be one of the first here in Korea to test out the ABV. I even called home to tell my parents that the Army is letting me test out a new vehicle. We've trained so much on the ABVs that I'm extremely confident that we could go down range and take on any objective."

As the Spartan engineers continue to familiarize themselves with the ABV, the assault vehicle adds to the unit's fighting strength. The new vehicle is designed to help ensure the survivability of Soldiers and maneuver elements they're supporting.



JSA HOSTS MEMORIAL CEREMONY TO HONOR FALLEN SOLDIERS



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The first true conflict between north and South Korea, since the armistice agreement in 1953, was triggered when 30 Korean People's Army guards attacked 12 Korean and U.S. Soldiers.

The United Nations Command Security Battalion-Joint Security Area held the Barrett-Bonifas Memorial Ceremony on Camp Bonifas Aug. 16 to remember the loss of two Soldiers, Capt. Arthur Bonifas, of Newburgh, N.Y., the Joint Security Force company commander, and 1st Lt. Mark Barrett, of Columbia, S.C., the 1st platoon leader, who made the ultimate sacrifice on freedom's frontier in a brutal attack by north Korea guards on Aug. 18, 1976.

"It's important we to continue to honor the lives of these two Soldiers because we must always remember what those have done before us and sacrificed for us," said Spc. Brian Dors, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., an infantryman assigned to the United Nations Command Security Battalion-Joint Security Area.

Mr. Kim Moon-hwan, the former Korean Augmentation to the United States Army company commander in the Joint Security Area during the time of the attack, worked with Bonifas at the JSA in 1976 and was also by his side during his last moments on earth.

"I lost a good friend," said Kim. "We fought together against the KPA guards."

"I believe that it is the heart in the ROK-U.S. Alliance. That we will fight together, for each other, for a greater cause no matter what," added Lt. Col. Daniel Edwan, the modern-day commander of the United Nations Command Security Battalion-Joint Security Area.

Back in 1976, as it is today, the JSA was a sensitive location. Even the smallest incident could escalate to something bigger, and then it could be the rekindling of the Korean War, Kim stated.

According to Kim, in 1976 the KPA guards were able to move freely throughout the Demilitarized Zone and no one thought anything of it.

"Before we speak about the incident on Aug. 18, 1976, we need

to know the situation in 1976," said Kim. "In 1975, the Vietnam War was finished and a lot of people did not want to be involved in the war in foreign countries. So we tried to lessen the tensions with north Korea."

Kim stated that there were small altercations between the KPA guards and Republic of Korea and U.S. Soldiers who were at the JSA from 1975 up to Aug. 18, 1976, but no one had been killed.

That all changed on that horrid day.

"Because check point three was in a dangerous location and surrounded by north Korean outposts we used a nearby check point to look after Soldiers who were on duty by signalling to each other; but the tree hindered observation," said Kim.

In order to be able to see from the check point, Bonifas and a team of 11 ROK and U.S. Soldiers proceeded to cut down the branches.

That was the last mission Barrett and Bonifas took part in before they were attacked by KPA and killed.

While performing the tree trimming detail, the group was brutally attacked by 30 KPA guards resulting in two deaths and others receiving minor injuries.

"The attacked lasted no longer the four minutes," said Kim.

Three days later the United Nations Command launched Operation Paul Bunyan, the largest tree trimming operation in Korean history, which placed all U.S. and South Korean forces in Korea on full combat alert.

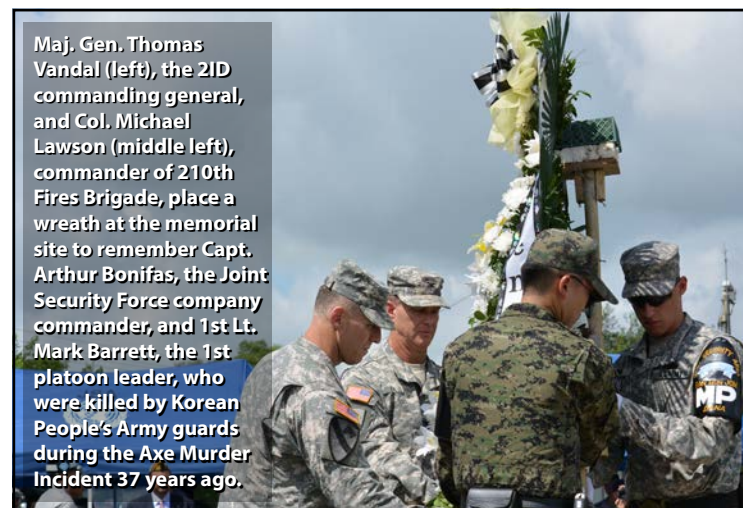
"It was a statement to the north that this kind of unprovoked act of violence will not be tolerated," said Dors.

"The biggest lesson we should all have; it is that we are all here for each other, no matter what," added Edwan.

Today, at the Bridge of No Return, a bronze and stone monument stands where Bonifas, Barrett and 10 other ROK and U.S. Soldiers fought off those 30 KPA guards.

Kim returns to the JSA throughout the years because he believes Bonifas is still there even though he knows he has passed.

The ROK-U.S. Alliance has become significantly stronger following the 1976 attack. It is an enduring partnership, committed to the strong defense of the Korean Peninsula.



US, ROK ALLIANCE PATROL 'VILLE'



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All Soldiers train to protect and defend. When military police patrol neighborhoods with the Republic of Korea National Police, their job is to protect the well-being of everyone, along with the preparation to fight tonight.

Every weekend, U.S. MPs, KNP and Korean National Investigators team up and patrol the 'villes' in Area I to keep the neighborhoods outside of the military posts safe for Soldiers, Families, Department of Defense Civilians and local population.

The patrolling teams consists of a U.S. non-commissioned officer MP, a U.S. Soldier MP, and a translator from either a Korean National Policeman and a translator from either the Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army or KNI. These teams monitor the areas outside of post by patrolling clubs in the 'villes'. They are not looking for trouble, they are just trying to protect the community to keep it safe.

"The ability to work together (with ROK alliance) shows the community that we truly are partnered everyday to ensure a safe and enjoyable city for all residents and visitors," said Sgt. Andrew Cowen from Franklin County, Va., patrol officer, 55th MP Company, 94th MP Battalion.

Long before Soldiers head out for their

off-duty activities, they have been advised by their leadership that they are representing the U.S. Army, which comes with knowing the common customs and courtesies in Korean culture.

"We spend a lot of time proactively changing behaviors, shaping Soldiers values, so they understand they are role models for our Army," said Maj. Gen. Thomas Vandal, a native of Rhode Island and the commanding general of the 2nd Infantry Division. "So when they interact with Koreans, they need to make sure they understand that they are representing the United States and our values and make sure that they act appropriately."

The MPs and KNP patrols serve as that reminder.

The KNI are liaisons and interpreters to the KNP and Soldiers, as well as investigators handling leads and cases. Their key point is to keep the communication on-going, interacting daily to help with the U.S. and Korean Alliance.

Many of the KNP move around every two-to-three years to different areas, which create different career opportunities for them. The police chiefs in the areas of Dongducheon and Uijeongbu have experience as a KNP or as a KATUSA MP. The KNP provide security on a daily basis alongside the MP Soldiers.

"I like protecting Soldiers and preventing crime," said Kang Sung-ku, team leader of the

KNP and assistant inspector. "This is the best part of my job. It makes me feel good about what I do on a daily basis."

Joint patrols are an advantage to the Provost Marshal's Office and MPs by offering the ability to work in one segment other than a training capacity. The MPs and KNP have shared training events, which allowed both sides to see one another's training facilities. The MPS were afforded the opportunity to attend the KNP academy.

"The unique relationship we have with our partners allows us to exchange and explore different investigation and patrolling techniques which we can then apply immediately," said Sgt. Maj. Michael Bennet, native of Boston, Mass., Provost Marshal Office sergeant major for Area I. "The considerable amount of knowledge and understanding that our local KNP have of our community helps us to understand the inner workings of the community and its residents, both U.S. and Korean."

The KNP and MPs are not just responsible for neighborhood or 'ville' patrolling but also play a part in dealing with major disasters, Korean Customs, Korean postal authorities and Korean immigration to name a few.

Should a crisis arise, the U.S. and ROK Alliance stand side-by-side to ensure the safety of Soldiers, Civilians, Families and the Korean community.



Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment exit a UH-60 Black Hawk during an air assault training event, August 2. Soldiers immediately pulled security in the area after landing.

ASSAULT UNIT PROVIDE AIR SUPPORT TO INFANTRY SOLDIERS



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Soldiers in the aviation field have a unique opportunity. It begins with learning their military occupational specialty and how to support other elements needing air transportation.

Once job training is complete, Soldiers begin on-the-job training that is continuous, thereby enhancing skills for entry-level and seasoned aviation Soldiers



alike. Being stationed in the Republic of Korea provides an excellent opportunity to train. The constant influx of personnel makes training a top priority for peninsula Soldiers.

Second Infantry Division, the only permanently forward deployed division in the U.S. Army, has a mission to deter aggression and maintain peace on the Korea peninsula. Company C, 2nd Battalion (Assault), 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade provides support to many units on the Korean Peninsula to do its part in fulfilling the division's mission. The Soldiers from 2nd Bn., 2nd Avn., Regt., flew in Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, based in Camp Hovey and 6th Company, 2nd Battalion, 100th Regiment, 17th Division, Republic of Korea Army during an air assault at an undisclosed

training area Aug. 2.

The 2nd Bn., 2nd Avn., Regt., has assisted 2nd Bn., 9th Inf., Regt., on many air assaults, live-fire exercises, range gunneries and a host of other missions. Every quarter the two battalions conduct training together; the current commanders have been training their units together for over a year.

"We have trained with 2-2 Avn., a lot, they continuously support us in our training missions," said Lt. Col. Shawn P. Creamer, commander, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf., Regt., originally from Wisconsin. "2-2 Avn., recently supported the battalion by flying UH-60 Black Hawks to the southern portion of South Korea."

Most Soldiers elect to complete a one-year tour in Korea, making turn over a constant reminder of the need to continue training for Soldiers at all levels. New members face challenges while training

such as learning to navigate in and through Korea and getting acclimated to the weather conditions.

"Continuous training is what the new Soldiers need to really learn their craft, and even seasoned Soldiers learn something from the missions we conduct," said Cpt. Jesus E. Maldonado, commander of Company C., 2nd Bn., 2nd Avn., Regt., from Miami, Fla. "Simple things such as learning the flight route are critical to success and readiness."

Learning new skills is a top priority for 2nd Bn., 2nd Avn., Regt., incorporating new techniques and training will keep Soldiers agile and ready to 'fight tonight.' A difficult situation or environment can force Soldiers to put what they learned in training to use in a tactical situation.

In the future, the 'Wild Cards' plan to incorporate live-artillery training along with 210th Fires Brigade, another brigade within the division.

"It's very important to incorporate new training. I want to take it to the next level, putting challenges in front of the Soldiers to keep them sharp," said Maldonado. "I definitely appreciate the support 2-9th Inf., provides us. We've established a great relationship over the past year."



LEADERS MENTORING SOLDIERS



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Soldiers have a need for knowledge so it is important for leaders to develop professional and positive ways to mentor and lead.

Everyone has their definition of mentorship and style of mentoring. Here are a couple of Noncommissioned officers who use education and consistency to develop and groom peers and subordinates.



Sgt. 1st Class Louis Davison, a New Orleans native, noncommissioned officer in charge of S2 in Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion.

When it comes to mentoring, there isn't a book to explain it. You have to develop your way based on how Soldiers perceive things to motivate them in the right direction.

Soldiers come from all different kinds of backgrounds, so different techniques of mentoring are needed to help Soldiers in situations their not use to dealing with in the Army. One of these ways is a direct

approach normally used with new Soldiers to let them know what you expect of them on a daily basis. From the start, Soldiers must know you are there to lead, coach, mentor and teach them, but as a leader not a friend.

You know you're a good leader and mentor, if a Soldier can come to you after they have done something wrong to inform you before it escalates out of hand. When a Soldier does something wrong in the Army, they have more to lose compared to civilian jobs, because it affects their career and could affect their post-military job prospects.

Leaders know that mentoring means more than telling Soldiers that their main task is be at the right place, at the right time and in the right uniform; it means sharing their experiences and knowledge that will set them up for success in and out of uniform.



Sgt. 1st Class Karen Lassiter, a Equal Opportunity Advisor from Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion.

Being a leader and mentoring goes hand-and-hand, leaders are always mentoring Soldiers to

allow Soldiers to grow into leaders. I believe as a mentor you should stimulate, educate and show Soldiers genuine concern on a personal level. This goes back to giving respect to earn respect.

Soldiers don't have to be in a leadership role to mentor. Peer- to- peer mentorship is another way of guiding colleagues as both of you continue to grow professionally and personally and take on more responsibility.

Soldiers are always watching, so as a leader you should be doing the right thing. I keep myself motivated by motivating Soldiers positively.

No matter what I smile to myself, because I feel that there is a Soldier out there that could make a difference.

By mentoring Soldiers, this will build the force to be more resilient to fight tonight and win. Please come back next month for more informative ways of learning how to mentor and become a better leader.

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UNEXPECTED CLASS REUNION AT RODRIGUEZ LIVE FIRE COMPLEX



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Slightly in the middle of nowhere South Korea, a familiar voice calls out in the distance. Cutting through the usual noise associated with training with the Alliance, one U.S. Soldier heard someone call his first name.

"Mark, hey Mark," an excited Cpl. Kim Ki-hoo, Seoul native and an infantryman with the 2nd Company, 102nd Armored Brigade Republic of Korea Army, calls out from across one of the training areas at the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex.

Los Angeles Lutheran High School friends and soccer teammates, Pfc. Marcos Carrasco, a Sylmar, Calif. native and an infantryman with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, and Kim reunited during a combined training exercise at the RLFC, June 27 to July 27.

Carrasco barely realized he was being called. He came directly to Korea from basic training and said it's been six months since he has heard his first name. Then, within seconds, a familiar face was greeting him.

While stranger occurrences have happened during month-long training exercises, this occurrence brought two high school friends together for first time in two years and on different continents.

The friendship that Carrasco and Kim share is a prime example of the bond between the U.S. and ROK Army. The

60-year Alliance has been forged with veteran partnership but will thrive with the new generations.

Soldiers usually can count on several events to happen while in the field. The norm is to train and get dirty; these two Soldiers surprised one another while participating in the normal field routine. Both Soldiers said they were shocked to see each other at the same training exercise as they sat and talked.

"We were at the range learning how to spot targets when the ROK Army showed up to join in on our training," said Carrasco. "Of course, I didn't recognize him right away because it's been awhile and I don't think anyone ever expects to see a high school friend on a field problem. But when I saw him, I was like—oooooooohhhh!"

"I called your first name," said Kim. "I don't think I ever knew your last name. But your face was familiar, so I knew it was you."

"It's a real small world," said Carrasco. "I didn't think I would see him. I knew he was here but there are a lot of Soldiers in the ROK Army and they help out with a lot of training at Rod range. We had just finished some training when he spotted me at the water buffalo."

Long hours in the field make it hard to catch up, but the two reminisced on the first time they met in school. Kim said he was a senior and Carrasco was a junior.

"We met in Mr. Trapman's class, it was World Religion," said Kim. "I'm kind of an introvert, I'm usually quiet and I had a big language barrier to overcome when I got to the states in 2008. Even now, English is still difficult for me."

"Kim was a foreign exchange student and I was curious about Korea, so we had a lot of time in class to get to know each other," said Carrasco. "At that time, I didn't think I would join the Army or even visit Korea."

As the Alliance between the U.S. and ROKA continues to grow daily, the leadership between the two Soldiers encouraged them to catch up when training

permitted.

"Carrasco is a motivated Soldier, he's currently my squad automatic weapon rifleman," said Capt. Meluus Ulechong, Saipan native and commander of Company A, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt. "This was the last thing I ever expected. I sat them both down and talked to them for a while. Being in the field, the chances are limited to hang out. Right now, we're doing our collective gunnery and an exchange of information with the ROK Army. They have dismounted squads, so we teach each other our various tactics."

Carrasco and Kim exchanged some light banter during their brief break in training, reliving some high school memories.

"During my freshman and sophomore years, I was quiet and didn't talk much, but my junior year, I started to get out more and Kim was one of the people I hung out with. He helped to make my high school experience more memorable," said Carrasco.

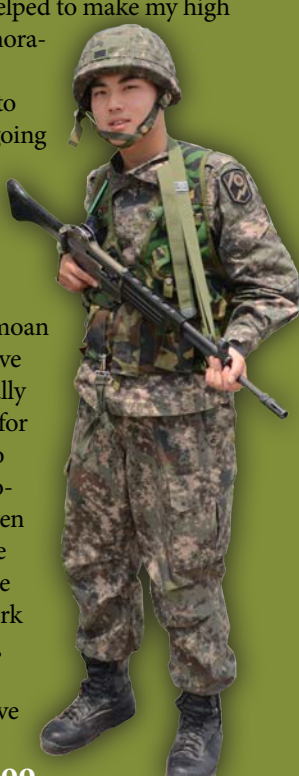
"Yeah, Carrasco was cool to be around, I wasn't that out-going either, so he helped me to meet some people and open up," said Kim. "We had a lot of fun together and it's good to train with him here."

Most Soldiers groan and moan when they hear Rodriguez Live Fire Complex because it usually means long hot nights. Now, for these two Soldiers, they get to add a reunion to those memories of the long hot nights. Even though the combined alliance training exercise only gave the two Soldiers a few days to work with each other and catch up, they made plans to see one another again before they leave Korea.

Cpl. Kim Ki-hoo



Pfc. Marcos Carrasco



TINY ARMIES INVADE CASEY CAC



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Imagine blasting 38 thousand years into the future; the universe has gone from a utopia to dystopia and the galaxy is in chaos. Evolution has spawned new creatures and races beyond that of the average man. War is the only thing that society strives on in this reality.

Fortunately this reality only exists in rulebooks with scenarios played out on battlefields setup on tabletops using one-inch miniature models.

Soldiers from around Camps Casey and Hovey assemble at the Casey Community Activity Center most Saturdays at 1 p.m. to participate in a tabletop science-fiction miniature war-game known as Warhammer 40K. The group goes by the name Camp Casey Gaming Group or C2G2.

Born out of a need to fuel the passion about the game, Sgt. Robert Emick, an intelligence analyst with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, started the group.

"There are a lot of service members out there who play this game. I've come across 10 in my battalion alone," Emick said. "Most people I've met just enjoy playing the game." Emick talked about his battlefield experiences.

"Playing Warhammer is like an emotional roller coaster. When you first start, you're confused, lost, and you're probably spending most of your time getting annihilated," he explained. "But then, you start to catch on and you start winning some matches. Your confidence builds up and you can start to trash talk. However, at that moment when you think you're on top, something can happen and the table turns. It's just a great game; it has everything a game needs."

Tenacity and experience helped build his battle book.

"I've been playing for nine years and I just started getting good. Through the course of losing so much, I finally learned my army. I've worked out my tactics and strategies, so now, I'm actually pretty good," he said. "I've played in multiple tournaments and it doesn't matter if I win or lose, I just enjoy the challenge that the game brings."

Although Emick has been an avid Warhammer enthusiast for nearly a decade, he still enjoys it just as much when he first began playing the game. He admits he drove over a hundred miles for the chance to play the game.

As with most hobbies, that the initial startup cost can be a bit pricy.

"I've looked at Warhammer since the fifth grade but, I've never had the money to get started until now," said Pfc. Robert Sutton, a cavalry scout with HHC, 1st Bn., 72nd Armor Regt. "So, it feels good to actually play. I've had this hobby for so long and



Sgt. Robert Emick, an intelligence analyst with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, surveys his army before making a play during a game of Warhammer 40K held at the Casey Community Activity Center.

now I get to participate. I'm not just part of the crowd watching, people are watching me and learning from me."

For anyone willing to participate without making the initial investment, Emick says he has additional armies that Soldiers can use to try the game out.

C2G2 is not for just the conventional combat troops; anyone interested is welcomed to participate.

Although she's not an enthusiastic war-gamer as her husband, Spc. Constance Emick, a medical specialist with HHC, 1st Bn., 72nd Armor Regt., enjoys playing with the group and spending that extra time with her husband.

"We play together from time to time; he's not so nice when we play. He just wipes the table with me. But that's OK. I'm not as serious about the game as my husband, so I try not to hold it against him at home," said Constance. "It's something fun both of us can do without having to go out all the time doing what everybody else does. It's good we can share the same hobbies. I really enjoy that."

For anyone willing to try their skill or luck at commanding their own army; or interested in immense destruction, check out the Camp Casey Gaming Group (C2G2) on Facebook or ask about the group at the Camp Casey CAC.

SPOUSES' COLUMN ROLLER DERBY ROCKS THE PENINSULA

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In case you have not heard, roller derby is the hottest new sport to hit the peninsula. Rachel Sumja, or "Bull Lee," as her fans know her, started a recreational women's league at Osan Air Base in 2011. Guided by Sumja's fervor and experience, roller derby has since secured its place among the local military community as a sport that all can enjoy as a participant or fan.

Sumja's passion for the sport derives, in part, from its uniqueness. Roller derby is an inclusive sport that presents an exceptional opportunity for friendship, community and fun in the ROK. According to Sumja, "Roller derby affects you in a way most sports cannot. First thing, roller derby accepts you no matter what your size, shape, color, or age. It is an empowering sport. I have coached hundreds of women who had never ever played a sport, and they excelled. To see that pride and confidence makes my "job" the best job ever." When Sumja hosted the first roller derby practice in Korea, it took place outdoors with only six women. Today however, OH! Roller Derby League is comprised of two teams and has upwards of forty members, including skaters, referees, and other volunteers. These members are from Osan and Camp Humphreys and include military service members, spouses, and DOD civilians.

While the rules have changed slightly over time, the basis of play remains the same. A roller derby "bout," or game, is played with two teams of five. Each team consists of one "jammer" and four "blockers." The jammer, identified by a star on his/her helmet, has the ability to score points, while blockers play defense. Typically, one blocker is designated as the "pivot." This player dons a stripe on his/her helmet and acts as captain on the floor. The pivot calls out plays and represents his/her team in the penalty box, when necessary. Bouts are an hour long with an intermission after the first half. Each half is divided into two-minute "jams," during which the jammers try to rack up points. Points are scored for every opposing team member a jammer passes. Therefore, jammers skate as fast as possible around the track while facing the opposing blockers, who use strategic body placement and contact to prevent points.

Although it is just now taking off in South Korea, roller derby originated in America in the 1930s. The sport quickly became popular but then faded into the background. However, it came back with a vengeance at the start of the 21st century and is now more action packed than ever. It's no wonder that the sport's popularity continues to increase within the United States. Rumor has it that roller derby may even become an official Olympic event by 2020!

For fans, roller derby offers exciting entertainment in a family-friendly environment. From themed bouts with costumes and music, to pom poms and shakers for the crowd, the fast-paced bouts do not disappoint. OH! Roller Derby is always looking for new fans and enjoys giving them a say in music and themes. The league hosts bouts once a month at Camp Humphreys, and admission is always free. If you are within traveling distance, this is something you surely do not want to miss.

Aspiring players are welcome to join an existing team, and other leagues are forming around the peninsula as well. If you are not in an area where a league has been established but are interested in the sport, take the initiative. Talk to your peers and contact the proper officials to find out what you can do to start a successful league.



인디언헤드는 사랑을 싣고

오빠야안녕:))

요 몇주사이에 오빠한테 편지 많이 받았는데 답장은 안써주고 통통거리기만했는데 어찌하다보니 자의반 타의반으로 오빠한테 편지쓰고 있네~ 그래서 더 어색하긴하다~ 아무튼, 오빠는 항상 군대가기 얼마안남은 상황에서 우리가 만났다는거에 항상 미안해하고 더 잘해주려한다느거 알고 있지만 그만큼 매일 내 기분은 어떤지 컨디션은 좋은지 체크해주고 오빠도 일하느라 고생할텐데 내 투정아닌 투정과 때쓰는거 받아주는 오빠볼때마다 난 매번 고마워~그리고 바쁘거나 오빠도 휴식이 필요할때도 있는데 꼭 나보러 나와서 맛있는거 먹고 내가 하고싶은거 더 같이 시간보내주려하는 오빠덕분에 그런 서운함과 힘든것두 느끼지 못하고 있기도 하고!

그래서 난 오히려 오빠한테 더 고맙다는거 알라나올라~ 그래서인지 요번에 여행가서 힘들고하니까나 오빠가 더 보고싶었는지 모르겠다ㅠㅉ 점점 오빠한테 나도 많이 의지하고 있다는것도 느꼈당 해해 내가 표현도 잘안하고 애교도 잘안보여주지만 그래도 다이해해줘서 매번 고마워용~ 마지막으로 더운 날씨에 더위도 많이 타는 우리도 빠 막바지 더위도 잘 견뎌내고 수고하궁어서 휴가나와서 나랑 재밌게 놀자~ 사랑해요 ♡

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미2사단 의전실 소속의 카투사 장병들이 사단장 토마스 밴달(Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal) 소장으로부터 노고를 격려하는 상장을 수여받고 있다. <사진 _ 박진우/ 미 2사단 공보처>

안녕 자기야 이렇게 얼마되지 않아 또 편지를 쓴다ㅎㅎ우리가만난지 벌써 200일이 지나가고 있어. 100일 때 훈련소에서 어떻게든 쟁겨줄라드 고군분투했던게 엄그제 같은데 말야.ㅎㅎ 이제와서 생각해보면 입대가 얼마남지 않은 걸 알면서도 처음 보는 자리에 나와준 너가 얼마나 고맙던지 또 첫 인상이 너무 좋아서 내가 한참동안 웃음을 지었던것이 아직도 기억나. 사실 곧 군인이 될 남자를 만난다것이 쉽지가 않았을텐데 과감함 용기!!를 가지고 만나줘서 정말 고마워. 분명히 군인을 만나게 되면 여러모로 힘든것도 많고 불편함이 많을텐데 많이 이해해주고 배려해주는 너의 모습 보면 내가 더 잘 해야겠구나 하는 생각을 하게 돼. 예전에 한번 내가 힘들 때 가장 생각나는 사람이 정말로 좋아하고 의지하는 사람이라고 말했던 적이 있었는데 군생활하면서 육체적으로나 정신적으로 힘들 때 너가 제일 먼저 생각이나더라고 이럴 때 마다 내가 너에게 많이 의지하고 있구나 옆에 큰 존재로 있구나 라는 걸 느껴 사실 너도 직장생활하느라 피곤하고 바쁠텐데 나랑 주말에 만나게 될때에는 내가 너무 힘들게 하는것이 아닌가. 너무 이기적으로 구는것이 아닌가하는 미안함이 크지만. 그래도 항상 볼 때마다 웃는 얼굴로 지친 기색없이 맞아줘서 고마워.아직 내가 전역할려면 안타깝게도 셀 수도 없는, 아니 세뇌야 의미가 없을 정도로 많은 날이 남았지만 서로 옆에서 계속 힘이 되어주고 의지할 수 있는 멋진 커플이 될 수 있도록 노력하자 항상 보고싶고 사랑해 승혜야~



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제6-37 야전포병대대 579 전방지원중대
편성부대보급병 상병 하정민

제가 후임으로 받고 싶은 남자 연예인은 오중혁입니다. 이유는 군생활에 열정을 가지고 열심히 하는 사람이기 때문입니다. 물론 지금은 해병대 수색대에서 전역한지 얼마 안되어 제가 이런 말을 한 것을 듣는다면 재입대의 악몽에 시달릴 수 있겠지만, 그래도 오중혁 같은 사람을 후임으로 한번 받아보고 싶습니다. 그가 해병대에서 보여준 모습이라던 카투사가 되었다라든 미군과 원만한 관계를 형성하고 훌륭한 일처리 능력과 적극적인 태도로 미군측에서도 인정받는 훌륭한 카투사였을 것입니다.



제 6-37 야전포병대대 579 전방지원중대
공구보급병 상병 조연주

연예인들 중에서 제 군대 후임이 되면 좋을 것 같은 사람들은 많습니다. 하지만 그 중에서도 제일 제 후임이 되었으면 하는 연예인은 샘 해밍턴입니다. 요즘 일요일에 '진짜 사나이'라는 예능 프로그램을 하는데, 그 프로그램을 보면 샘 해밍턴은 비록 실수를 조금씩 하기도 하지만, 항상 모든일에 적극적이고 최선을 다하는 모습을 보여줍니다. 그러면서도 허당기가 있는 면도 보여줘서 진지함과 웃음이 공존하는 분위기를 잘 만들것 같고, 옆에 있으면 웃음이 끊이지 않을 것 같아서 함께 즐거운 군대 생활을 할 수 있을 것 같습니다. 그렇기 때문에, 샘해밍턴이 제 후임이 되었으면 좋겠다고 생각합니다.



제 6-37 야전포병대대 579 전방지원중대
행정PC운용병 일병 김근형

제가 후임으로 받고 싶은 남자 연예인을 꼽아보자면 아마 배우 유승호일 것 같습니다. 최근 논란이 되었던 연예병사들에 비해, 유승호는 유명하면서도 불구하고 조용히 군 입대를 했습니다. 이를 보고 그 마음가짐이 대단하다고 생각했고, 어떤 일을 하는 성실하게 열심히 잘 할 것이라고 생각합니다. 그렇기에 군대 생활을 함께 하게 되도 원만하게 잘 할 수 있을 것이라고 생각합니다. 또한, 저와 나이차이도 많이 나지 않기 때문에 말도 잘 통하고 아무래도 친해지기가 좀 더 쉬울 것 같습니다. 그리고 군대에서의 친분을 이용해서 또래의 동료 연예인들도 볼 수 있을 것이라고 생각합니다.



제 6-37 야전포병대대 579 전방지원중대
공구보급병 일병 윤호영

제 군대 후임으로 왔으면 하는 연예인은 배우 장혁입니다. 이다해 때문에 보기는 했지만 드라마 "아이리스2"를 보면서 장혁의 연기가 매우 인상깊었습니다. 또 프로그램 "진짜 사나이"를 보면서든 운동 신경이 참 좋다고 생각했습니다. 후임으로 오면 이것저것 잘할 것 같고 운동도 같이 할 수 있어서 편할 것 같습니다. 게다가 프로그램에서 동료 연예인들과 잘 지내는 모습을 보니 군대에 와서도 선우형들과 좋은 관계를 쌓아갈 것 같다는 생각도 들었습니다. 개인적으로 배우 이다해의 팬이어서 어떻게 인맥을 통해 이다해 씨와 친분을 쌓아가고 싶은 마음도 있습니다.

인- 자기소개를 부탁드립니다.
문- 단결! 제6-37포병대대 579전방지원중대 선임병장직을 수행중인 상병 문상훈입니다. 입대전엔 경영학을 전공했었고 전역을 역 3개월 앞두고 있습니다. 보직은 행정/pc운용병이었고 중대 미군 인사과에서 업무를 수행하다 시니어카투사로 재보직 되었습니다.

인- 부대소개를 부탁드립니다.
문- 제6-37 포병대대는 제 210 화력여단 예하의 막강한 화력을 보유한 다연장로켓포대입니다. 1918년 미 본토 워싱턴에 있는 Cp Lewis에서 창설되어 1957년 미 2사단 소속으로 편제되었습니다. 본부포대, A, B, C 포대와 579 전방지원중대, 그리고 6-52 E 방공포대로 구성되어있습니다.

인- 가장 기억에 남는 일은?
문- 2012년 7월 쯤 비가 억수같이 쏟아지는 날에 행군을 했던 기억이 납니다. 흔히 있는 일과처럼 느껴질 수 있지만 바람도 세게 불 나며지 약 20m에 달하는 큰 나무가 부러져 제 눈앞에서 쓰러진 일이 있었습니다. 그래도 불굴의 인디언헤드는 행군을 완수했고 결국 군화까지 다 찾아 오전에 일을 하러 갈 때엔 군화까지 새 것으로 교체해서 출근해야 했던 사건이 기억에 가장 납니다.

인- 여태까지 본 미군중 가장 독특한 사람은?
문- 지금은 물론 본토로 돌아갔지만 같이 잠깐 일했던 Edobor라는 병장이 인상 깊었습니다. 다른 미군들이 어깨너머로 짧게 배웠던 "안녕." 혹은 "좋은 하루."를 연발하며 본인의 한국말 실력을 자랑하기 바쁠 때 그 병장은 "한국말 좀 하시던데?" 라고 조소 먼 표정으로 그 미군들의 이름들을 한글로 써주었습니다. 게다가 Youtube에 나온 영상으로 독학했다고 하니 경외심마저 들었습니다.

인- 입대한 뒤 지금까지 가장 허무했던 하루는?
문- 작년 무더웠던 여름날 훈련을 준비하는 과정에서, 흔히 미군들이 Water Buffalo로 부르는 물탱크 안에 들어가 물탱크 안의 벽을 직접 Scrub 한 날이 있었



습니다. 비닐봉지로 군화를 감싼 다음 직접 그 구멍 안으로 들어가 이게 뭇인지 몰을 정도로 열심히 하루종일 닦았었는데, 그 다음날 알고 보니 훈련 때 가져가 할 물탱크는 다른 것이었습니다. 허무함에 눈에서 땀이 비 오듯 흘러내렸었습니다.

인- 부대 근처에서 가장 맛있는 음식점은?
박- 단 한마디의 여자없이 '그집 순대국' 이라고 생각합니다. 지행역으로 가는 월드메르디앙 아파트 맞은편에 있는 순대국인데 이름이 '그집 순대국'입니다. 고기도 많고 냄새도 하나도 나지 않습니다. 일하시는 분들이 친절하기까지 해서 제가 가장 좋아하는 음식점입니다. "일찍 순대배고" (얼른한 순대국 특사이즈로 순대배고) 한 그릇이면 여기가 바로 지상낙원입니다.

인- 부대 내에서 자신의 외모 순위는?
문- 중하위권이라고 생각합니다. 제가 이렇게 객관적이지만 덤덤하게 말을 할 수 있는 근거는 믿는 구석이 있기 때문입니다. 저의 빼어나지 않은 외모는 여성들의 경계심을 누그러뜨리는 역할을 하고 빈틈이 보일 때 나비처럼 날아올라 벌처럼 쏘아대는 허는 5초면 잠금 해제 완료 할 수 있습니다. 외모가 중요한 게 아닙니다. 이 글을 보고 있는 여러분 자신감을 가지십시오.

인- 하루 동안 대대 주임원사가 될 수 있다면 무엇을 할 것인가?
문- 주임원사가 될 수 있다면 눈에 보이는 건물마다 들어가서 "at ease"를 듣고 특유의 코맹맹이 소리로 "carry on"을 연발하고 싶습니다. 눈에 보이는 E-8들한테 가서 그들의 parade rest와 긴장한 표정을 확인한 뒤 평소에는 스치기만 해도 "excuse me, 1st Sgt."라고 해야 했던 그들의 어깨를 툭툭 치면서 "easy, bro"라 말하며 워크를 하고 싶습니다.

인- 만약 전역한 뒤 재입대 해야한다면?
문- 그럴 일을 일어나지 않아야 합니다. 무슨 수를 써서라도 막아야 하지만 재입대 해야 한다면 그럴 일은 없습니다. 그래도 혹시 예를 어 재입대를 가정해본다고 한다면 그럴 일은 없어야 합니다.

SECOND TO NONE!

2013년 8월의 간추린 뉴스



7월 16일 레이브 시스템 훈련관 (Master Raven System Trainer)인 타이론 하비(Staff Sgt. Tyrone Harvey) 하사가 레이브를 비행하려는 모습이다.
<사진 _ 권용준 일병/ 제 1기갑전투여단 공보처>



8월 14일 로드리게즈 사격장(Rodriguez Live Fire Complex)에서 지뢰 제거 전차로 지뢰를 제거 직후 모습이다.
<사진 _ 웨인 디아즈(Sgt. Wayne Diaz) 병장/ 제 1 기갑전투여단 공보처>



제 3 응사통제실 장교 임응식 중령과 제 210 화력여단 도널드 댕글러(Maj. Donald Dangler) 소령이 연합 응사훈련에 대해 상의하는 것을 김국 중위가 통역하는 모습이다.
<사진 _ 김한별 상병/ 제 210화력여단 공보처>



미 2사단 병사들과 동두천 시민들이 한미동맹산책과 비무장지대 안전경험행사에 참여하는 모습이다. 이 행사는 휴전협정 60주년을 기념하는 의미를 가지고 행해졌으며 한미 동맹을 더욱 굳건히 하는데 기여하였다.
<사진 _ 카를로스 데이비스(Staff Sgt. Carlos R. Davis) 하사/ 제 210 화력여단 공보처>



반년마다 진행되는 전사임무시범이 지난 6월 16일 부터 18일 까지 진행되었다. 위 사진은 제 4-7기갑대대 병사들이 훈련에 임하는 모습이다.
<사진 _ 카일 리처슨(Staff Sgt. Kyle J. Richardson) 하사/ 제 1기갑전투여단 공보처>

한미 문화 교류

8월 15일 대한민국

광복절

8월 15일은 대한민국의 광복절로, 제 2차 세계대전에서 패한 일본이 연합군에 무조건 항복을 선언한 날이다. 이로써 우리는 일본의 35년 식민 통치에서 벗어나 국권을 회복하게 되었다. 광복(光復)은 “빛을 되찾다”는 뜻으로, 잃어버린 국권을 되찾다는 의미이기도 하다.

1945년 광복이 있기까지 우리 민족은 갖은 수모와 고통 속에서 살아왔다. 1910년 8월 29일 한일합방으로 일본에 편입되어 국권을 피탈당한 우리 국민들은 총독부의 횡포 아래 힘없이 당하고 있었다. 우리의 토지와 산림은 수탈당해 국토가 무차별적으로 유린당했으며 일본의 산업화로 인한 잦은 공출로 국민들은 식량난에 허덕이며 살았다. 일제는 또한 우리의 민족적 뿌리를 없애고자 창씨개명을 강요했으며 황국신민화 작업에 착수하여 국민들을 식민지화시키려 했다. 일제강점기 후반에는 전쟁을 일으켜 한반도의 청년과 학생들을 징집해 노예처럼 부렸으며 수많은 처녀들을 위안부로 끌고 가 그들의 삶을 유린했다.

하지만 우리 국민들을 이에 굴하지 않고 언젠가 찾아올 독립의 날을 위해 고군분투했다. 애국 계몽운동에 뜻을 둔 독립운동가들은 학교를 설립하여 한민족의 근본을 유지하기 위해 노력했고 민족경제를 살리기 위해 물산장려운동을 추진했



1945년 8월 16일 서대문형무소를 나선 독립투사들이다.

다. 사회 각계각층에서의 시위와 운동 또한 많았는데 전국민적인 반향을 일으킨 3.1 운동과 6.10 만세운동은 그 파장이 해외에도 영향을 미쳤다. 폭력으로 힘을 되찾으려는 의병활동, 독립군 활동 또한 간도 연해주 등지에서 매우 활발하게 이루어졌다. 대한민국 임시정부 조직과 같은 정부 기반 활동도 있었다.

이러한 치욕과 투쟁 끝에 대한민국은 마침내 독립을 이뤄내었다. 한반도 뿐만 아니라 세계로 식민지를 확대하려던 일본의 야망이 연합군에 의해 꺾인 것이다. 물론 그것이 우리 스스로 이뤄낸 독립이 아니라는 점에서 의미가 퇴색되는 점이 없지 않지만, 그동안의 노력이 있었기에 이를 이

정받아 자주적인 국가를 건설할 있는 힘을 얻었다는 사실을 무시할 수는 없다.

광복절은 대한민국의 국가공휴일로, 1948년 대한민국 정부가 수립된 날이기도 하다. 이 날에는 전국적인 경축행사가 열리고 국민들은 주거지에 국기를 게양하여 광복절을 맞이한다. 광복회원과 그 가족들에게는 전국 철도와 시외버스의 무임승차와 고궁 및 공원에 무료입장할 수 있는 혜택이 주어진다. 북한에서도 광복절을 민족해방 기념일이라 하여, 김일성이 민족에 가져다준 조국해방의 날로써 기념한다.

<기사 _ 일병 이동현 / 미 2사단 공보처>

한미교류

또 한번의 발전을 위한 공중강습훈련

항공 분야의 군인들에게는 특별한 기회가 주어진다. 항공술 훈련은 군사 특기에 대해 배우고 항공 수송에 필요한 요소들을 숙달하는 것을 시작으로 진행된다.

군인들은 꾸준한 직장 내 훈련을 시작 함으로써 기본적인 실력을 갖추 수 있고 경험이 많은 항공 병력을 육성해 낼 수 있다. 군인들에게 한국에서 훈련을 할 수 있는 좋은 환경이 주어진다. 지속적으로 전입하는 병사들은 한반도에 있는 군인들로 하여금 훈련을 최우선에 두게 만든다.

미 육군에서 유일하게 항상 전진배치 되어 온 제2보병사단은 한반도에서 침략을 억제하고 평화를 유지할 임무가 갖는다. 사단의 임무에 충족하기 위해 제2항공여단 2-2항공대대 C 중대는 한반도에서 대다수의 부대들을 지원하고 있다. 지난 8월 2일 알려지지 않은 훈련장에서 공중강습훈련 중 제2-2항공대대는 캠프 험프리 (Camp Humphreys)에 위치한 제1기갑전투여단 제2-9보병대대와 한국 육군 제17사단 100연대 2대대 6중대의 군인들을 수송하였다.

제2-2항공대대는 제2-9대대가 공중강습, 실사격연습, 포격연습 및 여러 임무를 수행하는 것을 돕고 있다. 매 분기마다



8월 2일 시행된 공중강습훈련에서 UH-60 블랙호크(Black Hawk) 헬리콥터가 이륙하는동안 제 2-9보병대대 병사들이 주위를 사수했다.

두 대대는 함께 훈련을 하고 있고, 현재의 지휘관들은 지난 일 년 동안 그들의 부대를 함께 훈련시키고 있다.

“우리는 제2-2항공대대와 여러차례 훈련을 같이 했고 그들은 우리의 훈련 임무를 계속해서 지원해 주고 있다”고 위스콘신(Wisconsin) 출신이며 제2-9대대 대대장인 쉰 크리머(Lt. Col. Shawn P. Creamer)중령이 말했다. “최근에 제2-2항공대대가 한국의 남부 지역에 UH-60 기동헬기를 지원함으로써 우리 대대를 지원해주었다”고 크리머 중령이 덧붙였다.

한국에서 길을 찾아 나아가는 법을 배우고 기후 조건에 적응하는 것은 군인들이 훈련 중 겪게되는 어려움에서 극히 일부분이다.



8월 2일 시행된 공중강습훈련에서 UH-60 블랙호크(Black Hawk) 헬리콥터에서 제 2-9보병대대 병사들이 내렸다.



8월 2일 시행된 연합 공중강습훈련에서 육군 병사들이 우거진 지역을 사수하고 있는 모습이다.

“신병들은 꾸준한 훈련만이 기술을 익히는 진정한 방법이라는 것과 경험이 많은 군인들 또한 우리가 수행하는 임무들로부터 교훈을 얻는다는 것을 알아야한다”고 플로리다(Florida) 마이애미(Miami)에서 왔으며 제2-2항공대대 2중대의 중대장인 지저스 말도나도(Cpt. Jesus E. Maldonado)대위가 말했다. “비행 경로를 외우는 것과 같은 사소한 일이 성공과 준비의 핵심이다”고 덧붙였다.

새로운 기술과 훈련을 통해 군인들이 매일같이 민첩해질 수 있고 ‘오늘 싸움’ 준비가 철저히 될 수 있기 때문에 제2-2항공대대는 새로운 기술의 습득을 최우선시한다. 군인들은 그들이 훈련을 통해 배운 기술들을 어려운 상황이나 환경에 처했

을때 사용할 수 있다.

실포격 훈련이 미2사단에 속한 제210화력여단과 함께 실행될 예정이다.

“새로운 훈련을 하는 것은 매우 중요하다. 나는 군인들의 냉철함을 유지하기 위해 그들에게 도전 과제를 부여하고 이를 통해 다음 훈련 단계로 나아가고 싶다”고 말도나도 대위가 말했다. “나는 제2-9보병대대가 지원해주는 것에 대해 감사하고 있고 우리는 지난 몇 년 동안 좋은 관계를 유지하고 있다”고 덧붙였다.

<기사 및 사진 _ 니콜 홀(Sgt. Nicole Hall) 병장/ 제2 전투항공여단 병역 _ 일병 김동수/ 미 2사단 공보처>

타지에서 2년만의 감격적인 재회

남한 땅 한복판 어딘가에서 익숙한 목소리가 멀리서부터 들려온다. 한미 합동훈련의 한복판에서, 한 미군 병사는 훈련의 소음을 뚫고 자신의 이름을 부르는 목소리를 들었다.

“마크, 이와 마크”

로드리게즈 실사격 훈련장 건너편에서 한국군 102기갑여단 2중대 보병인 김기호 상병이 흥분한 목소리로 이렇게 외치고 있었다.

로스 엔젤레스 루터안 고등학교 (Los Angeles Lutheran High School) 동문이자 축구팀 동료였던 1기갑전투여단 2-9 보병대대 A중대 보병인 마르코 카라스코 일병(Pfc. Marcos Carrasco)과 김기호 상병이 로드리게즈 실사격 훈련장에서 실시된 합동 훈련 중에 재회하게 되었다.

카라스코 일병은 처음에 자신이 불렀는지 제대로 인식하지도 못했다. 그는 기본훈련을 마친 후 바로 한국에 파병되었고, 반년 동안 그의 성이 아닌 이름으로 불려보지 못했기 때문이다. 곧 반가운 얼굴이 그를 맞이했다.

물론 한달 동안의 훈련 중에는 이상한 일이 많이 일어나지만, 이번에는 다른 대륙에 있던 고등학교 동창 두 명이 2년만에 우연히 재회하는 일이 생긴 것이다.

카라스코 일병은 “우리는 표적을 잡아내는 법을 멀리서부터 사격장에 나와 있는데, 한국군이 훈련에 동참하기 위해 등장했다”고 말하고 “당연히 나는 그를 알아보지 못했다. 왜냐하면 오랜 시간이 지난 후였고 고등학교 동창을 야전 훈련 중에 만나게 되는 것은 나에게 상상도 못할 일이기 때문이었다. 그를 보게 되었을때 나는 너무나 놀랐다”고 덧붙였다.

김기호 상병은 카라스코 일병에게 “너를 이름으로 부를 수밖에 없었다”고 말하고 “너의 성을 알고 있지 않았던 것 같다. 하지만 네 얼굴이 매우 익숙해서 바로 알아보았다”고 덧붙였다.

야전에서의 오랜 훈련이 기억을 방해하긴 했지만 둘은 학교에서 처음 만난 날을 회상했다. 당시 김기호 상병은 졸업반이었고 카라스코 일병은 3학년이었다.

김기호 상병은 “우리는 트랜센이라는 선생님의 ‘세계의 종교’ 강의실에서 처음 만났다”고 말하고 “나는 좀 내성적이고 조용한 사람인데다가 2008년 당시 미국에 있을 때는 영어가 서툴렀었다. 지금도 영어는 나에게 어렵다”고 덧붙였다.

카라스코 일병은 “김기호 상병은 해외 교환 학생이었고 나는 한국에 관심이 많았기 때문에 우리는 교실에서 많은 시간을 갖

이 보내며 친해졌다”고 말하고 “당시의 나는 군에 입대하게 된다는 한국을 방문하게 되리라는 꿈에도 상상하지 못했다”고 덧붙였다.

이렇게 미군과 한국군의 동맹이 날이 갈수록 발전해가는 모습을 보며 두 병사의 지휘관은 그들이 훈련을 잘 따라올 수 있도록 격려했다.

2-9보병대대 A중대 중대장인 멜루스 올레충(Capt. Meluus Ulechong) 대위는 “카라스코 일병은 매우 의욕적인 병사이며 현재 소대의 자동화기 소총병이다”고 말하고 “이것은 정말 뜻밖의 일이다. 나는 두 병사를 얹혀놓고 잠시 대화를 나눴다. 야전에서 여가시간을 갖기란 매우 어려운 일이었다. 지금 우리는 종합적인 사격훈련과 더불어 한국군과의 정보 교환을 하는 중이다. 그들도 도보로 걸어다니는 보병 소대가 있어서 우리는 서로의 다양한 기술들을 교환했다”고 덧붙였다.

‘로드리게즈 실사격장’이라는 말은 보통 듣는 병사들로 하여금 두말대는 소리와 신음소리를 내뱉도록 하기 마련이다. 왜냐하면 그것은 무더운 날씨에 야외에 나가 긴 밤을 보내는 것을 의미하기 때문이다. 이제 이 두 장병에게는 무더운 여름밤에 더해서 친구와의 감격적인 재회라는 잊지 못할

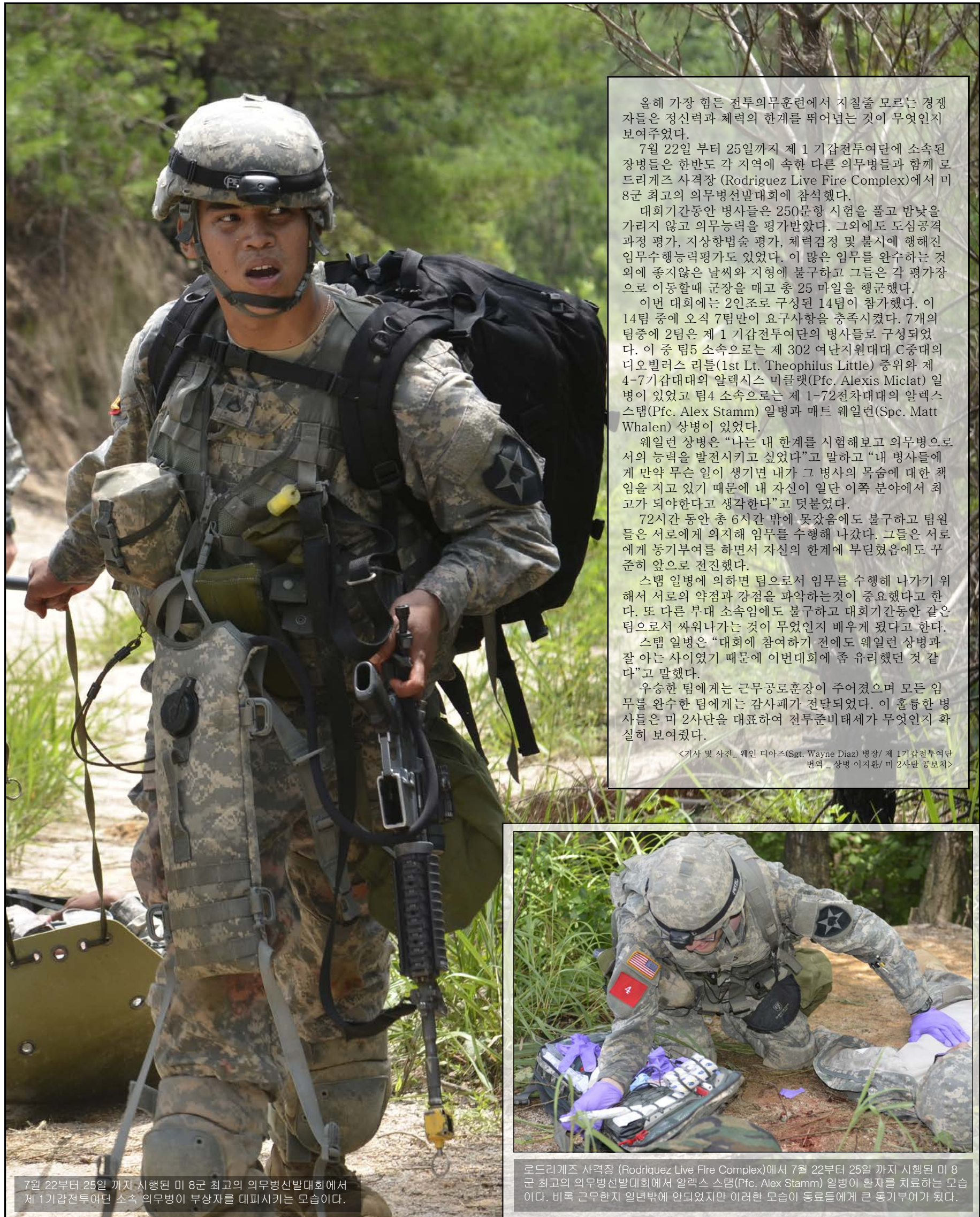


카라스코 일병과 김기호 상병은 2년만에 로드리게즈 사격장(Rodriguez Live fire Complex)에서 재회를 했다.

추억이 생겼다. 그들이 함께할 수 있는 시간은 며칠 되지 않았지만, 두 장병은 한국을 떠나기 전 다시 한 번 만남의 날을 기약했다.

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최고의의무병선발대회



올해 가장 힘든 전투의무훈련에서 지칠 줄 모르는 경쟁자들은 정신력과 체력의 한계를 뛰어넘는 것이 무엇인지 보여주었다.

7월 22일부터 25일까지 제 1 기갑전투여단에 소속된 장병들은 한반도 각 지역에 속한 다른 의무병들과 함께 로드리게즈 사격장 (Rodriguez Live Fire Complex)에서 미 8군 최고의 의무병선발대회에 참석했다.

대회기간동안 병사들은 250문항 시험을 풀고 밤낮을 가리지 않고 의무능력을 평가받았다. 그 외에도 도심공격 과정 평가, 지상항법술 평가, 체력검정 및 불시에 행해진 임무수행능력평가도 있었다. 이 많은 임무를 완수하는 것 외에 좋지않은 날씨와 지형에 불구하고 그들은 각 평가장으로 이동할때 군장을 매고 총 25 마일을 행군했다.

이번 대회에는 2인조로 구성된 14팀이 참가했다. 이 14팀 중에 오직 7팀만이 요구사항을 충족시켰다. 7개의 팀중에 2팀은 제 1 기갑전투여단의 병사들로 구성되었다. 이 중 팀5 소속으로는 제 302 여단지원대대 C중대의 디오피러스 리틀(1st Lt. Theophilus Little) 중위와 제 4-7기갑대대의 알렉시스 미클랫(Pfc. Alexis Miclat) 일병이 있었고 팀4 소속으로는 제 1-72전자대대의 알렉스 스태뎀(Pfc. Alex Stamm) 일병과 매트 웨일런(Spc. Matt Whalen) 상병이 있었다.

웨일런 상병은 “나는 내 한계를 시험해보고 의무병으로서의 능력을 발전시키고 싶었다”고 말하고 “내 병사들에게 만약 무슨 일이 생기면 내가 그 병사의 목숨에 대한 책임을 지고 있기 때문에 내 자신이 일단 이쪽 분야에서 최고가 되야한다고 생각한다”고 덧붙였다.

72시간 동안 총 6시간 밖에 못잠을에도 불구하고 팀원들은 서로에게 의지해 임무를 수행해 나갔다. 그들은 서로에게 동기부여를 하면서 자신의 한계에 부딪혔음에도 꾸준히 앞으로 전진했다.

스태뎀 일병에 의하면 팀으로서 임무를 수행해 나가기 위해서 서로의 약점과 강점을 파악하는것이 중요했다고 한다. 또 다른 부대 소속임에도 불구하고 대회기간동안 같은 팀으로서 싸워나가는 것이 무엇인지 배우게 되었다고 한다.

스태뎀 일병은 “대회에 참여하기 전에도 웨일런 상병과 잘 아는 사이였기 때문에 이번대회에 좀 유리했던 것 같다”고 말했다.

우수한 팀에게는 근무공로훈장이 주어졌으며 모든 임무를 완수한 팀에게는 감사패가 전달되었다. 이 훌륭한 병사들은 미 2사단을 대표하여 전투준비태세가 무엇인지 확실히 보여줬다.

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로드리게즈 사격장 (Rodriguez Live Fire Complex)에서 7월 22부터 25일 까지 시행된 미 8군 최고의 의무병선발대회에서 알렉스 스태뎀(Pfc. Alex Stamm) 일병이 환자를 치료하는 모습이다. 비록 근무한지 일년밖에 안되었지만 이러한 모습이 동료들에게 큰 동기부여가 됐다.

7월 22부터 25일 까지 시행된 미 8군 최고의 의무병선발대회에서 제 1기갑전투여단 소속 의무병이 부상자를 대피시키는 모습이다.

AK-47 Assault Rifle 러시아 Russia

AK47 돌격소총 제원
Specs of AK-47

무게 Weight: 3.47kg
(탄알집 미포함 Without magazine)
길이 Length: 880mm

사용 탄종 Ammo: 7.62x39mm

급탄 방식 Feed System: 30연발 탄창 30-rd magazine

유효사거리 Effective range: 400 meters

작동방식 Action: 가스 작동식, 회전노리쇠, 단/연발 조정
Gas Operated, Rotating Bolt, Semi/Auto Selective fire

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- * heavy
- * Big recoil
- * Low accuracy

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그렇지만 이러한 단점들은 대부분 훈련을 통해 커버가 가능해서 큰 문제가 안 돼.

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