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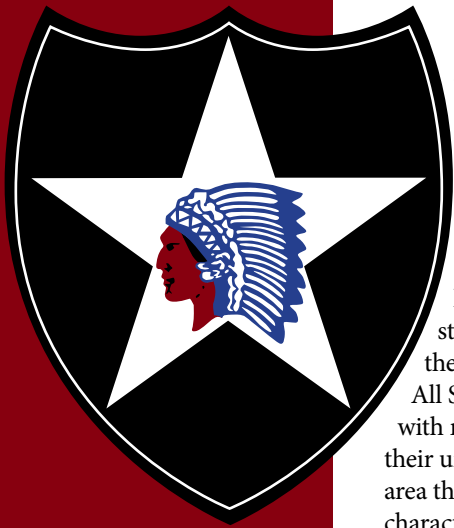
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Flexible and agile leaders that are able to adapt to any operating environment have always been key to the Army's success. Nothing will ever change that regardless of the technology we use, or the environment we operate in; success will always hinge on adaptive leaders. Troops in contact require strong leaders to get them through the fight to accomplish the mission. All Soldiers need competent leaders with moral values and character to ensure their unit is ready to fight tonight. A key area that can assist in developing a soldier's character is experienced mentors who provide leader development and who serve as role models.

Mentorship is a key component in leader development. All Soldiers need a mentor to guide them through their career, and everyone with experience should mentor someone junior to them, sharing lessons learned. Mentorship is a partnership that passes critical knowledge from Soldier to Soldier and develops the future leaders of our Army. If implemented successfully, it has the power to advance the chief interests of the Army by passing along knowledge and traditions as part of our legacy. Mentorship is the driving force to bring the whole Army forward, but it must become routine, rather than the exception. All leaders must work to institute mentorship within their units to bring tactical lessons learned into the Army's common knowledge and to develop their subordinates as competent leaders of character.

It is no secret that competence is essential for a Soldier's success. Competence is a metric which leaders use in considering subordinates for everything from awards and promotions to competitive boards and schools. It is also critical for the success of the unit in that we are all dependant on our fellow

Soldiers to know their duties. Each Soldier must build competence in his or her military occupational specialty and in the Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills. The Army achieves this level of leader development through a combination of professional schools, experience gained on the job and through personal study. The most competent leaders continually increase their own knowledge of their profession. They seek out and learn the doctrine, the tactics, techniques and procedures, and the best practices which have advanced their profession. Competence is earned through hard work, dedicated study, and training.

A well-developed moral compass includes the Army values of: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Self-less Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage. Those seven core values provide each Soldier the ability to make good decisions and provide us with a guide, both from a moral standing and to establish trust within our team and within the Army. Leaders with high competence, but questionable character can cause enormous problems and sow discord and distrust within a unit. Character development begins long before entry into military service, but through continuous mentoring and development it can be honed. The shared hardship and mutual dependence of team members builds character and the trust between Soldiers that ultimately leads to bold action, sacrifice and success on the battlefield.

It is character that propels a competent Soldier to lead others, and commitment that drives them to hone their skills to become leaders at higher levels. Commitment is the key to continued success for the Soldier, leader and command team. To be an effective leader requires a commitment to the Army Profession. A committed leader will remain on task until mission is complete; while others may call it quits. The Warrior ethos spells it out in simple terms, "I will



Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal
2nd Inf. Div. Commander

never quit". It takes commitment to the ideals of our nation just to enter military service, but it takes perseverance to meet all the requirements, study the profession of arms, and develop the skills necessary to be a successful Soldier. In every situation, commitment is essential to the success of the Soldier and of the Army.

Leaders can be found at every level of our Army. A good leader's decisions and guidance can guarantee that Soldiers will have the tools they need to accomplish the mission. That is why it's so critical that leaders are developed through education, experience, and personal study. A leader must be driven to build competence, character and commitment in themselves and in their Soldiers. Our objective in 2ID is to be competent leaders of character, and to develop our legacy; the future leaders of the Army. Our unit's success and the future of the Army depend upon it.

Second to None!



Photo by Pak Chin-u



BACK TO BASICS



Training in the 2nd Infantry Division requires a delicate hand resourcing and conducting training at our squad, section and platoon level, as well as at brigade and division. Not only do we train our individual Soldiers and small units to maintain their ability to “Fight Tonight,” we maintain proficiency to synchronize divisional units as part of several peninsula wide exercises. Balancing these sometimes competing requirements is one of the division commander’s, Maj. Gen. Thomas Vandal, biggest priorities and challenges.

In his Annual Training Guidance, Vandal stressed a “return to the fundamentals” that focuses training on lethal squads and platoons, concurrently meeting the requirements to be ready to fight at the brigade and division level. To that end, he and Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano, the division’s command sergeant major, developed the construct to focus at both ends of the training pyramid: the baseline and most important at the squad and section; and platoon level as well as the mission command requirements of the division headquarters and brigade level units.

The ATG captured Vandal’s vision with six key components. They are:

- (1) Shoot - Warrior Soldiers hit what they shoot at, and kill what they hit, day or night including chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear conditions.
- (2) Move - Warrior Soldiers move with authority, in and out of contact. We achieve decisive maneuver through movement expertly coordinated with direct and/or indirect fires.
- (3) Communicate - We will employ our tactical communications continuously to increase our Operation Plan readiness.
- (4) Medicate - We will emphasize medical train-

ing to ensure every Soldier has basic life saving skills and every squad has a minimum of two Combat Life Savers.

(5) Force Protection - Risk assessments of both tactical and environmental risks must be integrated into every operation.

(6) Physical Readiness Training - PRT is a daily requirement for all Warrior Soldiers. It needs to be planned, rigorous and challenging to our Soldiers; focused and tailored to each Soldier and unit’s mission.

Training for this baseline level includes daily PRT, weekly Sergeants Time Training, Warrior Tasks & Battle Drills, marksmanship and CBRN. Warrior Soldiers continue to challenge themselves with competitions like the Expert Field Medical Badge, where 2nd Inf., Div., medics enjoyed a 33 percent success rate, higher than the Army average of 21 percent, and the upcoming Expert Infantryman’s Badge testing this month led by 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team.

“Individual skills are the cornerstone of our formations,” said Spano. “Unless we are physically fit, trained on our core fundamentals, and disciplined, we will not be able to ‘Fight Tonight’. Our focus must be at this level.”

Squads and platoons are the cornerstone of our 2nd Inf. Div., as they conduct their brigade and division level operations. No other unit in the Army conducts high frequency, multi-echeloned training events as does the Warrior Division. Most divisions seem to focus on one major training exercise per year; the 2nd Inf. Div. participates in five.

Currently, the division is executing part of its robust Summer and Fall exercise season to maintain our ability to fight as part of the Combined Forces Command

and Coalition Joint Task Force 8. This started with last month’s Ulchi Focus Guardian and concludes with December’s Victor’s Resolve. In between, 2nd Inf. Div. will with the Republic of Korea’s 17th Division as part of their Battle Command Training Program at the start of October.

“UFG afforded the division an opportunity to get reacquainted of personnel turnovers; new leadership, dust off the cobwebs and establish procedures and techniques required,” said Lt. Col. Bill Shavce, division deputy operations officer, G3. “For Warpath II, we increase the conditions with the establishment of a Combined Tactical Command Post with the ROK 17th Div. This is their ‘Super Bowl’ and we are committed to making them successful.”

The exercise season concludes with the Victor’s Response in early Dec., and serves as the certifying exercise for CJTF-8 and its ability to conduct its mission, where 2nd Inf., Div., is a major contributor.

“Our ability to execute mission command as well as other essential tasks is critical for CJTF-8 (and) it starts with us,” said Brig. Gen. Paul Laughlin, deputy commanding general, maneuver.

Finding the right balance between the basic fundamentals and the higher echelon training on the command teams from brigade to company level.

“We can’t simply focus on one or the other,” said Lt. Col. Will Beck, division chief of training and exercises. “Our command teams have the hard task of building fundamentally sound squads and platoons while being prepared to fight in an extremely complex environment alongside our ROK and U.S. brothers and sisters. With all this training, we are prepared to Fight Tonight.”

TEACHER BUILDS ALLIANCE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN KATUSAS, US SOLDIERS



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There are programs offered to U.S. Soldiers stationed here that teaches them about Korea, their host country. However, it is not very common for Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers to study about English and American culture.

The 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, offers the opportunity for KATUSAs to learn about American culture.

This English class is held every Wednesday afternoon in the Casey Education Center with two 90-minute classes. KATUSAs are able to learn English to better understand and utilize English to communicate better with Americans.

“KATUSAs already possess a solid knowledge in English fundamentals like vocabulary and grammar but often lack the experience or opportunity to practice those skills in context,” said Kandida Gendron, the teacher of the class and the spouse of Maj. Wayne Gendron, 70th BSB operations officer. “A major goal of this class is to provide them that opportunity.”

Gendron has both a bachelor and masters in

English. She has also taught English in the United States. Most recently, she taught rhetoric and composition classes at New Mexico State University. With her abilities, she wanted to help the people in Korea and especially KATUSAs.

“As guests in this country, I believe it is our responsibility to give back to our host country whenever and wherever we can,” Gendron said. “So utilizing my experience, as an English teacher is one way, which I can do that.”

During the class, Gendron emphasizes the interaction between culture and language in order to help students understand the subtleties and complexities of English as it is actually used.

“We give presentations through group activities about topics like American culture, idioms, acronyms, states, or even humors,” said Sgt. Lee Soon-min, from Cheongju, senior KATUSA assigned to 579th Signal Company, 70th BSB. “We learn something that we can use in real situations, so it is useful when we talk with U.S. Soldiers.”

Gendron teaches KATUSAs, but also she gives them chances to study and work on their own. After that, she gives additional explanation or comments of what they did.

“The class consists of lecture and group activity,” said Cpl. Kim Tae-hong, from Incheon, senior KATUSA assigned to Company B, 70th BSB. “Students have lots of opportunities to speak, and the teacher

gives us feedback after that.”

Kim thinks the class helps KATUSAs to fix communication errors and overcome cultural differences between the United States and Korea.

“For newly assigned KATUSAs, they can adapt to the unit better through this class. It also helps other KATUSAs get to know more about the American culture,” said Sgt. Maj. Kim Hyung-suk, from Pyeongchang, 70th BSB Republic of Korea Army sergeant major. “They can have a better understanding of U.S. Soldiers’ characteristics and to build better relationships between them.”

Gendron believes this class will have a positive effect to the unit and relationships between Soldiers.

“The class is designed to both encourage interaction and to improve communication between the KATUSAs and the U.S. Soldiers in their unit,” said Gendron. “This develops trust, encourages friendships, and ultimately strengthens the U.S. - ROK Alliance.”

ROK army leadership and KATUSAs appreciate all of her efforts.

“It isn’t easy to give these great classes just for free. She always tries hard to make the class enjoyable. She even prepares snacks for the KATUSAs,” said Sgt. Maj. Kim. “It is an honor to meet a good person like her, and this is a very good opportunity for all of us.”

4-7 CAV TROOP EARNS DRAPER AWARD

Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal congratulates Troop A, 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers for a job well done after they received the 2012 Draper Armor Leadership Award Aug. 21, 2013 at Camp Hovey, South Korea. The award is given annually to promote, sustain, and recognize effective leadership in armor and cavalry units throughout the Army. (Photo by, Pfc. Kwon, Yong-joon, 1st ABCT PAO)



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Every year 2nd Infantry Division has a competition for best armor and cavalry unit. This award is given to promote, sustain, and recognize effective leadership in armor and cavalry units.

Troop A, 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team earned the 2nd Infantry Division's 2012 Draper Armor Leadership Award, which was presented to the unit by Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal, the 2nd Inf. Div., commanding general, at Camp Hovey, Aug. 21.

"Earning the Draper Award is a direct reflection on all the Troopers in Apache Troop," said Capt. Joseph Phillips, a Douglasville, Ga., native and company commander of Troop A. "Every one of them helped to better the Troop in some fashion. Their dedication with community service projects, training missions, and their personal efforts in bettering themselves remain Second to None."

The Draper Award is evaluated throughout a 12-month period. The unit prepares a packet for consideration that outlines the unit's performance in maintenance, readiness, training and safety. The unit can also submit the details of any notable unit or individual achievements with the packet.

"I feel honored that during my tenure as the Apache Troop com-

mander, we earned the Draper Award," said Phillips. "I know this award is not given lightly or just on one person's credit. Rather, it's given to the troop as a team, (all of whom) earnestly wanted to be a cut above the rest."

Troop A received the award for exhibiting excellence in leadership and training. The deciding factors that set the unit apart from the other armored and cavalry units were their scores and averages in the Army Physical Fitness Test, individual M16 rifle marksmanship and crew-served weapons marksmanship.

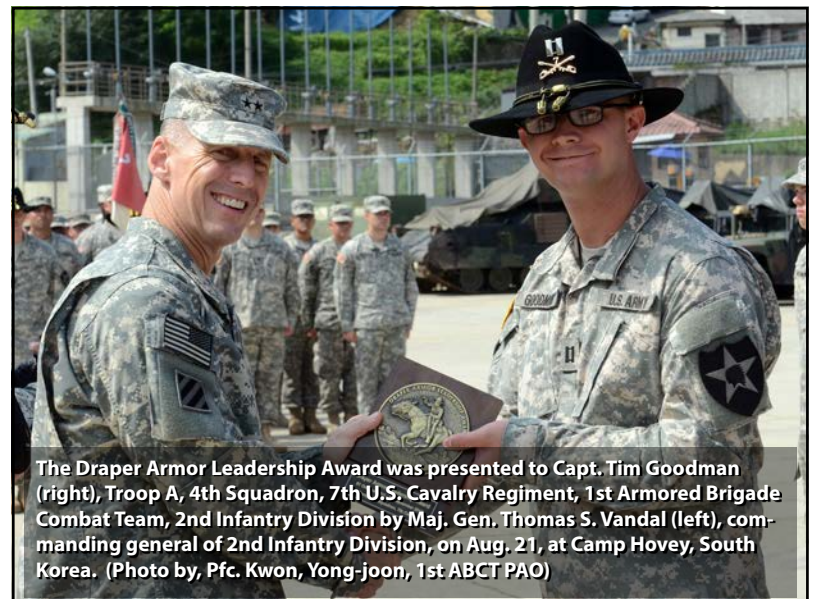
Following the award ceremony, 4th Squadron, 7th Cav. Regt., Soldiers and officers took part in a series of timed crew-served weapon assembly drills. Vandal and 2nd Inf. Div., Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano spectated and awarded each of the stand-out performers with a commander's coin of excellence.

"Across our Army, all of our tankers and cavalymen understand the importance of this particular award," said Vandal. "To have a unit earn this award is very prestigious. It takes hard work and dedication."

Hard work and dedication are both key ingredients of division's recipe for success. As fiscal year 2013 comes to an end, 1st ABCT armor and cavalry units hope to continue to earn these accolades, and uphold the standard set by 1st ABCT Commander Col. Louis B. Rago, who earned the award as a company commander.



Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal (left), commanding general of 2nd Infantry Division, presents the Draper Armor Leadership Award to 1st Sgt. Robert Dicks (right), Troop A, 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, by on Aug. 21, at Camp Hovey, South Korea. (Photo by, Pfc. Kwon, Yong-joon, 1st ABCT PAO)



The Draper Armor Leadership Award was presented to Capt. Tim Goodman (right), Troop A, 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division by Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal (left), commanding general of 2nd Infantry Division, on Aug. 21, at Camp Hovey, South Korea. (Photo by, Pfc. Kwon, Yong-joon, 1st ABCT PAO)

SOLDIER SAVES BOY FROM DROWNING



Pfc. Shane Woods, of Newfane, N.Y., a multiple launch rocket system crewmember assigned to C Battery, 6th Battalion 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, prepares for HMMWV Egress Assistance Training on Camp Casey Aug. 20. Woods used personal courage to save a young boy from drowning while attending a battery activity July 27 at the Mud Festival in Boryeong, South Korea.



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The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines valor as the strength of mind or spirit that enables a person to encounter danger with firmness or personal bravery.

Pfc. Shane Woods, of Newfane, N.Y., a multiple launch rocket system crewmember who is assigned to C Battery, 6th Battalion 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, demonstrated exceptional valor on July 27 at the Mud Festival in Boryeong.

Woods saved a young Korean boy from drowning while swimming in the ocean.

“We were down at Mud Fest during a battery trip swimming in the ocean, just having a good time, and all of sudden I heard a little girl yelling,” said Woods.

According to Pvt. Justin Jones, of Eugene, Ore., also a multiple launch rocket system crewmember

assigned to C Battery, everything happen so fast he didn’t know what was going on.

“All I seen was Woods darting off into the water,” said Jones.

As Woods looked over his shoulder he saw a little girl struggling to keep the boy above water as his tube continued to float way.

The tide was coming in and was pulling the children farther into the ocean, recalled Woods. They were stuck going wherever the water was taking them.

Woods felt a deep personal connection to the situation. He had just returned to Korea after attending a funeral for a hometown friend who had drowned.

“I didn’t want the little kids to drown,” said Woods. “I wasn’t looking for any glory. I just knew I had to save him.”

When asked to describe Woods character his platoon sergeant used the words “humble” and “go-getter.”

“Woods is a wonderful Soldier. When he arrived

here in Korea, with less than three days on ground, Woods took part in the best-by-test competition and won,” said Sgt. 1st Class Steve Robitaille of Harker Heights, Texas. “He never looks for any type of reward; he just does whatever needs to be done,” Robitaille continued.

Woods believes that being part of the military means fulfilling certain obligations. At that moment, Woods knew his obligation was to save this little boy from drowning.

“We are over here to help out with everything, no matter what it is or how big or small the situation maybe,” said Woods. “I felt it was my duty to swim out there and save the little boy.”

Soldiers of 210th Fires Bde., demonstrate the real character of being a U.S. Soldier with their actions, both as part of the Alliance and as part of the community. They are committed to building strong community relationships and embracing cultural opportunities whenever possible.

TALON LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

2CAB JUNIOR ENLISTED SOLDIERS ATTEND PRELIMINARY NCO TRAINING



Korean Augmentees to the United States Army Cpl. Byung Seok Kim shoot azimuth during the land navigation class.



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It's never too early to begin training as a noncommissioned officer. Soldiers' first encounter with leadership training is usually the Warrior Leader Course, the preliminary course in the Army NCO Education System. Instilling qualities necessary to become a leader early on is beneficial to Soldiers and the Army as a whole.

Since April 2012, Soldiers from 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade have had the opportunity to learn about the duties and responsibilities of a leader prior to attending WLC. The Talon Academy was designed to assist Soldiers with building on the fundamentals of leadership, land navigation, drill and ceremony and a host of other skills.

"The goal of this program is to give Soldiers a leg up before attending WLC," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael E. Phippard, Talon Academy Noncommissioned Officer-in-Charge, from Middleboro, Mass. "Many Soldiers have come back from WLC saying the academy helped them be successful during WLC."

NCOs are often referred to as 'The Backbone of the Army'; therefore it is important for junior Soldiers to learn about the NCO Corps' history, traditions and foundation of beliefs.

"I plan to be an NCO one day before (I) retire from the military," said Pfc. Maurice Cassidy, a CH-47 Chinook helicopter repairer, assigned to Company D,

3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd CAB, from Honolulu, Hawaii. "It's very helpful that I'm learning the basic values and the NCO creed now."

Students learned about a variety of topics such as, conducting in-ranks inspections, physical readiness training and counseling. Students also learned about various Army programs and policies, risk management and techniques for addressing different problems Soldiers may experience.

Upon completion of the academy, Soldiers get the opportunity to speak with senior NCOs who mentor and encourage students who want to further their careers in the Army as an NCO.

The most recent academy class received visits from Sgt. Maj. Robert Hill, an aircraft maintenance senior sergeant, Headquarters Support Company, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd CAB, of Chicago, Ill., and Sgt. Maj. James Johnson, aircraft maintenance senior sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd CAB, of Florence, Mont., who stressed the importance of integrity.

"Breaking bad habits is the hardest thing to do during the transition from specialist to sergeant," Johnson said to junior Soldiers. He told the future leaders that their behavior directly influences and is reinforced by your Soldiers.

Many of the junior Soldiers serve or will serve as a leader even before they are promoted to the rank of a NCO.

"Do the right thing no matter who is looking," said Hill. "You can be a leader at all levels, right now is the time to start leading within the platoon, squad, etc. You're going to have good and bad days, and it's important to lean on each other."

The guest speakers emphasized ways to stay motivated, the importance of taking a leadership role now as well as shared their personal experience with students on how they achieved success throughout the NCO ranks.

The aim of the Talon Academy is ensure all junior enlisted Soldiers have the same starting point to learn the importance and the responsibilities of a NCO.



Pfc. John LeGates, Headquarters Support Company, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, inspects Spc. Charles Campbell, Aviation Life Support Equipment Support Technician, Company D, 4th Aerial Reconnaissance Battalion (Attack), 2nd Aviation Regiment during in-ranks inspection training on Aug 7 at Camp Humphreys.



Korean and American military members came together while taking a break from the Ulchi Freedom Guardian exercise to celebrate a common bond; their religious beliefs. The members of the church choir sing during a combined church service Aug. 25 near Korean air base G510.

STRONG ALLIANCE GROWS STRONGER IN FAITH

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On a hill top outside of the Republic of Korea Army Aviation Operations Command, members of the Korean and American military come together while taking a break from the Ulchi Freedom-Guardian exercise to celebrate a common bond; their religious beliefs. Sitting side-by-side in the full church, cultural gaps between the two disappear as the service begins with songs of praise.

Members of the ROK and U.S. soldiers attended a combined worship service in the Beseon Aviation Church near the Korean AAOC Aug. 25 with the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade participates in the annual peninsula-wide exercise, UFG. The Soldiers were given the opportunity to attend the religious service of their choosing during the exercise.

While a particular type of spirituality does not matter, being spiritual seems to make one more resilient. Religion or faith can provide people a way to cope with some of life's most difficult situations and challenges. The faithful believe there is something larger than themselves.

"Researchers have found that spiritual people have decreased odds of attempting

suicide and that spiritual fitness has a positive impact on quality of life, coping and mental health," said (Ret.) Brig. Gen. Rhonda Cornum, born in Dayton, Ohio and director of the U.S. Army's Comprehensive Soldier Fitness until her recent retirement.

The service began with the Soldiers singing welcoming hymns as the attendees settled into their seats and began to sing along.

"It was a blessing for me to be able to participate and I feel lucky to have met so many new spiritual brethren," said Capt. Jack C. Myers, from Leavenworth, Kan., and assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

Not only did the service feature U.S. Soldiers singing but the 2nd CAB chaplain, Maj. Insoon Hoagland, from Grand Rapids, Mich. and currently assigned to HHC, 2nd CAB, was the guest speaker during the service. Since she is a woman of both cultures, she was able to conduct the sermon in both Korean and English.

"This is the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice," said Hoagland. "In Korean culture the number 60 is very important. When someone turns 60, a large ceremony is held in the spirit of renewing their spirit and them living a long life. I was very honored to be able to deliver the sermon and celebrate this renewal in our two countries' alliance."

After the service, the ROK hosts provided lunch and coffee for their guest. Sharing a meal gave everyone an opportunity to meet others who shared their faith and reach across the cultural barriers.

"It was nice to meet Koreans who shared my faith and be able to sit and talk," said Myers. "It made me realize just how close our people really are."

As the American Soldiers said goodbye to their new friends and loaded onto the bus to head back to their temporary home, the smiles on their faces made it clear that these Soldiers enjoyed themselves. A strong alliance became stronger. They may not see many of their faithful friends again after 2nd CAB returns to Camp Humphreys but the memory of their newly discovered shared belief will continue to reside in their hearts and minds.



Army Ch. (Maj.) Insoon Hoagland delivers the sermon during a combined church service Aug. 25 near Korean air base G510. This was the first time Americans have been invited to give the sermon.



Capt. Jack C. Myers sings hymns during a combined church service Aug. 25 near Korean air base G510.



Medics from 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, carry a simulated casualty to a UH-60 Helicopter for air evacuation during the Task Force Wilson training exercise on Camp Casey Aug. 20. Medics from 210th Fires Brigade continually develop and maintain their combat readiness to support the brigade's "Fight Tonight" readiness.



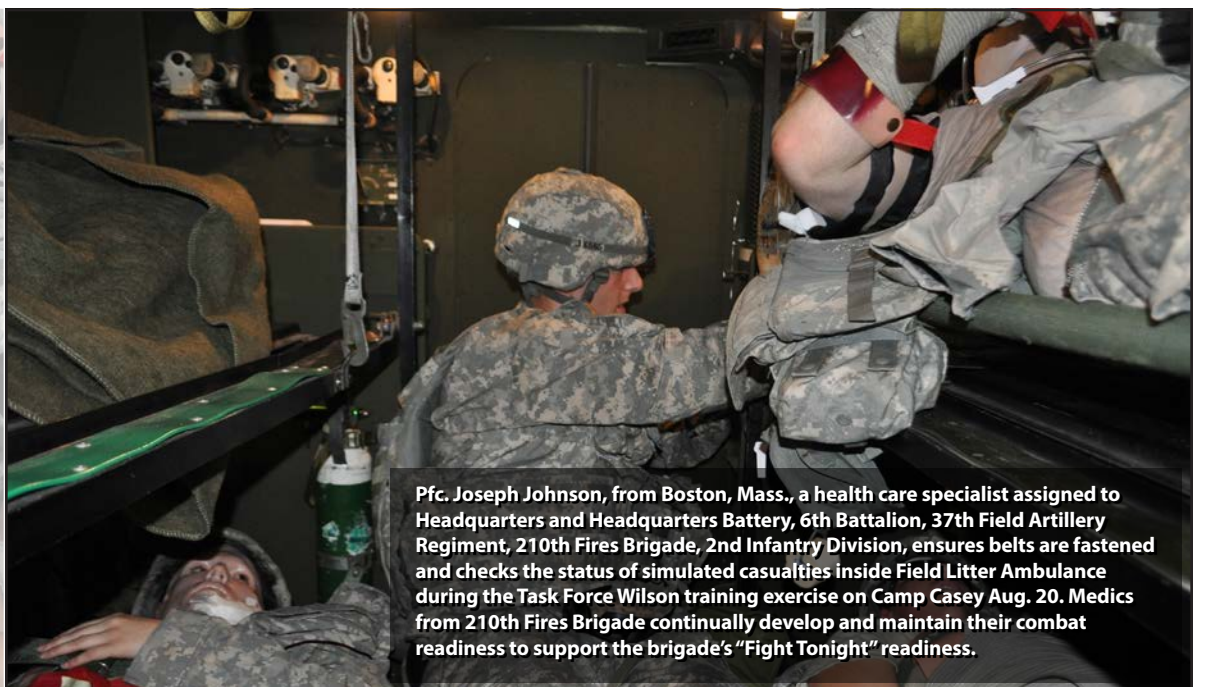
MEDICAL TRAINING SUPPORTS BRIGADE'S FIGHT TONIGHT READINESS



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While the sun is blazing down and raising the temperature, a voice cries "Help!" Soon, medics gather around the Soldier and provide immediate medical treatment. They are the 210th Fires Brigade's medics conducting medical training.

Health care specialists from 210th Fires Bde., 2nd Infantry Division, conducted casualty evacuation operations both on ground and in the air during the Task Force Wilson exercise on Camps Casey and Stanley Aug. 21. The exercise is a four-day



Pfc. Joseph Johnson, from Boston, Mass., a health care specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, ensures belts are fastened and checks the status of simulated casualties inside Field Litter Ambulance during the Task Force Wilson training exercise on Camp Casey Aug. 20. Medics from 210th Fires Brigade continually develop and maintain their combat readiness to support the brigade's "Fight Tonight" readiness.

event to train and evaluate Soldiers performing proper medical care.

Medics conducted ground casualty evacuation by ambulance and casualty exchange with 65th Medical Brigade in the morning and air casualty evacuation using UH-60 Black Hawk Helicopters in the afternoon.

Soldiers were challenged with real-life scenarios providing immediate medical treatment and evacuating them as fast as possible for higher level treatment by ground and in the air.

Since most medics with the field artillery don't get the chance to train with the air support, this exercise was a good opportunity for them to experience helicopter evacuation procedure, along with learning how to work with the equipment and crew.

"Soldiers can learn how to load the patient and take commands from the pilots and chiefs in the helicopter," said Staff Sgt. Hector Maldonado, from Puerto Rico, the 210th Fires Bde. Combined Troop Aid Station noncommissioned officer in charge. "They can learn the different roles of everybody that are involved in a whole medical operation."

According to Capt. Adhana McCarthy, from Long Beach, Calif., the 210th Fires Bde. physician assistant, this exercise was more beneficial than other medical training because they were able to focus entirely on medical missions.

"A lot of times we go out to the field training, we support other missions, and we can only do a little bit of our medical tasks," said McCarthy. "This time, we are able to focus on specific medical tasks. It's all medical all the time."

The training was based on real-life scenarios; some Soldiers had some difficulties with that.

"The hardest part was basically remembering everything we were taught, and actually putting it into real life situations," said Pfc. Joseph Johnson, from Boston, Mass., a health care specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Bde.

On the other hand, Spc. Andrew Caywood, from Los Angeles, Calif., a health care specialist assigned to HHB, 1st Bn., 38th Field Artillery Regt., 210th Fires Bde., said the hands-on training made the exercise more enjoyable because that is the best way to get better at his job.

"Through this training, I am learning my own limitations, the limitations of my teammates, battle buddies and what we are good at," said Caywood. "We try to know each other's strengths and weaknesses, so we can work as a team."

Throughout the exercise, the medics also trained to evacuate patients in chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear environments, and decontamination.

"This exercise aims for combining all assets to respond to different types of medical situations and emergencies: MASCAL [a larger group of casualties to evaluate injuries], evacuation on ground, evacuation in air, and also medical treatment and decontamination if it is an NBC environment," said Maldonado.

McCarthy believes this training truly prepares the medics to support the brigade.

"Soldiers expect medics to be able to perform for them," said McCarthy. "This is the training that gives them that ability, to know how to make those medical decisions on the battlefield," she added.

By training for exercise Task Force Wilson, the medics of 210th Fires Brigade increase their combat readiness to "Fight Tonight."



THUNDER COUPLE CELEBRATES MILESTONE



**STORY BY
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Being a dual-military couple, a Soldier married to another Soldier, can be challenging. One couple from 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division took the time to celebrate an important milestone together.

Army Capt. Jessica Linney, the brigade judge advocate and a native of Warwick, R.I., surprised her husband, Maj. Jeremy Linney, the 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment operations officer, from Ticonderoga, N.Y., by honoring the 20th anniversary of his enlistment at the Warrior Mission Planning and Rehearsal Complex on Camp Casey Aug. 26.

"He has given half of his life to the Army, and it was important to recognize that," Jessica said, describing the significance of the day.

In the 210th Fires Bde. response cell for Uchi Freedom Guardian, Jeremy prepared to take over operations for the night shift. As he looked at the big screen, he saw an old photo of himself instead of the battle update. Then he realized Jes-

sica was standing next to him with a cake.

"It was a good surprise. It's always good when my wife can break away from her busy schedule," said Jeremy.

Despite the hardships of both serving their country, including being stationed on different continents, Jeremy and Jessica both appreciate the unique common bond they share.

"It's rewarding because he understand what I do," said Jessica. "We joke about how we are the only couple that sits around the dinner table and argues about doctrine."

Jeremy has already served 20 years with the Army, but he isn't planning to retire any time soon.

"I will do this as long as I love it, and I still love it," he said. Sharing his service with his wife makes it even more enjoyable.

"I love Korea, and the fact we get to be here together makes it even better," he added.

The Soldiers of 210th Fires Bde. are the center of the organization, and strong families are the solid base on which Soldiers build the strength and resilience to enhance readiness.

2ID CELEBRATES WOMEN'S EQUALITY



Korean Army Sgt. Maj. Yoon Sung-ji, noncommissioned officer in-charge, Section of Women Soldier's Policy, Department of Administration and Welfare, Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defense (MND) is posing for a group photo with the U.S. Soldiers. Yoon was invited as a guest speaker in celebration of the Women's Equality day.

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Women have come a long way throughout American history, especially when they were granted the right to vote on Aug. 26, 1920 with the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. According to the amendment, 'the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex' and 'congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.' This day became Women's Equality Day, which people commemorate the granting of women to vote throughout the country on an equal basis with men.

The 2nd infantry Division also celebrated Women's Equality Day on Aug. 26 at the Camp Red Cloud Theatre by commemorating some of the great sacrifices women made in the fight for the vote.

The guest speaker that spoke at this ceremony was Korean Army Sgt. Maj. Yoon Sung-ji, noncommissioned officer in-charge, Section of Women Soldier's Policy, Department of Administration and Welfare, Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defense (MND).

She spoke about her military experience and about the history of women ROK soldiers.

"My (military occupational specialty) is infantry and I started my military service quite different from other female soldiers," said Yoon. "I decided to walk on the distinct pathway of military service getting the same training as male soldiers such as airborne, rappel, special-skilled fire and anti-terror exercise."

Even though Korean women were first allowed to vote May 10, 1948, the opportunities for female ROK soldiers are slowly emerging for leadership positions in comparison to their male counterparts.

"Assigned as the first female discipline noncommissioned officer, the first female drill sergeant and the first female company commander as an noncommissioned officer, I had to endure all kinds of hardships that I

encountered due to the title, the first female," said Yoon. "I had to demonstrate that female soldiers possess the same capabilities as do male soldiers, but this period was hard for me. My philosophy was that I would become the best as I pushed myself to the limit in order to gain the recognition from the military community."

In contrast to female American Soldiers, marriage of female ROK soldiers wasn't allowed until 1984 and having children was allowed in 1988. Yoon told the audience that having a family creates more hardships.

"My kid was raised with the help of my cousins, friends, relatives, and coworkers until his first grade and he literally had 9 mothers on behalf of my role as a parent," said Yoon. "Due to responsibility and commitment as a female soldier, I couldn't imagine my personal life when selected as the first class of drill sergeants. In addition, I couldn't help but give up having a child for the three-year term of drill sergeant."

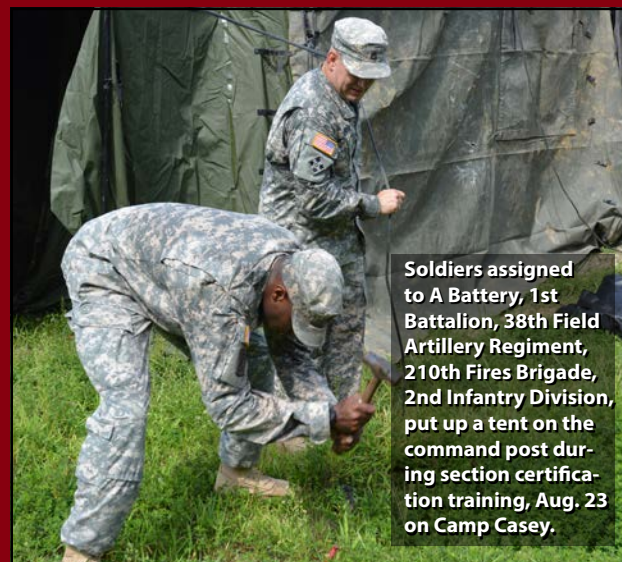
Looking upon her experiences Yoon illustrates the sense that there are no differences in sex; female soldiers are not inferior to male soldiers; they are equal.

Male and Female soldiers in both armies have the hardships of being away from family during training and deployments. "There are no advantages or disadvantages for female Soldiers, we are treated the same," said Sgt. 1st Class. Karen Lassiter, Equal Opportunity noncommissioned officer. "The same disadvantage for both male and female Soldiers is spending less time with their family or children."

It is never easy to raise a child especially for Soldiers. Soldiers sacrifices, such as time away from family, are recognized amongst the American society.

"Even though you and I are from different nations, we are the soldiers who defend for our beloved nation and pursuing the same idea," said Yoon. "Anyone can think of the military as a career, but not everyone can overcome and accomplish this job."

Women's history in both alliances has come a long way for equal treatment of female and male Soldiers in the military to train and prepare to be ready to fight tonight.



Soldiers assigned to A Battery, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, put up a tent on the command post during section certification training, Aug. 23 on Camp Casey.



JUNIOR DURING



SOLDIERS CERTIFY ON MULTIPLE LAUNCH ROCK SYSTEM



**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Establishing section cohesion is vital to a unit and its mission especially here in Korea with the rapid personnel turnover rate.

Soldiers from A Battery, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division conducted section certification training Aug. 23 on Camp Casey which qualifies them to participate in upcoming live-fire exercises.

“We are practicing in the table five certification for multiple launch rocket system operation fire-direction specialists,” said Staff Sgt. Justin Juada, of Houston, Texas, a multiple launch rocket system operation, fire direction specialist assigned to A Battery. “In that, we setup our full battery operations center, establish voice and digital communication, and get ready to fight tonight if we need to.”

The battery operations center sole responsibility is to pass on pertinent information received from battalion down to the multiple launch

rocket systems in order to complete the fire mission process.

Not only is it important to train and quickly complete duties, but it is important to correctly interpret and communicate information to accurately engage or destroy targets to minimize collateral damage

“We have to know our job to contribute to the unit missions,” said Juada. “The training is very important because I just got here in July and the rest of my crew has been in country for less than 90 days. So right now we are going over our crew drills, which pretty much outline what each and every Soldier is responsible for during setup operations.”

The training is informative and structured to ensure Soldiers are proficient in their job.

According to Juada, the training provides Soldiers a chance to get familiar with the equipment like the Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System or SINCGARS radios, computers and basic setup of the battery operation post. At the end of each task they complete an after action review to see what they could have done better.

When A Battery Soldiers conduct training,

their strengths outshine their weaknesses but in their minds, weaknesses always stick with them the most.

“We need to cut our setup time down,” said Pfc. Matthew Gonzales, a Alamosa, Colo. native, also a multiple launch rocket system operation/fire direction specialist assigned to A Battery. “We have to get quicker and more proficient in each task.”

Each section is required to complete this training 30 days prior to going to the field.

“I look forward to going to field and shooting,” said Gonzales. “We get to go out to the field a little more here and train on things that will better us as a unit.”

There is no other place on the globe where the potential for large-scale, full-spectrum conflict exists on a daily basis like it does on the Korean Peninsula. As the only permanently forward-deployed MLRS unit in the Army, the brigade maintains constant “fight tonight” readiness. Despite a challenging training and manning cycle, the unit completed multiple live fire qualifications, including a joint MLRS live fire with the Republic of Korea 2000th Artillery.

OFFICER EXCELS MAJOR EXERCISE



**STORY BY
SGT ANGE DESINOR
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Entering the Army can be a life-changing experience. Undergoing this process itself can be uncertain; one can be ready for the steep learning curve or acquiring a high level of expertise in a short amount of time.

Army 2nd Lt. Jeremy Tomaino, an ammunition platoon leader from Battery B 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division proved he had what it takes to be an Army officer by his successful performance during Ulchi Freedom Guardian, an annual peninsula-wide training exercise in August 17- 29.

Tomaino’s job during the exercise was Master Scenario Event List Cell Scripter and Editor. He overlooked and made sure that all scenarios relates to the exercise before approving them to be interjected in the system. This was the first military training exercise for the Cincinnati native who has only served in the military for less than two years and was given a challenge at a higher level.

“His [Tomaino] job would be equivalent of someone that would have at least eight years experience,” said Army Maj. Rizaldo L. Salvador, a Cleveland native, an exercise planner in the United States Forces of Korea Combined Joint Forces. “He’s done an outstanding job, he holds his ground, and he grasps the concept of his job fast and is able to perform his duties without being supervised.”

Tomaino’s experience during the exercise has helped him understand the importance of U.S. joint forces being stationed in and partnered with Korea.

“My experience in the UFG 13 has given me a greater understanding of how important it is for U.S. Forces to be here and help protect Korea,” said Tomaino. “I have a greater understanding of how operations and decisions are made from the top and brought down to

the subordinates command.”

Tomaino’s role required that he work with a group of Republic of Korea Soldiers.

“I worked with a very talented and experienced group,” said Tomaino. “During the exercise, I never felt that our mission or priorities were separate. We depended on each other and we were able to successfully complete our mission.”

The experience has given Tomaino the opportunity to grow at an advanced level and enhance his leadership skills while working with his counterparts.

“Ulchi Freedom Guardian is a critical Alliance exercise to sustain the readiness of the Republic of Korea, U.S. Forces and the Sending State Forces,” said Gen. James D. Thurman, commander, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea. “It is based on realistic scenarios and enables us to train on our essential tasks with a whole of government approach.”

The UFG training, originally called Ulchi Focus Lens, is a regularly scheduled peninsula-wide exercise.

UFG is one of the largest computer simulation-aided military exercises in the world.

With the evolving mission, the aim of UFG is to improve participating units’ readiness in order to maintain stability of the Korean Peninsula. UFG is planned months in advance and is not connected to any current world event.

“I’m grateful to have had the opportunity to train with our Alliance and be prepared to fight tonight,” said Tomaino.

After accepting the challenge and being successful in the UFG exercise, Tomaino can walk away with his head held high and being ultimately prepared to fight tonight.

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



U.S. Army Soldiers, U.S. civilian, Republic of Korea Army soldiers, and ROK civilian pose for a group photo, after all their hard work for Ulchi Freedom Guardian.
(Photo by: Sgt. Nicole Hall 2nd CAB PAO)

REINVIGORATING THE 8-STEP



PART 1 OF A 2 PART SERIES
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DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL - MANEUVER

For years, the Army has emphasized the importance of our Army's 8-Step Training Model to operationalize qualitative and realistic training. This seemingly antiquated yet simple model presents a superb organizing function to produce sustainable, maintainable, realistic, and quality training with the "fight tonight" mentality that our Soldiers deserve everyday in our great Army. In reinvigorating this model back into the division, I'll start with this article as the baseline and in the next edition, I will provide salient examples for our junior leaders, (officer and noncommissioned officers) to think about and apply in training and operations.

The clearest demonstration that we do not fully understand the substance and value of the 8-Step Training Model is that our company, battery, troop training schedules list a continuous string of Step 6s (Execute the Training) with a few Step 7s (Conduct an After Action Review) added here and there. By constantly jumping from Execution (Step 6) to Execution (Step 6), we continuously produce, and subsequently accept, substandard training that becomes simply a rush to a lesser standard.

For years we have been told by senior leaders "to do less is better." The 8-Step Training Model, which is constantly reinforced by the division commander, Warrior 6, provides an outstanding method to achieve the "train as you will fight" training principal and focus on standards, fundamentals, adaptability, and sustainability all the while conducting multi-echelon and concurrent training across the War Fighting Functions. If we devote the necessary time for Steps 1-5, then we will do less and we will do it better.

Step 1 (Planning the Training) The initial work begins with understanding where to find the resources to plan the training. Often our leaders follow a pre-set plan without accounting for the changes in threat, resources, Soldiers, and our Army. Regrettably, they also often plan only the directed, without capitalizing on the opportunity to train other key collective tasks at the same time using multiple resources – what can our medics do during gunnery; what else can our gunners train while sitting in their vehicles; will the S2, company or battalion security section, continually modify their assessments due to the type and number of targets seen and destroyed?

The Department of the Army standardizes brigade and above Mission Essential Task Lists (METLs), while battalions and companies develop their METLs to support their brigade METL; thus, the battalion's mission drives the focus of company training by focusing on the battalion commander's developed list of key collective tasks. What is your unit mission and what key collective tasks have you developed?

Commanders and subordinate leaders must have a proper understanding of their METL through the use of the Army Training Network which replaced Field Manual 7-1, Battle Focused Training. Furthermore, our Army has brought forth numerous resources to allow units to conduct Decisive Action Operations not only through battalion-level gunneries, but also through Live, Virtual, Constructive, and Gaming (LVCG) Constructs.

Subsequently, commanders and their subordinate officers and senior NCOs write 13 weeks of training schedules for the next quarter as part of the Quarterly Training Brief process. This deliberate process accounts for all available training time and logically details the resources required to achieve our training objectives for each event e.g., Assembly Area Operations, Sergeant's Time Training, Physical Readiness Training, Close Combat Tactical Trainer, etc., with doctrine as the foundation.

As the NCOs train individuals, crews, and small teams, the training schedules are reviewed each week during

company level training meetings and then, with assistance from the Army Training Network, we lock-in resources at least four weeks from the training event. But Step 1 is a continuous process.

Steps 2-5 are accomplished in the final four weeks.

Step 2 (Train the Trainers) is the step that ensures leaders understand the training objectives and the resources; time, training aids, devices, simulators, and simula-

tions, required to achieve the training objectives across the METL. Just because an individual is in a particular leadership position, we should not assume that they are adequately trained in the tasks they are going to conduct; we must certify them.

Some common examples of train the trainer in our division range from driver's training to weapons Preliminary Marksmanship Instruction (PMI) to Sexual Harassment/



Assault Response/Prevention (SHARP) Awareness, or certification of the evaluators for gunnery skill testing.

Step 3 (Reconnoiter the Site) is critical for two reasons. First, this step ensures the training site is appropriate for the training objective. As the land in any battlefield continually changes, the land and environment are constantly changing in the Republic of Korea (ROK). It is important that we understand how to maximize the use of the land, we have options for alternative sites, and inform others when, how, and any changes to the land or resources occur, whether it be division, our ROK partners, or our ROK communities.

Step 4 (Issue the Order) should occur at the weekly training meeting. This face-to-face meeting allows subordinate leaders to issue their confirmation brief to the commander which ensures these leaders understand purpose and direction of the order, and are prepared to start proper rehearsals.

Step 5 (Rehearse the Training) is the most critical step in the process. Collective task proficiency results from developing tactical and technical, individual, leader, and lower-level collective skills through instruction and repetition – achieving muscle memory is critical in many tasks.

The biggest training management improvement we can make in our great division is to ensure we detail Steps 2-5 on our training schedules to ensure we are continually developing collective task proficiency. It is obvious that each of these steps takes time and should therefore be listed on our training schedules.

Step 6 (Execute the Training) The first requirement for this is the conditions check prior to the beginning of the

Step 7 (AAR the Training) occurs at a scheduled time within and after the training event. Our leaders need to start getting away from achieving the number of sustains and improves written down after the event, and start conducting a productive discussion on what the unit did well and how to maintain/improve Tactics, Techniques and Procedures that contributed to the success or failure of that key task while maintaining esprit de corps.

Step 8 (Retrain as Required) is the product of Step 7 and is scheduled based on priorities established by our METL. Since Step 8 Training Events typically occur after Training Schedules are approved by the battalion-level commander, that commander must approve those changes. However, it is critical that we assess whether the task was conducted to standard, otherwise the skill set will be recalled inappropriately the next time it is executed.

Second to None!

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The 2nd Infantry Division is the last remaining permanently forward-stationed division in the US Army. The 2nd ID mission is to deter aggression and maintain peace on the Korean Peninsula; and if deterrence fails, “Fight Tonight” in support of the US-Republic of Korea Alliance.



Train the Trainers

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AAR the Training

Retrain as Required

SENIOR LEADERS MENTORS SOLDIERS TO BE SUCCESSFUL



Staff Sgt. Alberto Castillo, a Houston native, noncommissioned officer in Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, mentors Staff Sgt. Blake W. Sachs from Company A, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Inf. Div., during the Equal Opportunity Leaders Course.



STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Everyone has their own definition and style of mentorship. Mentorship can be defined as a personal developmental relationship in which a more experienced and knowledgeable person guides someone with their knowledge on different subjects.

The following insight is from two noncommissioned officers who use different approaches to mentorship and the development of peers and subordinates.

Staff Sgt. Alberto Castillo, a Houston native, an Equal Opportunity Advisor in Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, talks about how mentorship is the cornerstone for our organization.

"Mentorship is a necessary practice to design our military," said Castillo. "It cannot be forced, nor can it be replicated to meet the expectations in the military. To be successful, mentoring must be genuine and come from the heart."

In today's Army, it is critical that Soldiers and leaders alike understand the significance of mentoring Soldiers. "Through mentorship we establish common goals and expectations in not only the execution of our daily objectives, but also in how we coexist and grow as an Army family team," said Castillo. "By mentoring, we as experienced leaders, provide a foothold by which we secure the future development of Soldiers."

Mentorship is the most effective approach to coaching Soldiers through personal growth and career field development. Critical to this process is the ability and the willingness to lead from the front with consistency.

"Whether you are a commissioned or noncommissioned officer, it is an inherent responsibility to provide mentorship and guidance to our junior enlisted Soldiers and aspiring leaders with a role-model for them to emulate," said Castillo.

Mentorship is a deliberate program through which experienced leaders pass on applied knowledge and critical experience to the lesser experienced. "Without mentorship, we would have no future and without a future we become obsolete," said Castillo.

Key to mentorship is the establishment of a professional bond between leader and Soldier. Other keys are the trust and confidence between them. Although some programs are designed to match Soldiers with mentors, it is a Soldier's responsibility to seek a compatible mentor in order to ensure a productive and successful learning experience. Mentoring a less experienced Soldier can be a rewarding experience full of life lessons but also the start of a lifelong bond like no other.

"My experience with mentors has undoubtedly set a

lasting imprint on my growth and development as a Soldier and a leader," said Castillo. "I encourage all Soldiers to engage with their leaders and seek the one-of-a-kind bond we call mentorship."

Master Sgt. Deon Mosspondyore, a St. Croix, Virgin Islands native and a supply sergeant with Company B, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, describes what mentorship means to her. She said the Noncommissioned Officer Corps embodies what a mentor should be: a teacher, trainer and a leader.

"As a Senior NCO, I believe it is critical that we provide purpose, direction, and motivation to subordinates and peers to positively reinforce the Army values," said Mosspondyore. "A mentor inspires and provides guidance to improve and develop the individual being mentored personally and professionally."

"A mentor should always be available and prepared to listen and provide recommendation and feedback if needed," said Mosspondyore. Always remember you are important and critical in the development and success of the individuals that depend on you. With excellent mentorship, we can create holistic future leaders that will be prepared to lead our military in the future.

Mosspondyore and Castillo both use different approaches to mentorship. Their unique ways of mentoring and developing Soldiers helps shape and develop future leaders to continue to build a stronger Army.



Army Master Sgt. Deon Mosspondyore a St. Croix, Virgin Islands native, a noncommissioned officer in-charge from Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion poses for a photo at the Freeman Hall August 5, Camp Red Cloud.



Spc. Joe Duncan Jr. (left) shows Pvt. Dejon Stewart (right), both of Company C, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion how to register his volunteer hours on the computer on Aug 29 on Camp Humphreys.

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STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Many Soldiers spend their free time playing video games and watching television. Most leaders encourage Soldiers not to retreat to their barracks rooms, but to go out and learn about the Republic of Korea. Volunteering is a great way to see Korea, experience the culture, meet natives and other Soldiers.

Spc. Joe Duncan Jr., a satellite transmission operator from Gila Bend, Ariz., Company C, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, is known around 602nd ASB as the official point of contact for all volunteers. He teaches Soldiers how to log volunteer hours, and updates the battalion on upcoming volunteer opportunities.

At Duncan's previous assignment, Fort Gordon, he was awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for developing a volunteer program in his unit. Having already received an MOVSM did not stop him from continuing to donate his time.

"I continue to volunteer because it makes life



Volunteers sit on a corner in Osan during a Troops for Trash event on Aug. 17. Spc. Duncan climbed a mountain with the rest of the volunteers in Songtan after picking up trash in the streets.



Spc. Joe Duncan Jr., Company C, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, poses in his company area for a photo on Aug 29 at Camp Humphreys.

TO VOLUNTEERING

more meaningful," Duncan said. "I love to give back by helping others and you make a lot of friends too. This is my first time in Korea, I don't know if I'll be back, so I'm going to enjoy myself as much as I can."

Currently, Duncan volunteers weekly with the Korean-American Partnership Association, an organization committed to fostering goodwill and relationships between the United States and ROK. This program, KAPA is primarily known for the Troops for Trash program; it's a program in which Korean youth from local schools volunteer alongside service members from Osan Air Base and Camp Humphreys picking up trash in the community. KAPA also has a conversational English program, where service members teach Koreans English.

When Duncan is not volunteering with KAPA, he supports the Camp Humphreys Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers program.

"There is rarely a conversation that I have with Spc. Duncan in which we do not discuss

upcoming volunteer opportunities, success of past events, MOVSM recipients, or ways to further improve battalion participation," said 1st Lt. Jon P. Darrenkamp, executive officer for Headquarters Support Company, 602nd ASB.

Participation in local events is important to keep the Alliance strong between the ROK and the United States. Volunteering alongside of and in support of our host nation is a huge opportunity, that all Soldiers can experience.

Being stationed in Korea is often a young Soldiers' first time away from family and out of their home country, which can become stressful. Soldiers such as Duncan continuously encourage Soldiers to get involved

"What is most admirable about Duncan is that he is not just a conduit for information about volunteer opportunities, he actually participates in the events," said Darrenkamp. "His dedication to his position, as well as the selfless service he commits not only to the community, but also his fellow Soldiers, is the example to be followed by others."

SPOUSES' COLUMN

MILITARY PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY

STORY BY
DOREEN VANDAL
WARRIOR COUNTRY SPOUSE

Hello 2nd Infantry Division Families and welcome to Korea. My name is Doreen Vandal and my husband is the new commanding general of the 2nd Inf. Div. I just wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you something about our family.

I was born in Rhode Island, where I lived for my first 22 years. I met my husband and moved with him to Fort Sill, Oklahoma in 1982. I forgave him for that and we are now celebrating 30 years of marriage this October. We have three sons, all on active duty. Our oldest son is a Marine captain, our middle son is an Army first lieutenant and our youngest son is an ensign in the Navy. We are very proud of them.

Did you know that less than 1 percent of eligible Americans choose to serve our nation in the military? As a Army Family, that makes us a very special segment of our population.

I am always inspired by the young spouses who brave the unknown, time and time again to follow their active duty family member to unfamiliar places. You have to be strong, resilient, flexible and adventurous.

Although moving can be a stressful time, we have learned that "attitude" makes all the difference. We have always looked at Permanent Change of Station (PCS) moves as an adventure; an opportunity to try something new. Whether that's new food, a new language, or a new place to explore, being positive can help make any situation more enjoyable.

We have lived all over the world, from Texas to Germany to Washington State and many places in between. We have been to rattle snake roundups, hiked up glaciers, had Glühwein at a Christkindlmarkt (Christmas market) and visited the Smithsonian museums. How many of my childhood friends can say that?

Our military life has afforded us so many opportunities, but as we all know, it's not always easy. After 14 PCS moves, the first thing we do upon arrival is check out Army Community Service (ACS); and I did when we arrived here, less than 3 months ago. The ACS office provided me with information such as a welcome packet, which included a sign-up sheet for the Newcomer's Orientation tour and to learn about the Korean culture.

We don't have a car yet, so I've been walking everywhere. The Transportation Class was a big help and now I know about taxis, buses and trains. I have a T-Money card, a transportation card used to pay for transportation fares, and I know how to use it. I've taken the train from Camp Red Cloud to Seoul and Itaewon to Insadong.

I've signed up for free language classes in September. I'm getting involved with the community by volunteering; it's a great way to meet people too.

I have had bulgogi barbecue and kimchi, kimbap and galbi. I didn't always know what I was eating, but I knew it was worth trying.

I'm not much of a shopper, but I've wandered through some of the local shops and browsed the impressive malls.

I plan to hike, starting with the Seoul Tower, an observation tower in Seoul. I'm also looking forward to hiking some of the beautiful mountains around Seoul.

There is a great bike path along the Han River, so on the next sunny day, I'll be out catching some rays, getting a little exercise and making some new Korean friends.

I'm sure, like all our previous assignments, this will be the best one yet.

What will you do with your time in the Land of the Morning Calm?

DIRTY JOBS



STORY BY
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The Army is known for creating individuals who are tough enough to endure some of the harshest conditions. While in those conditions, getting dirty is well, the name of the job.

Combat engineers typically know their job and the filth that follows a successful mission. These specialized Soldiers experience the Army in a variety of ways. Some build bridges; others use specialized equipment and vehicles to detect and disarm bombs during route clearing missions in combat zones.

The combat engineers in Company C, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, received a new tool for their toolbox; six new tools to be exact. The Spartan engineers fielded the only Assault Breacher Vehicles on the peninsula., Pfc. Satta Walcott, a Kansas City, Mo., native was one of the first Company C Soldiers to receive training on the new vehicles.

"I've been in the Army less than a year," said Walcott. "Within those eight months, I became one of the first six drivers of the Assault Breacher Vehicles here in Korea."

The ABV increases the combat engineers mission capabilities significantly by reducing the time it takes to clear minefields and the increased speed allows for

the vehicle to move with the maneuver elements.

But this young Soldier only knows about the speed and agility of the new vehicle.

"I can't speak on the old combat engineering vehicles because that was before my time but, I've been training with the ABV for the last six months," said Walcott. "I learned that the significant weight reduction and increased speed helps to keep up with the fighting force. There was a time where the main elements had to wait on the engineers to come from the rear to clear obstacles and that took time. Then what used to take hours to do [clearing minefields] takes less than an hour now."

Taking less time to clear the minefield minimizes the exposure time for all elements on the battlefield, reducing the risks and potential of receiving casualties from enemy contact.

The Spartan engineers went through a five-month training cycle dedicated to learn how to operate the ABVs with precision.

"(At first) learning how to drive the ABV was kind of a difficult for me because I can only compare it to my car, and I haven't seen a steering wheel yet on this vehicle" said Walcott. "But all jokes aside, the ABV is one of the best resources we combat engineers can have. Through cameras and other technology inside, we can see pretty much everything around us. Once we learn how to handle this [ABV], we become that much more effective for everyone else around us."



MOS 12B – Combat Engineer

Along with providing the capability to see most of the battlefield; the ABV can dig through ground roughly up to two feet; pushing mines or improvised explosive devices to the side. This helps the combat engineers clear safe paths for ground forces and maneuver elements.

"Before I got here, I didn't know what the ABV was," said Walcott. "But now, I'm glad that I'm operating one. I know at some point I will get a chance to save a life with my actions all because of the training I received here."

Walcott and the Spartan engineers continue to improve their proficiency on the ABVs as the unit tares through the dirt and train on simulated minefields. Their continued training and the success of the vehicle can eventually clear path for other combat engineer units to receive the ABV.

My Korea, My Life

A brief insight into Soldiers, Civilians and Family members in Warrior Country

Many U.S. Soldiers are being deployed abroad. Some Soldiers might be sad to be far away from their hometown, but living in Korea can be more enjoyable than they think.

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Carle, from Tecate, Calif., the 210th Fires Brigade sexual assault response coordinator, is a Soldier who has been deployed to Korea for a long time.

In the beginning of his career, he didn't expect to come to Korea; however, since joining the Army, Carle has been deployed to Korea twice for a total of 10 years.

"I originally joined the Army as a high school student in the summer between my junior and senior years of high school. The reason was simply to have a summer job," said Carle. "I guess I didn't realize at the moment that the summer job was going to be Army boot camp."

After adjusting to the culture of the Army, Carle had a challenge to learn a new culture all together.

"When I came to Korea for the first time, my main difficulties were related to communication," he said.

So, Carle worked hard to learn more about Korea and Korean culture. He was never afraid to make Korea more of a home to him than just an assignment.

"One of my first college classes during my first deployment to Korea was Hangul and I took three more classes after that," he said. "I started attending a Korean church and made many friends that really enjoyed sharing with me about the Korean culture."

He has grown to like Korea particularly because of three things: food, people and mountains.

"You can always count on someone helping you find your way, even when there may be a language barrier.

People are kind and generally respectful," he said. "There is always a mountain to climb here in Korea and paired with that, you will always find a nice stream of water to relax and enjoy a nice cold cup of Makgeolli."

Carle enjoys traveling and seeing new places in Korea. Even though he has been in Korea for years, he thinks there is so much more to discover.

Another thing that only Soldiers in Korea can experience is working with Korean Augmentation to the United States Army soldiers. These are Korean soldiers who work alongside American Soldiers. Carle says he is lucky to have that chance.

"I have always enjoyed working with KATUSAs," he said. "I actually still keep in touch with many KATUSAs that have come and gone who are now productive members of Korean society."

Carle says having his wife here helped him a lot with living and broadening his experience in Korea.

"My wife introduced me to more friends and a deeper understanding of Korean family style," he said. "I learned a deeper meaning of national holidays, I was able to take part in those, and know traditions."

He has some advice for Soldiers who are new to the country, too. He wants Soldiers not to be afraid to learn something new and enjoy their time.

"Gather up some buddies, including KATUSAs, and head out to explore Korea," he said. "You will not regret it. Instead, you will build everlasting memories that will have true meaning."

Carle considers Korea a memorable and enjoyable place where he has learned so much about himself through experiencing the Korean culture.



Soldiers from 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division takes a group photo at Camp Casey, Korea Sept. 5. (Photo by Cpl. Kim Han-byeol, 210FIB PAO)



WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS



Induction Ceremony

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club/Gin Paik Sun-yup Induction Ceremony and Luncheon is slated to be held at the Commanding Generals mess hall Oct. 10, 2013 at Camp Red Cloud. For more information, contact 1st Sgt. Joseph M. Taylor 010-3132-9829 or Sgt. 1st Class. Bryant, Lynnette K. 010-8009-0450.

Reenlistment

Demilitarization Zone reenlistment Oct. 18 is available to anyone who's window is opened for reenlistment. For more information contact your local career counselor.

Suicide Prevention Month

Mission: Improve readiness through the development and enhancement of the Army Suicide Prevention Program policies designed to minimize suicide behavior; thereby preserving mission effectiveness through individual readiness for Soldiers their Families, and Department of the Army civilians. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1800-273-8255. Press 1 for the Military Crisis Line.

Do you want to "Stay Army?"

Retention priorities and policies are evolving. Contact your local retention office for more details on your career options.

- *Command Career Counselor:*
730-3140 - Sgt. Maj. Christopher Richardson
- *Division Retention Operations:*
730-3139 - Master Sgt. Jeffrey Helmes
730-4134 - Sgt. 1st Class Samine

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- Senior Operations:
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- *1st Armored Brigade Combat Team:*
730-1133 - Sgt. 1st Class Jason Glover
- *2nd Combat Aviation Brigade:*
753-8892 - Master Sgt. Bobby Peters
- *210th Fires Brigade:*
730-2656 - Sgt. 1st Class Micah Mosley
- *HHBN, 2ID:*
730-4131 - Sgt. 1st Class Janine Toomer

Hangul Facebook page

As we strive to embody the Katchi Kapshida mindset, the 2nd Infantry Division wants to share those stories with our Korean allies. We are proud to announce our new Hangul Facebook page. Please visit and share with friends and family at www.facebook.com/pages/주한미군-제2-보병사단-2nd-Infantry-Division-Korean-ver/318145054942383?fref=pb.

Changes to the Army's Early Retirement Option

The new Army Directive 2013-14 Temporary Early Retirement Authority applies to active duty and National Guard Soldiers. Eligible are active duty Soldiers denied continued service as a result of the Qualitative Service Program or non-selection for advancement by promotion selection boards and completed 15 but less than 20 years of service.

Also National Guard Soldiers

denied continued service as a result of a centralized selection board process may be eligible for TERA. Basic requirements may not be waived. For more information, contact your unit personnel office.

Self Structured Development

The latest Army Directive 2013-15 (Noncommissioned Officer Promotions)

This directive establishes Army policies that link completion of structured self development and professional military education courses with promotions under a newly defined select-train-promote methodology applicable to the Army Soldiers.

SSD is required before attaining eligibility for promotions starting with specialists and continuing to get promoted up in ranks.

For more information contact your school's Noncommissioned Officer.

For more information on Army Directive 2013-15 visit: <http://www.ncosupport.com/military-news/promotions-directive.html>.

SHARP

The Sexual Harassment Assault and Response Prevention Program reinforces the Army's commitment to eliminate incidents of sexual assaults through a comprehensive policy that centers on awareness and prevention, training and education, victim advocacy, response, reporting, and accountability. The Army's Policy promotes sensitive care and confidential reporting for victims of sexual assault and accountability for

those who commit these crimes. The Hotline is available 24/7 call DSN 158 or from any phone, 0503-364-5700

SHARP upcoming training events

Sex Signals Training: call 732-8815

See your SARCs for scheduling for Area I: Sept. 16-17, at Casey Theater, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you like helping Soldiers then this is the job for you.

SHARP MTT 80 Course for Areas I & II: Sept. 16-30, Areas III & IV: Sept. 2-16.

The Hotline is available 24/7 call DSN 158 or from any phone, 0503-364-5700.

Attention All SARCs and VAs:

Credentialing deadline is fast approaching. To meet the Oct. 1, credentialing deadline specified in the FY12 National Defense Authorization Act, all SARCs and VAs must submit their completed DoD Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program (D-SAACP) application to the National Organization of Victim Assistance (NOVA) by September 2013.

Equal Opportunity Events

Women's Equality Day Challenge

The 2nd Infantry Division Opportunity Team presents the Women's Equality Day Knowledge Bowl Oct. 8 at the Village Green at 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information please contact SFC Karen Lassiter at 732-6549 or 010-6479-9612.

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated Sep. 15 through Oct. 15.

National Native American Heritage Month begins Nov. 1.

HOLIDAYS ARE COMING UP

October 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 KOREAN ARMED FORCES DAY	2	3 FOUNDATION DAY	4	5
6	7	8	9 HANGUL DAY	10	11	12
13	14 COLUMBUS DAY	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 2ID Birthday
27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN		

November 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



인디언헤드는 사랑을 싣고

입대하고 나서부터 편지 엄청 썼던 것 같은데 이렇게 쓰는 편지는 처음이네
뭔가 썩스럽기도 하다^^ 입대하고 나서
훈련소생활, KTA생활, 자대 배치받고
이병생활 잘 마무리하고 이제 일병이네
일병이 7개월이라 시간이 빠르게 느껴지진 않았지만 그래도 잘 해내고 있네^^ 조금 있으면 우리 만남지 800일이야 벌써. 군대하면서 우리 이주년도 같이 못있고 서로 오랜 시간 떨어져있지만 많이 사랑하는 거 알지?
그거 기억나? 우리 서로 떨어져 있어도 서로의 자리에서 최선을 다하기로 약속했었던거

일도 열심히하고 동기들이랑도 잘내고 자기관리도 열심히하는 거보면서 잘 하고 있구나 생각들었어 나도 나를 잘 지내고 있어 조금 학교에서 외롭긴 하지만 자기 생각하면서 열심히 지내고 있으니까 걱정하지 말아요^^. 그래도 얼른 제대하면 좋겠다 ^0^ 이제 약 3~4개월 있다가 상병되면 공부도 한다고 했으니까 기대해 볼게.

항상 고맙고 사랑하고 보고싶어 부끄럽군)_ (앞으로 군생활도 모든 일에 열심히 임했으면 좋겠고, 자기관리도 꾸준히 하고 그 대신 무리하지 않았으면 좋겠어요

아픈건 싫으니깐! 아무나 가질 수 없는 이런 편지의 추억까지 가질 수 있게 해줘서 고마워요 헤헤 사랑해 정석아! 단.결.^.~

영주야 안녕~! 진짜 열심히 하루 하루 잘 지내고 있지? 네 남자친구는 이제 일병이 된지 얼마 되지 않았네. 그래도 긍정적으로 생각하고 잘 지내고 있어. 진짜 우리는 입대하기 전부터 서로 편지 많이 썼자나, 근데 이렇게 편지쓰는건 처음이라 좀 어떻게 써야 할지 잘 모르겠다. 서로에게 의지가 되면서 벌써 800일이라는 시간이 지나갔네~!^^ 진짜 신기하다. 논산 훈련소에서 너의 편지를 받고 항상 하루하루 힘냈던게 어제 같은데, 벌써 5달 전 이야기네. 매일매일 편지쓰면서 하고 싶던말 하고 너의 중요성을 느낄 수 있어서 좋았는데, 지금 또 이편지를 쓰면서 우리가 같이 보냈던 시간을 되돌아 보니까 정말 소중한다고 생각하고 내 군생활 하는 동안의 힘이 될꺼같아.

요즘 자기가 학교도 다니고 졸업을 하려고 준비를 하는게 좀 힘들어 보이는데, 평소보다 내가 더 잘 챙겨 주려고 노력하는데 그게 잘 되고 있는지 모르겠다. 자기는 내가 항상 힘들어 할 때 나한테 애교도 부려주고 해서 너무 힘이 되었어. 하하 나도 이제 항상 자기가 지칠 때 옆에서 매일 있어주지는 못하지만 같이 있을 때는 기댈 수 있는 든직한 남자친구가 되어줄게.

아직 나에게는 군생활이 꽤나 많이 남았지만, 전역하기 전 까지 그 많은 시간을 자기와 함께 보람차게 보내고 싶어. 서로의 위치에서 우리 잘 하고 있던 것처럼 항상 우리 서로에 대해 중요하게 생각하고 더 배려 많이 해서 싸우지 말고 잘 지내자^^

시간은 많으니까 서로에게 더 중요한 추억도 많이 남기고, 서로를 더 소중하게 생각하면서 오래오래 만나자~!^^. 2011년8월부터 사랑했지만~, 앞으로는 지금보다 옛날보다 더 사랑할게~!!

내 소중한 여자친구 김영주야~, 사랑해^^
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저에게 파병의 기회가 온다면 저는 프랑스로 파병을 가보고 싶습니다. 예전부터 공부했던 프랑스어를 실질적으로 사용해 보면서 군 복무를 한다면 정말 많은 도움이 될 것 같습니다. 한번도 접해 보지 못했던 새로운 문화와 다른 경험들을 겪어볼 수 있는 좋은 기회가 될 것 같고, 저의 오랜 소망이었던 프랑스어를 자유롭게 구사할 수 있게 된다면 외교관이 되는 저의 꿈에 조금 더 가까워질 것 같습니다. 프랑스 군대와 저희 군대의 다른점들도 보고싶고 어떤 방식으로 일을 하고 어떤 훈련들을 하는지 알아보고 싶습니다.

인- 자기소개를 부탁드립니다.

황- 단결! 상병 황승만입니다. 입대 전까지 미국 사우스캐롤라이나 대학에서 국제경영 및 경영과학을 전공으로 졸업하고 난 뒤 국내 조경시설물 및 어린이놀이터 회사의 해외사업부에서 인턴직을 했습니다. 210화력여단 연락반으로 자대배치를 받고, 상병으로 진급하자마자 연락반 선임병장으로 위임받은 후, 210화력여단과 3군사령부 간의 다리 역할을 맡고 있습니다.

인- 부대소개를 부탁드립니다.

황- 210화력여단은 2차 세계대전 때 1944년 미국 텍사스 주에서 창설되어 포병단으로 제 역할을 수행하고 여러번의 활동 시기를 거쳐서 2006년에 미2사단 DIVARTY로 예속되며 한국에 왔습니다. 강한 전투력을 과시하는 MLRS를 다수 보유하고 있는 2개 대대들을 예하에 두고있는 만큼 북 장사정포의 기습공격에 신속히 맞대응하는 주한미군의 주요 지상 대북전력으로서 중요한 역할을 갖고 있는 부대입니다. 본부포대라서 부대 내 카투사 대부분이 행정/PC운용병이며 S-1부터 S-9까지 또는 기타 여러 섹션으로 나누어져 있습니다.

인- 가장 기억에 남는 일은?

황- 여태껏 많은 일들이 있었지만 그 중에서도 논산에서 제가 달진 현상이 일어나서 의무실로 갔던 일이 가장 기억에 남습니다. 사회에서의 병원 주사실의 커튼이나 간호사는 온데간데 없고, 그저 선반을 잡고 선 채로 바지를 살짝 내려서 길쭉한 주사기를 3개나 연속으로 맞았습니다. 효과는 좋았지만 엉덩이의 얼얼함은 오랫동안 지속되었고 군대에서 절대 아프지 않아야겠다고 다짐하는 계기가 되었습니다.

인- 여태까지 본 미군중 가장 독특한 사람은?

황- 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 조소면 표정으로 그 미군들의 이름들을 한글로 써주었습니다. 게다가 Youtube에 나온 영상으로 독학했다고 하니 경외심마저 들었습니다.

인- 입대한 뒤 지금까지 가장 허무했던 하루는?

황- 자대 전입 후 처음으로 금요일에 배려 검열이 있다고 해서 전날 업무가 끝나자마자 방에 일찍와서 3시간 넘게 대청소를 하고 당일날 일찍 일어나서 씻은 뒤에 화장실까지 청소하고 기다렸는데 제 방은 들어오지도 않고 검열이 끝난 적이 있습니다. 덕분에 방은 깨끗해졌지만, 4시간 넘게 청소한 것이 너무 허무하게 느껴졌습니다.

인- 부대 근처에서 가장 맛있는 음식점은?

황- 선임들로부터 대대로 전해져 내려오는 부대 주변 맛집 중 단연 호수식당이 가장 맛있다고 생각합니다. 우리나라의 어느 부대찌개 식당보다도 맛있고 가격도 저렴해서 카투사를 뿐만 아니라 일반 시민들의 발길이 끊이지 않고 항상 북적거립니다. 나중에 전역후에도 부대찌개가 생각난다면 먹으러 얼마든지 동두천까지 올라 올 수도 있을 것 같습니다.

인- 부대 내에서 자신의 외모 순위는?

황- 군인다운 외모 순위로는 제가 최상위였겠지만, 일반적인 외모 순위로는 부대 내에서 중간정도일 듯합니다. 부대 내 카투사가 30명 정도로 작은 규모이지만 준수한 외모와 뛰어난 능력들을 갖춘 선임들이 여럿 있어서 든든합니다.

인- 하루 동안 대대 주임원사가 될 수 있다면 무엇을 할 것인가?

황- 여단의 모든 병사들을 쉬게 하면서 장교 및 부사관들의 주관 하에 하루종일 다양한 활동들과 맛있는 음식들을 준비하여 그동안에 노고에 보답하고 부대의 단결력을 한 층 더 강화하도록 하겠습니다.

인- 만약 전역한 뒤 재입대 해야한다면?

황- 일반 한국군으로 재입대 한다면 신중하게 생각해 봐야겠지만, 다시 카투사로 재입대한다면 여태껏 얻은 실력과 경험을 바탕으로 지금보다 더 잘할 수 있을 것 같습니다. 다른 부대에서 다른 보직으로 복무해 보는 것도 새롭고 좋은 경험이 될 것이라고 생각합니다.
SECOND TO NONE!



상병 황승만

제 210화력여단 본부포대 LNO 선임병장

2013년 9월의 간추린 뉴스

매달 영문판에는 들어가지만 한글판에는 들어가지 않는 기사들을 보면서 아깝다는 생각을 했습니다. 그래서 만들었습니다! 간추린 뉴스! 한글판에는 넣지 않았지만, 영문판에 실린 기사들을 사진으로 정리하는 지면입니다.



제레미 토메이노(2nd Lt. Jeremy Tomaino) 소위를 비롯한 한국군들 및 군무원들과 을지 프리덤 가디언(Ulchi Freedom-Guardian) 훈련을 마치고 사진을 위해 포즈를 취하고 있다.
<사진 _ 니콜 홀(Sgt. Nicole Hall) 병장/ 제 2 항공여단 공보처>



8월 26일 캠프 레드클라우드(Camp Red Cloud)에서 미국 여성 평등의 날을 기념식에 초청 연사로 방문한 윤성지 상사와 미군들이 강단에서 포즈를 취하고 있다.
<사진 _ 일병 김동수/ 미 2사단 공보처>



8월 23일 캠프 케이시(Camp Casey)에서 제 1-38 야전포병 대대 장병들이 훈련 입증 평가를 위해 준비하고 있다.
<사진 _ 카를로스 데이비스(Staff Sgt. Carlos R. Davis) 하사/ 제 210화력여단 공보처>



8월 17일 조 던컨(Spc. Joe Duncan Jr.) 상병 및 봉사자들이 오산 지역을 청소하는데 기여하였다.
<사진 _ 니콜 홀(Sgt. Nicole Hall) 병장/ 제 2 항공여단 공보처>



8월 25일 을지프리덤 가디언(Ulchi Freedom-Guardian) 훈련을 마치고 G510 한국군 공군기지 인근 교회에서 종교활동을 하고 있다.
<사진 _ 아론 던컨(Staff Sgt. Aaron Duncan) 하사/ 제 2항공여단 공보처>

한미 문화 교류 대한민국 최대의 명절

추석

매년 음력 8월 15일은 민족 최대의 명절인 추석이다. 추석의 유래는 확실치 않으나 유력 학설에 따르면 삼국시대 신라에서 유래한 것으로 알려져있다. 신라시대 유리왕이 두 왕녀를 시켜 온 나라의 여성을 서라벌에 모은 뒤 7월 15일부터 한달 간 두 편으로 나눠 길쌈내기 시합을 시켜 8월 15일 그 결과에 따라 진 편에서 술과 음식을 준비하여 이긴 편에 대접을 하며 노래와 춤으로 축하하였고 이 놀이가 지금의 추석으로 전해진다는 것이다.

추석은 한 해 농사를 끝내고 각종 곡식과 농산물을 수확하는 시기에 있어 한 해 명절 중 가장 풍성하다. 이에 전통적으로 농경사회였던 우리민족은 한 해 농사의 마무리하고 감사하는 의미로 조상과 하늘에 제사를 지내며 가족들과 함께 자연이 주는 풍요로움을 만끽한다.

예로부터 우리민족은 추석을 맞아 강강술래, 줄다리기, 가마싸움, 소놀이, 닭싸움 같은 놀이를 즐겼다. 특히 추석과 같은 보름 명절, 즉 만월을 기리는 명절에는 둥근 달 밑에서 추는 강강술래와 같은 원무(圓舞)가 주를 이룬다. 이렇듯 추석의 민족놀이는 단순한 놀이의 기능 뿐만 아니라 풍작을 기원하는 의식의 기능도 갖고 있는 것이다.



최근 들어서 명절증후군이라는 신조어가 생겼다. 명절 때 받는 스트레스로 정신적, 육체적으로 고통을 겪는 것을 말한다. 산업화 이후 전통적 가족제도가 퇴색하고 개인주의 문화의 확산으로 생겨나기 시작했다. 초기에 명절증후군은 주로 주부들에게 발생했다면 최근들어 미취업자, 미혼자, 남편 등으로 그 범위가 넓어졌다. 이는 추석이 모두에게 행복한 명절인 것은 아님을 뜻한다. 그럼에도 불구하고 해마다 추석 때만 되면 전국의 도로가 차들로 가득차고 기차역, 버스 터미널 등에는 양손 가득 선물 꾸러미를 들고 가족들을 볼 생각에 들떠있는 사람들의 행렬을 쉽게 찾을

아볼 수 있다. 말 그대로 '민족 대이동'이 벌어지는 것이다. 명절증후군과 같은 불편에도 불구하고 부모님과 가족들을 보기 위해 고향으로 향하는 것이다.

추석은 핵가족시대에 사라져가는 대가족공동체를 유지하고 현대인들의 스트레스를 완화하며 나아가 우리 민족의 전통정서를 보전한다는 점에서 그 현대적 의미가 있다. 추석의 순기능을 유지하고 가족과 친구와 뜻깊은 시간을 보내기 위해서는 서로에 대한 배려를 우선시해야 할 것이다.

<기사 _ 일병 이동현 / 미 2사단 공보처>

카투사 영어교실 “같이 갑시다!”

한국에 주둔하고 있는 미군 병사들에게는 한국에 대해 알려주는 프로그램이 마련되어 있다. 그러나 카투사(KATUSA, Korean Augmentation to the United States Army) 장병들에게는 영어와 미국 문화를 배울 기회가 많지는 않다.

제 210화력여단 70지원대대는 카투사 장병들에게 미국 문화를 배울 수 있는 기회를 제공하고 있다.

이 영어 교실은 매주 수요일 오후 캠프 케이시 (Camp Casey) 교육센터에서 3시간 동안 진행된다. 카투사 장병들은 여기서 미국인들과 더욱 원활한 의사소통을 하기 위해 영어를 배울 수 있다.

제 70지원대대의 작전장교 웨인 젠드론(Maj. Wayne Gendron) 소령의 부인이자 영어교실 강사인 캔디다 젠드론(Kandida Gendron)은 “카투사들은 영어의 기본적인 어휘와 문법이 갖추어져 있지만 실생활에서 사용해본 경험이 나 기회가 부족한 이들이 많다”고 말하고 “영어교실의 주된 목적은 바로 그 기회를 제공하기 위함이다”고 덧붙였다.

젠드론 강사는 영어 학사와 석사 학위를 가지고 있다. 그녀는 또한 미국에서 영어를 가르친 경험도 있다. 가장 최근에 그녀는 뉴멕시코 (New Mexico) 주립대학에서 수사학과 작문 수업을 지도했었다. 그녀는 그 능력을 한국인들, 특히 카투사들을 돕는 데 쓰고 싶어했다.

젠드론 강사는 “이 나라에 온 손님으로서 나는 언제 어디서라도 한국에 우리가 받은 것에 보답하는 것이 우리의 책임이라 생각한다”고 말하고 “나의 경험을 활용해서 영어를 가르치는 것은 내가 할 수 있는 한 가지이다”고 덧붙였다.

영어수업을 하는 동안 젠드론 강사는 언어와 문화의 상호작용에 대한 설명을 강조한다. 이는 학생들로 하여금 실

제로 쓰일 때 영어의 미묘하고 복잡한 부분들을 이해할 수 있도록 돕기 위함이다.

제 70지원대대 579통신중대의 선임병장인 이순민 병장은 “우리는 미국의 여러 주, 문화, 속어, 줄임말, 심지어 농담에 대해서도 조별 활동을 하여 발표시간을 갖는다”고



말하고 “우리는 실제 상황에서 활용할 수 있는 것들을 배우는데 이는 미군들과 대화할 때 많이 유용하다”고 덧붙였다.

젠드론 강사는 카투사들에게 영어를 가르치면서도 한편으로는 그들이 스스로 공부하는 기회를 준다. 그 뒤에 그녀는 부가적인 설명이나 평가를 붙여준다.

제 70지원대대 B중대 선임병장 김태홍 상병은 “이 수업은 강의와 조별활동으로 이뤄져 있다”고 말하고 “먼저 학생들에게 영어로 말할 기회를 주고 강사가 그 뒤에 보완을 해주는 식이다”고 덧붙였다.

김태홍 상병은 이 수업이 카투사들로 하여금 미국과 한국의 문화장벽을 극복하고 소통의 장애를 없애는 데 도움을 주었다고 생각한다.

제 70지원대대 한국군 지원반장 김형석 상사는 “영어 교실은 새로 전입하는 카투사들이 부대생활에 더 잘 적응하도록 돕는다. 그리고 또한 카투사들은 미국 문화를 더욱 잘 이해할 수 있다”고 말하고 “그들은 미군 병사들의 특성을 잘 파악하여 더욱 좋은 관계를 만들어갈 수 있다”고 덧붙였다.

젠드론 강사는 이 영어교실이 부대와 병 상호관계에 있어 긍정적인 영향을 끼쳤다고 믿는다.

젠드론 강사는 “이 수업은 카투사와 미군 사이의 의사소통을 격려하고 또한 발전시키기 위해 만들어졌다”고 말하고 “이는 그들 사이의 신뢰를 발전시키고 우정을 쌓으며 최종적으로 한미동맹을 강화시킨다”고 덧붙였다.

한국군 지도자들과 카투사들은 그녀의 모든 노력에 감사사를 표했다.

김형석 상사는 “무료로 이런 강의를 해줄 수 있는 것은 쉽지 않은 일이다. 그녀는 항상 수업을 재밌게 만들기 위해 노력한다. 카투사들을 위한 간식도 준비해준다”고 말하고 “그녀와 같이 좋은 분을 만나게 된 것은 영광이며 우리 모두에게 멋진 기회가 되었다”고 덧붙였다.

1950년 카투사 프로그램이 시작된 이래로 카투사는 강한 한미동맹의 상징이었다. 210화력여단에 소속된 카투사들은 한반도 안보를 위해 한미연합 방어력을 굳건히 키워가고 있다.

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의무병의 전투준비태세



8월 20일 캠프 케이시(Camp Casey)에서 제 210 화력여단의 의무병인 매튜 칼라일(Pfc. Matthew Carlisle) 일병이 훈련도중 가상의 부상자를 치료하고 있다.

태양이 작열하는 무더위를 뚫고 “도와주십시오!”라는 외침이 울려 퍼진다. 그리고 의무병들은 즉시 병사 주위에 집결해 응급조치를 취한다. 그들은 의료 훈련을 받는 제 210 화력여단의 의무병들이다.

제 210 화력여단의 의무병들은 8월 21일 캠프 케이시와 캠프 스탠리에서 시행된 윌슨 기동부대 훈련에 참여하여 육지와 하늘에서 사상자 구호 작전을 수행했다.

의무병들은 아침에는 구급차를 이용한 육상 구호와 제 65 의무여단과의 사상자 인계 훈련을 하고, 오후에는 UH-60 블랙호크(Black Hawk) 헬기를 타고 하늘에서 구호 훈련을 했다.

병사들은 육지와 하늘에서 응급조치를 시행하고 최대한 빠르게 사상자를 호송하며 실재를 방불케 하는 훈련 시나리오에 어려움을 겪었다.

야전 포대에 소속된 의무병들 대부분은 공중지원을 받으며 하는 훈련에 익숙치 않기 때문에 이번 훈련은 헬리콥터 구조과정과 장비, 승무원과 함께 일하는 것을 경험하도록 해준 좋은 기회였다.

연합부대 지원반 책임부사관인 푸에르토리코(Puerto Rico) 출신의 헥터 말도나도(Staff Sgt. Hector Maldonado)는 “병사들은 어떻게 환자를 헬기에 싣고 어떻게 조종사와 지휘자의 명령을 하달받는지에 대해서 배울 수 있다”고 말하고 “그들은 전체적인 의료작전에서 다른 이들 분담한 모든 역할들에 대해서도 배울 수 있다”고 덧붙였다.

외과의사 보수로 일하는 캘리포니아(California) 출신의 아드하나 매카시(Capt. Adhana McCarthy)대위의 말에 따르면, 이 훈련은 다른 의료 훈련들보다 더 유익했다고 한다. 왜냐하면 의무병들이 의료 임무에 완전히 집중할 수 있었기 때문이다.

매카시 대위는 “많은 경우 우리는 야전 훈련에 나가서 다른 임무수행을 보조할 뿐 의료 관련 일을 할 기회는 별로 없었다”고 말하고 “이번에 우리는 특정 의료 임무에 집중할 수 있었다. 온전히

의료 임무 뿐이었다”고 덧붙였다.

이 훈련은 실제상황을 가정한 시나리오에 기반한 것이었는데, 몇몇 병사들은 이 때문에 어려움을 호소하기도 했다.

제 6-37 야전포병대대 본부 및 본부 포대의 의무병인 보스턴(Boston) 출신의 조셉 존슨(Pfc. Joseph Johnson)일병은 “가장 힘든 부분은 기본적으로 우리가 배운 모든 것들을 기억해서 실제 상황에 적용하는 것이었다”고 말했다.

반면 제 1-38 야전포병대대의 본부 및 본부 포대의 의무병인 앤드류 케이우드(Spc. Andrew Caywood)상병 실제 체험해보는 것이 훈련을 더욱 재미있게 만들었다고 했다. 그것이 일을 손에 익히는 데 가장 좋은 방법이기 때문이다.

케이우드 상병은 “이 훈련을 통해 나는 나와 동료들의 한계를 깨달았고 동시에 우리가 무엇을 잘하는지도 알게 되었다”고 말하고 “우리는 함께 일하는 팀이기 때문에 서로의 장단점을 알고 노력한다”고 덧붙였다.

의무병들은 화생방 환경에서 환자를 호송하고 해독하는 훈련도 했다.

말도나도 하사는 “이 훈련은 다양한 의료 환경과 위기에 대처하기 위해 가지고 있는 모든 걸 끌어내는 것을 목표로 한다. 대량 전상자 발생상황, 육지에서의 호송, 하늘에서의 호송, 그리고 치료와 해독 모두를 말이다”고 말했다.

매카시 대위는 이 훈련이 의무병들이 여단을 보조하는 데 있어 실질적인 도움이 되었다고 하였다.

매카시 대위는 “병사들은 의무병들이 그들을 도와줄 것이라 믿고 의지한다”고 말하고 “이번 훈련에서 의무병들은 전장에서의 의료상황 판단을 어떻게 할 지를 습득하였고 이제 정말로 그럴 수 있게 되었다”고 덧붙였다.

윌슨 기동부대 훈련에 참여함으로써 제 210 화력여단의 의무병들은 “오늘밤 당장” 싸울 준비태세를 강화했다.

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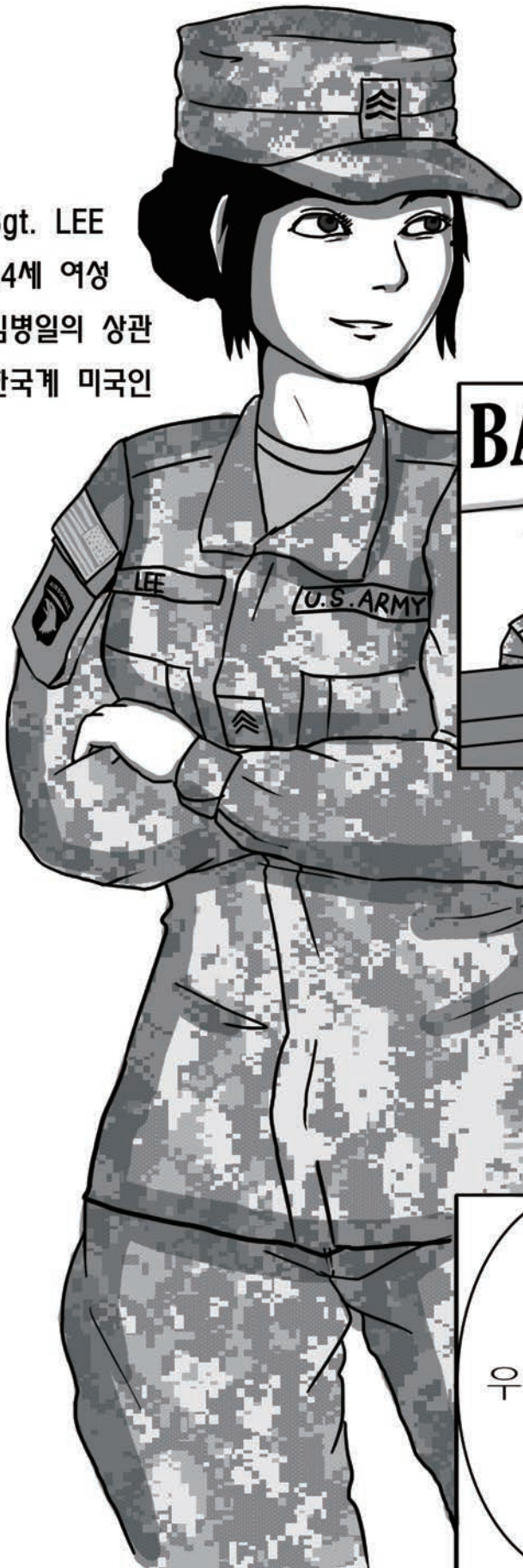
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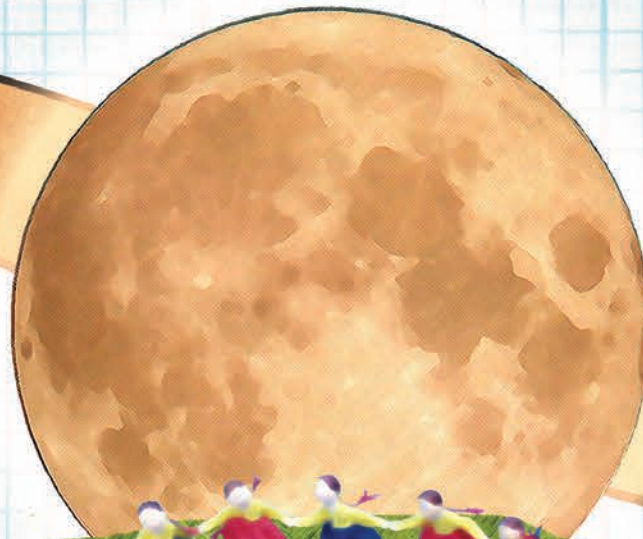
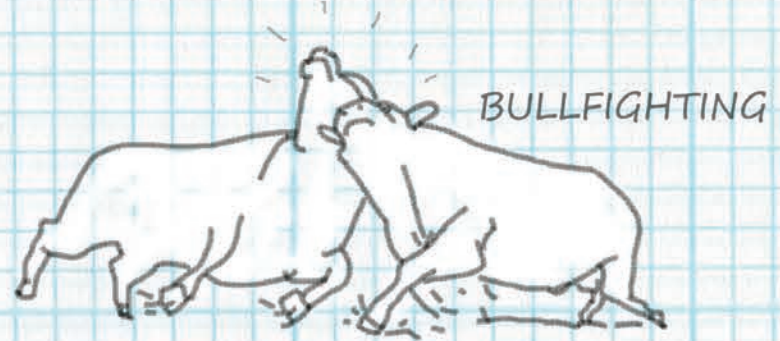
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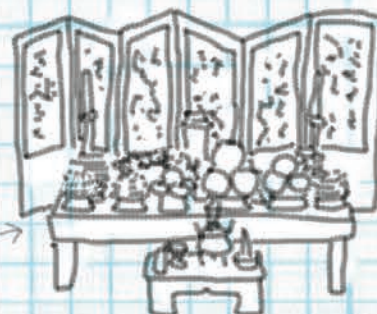
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