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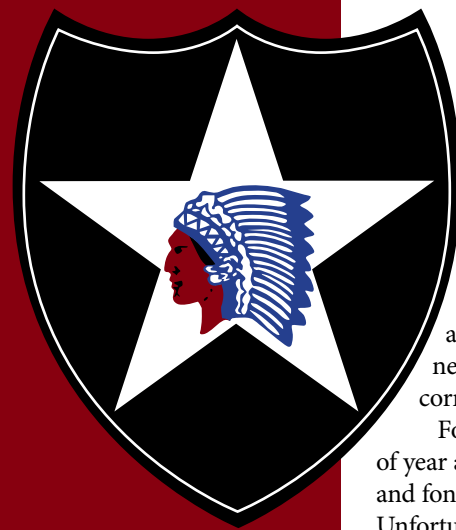
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# UNDER THE OAK TREE: HOLIDAY

I would like to start by wishing every member and supporting member of the 2nd Infantry Division Family a joyous and happy holiday season. The holiday season is traditionally a time for reflection and resolve as the year draws to an end, as well as a time for renewal and hope as the new year awaits us just around the corner.

For most of us this is a joyous time of year associated with Family, friends and fond memories of holidays past. Unfortunately, for some it is too often a time of remiss or hopelessness. It is difficult to be separated from Family, friends and the comfort of familiar surroundings while serving in a forward-deployed environment, standing a constant vigil against the forces of tyranny and oppression. It is, however, an honorable mission and we must understand the significance of our commitment to our Alliance with the Republic of Korea and her people. Your personal sacrifices and selfless service are not overlooked by this command, the host nation or by your country.

It is this common bond of selfless service that unites all of U.S. as a Family, the Warrior Family. As a Family, we take care of our own by looking out for one another's welfare, helping one another to develop as leaders and continue to succeed in their careers and personal goals. Now, more than ever, is the time to remain resilient and focus on our abilities to grow and thrive in the face of challenges and adversity.

While Family and friends may seem distant and far away, the Warrior Division Family is here to provide support for all our dedicated Soldiers. I know it can be especially difficult for Soldiers, single, married or unaccompanied who find themselves away from immediate Family. That is why I encourage everyone to reach out and expand their circle of influence during this time of celebration and camaraderie. There are numerous

opportunities to explore and enjoy the culture and take advantage of the myriad of activities that are offered on a regular basis to the Soldiers and their Families while stationed in South Korea. I encourage everyone to get out and embrace this unique opportunity while serving in Korea as a member of the 2nd Infantry Division.

As a valued member of the Warrior Family your welfare is vitally important to the success of our united mission. Every member is part of a unit that is supportive and provides the resources needed for all members to live in a healthy and secure environment. This holiday season provides an excellent opportunity for Soldiers to develop new friendships as well as strengthen the valued and trusted relationships they have already established throughout their Army careers. These friendships, formed while sharing common experiences, foster an opportunity to exchange ideas and share common interests. These bonds of friendship are often enduring and will follow you throughout and beyond your Army career.

It is important to the mission that every Soldier has the emotional and spiritual support needed to provide an atmosphere that will allow the members of our Warrior Family the ability to persevere through challenges and remain resilient when faced with adversity. It is the duty of every Soldier to demonstrate self-control and maintain a positive attitude. This is why I encourage each and every member of our Family to pay careful attention to their choices and their actions, during this holiday season and beyond your service. Also, during this time of celebration and festivities it is important to make the decision to remain physically strong and healthy. Sound sleep, physical activity and proper nutrition are all vital elements to a strong, healthy mind and body. Unit performance, resilience and readiness are directly influenced by the individual soldier.

In addition to the usual activities, added attractions and special festivities that are being offered by MWR, ACS and other



Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew J. Spano  
2nd Inf. Div. Command Sgt. Maj.

support organizations during the holiday season there are also services available to all service members throughout the year. These include your chain of command, chaplain services, military one source, and the Defense Center of Excellence Outreach Center. The DCofEOC is a vital resource which provides a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week call center staffed by health resource consultants available to provide confidential answers, tools, tips and resources concerning psychological health.

Again I would like to reiterate the importance of ensuring that all of our service members in the 2nd Inf., Div., Warrior Family remain "ready to fight tonight," not just against an oppressive regime, but also for their fellow service members who may require additional emotional support during this holiday season. I encourage each of you to reach out to Warriors who require help. Please take the time to ensure that this holiday season remains special and joyous for each and every member of the Warrior Division Family. God bless each and every one of you this holiday season.

"Second to None!"



From left to right, Brig. Gen. Paul Laughlin, 2nd Infantry Division deputy commanding general for maneuver, Oh, Sea-chang Dongducheon City Mayor and Maj. Gen. Thomas Vandal, 2nd Inf. Div., commander take a group photo at the tree lighting ceremony at Camp Casey Dec. 3. (Photo by: Pak, Chin-u, 2ID PAO)



# Pyeongtaek, ROK-U.S. Alliance Friendliness Council Establishment

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Leaders from Pyeongtaek and the 2nd Infantry Division participated in a Foundation Ceremony for the Republic of Korea and U.S. Friendship Council of Pyeongtaek Nov. 27 at Pyeongtaek City Hall.

Brig. Gen. Erik C. Peterson, 2nd Inf., Div., deputy commanding general for support, Brig. Gen. Russell L. Mack, vice commander, 7th Air Force, Air Force

Korea and chief of staff, Air Component Command, Osan Air Base, Pyeongtaek Mayor Kim, Sun-kee, and Lee, Suck-kwon, chief officer of Pyeongtaek Police, participated in this event. The Friendship Council consists of nine Korean and seven American representatives who will work together to address issues both countries share in common in the region and cooperate as 'good neighbors.'

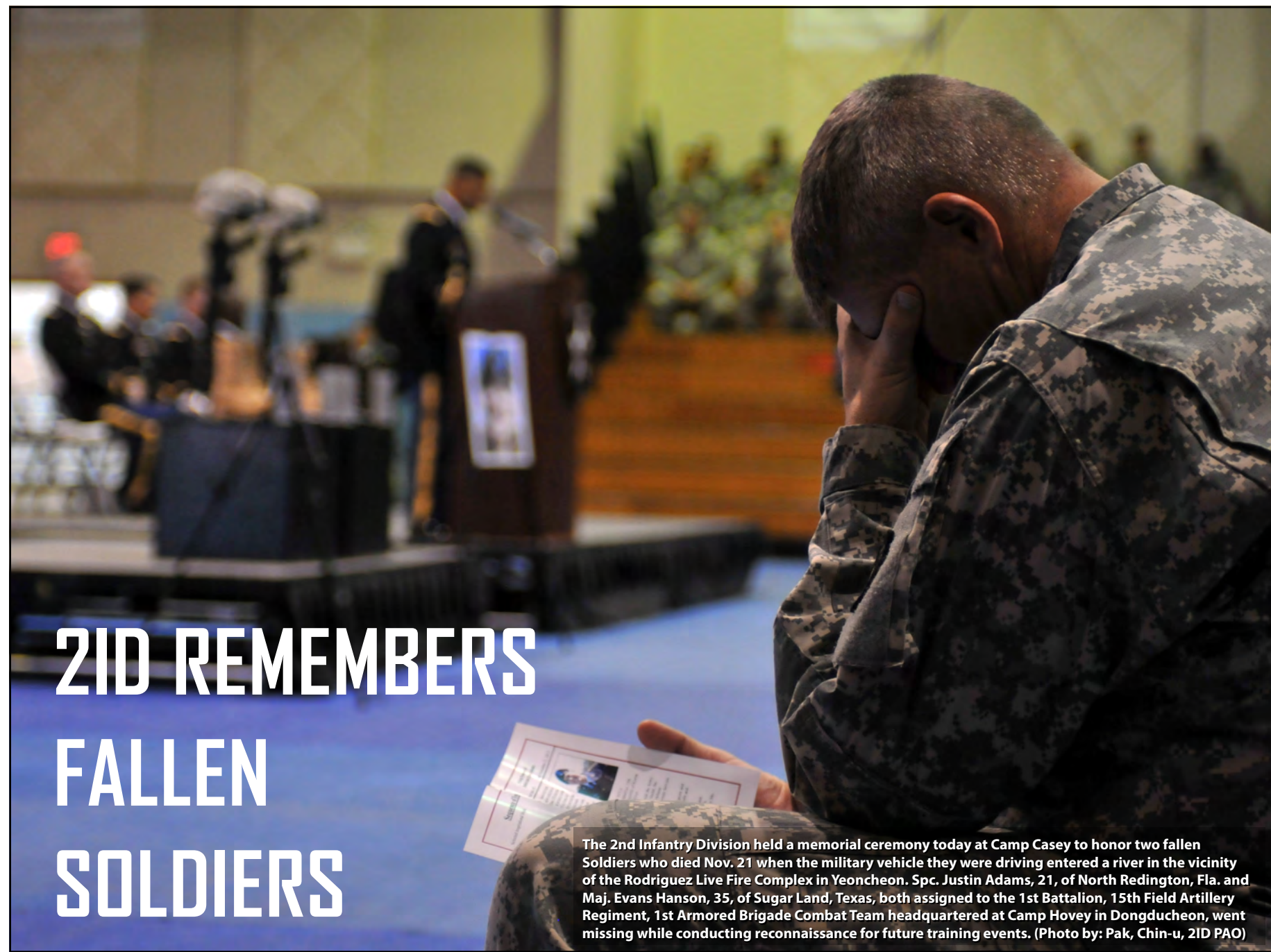
The council aims to continue to develop understanding and friendship between the USFK and the local communities with continuous events

such as the good neighbor program, international exchange center operation, Korea-U.S. friendship festival in Pyeongtaek.

"Our city is in the core of security where USFK is (located), and appropriate understanding and friendly relationships are needed more now than any moment of history before USFK installations are to be moved in 2016. We should try harder to resolve current and common issues through today's inter-operative system," said Mayor of Pyeongtaek city, Kim, Sun-ki.







## 2ID REMEMBERS FALLEN SOLDIERS

The 2nd Infantry Division held a memorial ceremony today at Camp Casey to honor two fallen Soldiers who died Nov. 21 when the military vehicle they were driving entered a river in the vicinity of the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex in Yeoncheon. Spc. Justin Adams, 21, of North Redington, Fla. and Maj. Evans Hanson, 35, of Sugar Land, Texas, both assigned to the 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team headquartered at Camp Hovey in Dongducheon, went missing while conducting reconnaissance for future training events. (Photo by: Pak, Chin-u, 2ID PAO)

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STARS AND STRIPES

Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division said goodbye to two of their own during a ceremony Nov. 27 at Camp Casey in South Korea.

Maj. Evans A. Hanson, 35, of Sugar Land, Texas, and Spc. Justin K. Adams, 21, of North Redington, Fla., died after their military vehicle ran into a river Nov. 21 near the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex in the northern part of the country.

The 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment marched and fired a cannon Monday in honor of the two fallen Soldiers before gathering for the memorial.

"Maj. Hanson and Spc. Adams possessed a sense of responsibility for a personal contribution to the United States Army, demonstrated by their acts of dedicated effort, reliability and thoroughness," said Lt. Col. Jeremy McGuire, commander of the 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment.

Hanson, a veteran of both Afghanistan and Iraq, had served as the battalion operations officer since June after a stint as lead operations planner for U.S. Forces Korea.

Hanson graduated from the University of Southern California in 2000 and later earned a master's degree in public policy administration from Georgetown University.

Following his tour in Afghanistan, he attended both the Command and General Staff College, and the School of Advanced Military Studies.

Hanson's awards include the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

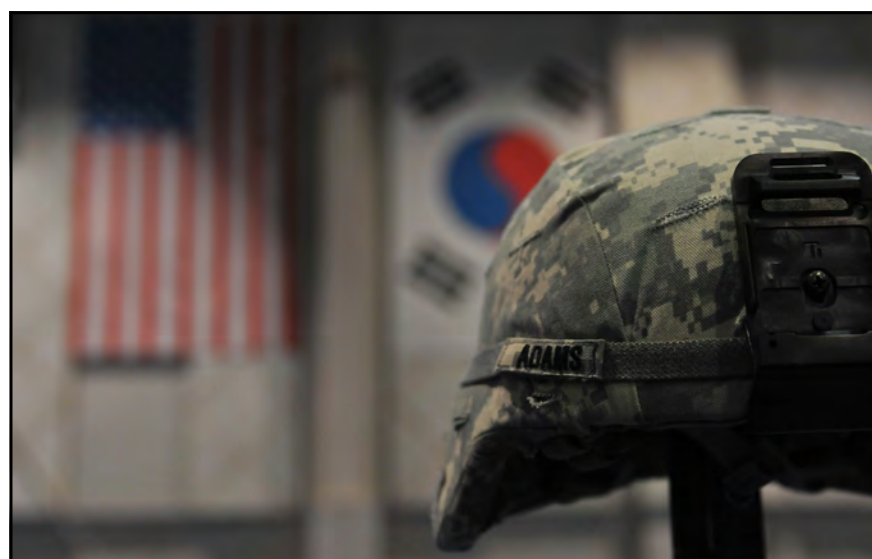
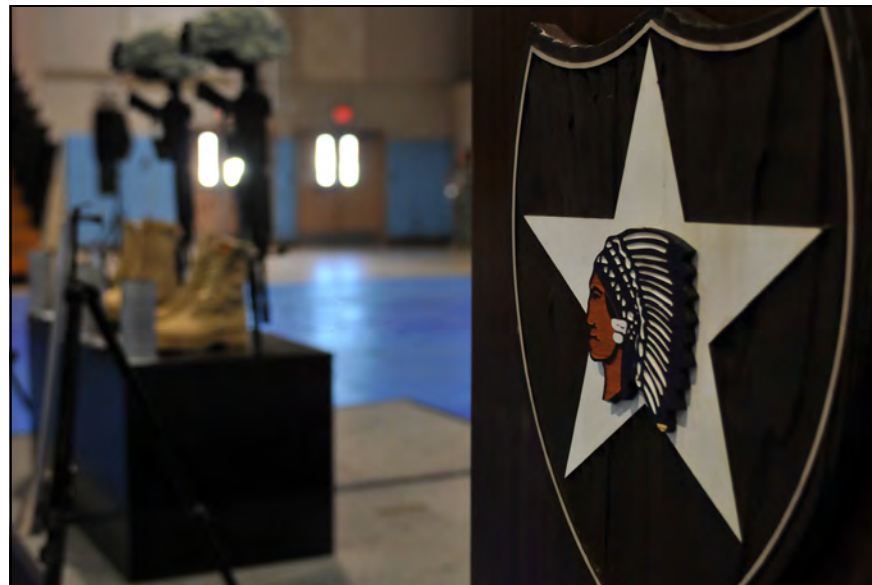
Adams, 21, was born in Litchfield, Ill., and enlisted in October 2012 as a field artillery systems specialist.

After completing basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and individual training at Fort Sill, Okla., Adams was assigned in March as a computer operator and driver for the battalion operations officer.

Adams was promoted to specialist posthumously.

Adams is survived by his parents, Janet Elaine Mercer and Larry Lee Adams; and his sister, Amanda Elaine Killen. He was engaged to be married to Morgan McBride.

The Soldiers were scouting the area around the town of Yeoncheon for future training events when they lost communication with their unit. Hanson and Adams were found the following morning after an exhaustive overnight search.



## CHEM SOLDIERS LIGHT 'EM UP WITH THEIR STRYKERS

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Live fire exercises are nothing new for 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team Soldiers, but it's not every day that you'll see Stryker-based Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicles firing and maneuvering at a livefire range.

Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Specialists from 23rd Chemical Battalion, 1ABCT, 2nd Infantry Division, executed a live-fire exercise with their Stryker M1135 NBCRV, Nov. 12-19, 2013, at the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex, South Korea.

Soldiers build and maintain operational readiness and effectiveness in operating NBCRVs, the primary objective of this semi-annual training event. The week-long training prepared the qualifying crews to handle their assigned weapon systems and instilled confidence in themselves and their equipment.

"As a NBCRV crew, we have to be able to move forward with cavalry and infantry units and support them with reconnaissance missions in any kind of CBRN environment in the field," said Sgt. Christopher M. Kerregan, a vehicle commander for a Stryker M1135 NBCRV with 62nd Chemical Company, 23rd Chem. Bn., 1ABCT, 2nd Inf. Div., and a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. "To accomplish the mission, we need the capability to defend ourselves in the formations on the front line."

A total of 20 Stryker crews participated in the training, including 18 crews from 23rd Chem. Bn., and two crews of the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1ABCT, 2nd Inf. Div. Each crew consisted of four members: the vehicle commander, a driver and two gunners.

The leadership and multitasking skills of vehicle commanders were put to the ultimate test during this training with its simulation of

combat scenarios. Its tempo highlighted their knowledge and performance under pressure.

Vehicle commanders must be confident in their knowledge due to their various roles in leading the crews. In addition to commanding the vehicle, they must operate weapon systems, plan and navigate, as well as review and submit reports, said Kerregan.

The NBCRVs are designed to operate in contaminated environments. Sealed with an over-pressure system, they can engage the enemy without being hindered by CBRN elements.

Currently on a nine-month deployment to Korea with 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Inf. Div., at Camp Humphreys the 4th Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment helped Soldiers complete NBCRV Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer (HEAT) training, marksmanship qualification, an air-ground integration class and training to survive aerial attacks.

Enduring the tough challenges, Kerregan faced some hardships with his crewmembers but their struggles fostered crew cohesion and unified the Iron Soldiers in their mission.

"It definitely helped us with our communications inside and outside of the vehicle," Kerregan said. "This was my second time participating in the exercise, but I learn something new each time."

Not to be overshadowed by the multitude of 1ABCT training and

live-fire exercises, this event highlighted a rare breed of Soldier – the CBRNE specialists of a chemical battalion. Adding versatility to the division's capabilities while reinforcing the 'second to none' standard, these Soldiers go above and beyond the technical aspects of their duties.

"This type of training greatly improves our operational readiness," said Capt. Nicholas Bell, assistant operations officer with 23rd Chem. Bn., 1ABCT, 2nd Inf. Div., and a native of Goshen, Ind. "Whenever we are in a CBRN environment taking engagement from the enemy, this exercise can give Soldiers knowledge and confidence to engage the enemy back. Repeated practice helps Soldiers with familiarization of the equipment and improves our ability to fight tonight."



## SPUR RIDE RITE OF PASSAGE FOR CAVALRY SOLDIERS

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Soldiers of 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division endured many challenges as candidates in the traditional Spur Ride event, November 4-7, 2013, at Camp Hovey, South Korea.

The Spur Ride included a 12-mile ruck march, a four-mile run with a 34-minute time limit, a knowledge test based on cavalry history and the qualification lanes of the Spur Ride challenge.

The event is open to a wide range of Soldiers, including Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Brigade Special Troop Battalion Soldiers and Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA) Soldiers.

A wide variety of Soldiers from many different job areas compete, said Capt. Stephen P. Taylor, assistant operations officer with 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry, and a native of Mt. Holly, New Jersey.

Soldiers have to earn a spot in the competition. That candidate must obtain a score of at least at 250 points on the Army Physical Fitness Test, meet the height and weight requirements of Army Regulation 600-9, qualify expert with the M-4 carbine, and be recommended by the troop first sergeant and commander.

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2nd Assault Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division along with other units from the division conduct the largest combined air assault of the year with Republic of Korea's 17th Infantry Division Nov. 14, 2013 at an undisclosed location in South Korea.



## 2-2 Assault Battalion Streamlines Combined Training



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A cold, gray day did not stop Soldiers from conducting the largest combined air assault training exercise, of the year, living up to the "Going Together" mantra with Republic of Korea's 2nd Battalion, 100th Regiment, 17th Infantry Division Nov. 14, 2013 at Rodriguez Range, South Korea.

The large scale exercise named "Operation Thunderbolt" also included elements from 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Aerial Reconnaissance Battalion (Attack), 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division and the 23rd Chemical Battalion, 1ABCT, 2nd Inf. Div. The Assault boasted a hefty force of aircraft consisting of UH-60 Black Hawks, AH-64D Longbow Apache, OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopters and an Unmanned Aircraft System; enough power to deter possible threats on the peninsula by way of multiple joint and combined training exercises.

"By training together, we show that we are ready to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our ROK Allies to deter and, if necessary, defeat any threats to the Republic of Korea," said Lt. Col. Brian E. Walsh, the 2-2 Av. Bn., commander and native of Apopka, Fla.

Combined training allows the two armies to learn and grow together.

"This training also enables familiarity between Allies to mitigate any differences and other challenges and capitalizes on what we have in common enhancing our readiness. 'It's all about readiness,' said Walsh.

An operations officer, Cpt. Kim, Min-joong with 2nd Bn., 100th Regt., 17th Inf. Div., and a native of Suncheon, South Korea also shared the same sentiment on the mutual benefits of such combined training for him and his soldiers who all were grateful for the opportunity to work with U.S. forces.

"Many ROK soldiers cannot experience such training very easily, so our 2nd battalion soldiers were excited and proud to be a part of today's air assault with U.S. Soldiers," Kim said. "This feeling leads our soldiers to work hard and to try their very best."

For one young ROK infantryman flying in a helicopter was a first time experience.

"It's my first experience flying on a helicopter, so I was kind of nervous and throbbing with expectation," said Pvt. Kim, Won-gon, an infantryman with 2nd Bn., 100th Regt., 17th Inf. Div., and native of Gunsan, South Korea. "It's my second military training (event). I want to become stronger and become more mature after this training."

Kim also shared his impression of working with U.S. Soldiers. "I think U.S. Soldiers are smart and cool," said Pvt. Kim. "There are many things to learn from them."

Throughout the air assault exercise, it was evident the month-long combined planning process and drills conducted prior to execution day was successful according to Walsh. He could not be more grateful for his unit's ability to be prepared to fight when needed.

"Training together builds trust and confidence between allies," Walsh said. "That trust and confidence builds capability and that capability directly correlates to readiness. We must be ready to fight tonight and fight together."



## FLIGHT CREW ENGAGE GROUND TARGETS



Lt. William Destasio, an operations and training officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, and a native of Reading, Penn., fires his M9 pistol at a range outside of Camp Humphreys during the M9 qualification range on Nov. 26, 2013. The 3GSAB, 2nd Avn., Regt., held the M9 qualification range to ensure that their Soldiers remain proficient with their assigned weapon.



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Soldiers from Company D, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division hosted a weapon qualification range Nov. 26, 2013, just outside of Camp Humphreys.

To qualify and be ready to "fight tonight" in the 2nd Infantry Division on the M9 service pistol, Soldiers at the range had to achieve 24 hits on the 25 meter target with a minimum score of 80 points to qualify.

"Since I am a pilot, it is important for me to be proficient with the M9 pistol. If my helicopter went down I would have to rely on it for my safety," said 2nd Lt. William Destasio, an operations and training officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd GSAB, 2nd Avn., Regt., and a native of Reading, Penn.

Even in 30 degree weather, the Soldiers have to remember basic marksmanship fundamentals; steady position, aiming, breath control, and trigger squeeze. In order to qualify, all the fundamentals have to be applied equally and proficiently.

Especially since, 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. The conditions during the range reflected the type of environment the Soldiers assigned to Korea must be ready to fight in. The cold weather does not stop an enemy: a bullet does.

The aviation Soldiers assigned to the 2nd CAB must be ready to fight in diverse situations and conditions. While the Soldiers normally rely on the weapons installed in their aircraft, they must also know how to accurately fire their sidearm.

With low frosty temperatures, a gray sky, and the threat of snow, the Soldiers firing remained in high spirits.

"I was really focused on just doing my best," said Destasio. "As a Soldier I may have to fight in uncomfortable conditions so I made the choice not to let the cold weather bother me."

The necessity for tough realistic training was balanced with the intent focus on safety. Behind the line of firers sat the individuals responsible for ensuring safe behavior of the firers while qualifying. They have the important task of watching for unsafe acts that could cause injury.

"I was watching for things like mussel awareness



and weapon malfunctions. Safety is a top priority while we are out there," said Jared L. Bellinger a CH-47 Helicopter Repairer with Company B, 3rd GSAB, 2nd Avn., Regt., and a native of Portland, Texas.

After the targets were scored and the snow began to fall, the M9 firers were cleared from the firing line. Once again, these Soldiers validated their ability to respond to any threat making them truly "second to none."



## FIRES SUPPORT BATTALION LEARN RESUPPLY THROUGH THE SKY



STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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The U.S. Army is a dangerous fighting force when conducting ground operations; moreover controlling the sky it is something even more special.

More than 40 Soldiers from 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division conducted sling-load training Nov. 21, 2013 at Camp Mobile, South Korea. The training prepared Soldiers for real world missions transporting equipment using military helicopters.

"By completing this training it ensures us that if the road networks go out, we would still be able to supply the firing battalions with food, water and ammunition at all times," said Capt Jeffrey Teplis, the assistant operations officer for 70th Brigade Support Battalion.

Since Teplis, a native of Marietta, Ga., isn't air assault qualified himself, he understood that he needed some help to make this training successful.

Teplis coordinated UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter support from Company C, 2nd Battalion (Assault), 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade to come and assist with the training.

Noncommissioned officers from 70th BSB who are air assault qualified gave thorough and informative training to their Soldiers for two days. They taught them hand and arm signals and how to properly attach sling legs to cargo prior to the live training.

"We learned how to properly communicate to the aircraft using hand and arms signals, the correct link count for the ammunition pods, and how to move around the aircraft safely to ensure they (pilots) know where we are at all times," said Pvt. Nickoy Haughton, from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "It is very effective training."

On the day the helicopters flew in, the Soldiers felt confident because of the prior training.

"I couldn't have pulled this off if it wasn't for the noncommissioned officers in the unit," said Teplis. "The NCOs took the lead for the training. They came up with the training plan and ensured the Soldiers were proficient and confident with their skills before coming out here today."

Haughton, a unit supply specialist assigned to Company B, 70th BSB didn't know what to expect when he was told he was going to be a part of the sling-load training.

"I was nervous and excited at the same time," said Haughton. "It was great to come out here and conduct this type of training. It is something that I haven't trained on since I've been in the Army."

The Soldiers were able to do effective and rewarding training as they expanded their knowledge with unfamiliar equipment.

"This training provides me the knowledge I need to know in order to keep the supply route active," said Haughton.

The unit is planning to complete this same type of training every six months to ensure they have enough qualified personnel to conduct real world mission to defend the Republic of Korea.

"I look forward to going to field and hooking up live ammunition pods in the future," said Haughton. "It's good to train on the things that will better prepare us as a unit."

By conducting air assault training, the Soldiers of 210th FA Bde., were able to increase the unit's readiness to 'fight tonight!'



Soldiers from 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division conduct a sling-load training Nov. 21, 2013 on Camp Mobile, South Korea. The training was to ensure that Soldiers are prepared for real world missions and transporting military equipment. The 210th Fires Brigade improves the unit's readiness to "Fight Tonight" to deter aggression toward South Korea. (Photos by: 210 FAB PAO).



## COMMUNITY GROUP FUELED BY CROSSFIT



STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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210TH FAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CrossFit has been sweeping the nation for quite some time. Spouses from Area I are not letting this opportunity pass them by.

Spouses of military members who are assigned to 2nd Infantry Division participate in an Area I Women's CrossFit group three times a week on Camp Casey, South Korea to improve their health and confidence.

The ladies' use this self-rewarding, self-motivating group to come together and build a strong readiness community on which they all can depend.

"When I got here there wasn't an established CrossFit program so I started doing it on my own," said Paula Walsh, from Wyo., Iowa. "That is when a neighbor asked if she could join me, and Christa asked if she could borrow some chalk, and it grew from there."

From those three workout buddies, 60 active friends are now working out together, pushing each other toward the same goal.

"We strive to get the girls to focus on overall fitness from working out to eating right, all that keeps the body in shape," said Christa Castillo, from Winnsboro, Texas. "We are starting to see changes in the girls who have been here doing this for while, and it's exciting."

Since the group isn't officially part of Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program, the spouses depend on one another to help each other out with their needs and concerns.

Castillo talks about ways to accommodate the spouses who have children. They formed a support group.

"If someone is working out and she has children then one of the other spouses who is not engaged in a workout will watch her kids while she completes the workout," said Castillo. "Then they will flip-flop until everyone has completed their workout."

With this support group, the women's confidence has grown.

"Since I have been doing CrossFit, I have gotten in shape enough to actually finish the Manchu Mile, a

25-mile ruck march," said Maria Dodge, from Dallas.

"Before this program I wasn't able to lift 45lbs or walk 25 miles on my own. Now I can do just about anything I put my mind to," she added.

The spouses' CrossFit group has not only changed their lives but also has assisted in helping others.

By reaching out to friends and family, the group was able to raise \$3,700 for the 'Barbells for Boobs' fundraiser, according to Walsh.

"Barbells for Boobs" was a fundraiser that we participated in," Walsh said. "It's a workout dedicated toward funding free mammograms for women who cannot afford breast cancer type screening."

Everything the group does they do together. Whether it's running in the zombie run on Camp Red Cloud in Uijeongbu or teaming up with Fight Tonight CrossFit Gym in Yongsan Garrison, Seoul, these ladies have formed something special.

"This is my version of the Family Readiness Group," said Walsh. "These girls are my friends now. These are the girls who I hang out with. These are the girls I turn to when I have problems."



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# HOLIDAY SPIRIT BRINGS TWO CULTURES TOGETHER



A Headquarters Support Company, 2nd Infantry Division Family, who participates in the Sisterhood Program, invited a mother of four to celebrate an American tradition while enjoying a Thanksgiving meal.

**STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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The sound of children's laughter fills the room as they run around and play. The room filled with different kinds of aromas brings out the holiday spirit.

Church members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hosted a Thanksgiving meal for Soldiers, Families and Civilians during the holiday in late November, Camp Casey.

A Headquarters Support Company, 2nd Infantry Division Family, who participates in the Sisterhood Program, invited a mother of four to celebrate an American tradition while enjoying a Thanksgiving meal.

Adelina Huezo expressed her gratefulness of having Im, Ha-young, a Uijeongbu native and her children to come out and celebrate an American holiday with them. She also talks about her appreciation of the Sisterhood Program and how it brought both families together.

"I like the fact that we have the Sisterhood Program because it connects the two cultures," said Adelina the wife of Alfonso Huezo both previous residents of Fort Bliss, Texas.

The Huezos talked about the intent of the

celebration and how it has built camaraderie between the two cultures.

"We had previously invited our

Sisterhood family to a Halloween party and they really enjoyed it," said Alfonso. "So I decided to invite them to celebrate Thanksgiving with my Family and church."

After the families ate, their children ran around and played with the other children. Both Families talked about their past experiences and reminisce on having dinner at Im's house. Although the Huezos weren't too familiar with the Korean culture, they kept an open mind and learned from them.

"When we ate at their house, they had 14 side dishes on the table," said Adelina. "My Family and I learned that that is their way of eating and we really enjoyed it. We've learned so much from them."

Im added that although there's a language barrier, she appreciates the experience and the opportunity she has in learning a different culture.

"My kids and I love the experience," said Im. "These people are so nice. (The Huezos) have five children and I have four. It's great to see that they have a big family as well."

The different languages didn't stop the Families from learning and experiencing each other's cultures. Im is motivated to learn as much English as she can.

The Sisterhood Program creates an atmosphere for U.S. Families and Korean families to continue to build a strong relationship.

"If it hadn't been for the Sisterhood Program, we wouldn't have experienced in depth the Korean culture," said Alfonso. "I'm really grateful for the experience."



# ANNUAL EXERCISE ENHANCES READINESS

**STORY BY  
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Rain, sleet, or snow, training continues to maintain readiness on the Korean peninsula. Support Soldiers from 2nd Infantry Division provided logistical support for the division's yearly exercise at Camp Mobile, Dec. 2 through 14.

The exercise is an annual combined command post exercise that is defensive in nature and not connected to any real world events. It also enhances readiness and ensures the division is trained and ready to accomplish its mission in Korea.

In order to train, Soldiers from the division required key support from the Headquarters Support Company. Unit members planned weeks in advance to provide logistic support areas, which included tents and cots for approximately 400 Soldiers. They also delivered equipment for the LSA, including a Mobile Kitchen Trailer that provided two hot meals a day.

But HSC provided more than just hot meals. Soldiers from the maintenance platoon provided convoy and wrecker support for the battalion. They also provided and issued more than ten thousand gallons of fuel in support of the exercise, provided field and LSA maintenance support for the Division Main, and provided more than one million kilowatts of power generation.

All logistics was provided to support the division staff during the exercise. The exercise highlights the longstanding and enduring partnership between 2nd Inf. Div., and our Republic of Korea Army partners; our combined commitment to the defense of the ROK; and ensuring peace and security in the region. The purpose of the exercise is to enhance the combat readiness of the ROK and U.S. supporting forces through combined and joint training.

Other than logistical support, key personnel also contributed to support the division. A spectrum manager chief assigns radio frequencies to users, ensures units comply with Korean communication requirements and identifies, resolves, or reports interference to Joint Frequency Management Office and enforce, identifies, and eliminates unauthorized use of the frequency spectrum in support of the exercise.

"My team and I ensure that unit's equipment supporting the exercise is validated and approved by the host nation," said Master Sgt. Cleveland Sweat, a Manning, S.C., native assigned to Company C, HHBN, and Network Operation. "Then we submit supportability request for intended area of operations to ensure frequencies can reliably be assigned to support the equipment mission."

Leaders and Soldiers worked hard together as a team to accomplish their mission.

"Since this was a joint exercise, I made sure my team established good communications with other units especially if they're not assigned to 2nd Inf. Div.," Sweat added.

"This exercise allowed us to build the team, both ROK and US, and those units that would be coming here to support our mission," said 2nd Inf. Div., Commander, Maj. Gen. Thomas Vandal "It also allowed us to not only focus on the mission command, but also the staff functions that the mission has to execute."

The exercise is conducted every year to ensure all 2nd Inf. Div., Soldiers are trained up to standard and maintaining defensive positions. Soldiers from Eighth Army, Republic of Korea, and service members from units throughout the Pacific Rim as well as stateside units participated in the combined training exercise.



Soldiers from 2nd Infantry Division participates in an annual combined command post exercise to enhance the readiness and ensures the division is trained and ready to accomplish its mission in Korea. (Photos by: 1st Sgt. David Rieckmann, Company C, HHBN, 2ID)









## Spur Ride from page 5

Of the 190 candidates that began the Spur Ride this year, only 65 remain eligible on Nov. 6, said Taylor. He earned his spurs during a recent spur ride.

During the spur ride, troopers were evaluated in areas such as leadership, technical and tactical proficiency, physical fitness, and the ability to work as a team under high amounts of stress and fatigue during the day and at night. Candidates not able to successfully meet the standard were eliminated from the competition.

Within the 24- to 48-hour event, candidates marched with their rucksacks from station to station to execute the lanes. As mental and physical toughness wears thin during the ride, candidates often have to lean on the support of their fellow cavalymen in order to garner the motivation to make it through the event. Soldiers work together, offer words of encouragement and display the teamwork and selfless service to others that the Army prides itself on.

"I was struggling," said Pfc. Omiwalli Andrew Ambrose, a cavalry scout with 4-7th Cav. and a native of Queens, N.Y., "but my teammates and I stuck together and fought through it."

This year's spur ride was a little more interesting than previous years because there were more fun activities incorporated along with the more

traditional task lanes.

"Spur rides are different, each unit you go to is probably going to do something different," said Taylor. "Here I think it's a place to test your skills like your cavalry reconnaissance security skills, basic Soldier skills, and they also throw in some fun events."

One such activity was a lane in which the candidates were given 20 seconds to observe the color pattern of a Lego cube, then 30 seconds to correctly assemble a copy of the cube from Legos in a plastic bag, said Taylor. The penalty for failing this task involved completing a one and a half mile run on a track. The lane taught the candidates the importance of attention to detail, and working as a cohesive unit.

A positive, enduring disposition drives the Soldiers to prepare to take a step toward Fight Tonight Readiness. "I'm enjoying it, ever since basic training I've wanted to get my spurs," said Omawalli. "I'm just excited to be here."

Physical and mental challenges are no surprise to 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers, but successful completion of the Spur Ride is how a trooper earns his spurs. Throughout this traditional cavalry event, the Soldiers experience the camaraderie and perseverance they possess as cavalry scouts and spur holders, always ready to Fight Tonight!



Chemical Reaction Team from 23rd Chemical Battalion, and Infantrymen from 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, support Republic of Korea Army 17th Infantry Division on their Air Assault mission in Rodriguez Live Fire Complex, South Korea, Nov. 15, 2013. (Photos by: Cpl. Kwon Yong-joon, 1ABCT PAO)

## IRON SOLDIERS SUPPORT ROKA AIR ASSAULT MISSION

STORY BY  
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Some might say that "Marching to the beat of one drum," is a perfect phrase to describe the performance of U.S. and Republic of Korea Army Soldiers, training to improve their readiness while working in unison.

Soldiers assigned to the 1st Battalion, 72nd Army Regiment, and the 501st Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Company, 23rd Chemical Battalion, both of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, collectively aided the Republic of Korea Army's 2nd Battalion, 100th Infantry Regiment, 17th Division, during a combined training exercise, Nov. 15, 2013, at Rodriguez Live Fire Range Complex, South Korea.

To support their ROKA brethren, the 1ABCT provided a 15-man CBRNE Response Team from the 501st CBRNE Co., and 31 infantrymen with 1st Bn., 72nd Armor Regt., to assist with the clearing of potentially contaminated areas.

During this combined training exercise, the ROK Army's 2nd Bn., 100th Regt., conducted its first battalion air assault mission involving approximately 300 ROKA soldiers. Following the air assault, the ROK unit secured and isolated the objective, clearing all of its buildings.

"We collaborate with the ROK Army for training at least once a month," said Staff Sgt. Shaun Guyaden, a CRT member with 501st CBRNE Co., 23rd Chem. Bn., and a native of Philadelphia, Penn.

"It's beneficial for us to be able to trade tactics and techniques during these training exercises," said Guyaden. "When we kick down doors we take somewhat of a different approach so we use this opportunity to learn from each other and prepare us to as one."

Highlighted by the partnership of U.S. and ROK Soldiers, this training also featured the combined efforts of both chemical and infantry units of the 2nd Inf., Div. The 1st Bn., 72nd Armor Regt. platoon's security role enabled 501st CBRNE's Response Team to do their job, enhancing the relationship between the two 1ABCT units.

"It's important to integrate with all of our ech-



elons," said Capt. Bernhard D. Kirchner, commander of Company A, 1st Bn., 72nd Armor Regt., and a native of Upperville, Va. "It's great to be able to see what they do and how they would integrate into the fight so we can be better prepared to keep them secure," said Kirchner.

Training as one, the coalition of U.S. and ROK forces exercised their roles and further familiarized with each other's operational procedures, which is necessary to execute the 2nd Inf., Div's mission. Improving our "fight tonight" readiness with professionalism, while continuing to strengthen the enduring Alliance, 1ABCT Soldiers train hard during every exercise.

"Well, it's all about improving our fight tonight readiness," said Guyaden. "With each unit providing our separate areas of expertise it gets us all on the same page, which is what we need in real life scenarios."

## Basketball Shoot Builds Solidarity

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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Soldiers from Troop E, 4th Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, compete with Soldiers from Headquarters Support Company, 3rd Military Intelligence Brigade at MP Hill Gym during the Company Level Pre-Season Basketball Tournament on Dec. 3, 2013.

Did you pack on a little holiday weight this year? If so, don't worry. There is a fun way to take off some of that extra holiday cheer that comes from enjoying one too many hot chocolates and build on the team spirit inspired by the holidays.

The company level Pre-Season Basketball Tournament was held on Dec. 1-7, 2013 at MP Hill gym, on Camp Humphreys. Pre-season basketball tournaments are recreational games that are held by Camp Humphreys during summer and winter so that the many units, stationed on the post will be able to compete against each other in friendly rivalry. This tournament has a special meaning to Soldiers because it is held just before the company level basketball league starts and it begins their holiday season on a fun note.

"Pre-season tournament gives teams the opportunity to scout other players," said Sgt. Rashidi Domville, a multichannel transmissions systems operator-maintainer assigned to Company C, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, from Mount Vernon, N.Y. He plays the center position and is the coach of his team. "Being able to watch other teams play gives Soldiers a chance to try and figure out other players' strength and weakness."

Other units like 4th Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, who is here on a nine month rotation, compete to solidify their place in the Camp Humphreys community. They did not have much time to prepare to enter and compete in this tournament, however, Troop E, 4th Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment practiced hard and made the most use of their time. In this month alone, they have arranged eight or nine practices so that they were ready to take on the competition.

"With us deployed here to Korea for the first time, we have the chance to be a part of an event held in the community," said Jackson. "As a unit we try to come out and support."

Even for seasoned basketball players, this holiday season tournament was a reason to be excited. Being part of an Army team carries the opportunity to bond with the Soldiers they serve with while doing something they enjoy.

"I've played basketball all over the United States and with a lot of different organizations but this is the first time I'm playing with an Army team," said Pfc. Devon G. Jackson, a healthcare specialist assigned to Troop E, 4-6 ARS, 2nd CAB, from Philadelphia, Penn., who played as a point guard, shooting guard, and was the captain of his team. "So, I'm excited and I'm looking forward to the team building."

After the company level pre-season basketball league ended on Dec. 7, the Soldiers had an opportunity to be closer as a unit and ready for the Company Level Basketball League that began on Dec. 9 and went through the 31st. If your unit did not get the chance to play in the seasonal tournament, don't worry there is another opportunity to come out and burn off the holiday fat from Jan. 6 to Jan. 28. For more information on how you can participate, please contact the Camp Humphreys Community Fitness Center at 753 - 7088.

### SPOUSES' COLUMN

## Spouse Shares Holiday Spirit

STORY BY  
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2ID SPOUSE

Remember, when you were a kid and you had Thanksgiving, Christmas or Chanukah, what was the first thing you wanted to do? You wanted to be with your friends. While your Family is beloved, your friends are important too and become your first chosen Family. Later on when you choose a husband or wife and you create your own Family, it's hard to choose which biological Family you will visit over the holidays. Life is about choices.

Choosing to serve in the military is like choosing your friends. Soon the military becomes another

Family. You make buddies for life, that become as close as brothers and sisters and who have gone through the same things you have been through in a short time.

Serving in the military is a selfless job. It is a call to duty, much like those who are called to serve God. In the military you serve our country and our country honors and is grateful to you. Some of you will receive packages from strangers over the holiday who are trying to show you how much they appreciate you and your service and the sacrifice you make such as being away from loved ones during the holidays. It is a difficult occupation, but one filled with great satisfaction.

With each unit you serve in you will learn about the history of that unit and the pride it carries to wear that unit's patch. You will meet Veterans who served in that unit and hear their memories. You will make your own memories of where you serve and share them with other soldiers and your loved ones. Having memories means you are never alone. They are in your mind, locked away for you to access anytime.

This holiday season, no matter where you are, home in the U.S. or here in S. Korea with your military Family you can take great pride in your service and your sacrifice. So please, take a moment to reflect about what is good in your life and have a happy holiday.



# DIRTY JOBS

STORY AND PHOTO BY  
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Soldiers may often face dangerous situations first-hand during their military career. They accept this as a necessary risk of serving their country during wartime, but there is a way to assess an area's risks before sending the Soldiers into the warzone.

Determining these hazards is Sgt. Antwan Dewayne Frazier, a Raven Unmanned Aircraft Vehicle Master Trainer and Infantryman with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, and a native of Quincy, Fla.

Frazier's mission involves taking Soldiers from different Military Occupational Specialties and qualifying them on the Raven system, which allows for another security force for their units. This in turn gives the units a bird's-eye-view of a potentially dangerous area.

"You can get eyes on an area anywhere from six to 1,000 feet with the UAV's," said Frazier. "This helps Soldiers identify the enemies before the Soldiers step outside the wire."

Normally consisting of two or three Soldiers, the Raven teams are responsible for assembling, launching and recovering the aircraft, and memorizing emergency procedures in the event of an aircraft malfunction or crash.

"If the Raven goes down, I know what I need to do to get it back," said Frazier. "It's a lot of moving parts that connect together that has to be put back in place."

Soldiers in any MOS can become Raven operators and master trainers.



MOS 11B – Infantryman/Raven UAV Master Trainer

Training is done at Fort Benning, Ga., for two weeks to become qualified as Raven operators, then an additional three weeks to qualify as master trainers. Being one of only two certified master trainers on the peninsula, Frazier prides himself in contributing his expertise and training 1ABCT Soldiers.

"With the ambushes that I've seen as an infantryman for 10 years, this just keeps us from getting in the danger zones and losing more friendlies," said Frazier.

Setting up a work site involves knowing the safety risks that may damage equipment and injure or kill Soldiers. The Raven UAV keeps a watchful eye for these potential dangers, an asset that Frazier can appreciate.

"I just love doing the job and wouldn't change it for the world," said Frazier. "Training Soldiers of all different specialties on a system that prepares us for battle and potentially saves lives means a lot to me."

# My Korea, My Life

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

Many Soldiers face the hardship of being separated from their family and friends during the holidays.

Soldiers deployed to Korea have the same difficulty, but spending the holidays in Korea can be more enjoyable than they think.

Fresno, Calif., native Sgt. 1st Class Maria Estrada, a maintenance supervisor assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, enjoys her life and holidays in Korea.

At first, she was unsure how much she would enjoy her tour in Korea. However, now that she has spent time here, "It's going to be hard to leave," said Estrada.

Even though Estrada is stationed in Korea and away from home, she has been able to enjoy many of her favorite things with her new friends Ahn young-sil and Cha Eun-jeong who are a married couple she met during a golf tournament.

Since then, she spends a lot of her time with them exploring new things.

"I have spent most of my time here in Korea with them," she said.

Estrada learned more about Korean culture with her friends during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, includ-

ing a visit to Seoul to watch the original Korean Musical 'Miso'.

"I was so excited to see the popular musical, and it was so beautiful and had great music," said Estrada. Estrada added that the Korean Musical 'Miso' had traditional Korean instruments and clothes.

She also enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner with the Soldiers of 70th BSB, followed by a traditional Black Friday shopping trip to the Camp Casey for a taste of home.

Even though she wasn't able to spend time with her family, Estrada found a different way to enjoy the holiday season. She feels lucky to be able to come to Korea and experience a culture that people back in the states don't.

*Do you have a story to tell?*

*If you would like to share your experiences in Korea with the division, please contact your public affairs office.*



## WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS



### 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 TRAINING:

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

SHARP MTT 80 Course for Areas I & II: Jan. 6-21, 2014

Areas III & IV: Jan 21-31, 2014.

SHARP Quarterly Training

February

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 2014

SHARP Stand-down Training April 2014

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

### MLK BIRTHDAY:

Martin Luther King Jr's birthday is January 22, 2014.

### LEGAL UPDATE:

Effective 1 November 2013, the Judge Advocate General is responsible for assigning a Division level Special Victim Advocate Counselor. The Counselor provides legal advice and

representation to victims of sexual assault throughout the military justice process.

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

### MILITARY SEPERATION:

Initiating Separation Proceedings and Prohibiting

Overseas Assignment for Soldiers Convicted of Sex Offenses (Army Directive 2013-21)

Commanders will initiate the administrative separation of any Soldier convicted of a sex offense, whose conviction did not result in apunitive discharge or dismissal. This policy applies to all personnel currently in the Army, regardless of when the conviction for a sex offense occurred and regardless of component of membership and current status in that component.

For more information, visit: [http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/pdf/ad2012\\_24.pdf](http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/pdf/ad2012_24.pdf)

### FAMILY BENEFITS:

Extending Benefits to Same-sex Spouses of Soldiers (Army Directive 2013-24)

The Army will treat all married couple Soldiers equally. The Army recognizes all marriages that are valid in the location of the ceremony and is working to make the same benefits and opportunities available to all spouses, regardless of whether they are in same-sex or opposite-sex marriages.

For more information, visit: [http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/pdf/ad2013\\_17.pdf](http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/pdf/ad2013_17.pdf)

### EDUCATION SERVICES:

There is a new online college, career, and transition system planning tool specifically designed for the U.S. military. Soldiers and veterans can learn from "Kuder Journey" about their interests, skills and work values to build a personal career plan, explore occupational information and plan for future success. Go to [www.dantes.kuder.com](http://www.dantes.kuder.com) or contact the Education Center, at 753-8904/8901.

### EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

The Secretary of the Defense has directed that all military evaluations covering rating periods after Sept. 27, 2013 will be in compliance with Army Directive 2013-20, Assessing Officers and Noncommissioned Officers on Fostering Climates of Dignity and Respect and on Adhering to the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program. For more information contact your local personnel office.

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. For more information, contact your unit personnel office.

### MILITARY TRAINING:

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>.

### TRAINING PHOTOS:

Please look at the 8A's Facebook page for PRT photos. Our aim is to easily identify Soldiers as they train. <https://www.facebook.com/Eighth.Army.Korea>.

### PROVOST MARSHALL'S OFFICE:

There will be an increase in the number of Korean National Police, and Military Police safety checkpoints in Area I. Anyone who chooses to drink needs to be smart and take a cab back to their residence.

Someone is watching. There will be full CCTV coverage throughout the Dongducheon city for safety. The CCTV center in Dongducheon city area is now operational. There are more cameras observing the area for safety and to assist civil law enforcement.

# HOLIDAYS ARE COMING UP

January 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 LUNAR NEW YEAR DAY	31	

February 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 LUNAR NEW YEAR
2 GROUNDHOG'S DAY	3 SUPER BOWL XLVIII	4	5	6	7	8
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11월 6일 캠프 호비(Camp Hovey)에서 제 1기갑전투여단 4-7기갑대대의 병사들이 스퍼 라이드(Spur Ride) 대회에 참가하여 서로 경쟁했다. 이 대회는 11월 4일부터 7일까지 열렸으며 장비준비, 12마일 행군 및 각종 코스로 이루어져 있다.  
<사진 \_ 상병 권용준 & 상병 재클린 다우랜드(Spc. Jacqueline Dowland) / 제 1기갑여단 공보처>

To. 지순 잠순 영화순 술순 농구순..  
안녕? 뭐하고 있어? ㅋㅋ 기말고사여서 요즘 못 보는 것이 아쉬워. 벌써 2주가 다 되가. 무릎까지 내려온 다크서클만큼이나 길어진 기말고사는 언제 끝나는지 모르겠어. 보고 싶어. 우리 처음 만났을 때 생각난다. 만난 지 얼마 안 된 것 같은데 시간이 꽤나 흘렀어. 여보가 자기 첫인상 어땠냐고 물어봐서 ㅋㅋ 주변 사람들이 자꾸 술 잘 마시고 많이 놀러 다니는 것처럼 오해한다고 그렇게 보이냐고 물어봤었지. ㅋㅋ 나도 그렇다고 했었어. \*-\_\* 그런 것 같다고. 그러면서 자기 착하다고 강조하면서 애기하는 모습이 귀여웠었어. 그때 미스터 피자에서도 어떤 외국인 남성이 직원분이란 소름이 안 되니까 옆에서 영어 통역 해주고 나서, 웃으면서 멋있지 않냐며 물어봤을 때도 마냥 귀여웠었어. 그래, 좀 멋있었어. () 아직 만난 지 얼마 안 되었지만, 여보는 괜찮은 사람이라고 생각해. 웬지 모르게 뭔가 점점 빠져든 달까. 아직 서로에 대해 모르는 점이 많아서, 난 마치 눈을 감고 손을 뻗으면서 길을 찾아가는 기분이야. 여보에게 고마운 점이 많아. 내 생일날 준 민들레, 해바라기 꽃다발, 진짜 감동이었어! Between\* 이벤트 때도. 전화하면서 사랑한다고 표현해줄 때도. 여보는 진짜 어디서 온 사람이야? ㅎㅎ 사랑해 여보. 빨리 기말 끝나고 여보 만났으면 좋겠다. 같이 해보고 싶은 것도 많고 같이 가보고 싶은 곳도 많아! 거기서 생활 잘 하구, 날씨 추워지니까 감기 조심해! 저번처럼 걸리지 말고, 뽀!

여보 ~~~안녕 ㅎㅎ 이렇게 편지 쓰려니까 무슨말부터 시작해야할지도 잘 모르겠구 어색하다 ㅋㅋ 만난지 얼마 안 되어서 여보에 대해 더 많은 것을 알아가고 싶은데도 내가 군인이어서 매일 못보고 일주일에 한번 많아야 두번 만날 수 밖에 없는 현실이 항상 안타깝고 항상 너한테 미안해 그래도 나를 생각해주는 사람이 있다는게 너무 고맙고, 나를 기다려주는 사람이 있다는 사실에 또 감사해 점점 추워지는 겨울에 군생활하는데 꼭 잡아아되는 희망이 생긴 것 같아서 너무 기뻐 ㅎㅎ 시험 다 끝나고 어반콘도 보러가고, 남산도 가고, 연극도 보러가고, 여행도 다니고 하자 !! 저번에 여보 감기걸렸을 때 얼마나 마음이 아팠는지 몰라. 내가 아무래도 감정표현이 많이 서툴러서 항상 겉으로는 당당한 척 하고 해도, 속으로는 정말 이런저런 생각을 많이해. 시험기간 다가오는데 나는 하나도 못챙겨주고 그래서 더 미안하고... 올해도 이제 다 지나갔어 !! 14년을 같이 시작해서 너무 기뻐 ㅎㅎ 1년 뒤 여보 임용만 패스하면 난 내후년에 내가 대학교 2학년 복학하면 고등학교 선생님이랑 연애를 하는 꼴이 되겠군 ㅋㅋㅋㅋㅋ 상상만해도 너무 웃기다 힘든 나를 항상 잡아줘서 고마워. 계속 서로 사랑하자! 사랑해 !!



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## 인디언헤드가 만난 사람들 "가장 기억에 남는 크리스마스는?"

미 2사단 사단본부중대 인사처  
행정/PC 운용병 상병 허병근

작년 겨울 동두천 WRC에서 오를을 떨면서 보냈던 크리스마스가 단연 가장 선명하게 남아 있습니다. WRC에서 생전 처음 보는 규모의 눈보라를 헤치며 아침마다 디랙에 가던 기억은 아마 평생잊지 못할 겁니다. 생전 살면서 정말 그런 추위와 눈은 처음 봤습니다. 추운 강풍에 맞서 동가들을 부여잡으며 디랙이 어는 시간만을 버텨 기다리다가 오늘은 제가 간 쪽 라인이 열지 않으니 반대편으로 나가라는 말을 들을 때의 그 느낌도 잊혀지지 않을 것 같습니다. 크리스마스날 디랙에서 먹는 저녁의 맛도, 동가들과 축구를 하면서 느꼈던 즐거움도, 그리고 WRC에 다녀와 CIF 물품이 바뀌었다는 것을 깨달았을 때의 당황스러움도 모두 기억속에 오래오래 남을 것 같습니다.

미 2사단 사단본부중대 인사처  
행정/PC 운용병 상병 장승호

제가 가장 기억에 남는 크리스마스는 2012년, 육군훈련소에서 보낸 크리스마스입니다. 크리스마스 전날부터 내렸던 눈으로 저는 크리스마스날, 새벽에 기상하자마자 교육대장님께서 직접 나눠주신 초콜렛을 맛있게 먹은 뒤, 바로 밖으로 나가 제설작전을 수행했습니다. 힘들었지만 무척 보람했습니다. 그 뒤 훈련소에서 처음 만나서 인연을 쌓게 된 동가들과 서로 따뜻한 대화를 나누며 힘들었던 훈련생활로부터 휴식을 즐기던 것은 아직도 기억에 또렷이 남아있습니다. 크리스마스라 특별히 그날은 과자도 많이 먹게 되었는데 무척 그 감동이 컸습니다. 20년동안 자유롭게 보낸 날을 군대에서 통제받는 삶을 살면서 보내는 것이야말로 기억에서 지워지지 않는 크리스마스였다고 저는 아직도 생각합니다.

미 2사단 사단본부중대 인사처  
행정/PC 운용병 일병 용인중

제 기억에 가장 남는 크리스마스는 초등학교 1학년 때 가족들과 함께 광에 여행을 갔던 때입니다. 매년 평범하게 보냈던 크리스마스와 달리 가족들과 해외 여행을 갔었던 기억은 아직도 생생합니다. 흔히 크리스마스라고 하면 눈이 오거나 날씨가 상당히 춥기 마련인데 그곳은 날씨가 우리나라의 봄, 가을과 같았습니다. 그곳에 사는 부모님 지인분의 집 옥상에서 BBQ도 먹고, 당시에 우리나라에서 개봉하지 않았던 해리포터를 영화관에서 친구들보다 먼저 봤던 기억도 있습니다. 다음에 또 기회가 된다면 눈이 오지 않는 나라로 따뜻한 크리스마스를 보내고 싶은 생각이 듭니다.

미 2사단 사단본부중대 인사처  
행정/PC 운용병 이병 황태운

제가 가장 기억에 남는 크리스마스는 고등학교 1학년 때 가족들과 함께 광에 여행을 갔던 때입니다. 매년 평범하게 보냈던 크리스마스와 달리 가족들과 해외 여행을 갔었던 기억은 아직도 생생합니다. 흔히 크리스마스라고 하면 눈이 오거나 날씨가 상당히 춥기 마련인데 그곳은 날씨가 우리나라의 봄, 가을과 같았습니다. 그곳에 사는 부모님 지인분의 집 옥상에서 BBQ도 먹고, 당시에 우리나라에서 개봉하지 않았던 해리포터를 영화관에서 친구들보다 먼저 봤던 기억도 있습니다. 다음에 또 기회가 된다면 눈이 오지 않는 나라로 따뜻한 크리스마스를 보내고 싶은 생각이 듭니다.

인- 자기소개를 부탁드립니다.  
김- 단결! 미2사단 사단본부중대의 선임병장 상병 김영빈입니다. 저는 현재 G9, A Co HQ, PMO으로 구성된 팀3를 담당하고 있습니다. 선임병장이 되기 전에는 약 1년간 배틀컴퍼니 HQ의 PAC 및 Training에서 근무하였습니다. 개인적으로 부대 내에서 안해본 일이 없을 정도로 '수많은' 디테일을 전전하였고.. 이 때문에 그 누구보다 다양한 부대 경험을 쌓았다고 자부할 수 있습니다.

인- 가장 기억에 남는 일은?

김- 가장 기억에 남는 일들이 있다면 역시 각종 디테일을 수행했던 것이 아닐까합니다. 드래쉬 건 설에서부터 제조작업, 냉창고 및 가구 배달, 파티 준비, 고기 굽기, 행사에 참여해서 참여 인원 늘리기, 제설작업, 탄약보급, 탄피줍기, 컴퓨터 수리, 물탱크 청소, 소포 배달, 페인트 칠, 통번역, 식당 예약, 프리젠테이션 준비 등등.. 정말 많은 디테일들을 해왔고 하나하나가 기억에 남는 것 같습니다. 그 중에서 가장 기억에 남는 것은 냉창고 및 가구 배달이 아닐까합니다. 약 20여 이상의 배럭 방의 냉창고와 가구 및 침대들을 정리하였는데 팔이 떨어질 정도로 정말 힘들었습니다.

인- 여태까지 본 미군중 가장 독특한 사람은?

김- 배틀컴퍼니의 전 일등상사님(1st Sgt. Kelley)이 여태까지 본 미군중 가장 독특했던 것 같습니다. 통상적인 간부분들의 모습과는 다르게 캠퍼나 컵커피같은 스타일로 매우 독특한 리더십을 구사하였습니다. 특히 평상복의 경우 무릎까지 내려오는 T셔츠와 체인 목걸이, 핑크 운동화 등을 입으시는 등, 복장에서부터 전 일등상사님의 독특함을 느낄 수 있었던 것 같습니다.

인- 임대한 뒤 지금까지 가장 허무했던 하루는?

김- 작년 이맘때쯤 (2월) 제설작업을 했던 경험이 임대 이후 지금까지 가장 허무했던 하루인 것 같습니다. 배틀컴퍼니 HQ건물의 경우 매우 긴 직선도로의 커브 길 옆에 위치하고 있습니다. 도로의 눈을 정리하는 제설차량이 커브를 돌면 차량 앞에 축적되었던 눈이 옆에 한번에 산처럼 쌓이게 됩니다. 때문에 눈이오면 HQ건물의 입구는

눈 산으로 가로막히는 상황이 발생하는데.. 눈이 온 어느날에 6시간 정도 제설을 하면서 HQ앞의 산과같은 눈을 겨우겨우 치워 놓았고 다들 보람에 차서 하이파이브를 했는데, 다음날 또 눈이와서 새로운 산을 6시간 동안 또다시 치워야했습니다..

인- 부대 근처에서 가장 맛있는 음식점은?

김- 부대 근처에 '저팔게'라는 보쌈&족발집이 있는데, 가격은 다소 비싸지만 정말 맛있습니다. 서비스도 좋고 고기 질이 아주 좋습니다.

인- 부대 내에서 자신의 외모 순위는?

김- 외모는 개개인의 취향이 굉장히 많이 반영되는 부분이므로 저는 관상학적으로 접근해보겠습니다. 관상학적으로 봤을때 저의 물 흐르듯 흘러가는 쌍꺼풀, 넓은 이마, 옅은 코와 도톰한 콧망울이 적어도 CRC 내에서는 최고의 관상이 아닐까 생각합니다.

인- 만약 전역한 뒤 재입대 해야한다면?

김- 저는 재입대를 해야한다면 바로 부사관으로 전환하는 프로그램으로 다시 군대에 오고 싶습니다. 사병으로 입대하는 것은 상상하기조차 싫은 일입니다. 한달에 10만원이라니 이런 부모님한테도 죄송할 일이라고 생각하기 때문에 소중한 2년을 알차게 보내기 위해서는 사병을 보다 월급을 많이 받을 수 있는 부사관으로 입대하고 싶습니다.

인- 전역 후의 계획은?

김- 일단 복학을 하기 전에 아르바이트를 해서 유럽으로 배낭여행을 떠나고 싶습니다. 그 후에 여자친구를 사귀고 싶은데, 여자친구를 사귀고나서 유럽으로 여행을 가도 될것 같습니다.

인- 전역 후 꼭 한번 다시 보고싶은 부대원은?  
김- 저는 제 리플레이스인 조진양 일병을 다시 만나고 싶습니다. 제가 배틀컴퍼니 HQ에서 떠났기 때문에 배치된 부대원이기 때문에 아련한 마음이 드는 부대원입니다. 좀 더 챙겨주고 지원을 해주었어야했는데 많은 것을 주지 못했는데, 전역 후에 아르바이트를 해서 맛있는 것을 한번 크게 사주고 싶습니다.

SECOND TO NONE!

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## 2013년 12월 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.



11월 13일 캠프 케이시(Camp Casey) 피트니스 센터에서 알베르토 카스티요(Sgt. 1st Class Alberto Castillo) 중사의 아내인 크리스타 카스티요(Christa Castillo)가 파워 클린 랙 스내치(Power clean hang snatch) 동작을 시범 보이고 있다.  
<사진 \_ 하사 카를로스 데이비스(Staff Sgt. Carlos R. Davis) / 제 210화력여단 공보처>



한국 가족과 자매결연을 맺은 중사 알폰소 휴조(Sgt. 1st Class Alfonso Huezio)가 추수감사절을 기념하는 저녁 식사에 이웃들을 초대해 식사를 하고 있다.  
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제 6-37 야전포병대대 제 579 전방지원중대 병사들이 11월 21일 캠프 모바일(Camp Mobile)에서 UH-60 블랙호크(Black Hawk) 헬리콥터를 통한 물자수송 훈련을 하고 있다.  
<사진 \_ 하사 카를로스 데이비스(Staff Sgt. Carlos R. Davis) / 제 210화력여단 공보처>



지난 11월 19일부터 21일까지 캠프 험프리스(Camp Humphreys)에서 제 4-6공격정찰대대는 제 3-2공중지원대대의 지원아래 전투 구조 훈련을 실시하였다.  
<사진 \_ 병장 니콜 홀(Sgt. Nicole Hall) / 제 2 항공여단 공보처>



제3-2공중지원대대본부및본부중대의작전장교윌리엄데스타시오(2ndLt. William Destasio)소위가 11월 26일 캠프 험프리스(Camp Humphreys)에서 진행된 M9 권총 사격시합에 참여했다.  
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### 한미 문화 교류

## 성탄절 CHRISTMAS

성탄절이라 불리기도 하는 크리스마스는 12월 25일이며 24일 밤, 즉 그 전날 밤이 크리스마스 이브이다. 초대 그리스도교에서는 하루를 전날의 일몰로부터 다음 날 일몰까지로 정하였기 때문에 천 야인 이브가 중요하였다. 그리스도의 탄생의 정확한 날짜와 증거는 신약성서에서도 자세히 기록되지 않고 그리스도교에서 만들어낸 신화의 하나일 뿐이다. 그 탄생을 축하하는 의식은 3세기경에 시작된 것으로 보이며, 그 날짜 또한 일정하지 않아 1월 6일, 3월 21일, 12월 25일 가운데 어느 하루가 선택되었다. 로마 교회에서 12월 25일을 성탄절로 정한 것은 354년 경이며 초기 크리스마스는 태양숭배의 습속을 이용하여 봄의 광명에 대한 기대를 불러일으키는 동지의 축일, 후에는 농신에게 따르는 가장행렬의 요소가 섞여 행해졌다. 카니발의 요소도 있어 혼성적 종교행사의 모습을 갖추었으며 민족이나 지역에 따라 비그리스도교적인 많은 풍습이 현재까지 전승해오고 있다.

크리스마스 기간의 가장 중심적인 장식물은 크리스마스 트리이다. 이것은 프랑스와 이탈리아, 에스파냐 등지에서 교회 앞에 높이 세운 겨울 미관에서 유래된 것으로 근에는 집집마다 가지가 곧은 나무를 잘 손질하여 꽃아 양초·원구·인형·종이로 만든 종과 가지 따위를 달아매고, 또 가지나 뿌리 위에는 눈송이



를 본떠 솜을 엮는다. 그리고 어린이들이 방안에 들어설 때에 양초에 불을 붙인다. 최근에는 여러 가지 전구가 쓰인다. 나무도 플라스틱을 재료로 한 인조제품들이 많이 사용하여 시대를 거듭할 수록 성대하고 화려해져가고 있다.

또한 크리스마스와 결부하여 산타클로스의 설화와 전승이 있다. 크리스마스 이브에 착한 아이들에게 선물을 가져다 준다는 전설로 어린이들에게는 아주 친숙한 이름이다. 산타클로스는 말은 270년 소아시아 지방 리키아의 파타라지에서 출생한 세인트(성) 니콜라스의 이름에서 유래되었다. 그는 자신심이 지극히 많았던 사람으로 후에 미라의 대주교(大主教)가 되어, 남몰래 많은 선물을 배물었는데, 그의 생전의 이런 자선행위에서 유래, 산타클로스 이야기가 생겨났다고 한다. 가톨릭에서는 그를 성인으로 여긴다. 그의 이름은 라틴어로 상투스 니콜라우스인데, 네덜란드 사람들은 산 니콜라우스라고 불렀다. 특히 아메리카 신대륙에 이주한 네덜란드인들은 산테클라스라고 불러, 자신을 베푸는 자의 전형으로 삼았다. 이 발음이 그대로 미국어화했고, 19세기 크리스마스가 전세계에 알려지면서 착한 어린이들에게 선물을 하는 상상의 인물이 되어, 어린이들이 정답게 부르다가 '산타클로스'로 변하게 된 것이다. 산타클로스의 복장은 1931년 미국의 해돈 신드블롬이 코카콜라 광고에서 그린 그림에서 유래한 것이다. 그 밖에 크리스마스에 연유한 전설이나 풍습은 상당히 많고, 크리스마스 행사는 그리스도교뿐만 아니라, 점차 국제적인 연중행사가 되고 있다.

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## 한미교류

# 17사단, 미 2사단 연합훈련 ‘박자가 척척’

미군과 한국군 장병들의 단합된 모습은 한마디로 말해서 “한박자에 맞춰 걸어가느” 행진이라고 표현할 수 있다.

제 1 기갑전투여단에 소속된 제 1-72 전차대대의 병사들과 제 23 화학대대 501 화생방 중대의 병사들이 로드리게즈(Rodriguez) 실사격 훈련장에서 11월 15일에 진행된 연합훈련에서 한국군 제 17사단 100연대 2대대를 함께 지원하였다.

한국군 장병들을 지원하기 위해 제 1 기갑전투여단은 501 화생방 중대로부터 15인조 화생방 대응팀을 꾸려 제공했고 제 1-72 전차대대에서 31인의 보병들을 보내 잠재적 오염지역을 정화하도록 하였다.

합동훈련 진행 과정에서 한국군 100연대 2대대는 약 300명의 병사를 대대의 첫 공중강습 훈련에 참여시켰다. 공중강습 훈련에 이어서 한국군 부대는 목표물을 확보하고 모든 건물을 탈환했다.

전투준비훈련의 일원인 제 501 화생방중대의 손 구야덴(Staff Sgt. Shaun Guyaden) 하사는 “우리는 한국군과 최소 한달에 한번씩은 함께 훈련한다”고 말하고 “훈련을 통해서 서로의 전술을 교환하는 것은 매우 바람직한 일이다. 문을 열고 서로 의사소통할 때 우리는 새로운 것을 배우고 하나되어 대비할 수 있는 기회를 갖는다”고 덧붙였다.

미군과 한국군 장병들의 협력이 빛났던 이 훈련에서 미 2사단의 화학병과 보병들의 하나된 노력 또한 두드러졌다. 제 1-72 전차대대의 삼엄한 경계는 화생방 대응팀의 성공적인 임무 완수에 큰 도움이 되었다.

제 1-72 전차대대 A중대장 베른하트 쾰츠너(Capt. Bernhard Kirchner) 대위는 “지위고하를 막론하고 모두가 힘을 합치는 것이 중요하다”고 말하고 “그들이 어떻게 임무를 수행하고 어떻게 힘을 모아 싸우는지를 알게 되어 그들을 더욱 효과적으로 지켜내야 한다”고 덧붙였다.

하나되어 훈련함으로써 미군과 한국군은 서로의 작전 과정을 더욱 잘 알게 되었다. 이는 한국에 주둔하는 미 2사단의 임무수행에 필수적인 것이다. 언제라도 당장 싸울 수 있는 준비태세를 갖추고 한편으로는 동맹을 강화하며 제 1 기갑전투여단의 장병들은 언제나 최선을 다해서 훈련에 임한다.

구야덴 하사는 “모든 것은 우리의 준비태세를 배양하기 위함이다”고 말하고 “서로 다른 부대들이 각자의 전문성을 제공하여 힘을 합치는 것이야말로 우리에게 있어 실제로 필요한 것이다”고 덧붙였다.

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미 2사단병사들이 공중강습훈련중 OH-53D 카이오와 워리어 헬리콥터에서 내려 포박 전진을 시도하고 있다



공중강습 훈련에 참가한 한국군 제 17사단 100연대 병사들이 훈련장에 도착해 들어오고 있다.

지난 11월 14일 대한민국 육군 제 17사단 100연대 2대대와 함께 제 1전투여단은 가장 큰 규모의 공중강습 훈련을 진행하였다. 비록 날씨가 항공 훈련에 적합하지 않음에도 불구하고 “같이 갑시다”라는 한미연합 정신에 입각하여 로드리게즈 훈련장(Rodriguez Range)에서 실시되었다.

“썬더볼트 작전(Operation Thunderbolt)라 명명된 이번 대규모 훈련은 주한미군 측 제 2 항공여단 제 4-6 항공대대, 제 4-2 항공대대, 제 1 전투기

갑여단 제 23 화학대대가 참가하였다. 이번 훈련은 UH-60 블랙호크스(Black Hawk's), AH-64D 롱보우 아파치(Longbow Apache), OH-58D 카이오와 워리어 헬리콥터(Kiowa Warrior Helicopters) 그리고 무인 항공 시스템이 동원되어 한반도 내에 발생가능한 도발을 억제하는 화력을 과시하였다. 제 2-2항공대대 대대장 브라이언 윌쉬(LTC. Brian E. Walsh) 중령은 “동맹국인 대한민국 육군과 함께 훈련함으로써 우리 미측이 대한민국에 대한 어떠한 도발에도 억제와 응징이 준비되어 있음을 보였다”고 말했다. 그리고 이번 연합훈련은 한미 연합군에 함께 배우고 성장하는 기회를 제공하였으며 윌쉬 중령은 “이번 훈련을 통해 한미 연합군 내의 자이점을 줄이고 공통적으로 가지고 있는 장점 극대화하여 준비태세를 증진하였다”고 덧붙였다.

제 17보병사단 100여단 2대대 작전 장교 김민중 대위도 윌쉬 중령이 밝힌 소감처럼 이번 연합훈련을 통하여 한미연합력이 증진되었고 그의 부대원들 모두 주한미군과 함께 훈련한 기회에 감사한다고 덧붙였다.

김민중 대위는 “많은 대한민국 육군 군인들이 이러한 훈련을 쉽게 경험하지 못하기 때문에 사전에 대대원 모두 동기부여가 되어있었으며 훈련 시에는

오늘과 같은 공중강습 훈련에 일원이 된것을 굉장히 자랑스러워했다”고 말했다.

이번 항공 훈련이 처음이라고 말한 제 17보병사단 100여단 2대대 보병 김원곤 이병은 “헬리콥터를 타는 것이 저에게 처음이라 기대감에 굉장히 흥분되고 긴장되었다”고 말하고 “이번이 나에게 2번째 훈련이며 이번 훈련으로 나 자신 스스로 더 강하고 성숙해질 수 있는 기회로 삼고 싶다. 그리고 미측 군인들은 굉장히 영리하였으며 많은 것을 배울 수 있었다”고 덧붙였다.

윌쉬 중령에 따르면 이번 한달간 진행된 항공 강습 사전계획 과정과 실천훈련은 굉장히 성공적이었으며 임무를 성공적으로 수행한 그의 부대원들에게 감사함을 표했다.

그는 “한미 연합훈련을 함으로써 서로에 대한 신뢰와 자신감을 기를 수 있으며 준비태세 역량에 대해 확신을 가질 수 있었다. 우리는 오늘 대한민국 육군과 함께 싸울 준비가 되어있다”고 말했다.

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# 화생방 장갑차 기동훈련



제1기갑전투여단 병사들에게 있어서 실사격 훈련은 익숙한 일이지만 훈련장에서 스트라이커(Stryker) 화생방 장갑차가 기동하는 것을 목격하는 일은 매우 드문 일이다.

제1기갑전투여단 제23화학대대의 화학병들은 스트라이커 M1135 화생방 장갑차를 이용하여 로드리게즈(Rodriguez) 실사격 훈련장에서 11월 12일부터 19일까지 실시된 실사격 훈련을 실시하였다.

연2회 실시되는 이 훈련은 작전상황에서의 화생방 장갑차 운용 능력을 향상시키는 것을 목표로 한다. 훈련은 1주일간 진행되었으며 이를 통해 장갑차 승무원들은 장차 무기 숙련도를 높이고 장비를 다루는 데 있어 자신감을 얻게 되었다.

제23화학대대 제62화학중대의 화생방 장갑차 지휘관 크리스토퍼 케레간(Sgt. Christopher Kerregan) 병장은 “우리는 화생방 장갑차 승무원으로서 기갑부대 혹은 보병부대와 함께 진군하여 화생방 오염지역에서 정찰임무를 보조해야 한다”고 말하고 “임무를 완수하기 위해서 우리는 전장의 선봉에서 자기 자신을 지킬 수 있는 능력을 갖춰야 한다”고 덧붙였다.

스트라이커 승무원은 제23화학대대에서 18명, 제1특수군부대에서 2명으로 도합 20명이 참가했다. 장갑차 한 대에는 사격수 2명, 지휘관 그리고 운전수가 탑승한다.

장갑차 지휘관들은 가상 전쟁상황에서 훈련을 하면서 지도력과 동시에 복수의 작업을 할 수 있는 능력을 평가받았다. 그들은 압박적인 훈련 상황에서 최대한의 기량을 발휘하였다.

장갑차 지휘관들은 승무원들을 지휘하며 다양한 일을 동시에 처리해야 하므로 자신이 알고 있는 것에 확신을 가져야 한다. 차량 지휘에 더해서 그들은 무기를 작동시키고 작전을 짜고 탐

사를 하며 사후 평가 후 보고서를 제출하는 일까지 한다.

화생방 장갑차들은 오염된 환경에서 작동할 수 있도록 설계되었다. 양압장치로 봉인된 차량은 화생방 물질에 방해받지 않고 적에게 다가갈 수 있다.

1주간의 훈련기간동안 병사들은 사격 시험, 공대지 통신 수업, 차량 생존 훈련이 포함된 예비 생존 귀환 훈련(HEAT, Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer)을 완수했다.

혹독한 시련을 참아내며 케레간 병장과 승무원들은 매우 힘들었지만 임무를 완수하려 노력하는 과정에서 전우애를 다지고 단합된 팀으로 성장하였다.

그는 “훈련을 통해 차량 내부와 외부에서의 의사소통이 원활해진 것을 느꼈다”고 말하고 “이번 훈련은 나의 두 번째 훈련인데, 할 때마다 새로운 것들을 배워가는 것 같다”고 덧붙였다.

제1기갑전투여단의 수많은 실사격 훈련들 중에서도 여단의 희귀 품종인 제23화학대대 화학병들이 참가한 이번 훈련은 특히 눈에 띄었다. 미2사단의 군사역량을 높이기 위해 이 병사들은 직무의 기술적인 면을 조율하는 일을 한다.

제23화학대대의 작전보조장교인 니콜라스 벨(Capt. Nicolas Bell) 대위는 “이런 훈련은 우리의 작전 준비능력을 월등하게 향상시킨다”고 말하고 “적과 교전 시 화생방 환경에 처할 때를 대비하는 이 훈련은 병사들로 하여금 반격할 수 있는 자신감과 지식을 쌓을 수 있도록 해준다. 병사들은 반복된 연습을 통해 장비와 친숙해지고 언제나 싸울 수 있는 준비를 갖추게 된다”고 덧붙였다.

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