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UNDER THE OAK TREE: BATTLE-FOCUSED APPROACH

raining for war-fighting readiness is our number one priority. I don't want to see Warrior Division Soldiers getting too comfortable with garrison life, so we need to re-focus our efforts on a few Army fundamentals in order to maintain our readiness.

Field craft skills

We need to be combat ready, not combat naked - that means wearing our KIT in accordance with the Warrior Standards when out on exercises and field training, just like during combat. We rely on technology, which is nice to have, but we have lost the art of how not to rely on technology. We need to be proficient in the basic fundamentals - navigating with a compass, map and protractor; communicate using hand and arm signals; move around at night using only night observation devices.

These are all basic Army skills that we must not forget. Even on today's modern battlefield, we still need to know how to operate when we run out of batteries.

Physical fitness

Fitness is the most important part of our life as Soldiers. We are the most lethal Army in the world and must present an image as such.

The first step to fitness is nutrition. Nutritionists and counselors are available to leaders to educate themselves and their Soldiers on a proper diet.

For the next step, fitness has to be functional. We cannot just train ourselves and our units to pass the APFT. Use challenging ways to keep our Soldiers fit, such as Crossfit. Use realistic scenarios for fitness; for example, we have to build and strengthen the core and our legs because we are going to move and shoot, wearing full KIT, up and down mountains. We have to train our Soldiers to be fit the right way.

Another great method is to conduct foot marches. For a conditioning march, the unit can do it without a full combat load, but with a proper packing list with a pace faster than 15-minute miles. Units should also plan to conduct tactical foot marches, wearing our combat load, a 35-pound ruck or pack with a prescribed packing list and personal weapon.

Marksmanship programs

Besides fitness, we need to be able to shoot straight as well. Although we will use our long-range weapons systems to surpress the enemy, it is our ability to engage targets in the last 100 yards that will make the ultimate difference.

I want Soldiers to be masters of their own weapon, and have intimate knowledge of everything else. Soldiers should be shooting at ranges which allow them to shoot at the maximum capabilities of their weapon using both iron sites and optics.

Leaders need to learn how to use fire commands, to direct and control fires, at every range. Stress shoots, involving

Warrior Tasks and Drills, and Close Quarters Marksmanship Training should be a part of our training plans.

Training has to be conducted like we will fight because that is what Soldiers came into the Army to do. If we cannot make a Soldier lethal with a weapon, he or she will be no good when they go up against the enemy.

Education

There aren't many units that offer time off from work for your civilian education. So while in this division, you should be taking advantage of Warrior University.

On the military side of education, self-educate yourself by completing Self-Structured Development. In order to attend a Noncommissioned Officer Academy, every candidate must have this completed prior to attendance.

Taking Army correspondence will also earn you promotion points and educate our formations on military skills.

Just because you have been to combat, does not mean that you are a combat leader. As the Masters program of all leadership schools in the world, once a leader goes to Ranger School, he, and now she, will show the world that they have done something very few have done before them.



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

We all also need to take advantage of all the schools available within our career fields, to market ourselves. This will make us a better Soldier in our fields, and then when it comes to promotion, you are looked at differently among your peers.

These are just some things we can do for our Soldiers to maintain fight tonight readiness.

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STORY BY PFC KIM DONG-SU • 2ID PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The lifestyle of military children is quite unique. It may involve moving to new states or countries many times while growing up. This might mean that they have to change schools several times and adapt to new environments

According to the Military Child Education Coalition website, military children generally move six to nine times from the time they enter kindergarten to the time they graduate high school. Many make multiple moves during high school years as well, some even during their senior year.

"Every time I move, I have to make new friends and meet new people," said Dayjah Tull, daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Karen R. Lassiter, the 2nd Infantry Division Equal Opportunity advisor, 17, who attends Seoul American High School. "This is what makes it hard to adapt to the new environment. But unlike normal American children, I get to travel a lot."

Military children have the added benefit of experiencing several diverse locations while growing up.

on life being more exposed to different cultures and society. She is more alert and responsible," said Lassiter.

Having had the opportunity to live around the world, these children tend to have very resilient personalities, exceptional social skills, a high level of multicultural or international awareness, be proficiency in foreign languages, and a have strong affinity for careers that entail service to others.

"They have opportunities to learn about other cultures and geographical areas," said Marie E. Johnson, chief



Every incoming 2nd Infantry Division U.S. and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldier spends a week at the Warrior Readiness Center prior to arriving to the unit. The seven-day in-processing sequence is designed to educate incoming personnel on a variety of areas and prepare them to smoothly transition to their new units.

To help Soldiers better interact positively with the local populace, in cooperation with Gyeonggi Province, WRC designed a program to help Soldiers better understand Korean culture and life in the "Land of the Morning Calm."

The culture awareness training is split into two parts. Part one requires approximately four hours to cover in the classroom instruction and part two consists of traveling off post to the 2nd Inf. Div. Museum and local cultural attractions between Uijeongbu and Seoul. Another piece to the program is the two-day Resiliency Training.

"There is so much to learn about this country that to cram it into a few hours would be impossible," said Staff

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2ND INFANTRY DIVISION HONORS MILITARY CHILDREN

"My daughter has a better outlook



of Child and Youth School Services, USAG Red Cloud and Area I. "They have a greater social network of friends from all over the world."

They usually have a career that is more independent, more mature and also favors creative and artistic professions.

For military children, there are programs and services which do help to the current environment in which they live.

"The programs by the Youth Center are really great - having field trips and able to play games," said Tull. To recognize the bravery and

sacrifice of these military children, the Department of Defense has designated April as the Month of the Military Child. Special events – from picnics

and parades to recreational fairs and fun festivals – are in place for both Families and their military children to enjoy.

"This year's Month of the Military Child theme - 'Proud, Ready and Resilient' - sums it all up," said Johnson. "Military children have a unique lifestyle. Despite frequent relocations, reintegrations, deployments, loss or care of a wounded parent, military children have the ability to succeed."

Throughout April, Soldiers and Family members around the world will recognize the sacrifices of U.S. military children by celebrating the Month of the Military Child.

More than 1.7 million children have one or more parents serving on active duty in the military. An estimated

900,000 children have had one or more parents deployed multiple times.

"My hat goes off to all military children," said Silke S. Magahan, USAG Red Cloud and Area I Child Development Center director. "It's definitely not easy dealing with added stressors associated in the military lifestyle. And that's why we work so hard every day, to provide as continuous a program as they would be accustomed to stateside."

While there are some negative aspects to being a military child, there are many positive ones, said Lassiter. Having moved around the States or countries several times, these children have a better chance of being independent, develop better social skills and better understanding of different cultures.

PORT OF CALL: WARRIOR READINESS CENTER

Sgt. Hun Lee Rosenberry, a cultural awareness instructor at WRC. "So during the class, we try our best to cover many aspects of the Korean way of life. We try to give them as much knowledge as we can in a short time to help better facilitate their transition as they in-process here in Korea."

Korean language, food, customs and money are just a few topics Soldiers are taught during this course. The intricate Korean subway system is another important subject taught to the Soldiers, as it is a major mode of transportation in Korea. WRC also teaches the Soldiers common Korean etiquette to help prevent them insulting a Korean.

"I was very ignorant about being in Korea but through the cultural training brief I had a chance to learn about Korean culture," said Pvt. Martin Jamie Jr., a Soldier currently attending the WRC program.

The WRC instructors are composed of U.S. and KATUSA Soldiers. These instructors teach with fervor and are always willing to give out more information to newcomers.

"Resilience training and the cultural awareness instructors provide excellent energy to all of the newly arrived Warriors," said Capt. Margo L. Jones, the WRC com-

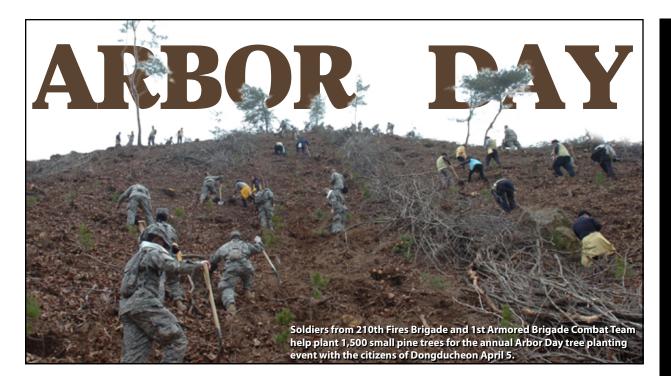
"I feel passionate about helping the Soldiers better understand the Korean way of life," said Rosenberry. "We represent the people of the U.S., and our government, so we should be examples and ambassadors to our host nations so as not to tarnish our reputation."

With feedback after each class the instructors can change the brief to communicate the information better.

"At first I was worried that my imperfect English conversation skills would hinder my capability as a instructor, but with the help of my NCO I have gained confidence," said Pfc. Park Jong-won, a KATUSA soldier and cultural awareness instructor at WRC. "Now I do my best to deliver information to the newcomers."

Another unique fact of the cultural awareness program in WRC is that the Gyeonggi Military Government Cooperation Team has partnered with WRC since 2009 to teach this course. These Korean government officials have significantly collaborated with WRC over the past year to improve the program and strengthen the Alliance.

Without the basic training and education the U.S. and KATUSA Soldiers acquire in WRC, making their way around the peninsula could be a tough task.





Soldiers from 210th Fires Brigade and 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, joined the citizens of Dongducheon to plant 1,500 trees to celebrate Arbor Day April 5.

More than 50 Soldiers and 100 Dongducheon citizens joined in the effort to revitalize a hillside in the southern part of the city to make a positive impact on the environment and solidify the strong relationship between U.S. Soldiers and Korean citizens.

Following the destruction of much of Korea during the Korean War, South Korea now leads the world in its reforestation efforts.

Dongducheon Mayor Oh Sea-chang addressed the volunteers and encouraged them to work with care while planting the trees.

"I encourage you to plant the trees with your best will; that is the way to show your love for this country," said Oh.

The Arbor Day observance is a longstanding tradition that celebrates the enduring partnership between the military and the city of Dongducheon.

"Today is the 68th Arbor Day event, and we do it together with 2nd Infantry Division," said Nam Sang-man, a Korean who works in Dongducheon City Hall. "It is for promoting friendship together."

Senior division leaders enthusiastically supported the community effort.

"The planting of trees is a great activity for us to do together because it's very much like the relationship the 2nd Infantry Division has with the city of Dongducheon," said Col. Louis Rago, commander, 1st ABCT.

"Today we'll do a little bit of work, and it will be a little hard, but over the years the trees will grow and become stronger, just like our relationship has over the 60 years that we've been good friends," he continued.

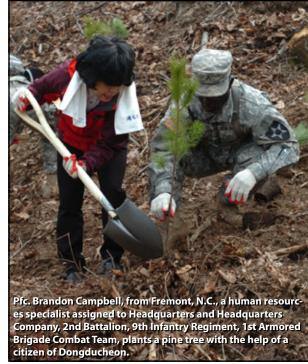
The volunteers climbed steep, bare hillsides and planted baby pine trees together, sharing laughs and stumbles along with the hard work. U.S. and Dongducheon citizens alike carried bags of trees to each other, helped dig holes and carefully placed new trees in the landscape.

"This was on my bucket list," said Sgt. Pedro Bulgado, a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and a signal support systems specialist from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st ABCT. "I never imagined I would do it – plant a tree in another country.

After planting more than 1,500 seedlings, the volunteers gathered around tables to share a traditional chicken meal and friendly conversation.

"We do this Arbor Day event every year. Government employees participated in this always with U.S.





Soldiers," said Ko Hyun-jin, a Korean who works in the Dongducheon City Hall. "Understanding each other and sharing each others' opinions through this event are beneficial."

The event is a demonstration of the U.S. commitment to the community partnership between 2nd Inf. Div. and the citizens of Dongducheon, working together as good neighbors to make the community a better place.



STORY AND PHOTO BY SGT KYLE RICHARDSC 1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Children looked on in excitement as the explosions of M109A6 Paladin 155mm Howitzer rounds cascaded into the mountain range at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex.

Wide-eyed and speechless, children and Family members watched in awe as the 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, showed off their weapons' capabilities during a Family fun day April 5, 2013.

The Family day provided an opportunity for Family members to spend some time with their Soldiers in a field environment. The Family members were able to see up-close why their Soldiers come home dirty from field training exercises.

"An event like this allows the Families to see that although we're training a lot, we're also thinking about them," said Capt. Clinton Hail, a Dallas-native and a battalion fires direction officer. "We wanted to provide them with a chance to see what their husbands were doing.

You just don't send your significant other off for a given amount of time and they just disappear. This event also gives the Family members a chance to see what goes on behind the scenes."

During the day, the Family members were allowed to see the Howitzer up close, fire the .50-caliber machine guns, try on tactical equipment, and see artillery rounds fired and impact. Even though the Families received the opportunity to see various demonstrations, the day provided additional bonding opportunities.

"Being in the Army we spend a lot of time away from home," said Sgt. James Joyner, a Rapid City, S.D.,-native and a heavy wheel mechanic with Battery A. "My wife appreciates what I do She understands that what we do as Soldiers isn't the easiest thing to do in the world. Having the Families come out kind of helps everyone to see what we do on a regular basis."

Newly married couples or couples with a few years behind their wedding vows used the day to catch up and make up for some lost time at home.

my husband," Amanda Nellis, a Wamego, Kan.,native. "This gives me an idea of what he goes

ZID REAFFIRMS COMMITTMENT TO LIMINATING SEXUAL ASSAULT

STORY BY CAPT KELLY MCKENZIE 210TH FIB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Senior leaders with the 2nd Infantry Division signed a proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month at the Warrior's Club on Camp Casey April 3.

Brig. Gen. J.B. Burton, 2nd Inf. Div. deputy commanding general for maneuver, and Col. John and victim advocates from 1st Armored Brigade M. Scott, the Area I installation management commander, signed the proclamation to recognize care they provided to victims. These specially and reinforce their commitment to the Army's effort to eradicate sexual assault from its ranks.

"We want to achieve an understanding that this is about dignity and respect. It's really about taking care of each other, respecting one another, regardless of who we are or where we come from," said Burton.

The event demonstrates the Army's commitment to the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program and strengthens the readiness of 2nd Inf. Div. Soldiers to fight tonight to deter aggression against the Republic of Korea. ance," said Du Brall.

"We join with our Army and the nation to increase our understanding and energize everyone in the prevention and elimination of sexual assault and sexual harassment," said Burton. "The challenge is ours, we own it and we'll solve it together.

During the ceremony, leaders also recognized the division's sexual assault response coordinators Combat Team and 210th Fires Brigade for the certified noncommissioned officers are trained to provide assistance to victims of sexual assault from the initial report until the victim no longer requires assistance.

Sgt. 1st Class Sarah Du Brall, victim advocate for 1st ABCT, emphasized the importance events which reach out to Soldiers.

"Having leadership support like this helps push out the word and get everybody involved and educated on what kind of services we provide, so they know what to do and who to go to for assist-



"It's great that I get to come out to the field with



through when he comes home complaining about being in the field. In a way, me being able to see what he goes through brings us a little closer."

The Family day also gave the parents a chance to show their children what they do outside the office. easiest but at the same time we're not alone."

"It's not really my first time seeing my dad at work, but I'm still excited to come out and see him Family events in the near future. in the field," said Margaret McLellan, 11, a Deering, N.H.,-native. "I think it's cool that my dad is in the the command and we come together to help one Army. I appreciate the chances I get to see him."

As most Soldiers joined the Army for various reasons and accepted an assignment to Korea, many of them truly appreciated the opportunity to extra mouths and that crazy uncle that everyone spend some extra time with their Family.

"I joined the Army to defend my country but most importantly to support my Family," said Pfc. Nathan Nellis, a Wamego, Kan.,-native, a Battery B artilleryman. "Being a military Family isn't the

Hail said the unit was prepared to do more

"We're a team, we have friends in the unit and another," Nellis stated. "Everyone does their part to get through this assignment. I look at it as if we're a normal functioning Family, but just with a few has."

STORY BY SGT PETER ADAMS 602th ASB

As the sound of rotor blades thumps through their headsets, the retransmission team looks out the windows of the Black Hawk and down to the small "X" marking their final destination. The first squad of Soldiers from Company C, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, dismount the helicopter into gale force winds. It quickly hits home that the mountain top environment will be their home, work station and an Army asset in the region for the next two days.

For Pvt. Malcom Eleby, a signal support specialist for Co. C from East Palo Alto, Calif., this is his first real-world training mission, first helicopter ride and first time working with this equipment in the field.

"I was excited," said Eleby. "I just got into the Army and saw people doing all of this on TV, but this was one of those moments where you say 'I'm doing it!""

This mission, from March 14 to 15, was not only a string of firsts for Eleby, but for Co. C and the Korean Peninsula as well. Through the next two days the team did what no other communications team has done before and air lifted squads onto the top of three mountains that are only accessible by aircraft in order to set up stable FM communications for the northwest region of South Korea. Prior to this training the peaks had only been used individually as retransmission sites, but never together on this wide of a scale.

Having these four nodes operating at the same time, on the mountain peaks and at the Command post, allowed for continual communication from Camp Casey to Camp Humphreys, over 60 miles, for any allied unit in the area to utilize during the annual Key Resolve Exercise.

"This is the culmination of two years' worth of training and preparation," says Capt. Justin Becker, the company commander. "As a new commander it is my first time deploying four different nodes and conducting four separate missions simultaneously."

Installing FM communications, as opposed to the satellite communications which are normally utilized in the field to track units over 25 miles away, allows for immediate vocal communication over an encrypted channel that only Allied forces would have access to.

"Our set up time went from an hour-and-a-half to an hour and now I feel I can set up a retransmission base station in 15 minutes if needed," said Eleby after the preparation that the platoon went through the weeks leading up to Key Resolve. But, once it is set up it still has to be maintained and secured during operation.

With a network of this size the company is able to support up to a division-level movement at the same time while the teams are in the field. Although this network facilitiates communication for all ground and air units, this is particularly important for the helicopters that are supported directly by the 602nd ASB because it covers more ground in a short period of time.

"The only thing that isn't limited by the topology of the Korean Peninsula is the helicopters we have," says 2nd Lt. Brain Heath, the Joint Node Network platoon leader for Co. C, from Chatham, N.J. "You have to be able to adjust what the birds are doing quickly."

"In other words, we are the Verizon wireless of the Army," Eleby added. "We connect everyone."

After two days of real-world training, which culminated years of planning, the team not only tore down and brought back the equipment but, they also gained job experience that no one else on the peninsula can claim. With the experience they gained first-hand, 2nd Lt. Gregory Herr, the Co. C retransmission platoon leader from Lancaster, Penn., is confident his team is fully capable of accomplishing any mission the division may require of them in the future.

"They've seen the worst that could happen and are fully capable of executing the mission requirements," said Herr.

"I feel like I'm ready to fight tonight, to sustain and bring up the communication systems for Korea," said Eleby. "We are the backbone for what the Army is doing here. We're setting up for the future and this is a big step toward it."



PROUD BADGE **DF SERVICE** Sgt. Seo Sang-hyun, a senior KATUSA soldier for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, counsels a KATUSA soldier in the Republic of Korea army staff office on Camp Humphreys. (Photo by Sgt. Ahn Byung-hoon, 2nd CAB Public Affairs)



STAFF SGT AARON DUNCAN 2ND CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

South Koreans are known for many things such as their rich cultural heritage and delicious food, but what does not often come to mind is that the Republic of Korea is one of about 25 countries in the world with a mandatory national service or conscription program. All South Korean males between the ages of 18 and 35 are obligated to serve at least 21 months in the military or police.

For those proficient in the English language, a special assignment is available - the Korean Augmentation to the United States Army program, which allows Korean and American Soldiers to serve alongside each other for the enrichment of both countries involved. The program operates as a symbol of the two countries' friendship and cooperation to promote peace and deter war on the Korean

A few of the KATUSA soldiers in this program, who are close to finishing their duty, recently took the time to reflect on their 21 months of service and what being in the KATUSA program has taught them.

"I really enjoyed it [the KATUSA program] because you get to interact with U.S. Soldiers and make friends," said Sgt. Han Sang-yun, a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

The KATUSA soldiers are not the only ones the program leaves lasting memories and friendships with, the U.S. Soldiers who work with them are deeply impacted by the program English and deal with U.S. Soldiers who come as well.

"Sergeant Han and I came to the unit on the exact same day," said Spc. Nathan McKee, from San Antonio, assigned to HHC as a health care specialist. "At the beginning I was in charge, so it was on me to teach him the ropes of being a medic.

"Over time, a friendship developed between us," McKee said. "I was teaching him to be a medic and he was teaching me how to be Korean."

For KATUSA soldiers like Han, these interactions have allowed him to see Americans differently from what is depicted on the television screen.

"When you are a civilian all you see is the U.S. Soldiers who messed up something, like tting in trouble drinking," said Han. "You s only the negative news; they really don't show you good things about U.S. Soldiers. When you become a KATUSA though, you get to work with them and get to know them. This allows you to see they are good people."

Like any relationship, the ties between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea are made stronger through daily interaction with each other's cultures. The KATUSA program makes that vital interaction possible.

"It is a great program," said Sgt. Seo Sanghyun, senior KATUSA soldier for HHC. "Unlike other ROK units I get a chance to speak from different backgrounds."

Not only did this program give Seo the opportunity to experience new cultures but it also allowed him to learn valuable leadership skills for use in the civilian world after the military.

"It is the first time I have had a leadership position in my life," said Seo. "I already graduated from college so when I get out I will need to start applying to jobs. The KATUSA program has given me self-confidence and pride."

While it may be time for these KATUSAs to leave the service to make room for the new kids on the block, the camaraderie and friendship these Soldiers have experienced have already made the alliance between the two nations personal.

"[Sergeant Han] is pretty much the closest iend I have here in Korea," said McKee. "He is going to be going to school in Georgia when he gets out [of the ROK army] and I will be getting out [of the U.S. Army] and going to Texas. They are not too far apart from each other so I plan on going to see him back in the States."

"Now if my civilian friends start talking bad about U.S. Soldiers always making trouble, I defend them because they are good Soldiers and friends," said Han.

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ARMY SENIOR LEADERS, VA IMPROVE DISABILITY PROCESS, BENEFITS TIMING



About 82 percent of the Army's major units are now meeting the Defense Department's Medical Evaluation Board goal of processing Soldiers' disability evaluations within 100 days, significantly reducing a backlog that sometimes took eight months or longer in recent years.

The Army is making significant improvements in most Integrated Disability Evaluation System, known as IDES, areas, according to the mid-March joint Army and Department of Veterans Affairs review.

During a review earlier this month, a team of U.S. Army Forces Command personnel and medical officials outlined the progress at 11 major Army U.S. posts.

The inventory of cases in the Medical Evaluation Board phase Army-wide decreased seven percent to 6,317, and the average days to complete the MEB phase decreased three percent to 113 days at all posts. The Defense Department's goal is 100 days. The Army measures nine IDES stages from a Soldier's initial referral to the delivery of compensation and benefits. The Army is now meeting the DOD's processing goals for five of these nine processing stages.

The IDES merges DOD and VA's separate exam processes into a single process conducted to VA standards, explained Art Strange, FORSCOM G-1 analyst. In combination with the Soldier's medical records, Physical Evaluation Boards use the exams to make service fitness determinations, while VA Rating Activities use the exams to determine appropriate disability ratings.

The Army transitioned in November 2007 to IDES in close partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs. While this transition resulted in increased time to complete the DES, it concurrently reduced the time required for Soldiers to begin receiving VA benefits following their transition and eliminated the requirement for Soldiers to complete a second round of disability assessments with the VA following separation. There are about 27,000 Soldiers processing through the IDES system, with about 3,000 in the Air Force, 2,700 in the Marine Corps and 1,850 in the Navy.

"The DOD and VA continue to move towards reform of this process by identifying steps that can be reduced or eliminated, ensuring the service members receive all benefits and entitlements throughout the process," said Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, surgeon general of the U.S. Army. "The U.S. Army Medical Department is committed to working collaboratively with our partners across the Military Health System to seek solutions that will best serve those who have selflessly served our country."

Soldiers begin their VA disability claim while in the disability evaluation

process. This allows Soldiers to receive VA disability benefits shortly after leaving military service. Under the previous process, Soldiers waited up to 240 days before receiving VA disability benefits. This benefit gap created financial hardship for many wounded, ill and injured Soldiers.

Given FORSCOM's scope and Soldier population, it previously had 33 of the Army's IDES cases that were more than 13 to 16 months old. Through a team effort with the U.S. Army Physical Disability Agency and the VA, FORSCOM senior commanders closed one-third of these cases since last month.

The streamlined IDES is helping Soldiers by delivering:

- Enhanced case management, - A single comprehensive disability

examination, - A single-sourced disability rating,

- Increased transparency and - Faster disability processing.

"Obtaining the best results at the end of the IDES process are achieved through well-informed Soldiers and spouses who ask thoughtful questions and take ownership of their care and transition management," said Maj. Gen. Jeffrey N. Colt, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg deputy commanding general. "Getting the IDES transition right should help set the conditions for a smooth takeoff to new opportunities."

For 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers, the IDES process is managed by the Medical Management Committee, Medical Department Activity - Korea.

For more information, email Lt. Col. Seung Kim, the MMC director, at seung.w.kim.mil@mail.mil.

DISABILITY **EVALUATION SYSTEM** Daniel Barnes, physical evaluation board liaison officer lead at the Integrated Disability Evaluation System Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, glances at the center's new building signs as IDES center expanded into a second on East Bliss.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What are the fundamental differences between the legacy disability evaluation system and the **IDES?**

A: IDES provides Soldiers with a single disability rating report before they leave the Army and their VA benefits begin upon separation. Under the legacy system, Soldiers who were determined to be medically unfit for continued service were first rated by the Army on the level of their disability in relation to its impact on their ability to perform their duties and were then separated from the Army. Once the Soldier was separated, he/ she was on their own to apply for and complete the VA's evaluation process often repeating tests and examinations performed during the Army's legacy process.

Q: Is the IDES process different for CONUS vs. OCONUS Soldiers?

A: There are some minor differences. In CONUS, Soldiers remain assigned to their unit throughout the entire IDES process. In the vast majority of cases, OCONUS Soldiers placed into the IDES will PCS (within approximately 90 days) to one of six predetermined Warrior Transition Battalions in CONUS where they will enter and complete the same evaluative process as their CONUS counterparts. Additionally, some OCONUS Soldiers, due to extenuating circumstances, will be sent to CONUS in a TDY status where they will complete most, if not all, of their IDES processing.

Q: What are the intended benefits of IDES to the Army?

A: The IDES was developed and implemented to improve unit readiness; create an evaluative process which is more effective, efficient, and supportive of Service Members; and reduce the number of non-deployable Service Members.

Q: Why wasn't the IDES fully implemented OCONUS?

A: The IDES could not be fully im plemented OCONUS because the VA does not have the requisite infrastructure available OCONUS to support a synchronized and integrated disability evaluation effort.

Q: Does IDES only apply to combat-related disabilities?

A: No. It evaluates all potentially unfitting injuries and illnesses.

STORY AND PHOTO BY STAFF SGT CARLOS R. DAVIS **210TH FIB PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Dongducheon Mayor Oh Sea-chang presented Col. Tracy P. Banister, commander, 210th Fires Brigade, an appreciation award for supporting the annual Wang Bang International Mountain Bike Race April 1 at Dongducheon City Hall. "I feel very grateful for the award," said Banister.

"This award is a magnification for all the hard work the 210th Fires Brigade Soldiers did to be part of the bike race." The bike race took place at the Sport Complex in

Dongducheon Oct. 28. "The bike race is a huge event for the city of

GI BILL TRANSFER POLICY STORY BY C. TODD LOPEZ ARMY NEWS *****

transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to a Family without regard to their time in service.

loved ones with anywhere from zero to three years of additional service.

to transfer their GI Bill benefits to a Family member means re-upping for an additional four years. Come are retirement-eligible or not.

tool," said Lt. Col. Mark Viney, chief of the Enlisted Professional Development Branch, Army G-1.

Program.

of this change, which is a clause of existing policy that is expiring," Viney said. "This is going to impact their decisions and their Families, and whether or not they are going to have this money available to fund their dependent's education."

order to transfer his GI Bill benefits.

pay back those benefits.

Soldiers will be involuntarily separated under forceshaping initiatives. Soldiers who are separated early under such circumstances and who had previously transferred their Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits without needing to repay them to the VA.

DONGDUCHEON CITY THANKS 210TH FIRES BRIGADE SOLDIERS

Dongducheon; therefore, it is a huge event for 210th Fires Brigade too," Banister said. "For Soldiers, getting to interact and work with our neighbors shows that we are part of the community."

The Soldiers of the 210th Fires Brigade continue to strengthen their alliance with the Republic of Korea by participating in events that involve local citizens as part of the good neighbor program.

"Being part of something like this continues to strengthen the relationship with not only the city of Dongducheon, but with the whole province," said Banister. "Whenever we can get Soldiers to go out and work hand-in-hand and shoulder-to-shoulder with our [Republic of Korea] neighbors and allies, that serves to build trust, and when you have trust you have one of the strongest alliances in the world."



Songatcheon wayor on Sea-Chang presented Col. Tracy P. Banister, commander, 210th Fires Brigade, an appreciation award April 1 at Dongducheon City Hall for supporting the annual Wang Bang International

Beginning Aug. 1 every Soldier who elects to member will incur an additional four years in the Army,

The new rule largely affects senior officers and enlisted Soldiers who are retirement-eligible. As of now, these Soldiers may be able to transfer benefits to their

For Soldiers who are not retirement eligible, electing Aug. 1, that rule will apply to all Soldiers, whether they

"The Post-9/11 GI Bill is a benefit. Soldiers are entitled to the benefit for their own use, but to transfer to dependents: that is used as a recruiting and retention Viney also serves as the policy proponent for the Army's Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Education Benefits

"We want Soldiers to be informed of the impact

Veterans Affairs, also has eligibility requirements for transferability. A Soldier must have years of active duty in

In some cases, if a Soldier has incurred additional me in service in order to transfer GI Bill benefits to a Family member, and is afterward unable to serve that additional time in service, he or she may be required to

Viney said that as the Army draws down, some to their dependents may retain the transferred benefits,



NATIONAL CHAMP ON CAMP



Since the age of 8, wrestling has been Jeremy Larson's sport. His impressive grappling resume includes winning the individual Minnesota state high school championship as a senior, followed by a scholarship to the University of Minnesota, where he wrestled for five years. He and his team won the NCAA national championship and the Big Ten team title in the 2006 to 2007 academic year.

The Army brought Larson, a captain assigned to Company B, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, to Camp Humphreys, and the garrison's youth now have the fortune of learning from an expert in the sport. He has volunteered his experience as a coach of Humphreys' newly formed Youth Wrestling Club.

"Since graduating in 2008, I've missed the sport," he said. "I'm hearing from my friends and teammates back home, who are still involved in wrestling, and I wanted to get back on the mat."

Larson plans to do just that, by instructing children in his style of wrestling, which focuses on maintaining control over an opponent and points achieved through pins and is the most common variation of the sport at the high school and college levels.

He will also provide instruction in the more internationally popular freestyle wrestling, the object of which is to score points using the entire body. Participating youth will build on basic skills, developing fundamentals as they proceed in the club.

Wrestling not only builds physical skills, it offers an opportunity to impart character traits.

"I want to instill determination, that's a big thing that wrestling teaches," he said. "I also want the kids to learn to have fun with the sport."

Other key traits that wrestling demands are self-discipline, confidence and mental toughness, he added. Weight classes ensure physical fairness among competitors, so it is also a sport that anyone regardless of body type, can feel welcome in and excel at.

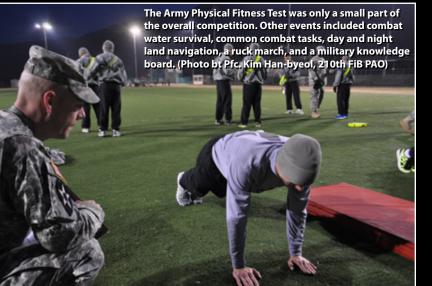
The club meets from 5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, at the Camp Humphreys Super Gym combatives room.

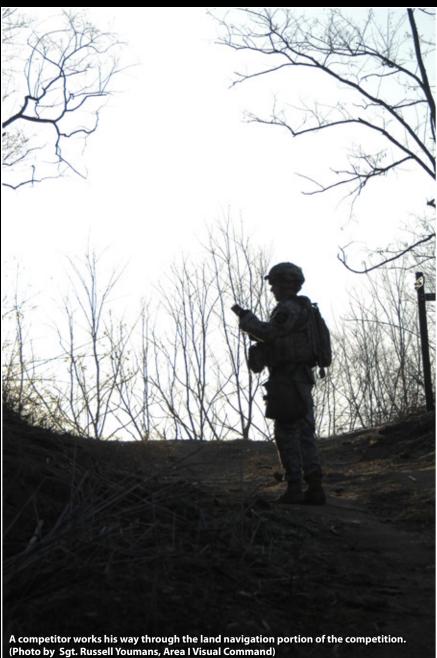
Boys and girls of all experience levels, in grades three to 12, are welcome to join at any time under the condition that the Child, Youth and School Services paperwork is on file prior to participation. There is a \$20 cost, which includes training through August and a wrestling club t-shirt.

For more information, call 753-5602.

The Indianhead







STORY BY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Cpl. Park Min-sung found himself in over his head

It was the water-survival portion of the Best Warrior Competition and Park was required to wear his combat equipment and hold a rifle over his head while swimming 15 meters.

There was only one problem. "I can't swim so I failed," said Park, a 2nd Infantry Division, Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army soldier.

With that failure in the back of his mind 21-yearold Park, from Seoul, entered the final portion of the challenge: a board. He was required to answer questions on not only U.S. military knowledge but also information on the Republic of Korea army.

Twenty minutes later, Park exited the boardroom. On his way out, he said to watch the KA-TUSA soldier following him because he would certainly win the competition.

Certain he hadn't redeemed himself, Park joined three U.S. Soldiers from his unit – 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team – for the final event at the Commanding General's Mess on Camp Red Cloud the dinner which would reveal the winners April 12. The four of them had competed in the competition in their respective categories: 1st Lt. Andrew Harrison in the officer's category, Sgt. John Burnside in

THE COMPETITION COMPETING SOLDIERS AND KATUSAS FROM ACROSS THE WARRIOR DIVISION



Cpl. Joshua Bayle 210th Fires Brigade



Pfc. Patrick Chinn Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion



Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion



Pfc. Trevor Hilliglos 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team



2nd Lt Gabriel Garcia 210th Fires Brigade



Spc. Alvin Lee 210th Fires Brigade



1st Lt. Andrew Harrison 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team



Spc. Ethan Longo 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade



DIVISION SOLDIERS GO HEAD-TO-HEAD IN BEST WARRIOR COMPETITION

Hilligoss in the Soldier category and Park in the KATUSA category.

Park watched as first Harrison won, then Burnside, followed by Hilligoss with the Iron Brigade leadership 1st ABCT rose to their feet to celebrate. The final award would be for the KATUSA category and if Park won, all the winners would come from the same brigade.

"I want to win," said Park prior to the dinner. "I tried to study every day. Sergeant Burnside helped prepare me for this and I want to win."

Park thought winning the Best Warrior Competition wasn't just showing he could stand his own against a board, or facing his inability to swim, but showing he could keep up with his U.S. Army counterparts.

"I want to show my capability and ability," said Park. "I want to show who a KATUSA is and what a KATUSA can do in a competition."

Traditionally the Best Warrior Competition is reserved for Soldiers and NCOs however, the 2nd Inf. Div. chose to allow officers and KATUSA soldiers to compete as well. In addition to the watersurvival and the board portions of the challenge, the competitors were all required to write an essay, conduct an Army Physical Fitness Test, conduct day and night land navigation, and complete a series of Soldier common tasks – marching more than 20 kilometers with a 35-pound rucksack, stopping only to assemble and fire a variety of weapons, rendering

the noncommissioned officer category, Pfc. Trevor first aid, calling in a medical evacuation and participating in a media engagement.

> "The hardest part was the ruck march (while wearing the improved outer tactical vest)," said Park. "We kept going and wondering what the next task was going to be. There were a lot of good tasks and good training. It was good exposure."

As the crowd inside the CG's Mess quieted, the name of the winner in the KATUSA category was named. The winner - Park. The entire room erupted in applause; the brigade table where Park was seated cheered the loudest for their sweep of winners of the challenge.

Park shyly walked to the front of the room for photos and awards. In addition to applause and praise, the winners each won several items including plaques, an Indian-head statue, gift cards and coins. Park and Hilligoss also won a free three-day stay at Jeju Island with airfare.

"I'm very proud of the young men represented here," said Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano, division command sergeant major. "They accepted the task because they wanted to be the best. These young [KATUSAs] are very impressive."

Afterward Park said he achieved what he came out to do — show what a KATUSA soldier can do in the competition.

"My family is going to be proud of me," said Park.

Park and the others are preparing for the Eighth U.S. Army Best Warrior Competition in May.



1st Lt. Ionathan Iordan 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade



Cpl. Kim Jong 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade



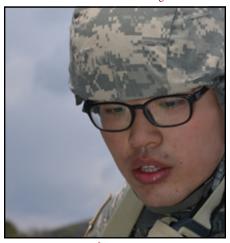
Sgt. John Burnside 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team



Cpl. Park Min-sung 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team



Staff Sgt. Colton St. John 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade



Pfc. Yoo Ha Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion

THE INDIANHEAD

BEST KATUSA AWARD CEREMONY STORY BY PFC KIM DONG-SU 21D PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A ceremony honoring the 2nd Infantry Division's best Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army soldiers was held March 26 at Camp Casey. KATU-SA soldiers who were recognized made outstanding contributions to the division and set examples of dedicated service to both the U.S. and Republic of Korea Armies.

"These Warriors have a vital role in everything we accomplish, and we want to take some time to recognize this incredible partnership," said Maj. Gen. Edward Cardon, division commander. "Nowhere else in the world will you see an alliance like ours. An alliance strengthened by the fact that Soldiers from different nations live and serve together fulltime, side-by-side, every day in each other's units."

Since 1950, more than 250,000 KATUSAs have served alongside American Soldiers in the 2nd Inf. Div. They serve in virtually every position, from squad- and company-level to the division headquarters.

"KATUSAs are not just translators – they serve as infantrymen, artillerymen, mechanics, clerks and tankers," said Cardon. "Anywhere you see a U.S. Soldier you will usually see a KATUSA close by. We serve as one team!"

Each KATUSA received a medal and certificate from Cardon.

"I was so nervous when I got the award because it was the first time for me to stand next to the major general," said Sgt. Jeong Seung-bin, an information technology specialist, 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th Fires Brigade. "I would like to say thanks to Sergeant Tak Jun-woo and Sergeant Lee Sungyong, who already had their ETS [expiration term of service], because I learned a lot by imitating what they have showed me."

Twenty-four KATUSA soldiers were recognized as the best in their battalion, and in return the 24 bowed to their parents saying "thank you."

"I would like to thank my sergeant major, buddies and my parents," said Cpl. Lee Dong-kyu, a senior KATUSA with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 210th Fires Bde. "I think I received this award because I attended all the trainings while I was serving in the Liaison Office."

The ceremony also distinguished a former division KATUSA Lee Hoon, the president of the Odusan Unification Observatory in Paju, with induction into the KATUSA Hall of Fame.

"I think I don't deserve this award because I do not have the qualifications," said Lee. "When I was a KATUSA working in the Equal Opportunity office, I was able to conduct my missions and improve my communication skills.

"This helped me a lot as I traveled to many countries after I left the military," he said. "For those who are serving for the military right now, you should be proud, remarkable and learn from your experiences."

KATUSA soldier-musicians provided entertainment while the awardees, their families and leaders ate dinner.

"You should take pride in the fact that you have been selected out of 1,200 KATUSA comrades as the best of the best," said Lt. Col. Kim Jong-wok, Area I ROK army support group commander. "Continue to serve as exemplary KATUSAs by diligently and efficiently carrying out your duties and missions."





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<u>April 26, 2013</u>

US SOLDIERS UNITED



The annual Warrior Friendship Week provided 2nd Infantry Division U.S. and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers a break from the routine fast-paced training to enjoy something to which both cultures can relate.

The annual event held March 25-28 in Area I and April 15-19 in Area III, was a chance for U.S. and KATUSA Soldiers to participate in each other's cultural sporting events that included soccer, basketball, tug of war, Korean wrestling ssireum, relay-run, an obstacle course call Warrior Challenge and Korean foot volleyball jok-ku.

"The week just brings us all together," said Pvt. Nicholas Maxwell, from Knoxville, Tenn., a multiple launch rocket system crewmember assigned to Battery A, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade. "Before Warrior Friendship Week, we just worked and lived individually, but now we're working as a team."

Warrior Friendship Week was not only a chance to experience Korean sports and culture, but also to strengthen the U.S. and Republic of Korea alliance.

"Normally, we just see each other while doing work, but during KATUSA Friendship Week all the Soldiers and KATUSA's from across Camp Humphreys get together and play sports together. This allows us to grow closer and make our relationship even better," said Pfc. Jin Young-joo, a KATUSA who works in the 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, orderly room. Pfc. Lee Sun-yoon, from Changwon, South Korea, an administrative specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th Fires Bde., also thinks WFW is a good opportunity for both U.S. Soldiers and KATUSAs to spend time together.

"This is a chance to get closer to each other," said Pfc. Kim Han-sol, from Cheonan, South Korea, an automated logistical specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Bde. "We used to be close within the company, not between companies. But this makes us closer within the battalion."

Most Soldiers agreed that WFW was more than just another opportunity to build more cohesion between U.S. Soldiers and KATUSAs.

"On the battlefield, it is important for us to have a good relationship," said Pfc. Tim Lee, an aviation operations specialist with 4th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd CAB. "All of us just see each other in the office but doing things like playing sports helps builds bonds and creates a more cohesive team."

"I'm glad I got the chance to participate in Warrior Friendship Week," said Spc. Michael Green, an information technology specialist from Jacksonville, Fla., Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. "I had fun playing sports with my coworkers and the KATUSAs, but Warrior Friendship Week means a lot more than just playing sports. It's about a brotherhood, a bond, we share signifying that through the good times and bad times; we got each other's back."







among Soldiers of different backgrounds and nationalities, (Photo by Pfc. Kwon Yong-joon, 1st ABCT PAO)

The Indianhead



STORY AND PHOTO BY SGT JUAN F. JIMENEZ 1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

With clear skies and mild temperatures, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team Soldiers celebrated the opening of the new Combined Troop Aid Station with a gauze (ribbon) cutting ceremony on Camp Hovey April 10.

The center — formerly Soldiers' living quarters — was renovated and is now providing CTAS Soldiers a more spacious and cleaner location for all Camp Hovey Soldiers in need of medical care. The new work place also brought many changes for the staff.

"The new building provides more space," said Sgt. Ryan A. Scott with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry, 1st ABCT. "New computer network systems, a bigger pharmacy and more exam rooms have been some of the upgrades that will give better quality care to the Soldiers."

Besides the new space and a bigger pharmacy, there is something that makes this clinic special. There are three dif-

ferent 1st ABCT medical units working under one roof. The medical professionals of 4th Squadron, 7th Cav.; 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment; and the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, consolidated to staff the new building.

"Coming together under one roof allows more staff to work in a shift," said Scott. "This creates better customer service and gives the CTAS the ability to see more patients in a day."

Providing care while moving all the office equipment to a new building was not an easy task for the Soldiers at the CTAS.

"Each medical section broke down into small teams and started moving to the new facility," said Scott. "Doing all this while still providing care for Soldiers without closing the CTAS was a challenge," he continued.

The CTAS team was able to meet all their deadlines with teamwork and communication.

"It's great to see how we can come together and work for the same common goal," said Sgt. 1st Class Marisa V. Richardson, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion medical Soldiers.

With the new building Soldiers at the CTAS have become more eager to get to work and are able to provide better customer care.

"I am excited that we have this new facility," said Pfc. Priscilla J. Rosas a medic with 1st BSTB. "I am more motivated to come to work; we have a better office and more room to see patients."

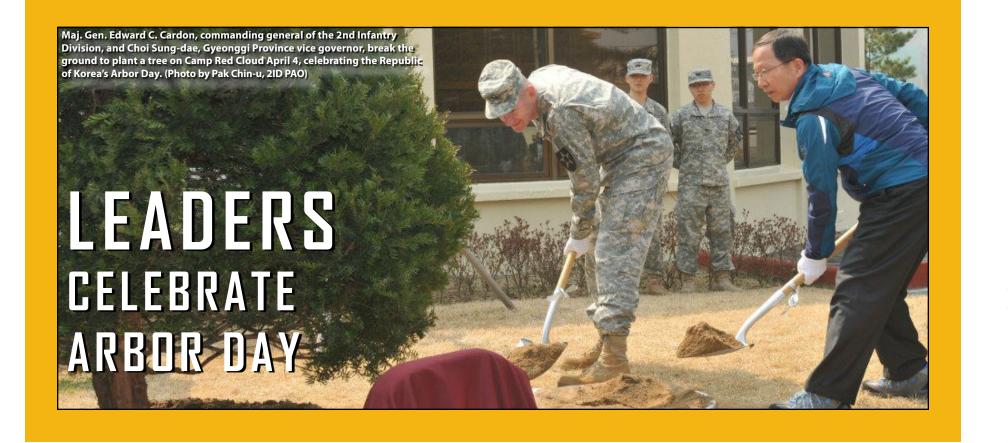
Scott said, "We know that every move is difficult but the Soldiers and the leadership have made this transition as smooth as possible."

"The building serves not only as a testament to how far we have come, but also a representation of the hard work of everyone involved with its planning and execution," said Maj. Eric M. Swanson, brigade surgeon for the 1st ABCT.

After the ceremony, the guests were permitted to tour the new facility, taking in the bright and spacious rooms of the new CTAS.

There are future plans for the old CTAS building.

"Plans have been implemented for the old CTAS to serve as a behavioral health center," said Swanson. "Renovation will start as soon as June 2013."



THE BOSS PROGRAM ADVENTURE Getting out of the barracks this weekend ...



Do you ever find yourself stuck in your room, wondering what's actually beyond the walls that are blocking you from civilization?

Staff Sgt. Patrick Fox, from Hartsville, S.C., has been stationed in Korea four times throughout his 23 years of service, so he volunteered some advice to ensure Soldiers are senjoying their time while

"The music is old school but what make Fox stationed here. A resilient multi-tasker, Fox, an assistant chemidifferent is that he's a crowd motivator, he keeps the crowd up a moving," said Sgt. Rojelio Taylor, from cal, biological, radiological and nuclear noncommissioned officer assigned to Headquarters and Brooklyn, N.Y., the BOSS president for 210th Fires Headquarters Battery, 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Bde. Infantry Division, is the brgiade's Better Opportuni-When Fox isn't engaged with BOSS activities, he ties for Single Soldiers representative, a disc jockey and a taekwondo instructor.

The BOSS program hosts many events for Soldiers so they enjoy their time while stationed here.

"Lately, I have been a part of the Seoul shopping trip, Building 63," said Fox. "And we have a trip scheduled to go to Bangkok, Thailand, in the near future."

According to Fox, seeing Soldiers coming out and enjoying themselves is what he enjoys. Even though it was a rainy day we still had

a good time at Building 63, said Spc. Sebrevia Osborne, from New Britain, Conn., an automated logistical specialist assigned to HHB.

"There was an aquarium there with all sorts of fish, sea lions and spider crabs. There was also an art museum, a wax museum, a live dance musical event and a 3D movie about the Grand Canyon in Africa."

a chance to get out and see Korea. But for those

SPECIAL TO THE INDIANHEAD: SPOUSES' COLUMN Pamper yourself Korean-style

STORY BY JESAI CANADAY WARRIOR COUNTRY SPOUSE

Are you interested in a truly unique Korean experience? Let's go to the spa! Unlike an American spa, there are no fluffy bathrobes, just one size fits all shorts and tee shirts for the co-ed areas. In the States, solitude is easily achieved but not at a Korean spa. It is a collective experience, filled with tubs, sauna rooms and sometimes elaborate water park facilities. Folks can relax, eat and get pampered for a whole day.

Worried that the language barrier may land you in an embarrassing situation? I will share everything I have learned about Sinbuk spa in Pocheon to help bridge the gap and encourage you to explore a spa while here in Korea.

Sinbuk Spa is a large facility offering many of the above mentioned perks. As you check into this facility, request where you would like to spend your time the mineral swimming pools, the wet sauna or the dry sauna. You can choose any combination of these three options. Pay your fee and take your shoe locker ticket. Put your shoes away first, there are male and female locker areas. In order to secure your shoes you must

"The trip to Seoul was exciting," said Osborne.

More people need to attend, said Osborne. It is

not comfortable with experiencing Korea, there are other events BOSS hosts on post.

"We hosted the New Year's Eve party, masquerade ball and recently hosted an Easter egg hunt," Fox continued.

Also spinning tunes as the DJ, Fox plays music for all tastes at these BOSS events old — school rhythm and blues from the '80s and the '90s, country, salsa, pop and rock. He even plays K-Pop to get the Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army soldiers on the dance floor.

participates in and teaches taekwondo. Fox became interested in taekwondo during his first tour to Korea in 2003 when he visited the Kukkiwon Castle, the world's taekwondo headquarters in Seoul. The castle is a big gym where all taekwondo members go to test for their black belts, said Fox.

According to Fox, the castle has monuments surrounding the main gym that exhibits the history of taekwondo from how it was developed and passed down from generation to generation to how it was selected as a demonstration event in the Seoul Olympics in 1988. If planning a trip to the castle, take the train and get off at Gangnam-gu station, gate 12.

Fox wants all Soldiers to get out and enjoy Korea while they are here.

"If you are going to be here, you might as well go out and see Korea," said Fox. "Enjoy yourself while you are here. It's not all about partying and drinking. There is a lot of culture here; there is a lot of history here."



remove the key from the locker, this key also goes to your spa locker in the changing room, which is shared with same sex spa goers.

When you check in, ask to have access to both dry and wet sauna areas (around 15,000 won per person) and you will receive two modesty towels and a set of shorts and tee shirt. Then, it's time to change and enjoy your spa day!

What makes the spa facilities so intimidating to some people? The unfamiliar etiquette and procedure play the biggest roles.

The dry sauna etiquette is simple: go into the locker room, change into the provided shorts and tee shirt and cross the hall to the dry sauna. There you will find a salt, ice, oxygen, mineral earth and smoldering evergreen sauna rooms. All rooms vary in temperature and ambience. There is a snack, TV and computer game corner for children. These facilities do not have staff to watch your children but they are welcome to join you in the facility.

The wet sauna is usually intimidating for those who have never been in one. Sorry, the rumors are true; you cannot wear your bathing suit in the wet sauna spa area! However, rest assured that your modesty towel (the size of a kitchen towel) will be your best

friend. Please keep in mind that bath houses are meant to be places to scrub clean. Upon entering, walk over to a shower station and make camp. This can be your spot all day if you claim it. There are small stools and baby tubs for kids to wash before spa time. Shower off before going to explore. You can bring your modesty towel with you on your journey.

There a full range of outdoor and indoor hot and cold baths that must be experienced to be believed. When entering a pool of water, scoop some from inside to splash your feet off before entering. If there is a tub called a wash tub, do not sit in it. You may sit beside it using the mineral water to wash with but do not soak in this tub. As with any sauna or spa remember to alternate between hot and cool temperatures. Follow regulations for children and keep them out of the hottest and coldest places.

You can get to Sinbuk spa by taking bus 57 toward Soyosan look on the bus map and you will see Sinbuk Oncheon (Hot spring) on the route.

By car drive out Route 3 toward Soyosan keep going until you get to Road 344. Turn right toward Cosongri and go straight until you see the Sinbuk spa on the left. If you see Samjongri Elementary School you have gone too far.

DIRTY JOBS

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STORY AND PHOTO BY STAFF SGT AARON DUNCAN **2ND CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

When we pick up a telephone to make a call or use the internet to check our email in the field, it is easy to forget about the Soldiers who make it possible.

Spc. Brandon M. Burke, from Cincinnati, Ohio, assigned to Company C, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, is one of the satellite communication systems operator maintainers that make communication possible.

"My MOS [military occupation specialty] entails providing communication capabilities via satellite to the Soldiers who need it," said Burke.

While the military offers different jobs, not all of them are as versatile as a satellite communication systems operator

maintainer. While some Army jobs are limited to being in specified unit types, a 25Q can be assigned to support virtually every type of unit the Army has.

"I am expected to be able to provide communications to everyone, whether its ground troops, artillery, aviation, tankers or any other type of operation," said Burke.

Providing communications where it is needed across the spectrum of possible Army operations can be challenging, but that is exactly why Burke enjoys doing it.

"The things I like about my job are it takes a lot of technical experience and there is always something more to learn about my piece of equipment (a satellite transportable terminal) whether it is inside the regulations or about the dish itself," said Burke. "The learning never stops."

My Korea, My Life

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

My name:

Capt. Brian C. Coulter, the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team brigade medical planner.

When you were growing up, what did you want to be and why?

I wanted to be an Army officer. Both of my grandfathers served in the U.S. Army during WWII and greatly influenced my life-long aspiration of serving in the Army.

What do you like about Korea?

I enjoy the hospitable population here in Korea coupled with the running route along the river near Camp Casey.

What are some of your hobbies?

I enjoy running, coaching soccer for the YMCA, skydiving, scuba diving and time with my Family.

How do you incorporate your hobbies into your life while serving in Korea?

My hobbies are big stress relievers for me, but I live a busy life so basically, I try to do something when and wherever I can.

What is one memorable or unique experience that you've had while serving in Korea?

One memorable experience I had was running the Seoul International Marathon not too long ago. A lot of Soldiers are assigned to Korea but not too many of them can say they trained and ran in a marathon.

If you had time to see one thing or place here in Korea, what would you see?

I've heard great things about Jeju Island and would love to spend one weekend this summer there.

What is your favorite Korean dish and how did you discover it?

I have to say that my favorite Korean dish is Kimchi. An amazing fact that I've learned about it is that it is one of the world's healthiest foods.

Who inspires you the most?

My wife inspires me the most. She was able to go to school full-time while working full-time and taking care of our two children at the same time while I was deployed for the eighth time.

If money weren't a problem, where would you retire?

Wherever mv wife would like to go since she's had to endure many hardships as my wife.

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.



Suicide hotlines

There is always someone to talk with if you need help or know someone who does. Call any of these numbers, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Area I: 010-3762-0457 Area II: 737-4673 or 737-0508

Area III: 753-7657 or 753-8111

Infant Tylenol recalled Johnson & Johnson is pulling all infant Tylenol of the market.

Reasons for the recalls include nauseating package odors, small glass or metal particles in liquid medicines and wrong levels of active ingredients.

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. Please visit and share with friends and Family at www.facebook.com/ pages/2-2nd-Infantry-Division-Koreanver/318145054942383?fref=pb.

OHA survey

The FY13 Overseas Housing Allowance utility survey be will conducted until May 15. This survey is important for those who do not live in government quarter to ensure that your OHA adequately covers your utility and maintenance costs. You can take the survey at www. defensetravel.dod.mil/site/lps-korea.cfm.

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Across

1. "Terrorist _____ can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America."-



The AFCT Kickstart program is a product of Area I education centers and the University of Maryland University College.

Soldiers can enroll in college math and English courses with books loaned from the education center and all application fees waived.

For more information, contact your local education centers:

• CRC Education Center, Building S-58 — Byron Johnston, 732-7015

 Camp Casey Education Center, Building 1747 — Carroll Chapman, 730-1802

 Camps Hovey or Stanley Education Center, Building 3754 - Kristi Noceda, 730-5252

• Camp Humphreys Education Center, Building S-3000 — Shin Hwa-joo, 753-8906 Education centers are open Mondays-

Fridays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Ration limit

To check your ration limit, visit https://pimskapp.korea.army.mil/.

Thrift Savings Plan changes

Thrift Saving Plan now offers ROTH TSP after-tax contributions.

For more information, visit www.dfas.mil/ militarymembers/rothtspformilitary.html.

DLA document services

Increase your unit functionality by using DLA, a DOD service:

- Document scanning
- High speed black and white and color

printing

- Desktop publishing
- •Self-service digital printer management
- Commercial procurement services

Contact your nearest DLA for more information:

• Area I – 730-4739 or 730-4734, sunchae. chang.kor@dla.mil

• Area III - 784-6234, chongyong.pak.kor@ dla.mil

Veteran employment resources

The DoD has established a special website to help provide veterans with all the resources they need during their employment search. For more information, visit www.defense.gov/ home/features/2012/0712_vetemployment.

Veteran professional assistance

Resources for several veteran professional assistance programs are available from the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs. Updates or changes have been made to the following programs:

- Veterans Retraining Assistance Program
- The Vow to Hire Heroes Act of 2011
- New benefits to veterans
- Special employer incentives
- Work opportunity tax credits

For more information, visit www.benefits. va.gov/VOW, or call 1-800-827-1000.

Do you want to "Stay Army?"

16. An element of a violin players pre-

concert routine 17. Balaam's mount

20. "Help!"

18. "Major" animal

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

• Command Career Counselor: Sgt. Maj. Willene Orr, 730-3140

• Division Retention Operations: Master Sgt. Jeffrey Helmes, 730-3139, or Sgt. 1st Class Samine Parris, 730-4134

• Reserve Component Counselor and 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team: Master Sgt. Enrique Rose, 730-3188 or 730-1133

• 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade: Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Smith, 753-8892

• 210th Fires Brigade: Sgt. 1st Class Walter Simmons, 730-2656

• HHBN: Staff Sgt. Robert Goulsby, 010-6339-0587

Flea markets

The Dongducheon Tourism District hosts flea markets at the Korean-American Cultural Plaza in Bosan-dong (near the civil-military operations box next to Bosan station) on the third Saturday of every month. This is a unique chance for you to sell and buy goods, meet local citizens or just get out and browse.

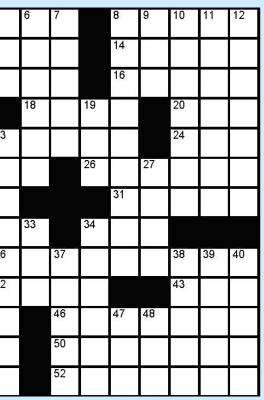
For those looking to browse, you need only show up. The flea market is open at 11 a.m.

For those looking to sell, follow these steps: • Pre-register over the phone the day before the market by calling 031-857-3077 or register in person the day of the flea market at 9:30 a.m. • Keep in mind that this is strictly a personal sale venue, like a vard sale, and no commercial or home business products are allowed.

• The items for sale must be registered. • After the market closes, you can either

take back your goods or donate it.

WARRIOR CROSSWORD



George W. Bush 8. Little pies 13. A hypothetical UFO species 14. Dig, so to speak 15. unprocessed information

21. Proof of graduation, (slang) 24. 1969 Peace Prize grp. 25. It's usually green here 26. The American equivelant of Mikhail Kalashnikov, Eugene 28. Foreshadow 31. Accord 32. "Upon the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that, upon other fields, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory." GEN Douglas Mac Arthur 34. A pint, maybe 35. Victorian, for one 36. Continuous 41. A.T.M. need 42. "Beowulf" beverage 43. "Flying Down to _____ 44. Harshly criticize 46. Chest protector 49. Bavarian river 50. Someone who braids hair 51. Squalid 52. They are necessary to begin communication

Down

- 1. Atmospheres
- 2. Garbage
- 3. Instrument of punishment for Scot-

tish pupils

- 4. "Go on ..."
- 5. Cloak-and-dagger org.
- 6. A ROK army brother in arms
- 7. A fictional animal species in Lewis
- Carroll novel
- 8. Large hairy arachnid
- 9. "Much ____ About Nothing"
- 10. "Semiramide" composer
- 11. A short poem, with repeating lines
- 12. The ear is this type of organ
- 19. "____ boom bah!"
- 22. A small decorative case
- 23. A collection of fragrant oils
- 27. Aces, sometimes
- 28. Sterility
- 29. A small sac found on seaweed
- 30. A nice snack when hiking
- 33. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
- 34. Ancient Roman magistrate
- 37. Quibbles
- 38. About to explode
- 39. Chad toucher
- 40. Gadabouts
- 45. "Losing My Religion" rock group
- 47. Blackout
- 48. The Army's gumshoes

Designed by Master Sgt. Jason Baker, 2nd Infantry Division Information Operations

The answers to April's crossword puzzle are on the 2nd Infantry Division official Facebook page.





사랑을 싣고

이번 호의 주인공은 1 여단 특수근무대대 정보중대 심리전소대 고유영 일병과 여자친구 정소연 양입니다.

〈인디언헤드는 사랑을 싣고〉는 여러분의 참여로 이루어집니다 게재를 바라시는 분은 미 2사단 공보실 이지환 일병 jihwan.lee. fm@mail.mil 또는 732-9518로 연락주시기 바랍니다.

유영아저씨

헬로우 아저씨, 나는 아저씨의 귀염둥이 맹구야! 이번주에 아저씨 휴가나와서 매일매일 보니까 너무 좋았어!! 너두 좋았징?ㅎㅎㅎ 여행 을 못가서 아쉽지만 우리 다음번 휴가 때는 꼭 어디가자~! 아니면 빨 리 결혼해서 엄청 돌아다니자! 크크크~ 3주동안 잘 기다리고 있을게 유. 너두 훈련 열심히 받구, 내 생각도 마니 하고, 연락도 가끔 해줘야 돼! OK? OK!

나 방금 아저씨가 사준 꽃 정리해서 꽃병에 꽂았어! 나한테 꽃도 자 주 사주고, 사랑도 듬뿍줘서 고마워용! 헤헤~ 나는 너무 행복해! 너 같 은 남자한테 이렇게 3년동안 사랑을 받으니까 말이야~ 모든 여자들이 부러워할거야. 그치? ㅋㅋㅋㅋ 너 같은 남자한테 말이야 ㅋㅋㅋ

아저씨랑 이번 발렌타인도 함께하지 못하네 ㅠㅠ 힝.. 그래두 나는 항상 너의 옆에 있어~~! 식상하지? ㅋㅋㅋ 아저씨 부대에 가져가서 피 곤할 때 먹으라구 맛있는 것만 넣었슈~ 룸메도 쫌주고, 자랑도 쫌 하 삼 키키~ 부러우면 3년 사귀라구 해! ㅋㅋㅋㅋ 아저씨 초콜렛 마니 먹 구 살좀찌삼

아저씨, 나는 이제 아저씨 없는 생활이 어떨지 모르겠어ㅠㅠ 잉? 말 이 좀 이상한가? 상상이 안된다는 거야~ 그만큼 너가 나의 뼛속까지 스 며들었다는 거야. 이제 나를 책임지도록 하거라~! 후훗. 우리 아가들은 진짜 귀엽고 이쁘고 잘생겼겠징? 헤헤헤 우리 화목하고 유쾌한 가족이 되길 바래용! 켁 근데 결혼하려면 아직 5년도 더 남았는데 그때까지 또 롱디를 어떻게 하지? 에휴. 걱정이 태산이유. 아저씨 군인생활 끝나도 변함없이 사랑해줄거지? 으앙… 치킨 형이 한 말이 생각난다ㅠㅠ 생각 하니 슬퍼졌어! 편지 그만 써야겠당 안녕~

ㅋㅋㅋㅋ 히히. 그래도 나는 괜찮아. 버림받지 않을거니까! 나는 아 저씨같은 남자를 3년동안 나만 바라보게 만든 여자니까, 아저씨가 나 지루해지면 또다른 신종 스킬로 너를 사로잡겠어! 크크크~ 뭐, 안되면 아저씨같은 남자 한명 더 찾아보지 뭐! 롱메~~~~!

이번 2013년은 아저씨랑 함께할 수 있는 해라서 너무 기쁘오. 아저 씨도 그럴 거라 믿고 있소. 올해 나는 공부도 열심히 하고 열심히 살아 야겠당. 아저씨에게 자랑스러운 맹구가 되기 위해!

그럼 남은 휴가도 나랑, 가족이랑 즐겁게 보내고 ~ 사랑해용 뿅뿅 I LOVE YOU (훈련가서 좋은 시간 보내 ㅠㅠ 흐헤헹)

소연아 안녕!~

<u>종합</u>

부대 잡지에 넣으려고 쓰 는 편지라 미안해, 이제 편지 더 자주써줄게! 그래도 내가 운이 좋게 카투사로 복무하 게되서 자주봐서 편지 같은 거 없어도 괜찮았지? 미국 에서 대학 다닐때보다 군복 무 할때 가족과 친구들과 너 를 더 자주 만날 수 있다는 게 축복인거 같아. 나를 사 랑하는 사람들을 위해 군복 무의 시간을 나라를 지키는 동시에 발전의 시간으로 활 요할 생각이야. 꼬맹구가 전 에 말했었지, 우리도 오랫동 안 자주 만나니, 그시간을 볼거만 말고 서로 발전할 수 있는 시간으로 사용할 수 있 으면 좋겠다고. 꼬맹구만큼 나랑 잘 맞는 사람이 없다 니깐? 이제 벌써 3년도 넘게 사귀었네! 맹구 없으면 어찌 살꼬!~ 내가 힘들때는 행복 할때든 항상 내 옆에 찰싹 붙어 있어줘서 고마워. 맹구 덕분에 군생활이 즐겁고 소 중한 시간인거같다! 사랑하 는 소연아 다음 휴가때 우리 여행 어디로갈까?

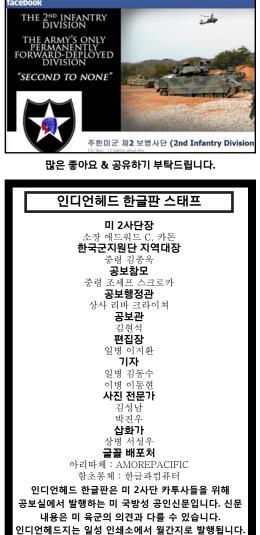




1 여단 특수근무대대 정보중대 항공운항 관제병 상병 오윤기

현재 중대에도 크게 만족하고 있지만 만약 관리 자 계급이 될 기회가 주어진다면 중대장이 되어 보 고 싶습니다. 사실 중대장으로서 크게 바꾸고 싶은 것은 없지만 카투사로 근무하며 느꼈던 여러가지 를 해보고는 싶습니다. 중대장의 세부적인 업무는 모르겠지만, 겉으로 보기에 일과 후 중대 포메이션 앞에서 브리핑을 하는것이 멋져 보여서 해보고 싶 습니다. 또한 중대장 고유의 권한인 패스폼에 싸인 을 해보고 싶습니다. 주말에 미군들이 많이 가는 곳으로 이태원이나 용산등이 알려져 있는데 그 밖 에 한국을 알릴 수있는 다양한 장소를 추천해보고 도 싶습니다.





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상병 강현규 1 여단 특수근무대대 정비중대 선임병장

인디언헤드가 만난 사람들 "내가 만약 부사관이나 장교가 된다면?"



1 여단 특수근무대대 정보중대 심리전병 일병 차현진

제가 만약 대대장이라면 항상 최고의 전투태서 를 유지하여 만일의 사태(북한의 국지적 또는 전 면적 도발)에 대비하기 위해 부대원들에게 다음과 같은 지시를 내리겠습니다.

첫번째로 만추 마일에 의무적으로 참가하는 것 입니다. 보병의 기본은 뭐니 뭐니 해도 행군 아니 겠습니까? 뿐만 아니라 매달 대대 달리기 행사를 대대 행군으로 변경, 캠프 호비나 케이시를 돌게 할 것입니다. 군장은 기본입니다. 두번째는 레인지 에 최소 1달에 한번 이상 가는 것 입니다. 전투원 비전투원 할 것 없이 중대장 및 일등상사들을 딕 달하여 전원 40발중 36발 이상은 맞출수 있게 하 겠습니다. 마지막으로 건물에 들어가는 순긴 "Group Attention!"을 듣고 싶습니다. 그러면 제가 근엄한 표정으로 "Carry On"을 외치겠습니다.



1 여단 특수근무대대 공병중대 편성부대 보급병 일병 이혁주

제가 일등상사가 된다면 모든 중대의 카투사 및 미군과 함께 장거리행군을 꼭 한번 해보고 싶습니 다. 아마 의아해 하실 것 입니다. '아니. 왜 수많은 즐거운 일들이 있는데 웬 장거리행군? 이라고 생 각하실지도 모릅니다. 하지만 모두 육군훈련소에 서의 30km 행군 경험을 한 번 떠올려 보시기 바랍 니다. 숨이 턱까지 차올라 이제는 포기하고 싶을 때 미군이건 카투사건 서로 힘내라며 소리치고 결 굴 다 목적지에 도착하면 우리는 지금까지 수없이 들었고 앞으로도 수없이 듣게 될 "같이 갑시다 (LET'S GO TOGETHER)"의 의미가 마음속에서 살 아있음을 느낄 수 있을것입니다. 일등상사로서 "같 이"의 의미가 모두의 마음에서 빛을 발 할 수 있도 록 장거리행군을 꼭 함게 할 것입니다.



1 여단 특수근무대대 공병중대 야전공병 일병 조현제

대대장이 된다면 먼저 대대인원 전체에게 1주

휴가를 주겠습니다. 대대 전원에게 휴식과 재충전 의 시간을 주고 싶습니다. 그리고 휴가를 다녀와서 하는 일은 PT 프로그램을 다시 세우는 것입니다. 매일 틀에 잡힌 PT보다 축구, 농구,수영 등 다양한 운동을 PT프로그램으로 하도록 하겠습니다. 다음 으로는 DFAC 메뉴에 좀 더 다양한 음식들이 나오 도록 하겠습니다. 중국 요리와 일본 요리 멕시코 요 리 이태리 요리 등 대대원들에게 다양한 음식을 제공하도록 하겠습니다. 다음으로는 대대 낮잠시 간을 만드는 것입니다. 3시부터 4시까지 대대인원 에게 낮잠을 제공하여 좀 더 여유롭고 생산적인 군

인- 자기소개를 부탁드립니다.

강- 단결! 저는 11-10기 상병 강현규입니다. BSTB대 대 정비중대 선임병장 직을 맡고 있습니다. 슬프게도 다음 달이면 중대가 없어져서 카투사 최고의 권위에서 추락할 위기에 놓여있습니다… 그러나 선임병장으로 서 유종의 미를 거둘수 있도록 열심히 뛰어다니며 카투 사와 미군사이에 튼튼한 제 3의 다리역할을 하고 있습니다.

인- 부대소개를 부탁합니다.

대 생활을 만들겠습니다.

강- BSTB는 Brigade Special Troops Battalion의 약자로 한글로는 여단 특수 근무 지원대대 입니다. 그래서인지 대대 내에 중대들은 무지개 색깔과 같이 상이한 성격을 띄고 있습니다. 본부 중대내의 헌병 소대, 정보 중대, 통신 중대, 공병 중대, 정 비 중대, 제 4화학 중대 등 각기 다른 성격 을 띤 중대로 구성되어 있습니다. 이리하여 저희 대대는 중대별로 자랑거리가 많습니다.

인- 가장 기억에 남는 일은?

강- 신병으로 자대 전입한 1주일 뒤에 대대 Alert이 터졌었습니다. 그때 동기가 3명이라 세 쌍둥이였는데 경력 1주일차에 동기 3명이서 필 드에 나갔습니다. 당일치기로 돌아올줄만 알았 던 Alert에서 갑자기 텐트를 치라고 하고 이동 식 화장실이 설치되고 결국은 2박 3일간 텐트 에서 숙박하였습니다. 지금 하게된다면 충분히 쉽게 할 수 있겠지만 그당시 노숙은 너무 춥고 힘들었습니다.

인- 입대한 뒤 지금까지 가장 허무했던 하루 는?

강- 중대에서 Inventory를 실시한다고 하여 모 터풀내의 모든 커넥스를 열어 물건을 정리 정돈 하고 레이아웃을 해두었는데 취소되어서 너무 허무했었습니다. 가뜩이나 공구 보급병이라서 볼트 너트나 정비 부품들이었는데 다시 정리해 서 넣을 당시엔 물 먹은 배추마냥 몸에 힘이 풀 렸던 기억이 납니다.

인- 부대 근처에서 가장 맛있는 음식점은? 강- 여기는 너무 유명해서 두말하면 입아픈

곳입니다. 라이라이라는 중국집인데 어제도 짜장면 곱빼기를 배불리 먹었습니다. 짜장 짬뽕을 고민할 필요가 없는곳 인것 같습니다. 왜냐하면 짜장면을 시켜서 짬뽕국물을 달라고 하 면 짬뽕 한 그릇을 가져다 주는 신기한 식당이기 때문입니다. 식신 로드에 추천하고 싶은 식당입니다.

인- 하루동안 대대 주임원사가 될 수 있다면 무엇을 할 것인가?

강- 그날은 대대 축제로 정하여서 PT없이 11시 출근 하여 업무를 보고 19시부터 Gym을 빌려서 맛있는 음식과 술을 마시며 노는 날을 만들고 싶습니다. 카투사들이 한국의 음주문화를 미군들에게 전수 하여 미군들이 off-post에 나가 소주를 마시고 취해 사고를 치는 일이 없도록 단련시킬 것입니

인- 만약 전역한 뒤 재입대 해야한다면?

강- 자신이 태어난 나라를 또 한번 지킬 수 있 게 되어 정말 감사한다는 마음의 편지를 써서 온 몸에 문신을 새겨서 재입대 만큼은 미룰 것입니다. 강남 스타일의 싸이가 존경스럽게 느껴지는 질문인것 같습니다.

인- 전역 후 계획은?

강- 유럽으로 여행을 가서 많은 나라의 문화를 체험해 보고 싶습니다. 사람의 인생에서 제일 중요한 것이 경 험이라고 생각돼서 많은 모험과 경험을 할 생각입니다.

인- 전역 후 꼭 한번 보고싶은 부대원은?

강- 이제 전역이 얼마 남지않은 김준환 병장을 만나고 싶습니다. 한번 뿐만 아니라 기회가 될 때마다 만나서 커피나 술 한잔 하고싶습니다. 부대 내에서 군 생활 마 지막 쯤 친해지게 되어 불행 중 다행입니다. 친한 형 동생으로 사회를 누비며 돈독히 지내고 싶습니다. 동 네도 가까워서 자주 만날 수 있을 것 같습니다.

인- 부대원들에게 하고싶은 말은?

강- 안녕 얘들아 다음주면 우리 중대는 해체되어 있 겠지. 인디언헤드가 나올때면 우리는 정말 혼란스러운 나날을 보내고 있을 것같아. 그래도 내가 너희들을 잘 챙겨서 다른 중대로 넘어가도 최대한 불편함이 없도록 할게. 남은 군 생활 서로 도우며 잘 지내보자. 안녕~ 요씨!







매달 영문판에는 들어가지만 한글판에는 들어가지 않는 기사들을 보면서 아깝다 는 생각을 했습니다. 그래서 만들었습니다! 간추린 뉴스! 한글판에는 넣지 않았지 만, 영문판에 실린 기사들을 사진으로 정리하는 지면입니다.



2 전투항공여단 본부중대 선임병장인 서상현 병장이 캠프 험프리스 (Camp Humphreys) 인사과에서 다른 병사에게 조언을 하고있다. 〈사진 _ 안병훈 병장 / 2 전투항공여단 공보실〉



지난 4월 10일, 1 기갑전투여단 병사들이 연합부대 응급 치료 소 개관식을 위해 모였다. 〈사진 _ 후안 히메네즈(SGT Juan F. Jimenez) 병장 / 1 기갑전 투여단 공보실>



지난 3월 14일, 2 전투항공여단 제 602 항공지원대대 재송신 부대 원들이 산 정상에서 사용할 통신 장비들을 챙겼다. 〈사진 _ 헥터 토레스(SPC Hector Torres) 상병 / 제 602 항공지 원대대>





한미 문화 교류 마르디 그라



매년 2월 말에서 3월 초가 되면 미국 루이지애 축제기간 전체를 의미하는 단어로도 쓰인다. 내 전 2월 일 데 다 6일 또 가 데 근 다 더 더 더 데 ㅋ 제가는 권세일 ㅋ 더이는 단어도도 스런다. 이그를 다 둘때 들다스덕으도 한는 아가 인생을 좋 나 (Louisiana) 주에 있는 '재즈의 도시' 뉴올리언 마르디 그라 축제의 퍼레이드는 화려하기로 유는데, 아기인형이 들어간 케이크 조각을 먹게 되는 스 (New Orleans) 는 축제 분위기로 들썩인다. 마 명하다. 여기서는 표현의 제한이 없기 때문에 세 사람이 다음에 먹을 케이크를 사야 한다고 한다. 르디 그라 (Mardi Gras) 라 불리는 이 축제 기간 계 곳곳의 다양한 단체들이 참가하여 가장행렬이 루이지애나 주에서 마르디 그라 축제일은 공휴 에는 전 세계의 관광객과 주민들이 한데 어울려 밤 펼쳐진다. 가장행렬은 온통 보라색, 녹색, 황금색 일이다. 게다가 주 차원에서의 전폭적인 지원을 받

월 조에 설정을 이두며 사순설 전날까지 개최된다. 뭐 좀 던져 주세요 (throw me something) "라고 마르디 그라 죽제든 뉴올리언스에서 개최되는 이는 금욕과 단식을 해야 하는 사순절 전날까지 양 외치면 관중을 향해 선물을 던져주는 풍습이 있 것이 대표적이지만 미국 전역은 물론 프랑스, 브라 것이 대표적이지만 미국 전역은 물론 프랑스, 브라 전, 탁를 채우고 잔치를 벌이는 중세 유럽의 사육제 다. 던지는 물건들은 금화, 구슬, 컵, 목걸이, 장신 구 등 다양하다. 다. 던지는 물건들은 금화, 구슬, 컵, 목걸이, 장신 구 등 다양하다. 마르디 그라 축제의 또다른 전통으로는 킹 케 이 기간에 마르디 그라 축제가 열린다. 특히 브라질의 리우 삼바 카니발 (Rio Samba Carnival) 은 일본의 눈 암전 하였다. 'Mardi Gras'는 프랑스어로 '살찐 화 이크 (King cake) 가 있다. 이는 아기 예수의 탄생 제 조 꼽히는 화려한 축제이다.

이 축제는 크리스마스가 지나고 12일째 되는 르디 그라 색'으로, 각각 정의, 믿음, 힘을 상징한 1월 6일, 즉 공현대축일부터 시작되서 2월 말~3 다. 축제에서는 퍼레이드를 벌이는 단체를 향해 " 월 초에 절정을 이루며 사순절 전날까지 개최된다. 뭐 좀 던져 주세요 (throw me something)"라고 이는 금욕과 단구를 해야 하는 사순절 전날까지 않 외치면 주세요 (throw me something)"라고 르디 그라 색

며 축제의 절정을 장식하는 마지막 날이다. 지금은 해 온 것을 기리는 데서 비롯되었다고 한다. 킹 케



이크를 구울때 플라스틱으로 만든 아기인형을 넣 는데, 아기인형이 들어간 케이크 조각을 먹게 되는

아 개최되고 세계 숫옷의 기업과 중오외도구터 중 짜 음식과 음료, 술을 제공받기 때문에 마르디 그 라는 '지상 최대의 공짜 쇼'라고도 불린다. 마르디 그라 축제는 뉴올리언스에서 개최되는



미 2사단에 전입하는 모든 미군 및 카투사 (KA-TUSA, Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army) 들은 자대에 들어가기 전에 사단보충대 (WRC, Warrior Readiness Center)에서 1주일을 보내게 된다. 이 7일간의 전입 과정은 다양한 곳에서 모인 신병들 을 교육하고 그들이 자대에 들어가 자연스레 적응할 수 있도록 계획되어 있다. 병사들은 사단보충대에서 설명회를 듣고 훈련을 받게 된다. 지역 주민들과의 접촉 준비를 돕기 위해 사단보충

대는 한국에서의 삶에 대한 교육과정을 준비했다. 사단보충대의 문화 인식 교관인 훈리 로젠베리 (SSG Hun Lee Rosenberry) 하사는 "한국에 대해서 알아야 할 것들이 너무 많아서 단지 몇 시간 만에 그 것들을 다 가르치는 것은 불가능하다"고 말하고 "그 래서 우리는 수업시간에 한국식 삶의 다양한 측면들 을 최대한 많이 다루려 노력한다. 그들이 이곳 한국에 들어오는 것이 더욱 더 용이할 수 있도록 우리는 짧은 시간 내에 될 수 있는 한 많은 지식을 전달하려 한다" 고 덧붙였다. 한국의 언어, 음식, 관습 그리고 화폐는 이 교육과

정에서 병사들이 배우게 되는 몇 안되는 주제들이다. 더불어 한국의 주요 교통수단인 지하철 시스템은 병 사들에게 가르치는 중요한 과목이다. 또한 사단보충 대는 병사들이 한국 예절을 모름으로써 한국인들에게 모욕감을 주는 일이 없도록 교육한다.

사단보충대 프로그램에 최근 참여하고 있는 마틴 제이미 2세(PVT Martin Jamie Jr.) 이병은 "이전에 는 한국에서 살아가는 것에 대해서 무관심했지만 문 화 인식 교육을 통해 한국 문화를 배울 수 있었다"고 말했다





노력한다.

는 시간을 가졌다.

1지역에서는 3월 25일부터 28일까지, 3지 역에서는 4월 15일부터 19일까지 진행된 이 행 사는 미군과 카투사 장병들이 축구, 농구, 줄다 리기, 씨름, 이어달리기, 장애물넘기, 그리고 족 구 등 서로의 문화를 포함한 운동경기에 함께 참 가했다.

미 2사단 210 화력여단 1-38 야전포병대대 A 포대 다연장 로켓 시스템 근무요원인 테네시

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한국에서의 첫 발걸음

사단보충대 교관들은 미군과 카투사로 구성되어 있다. 이들 교관은 열성을 다해서 교육하며 새로운 전 입자들에게 언제나 더 많은 정보를 전달해주기 위해

는 평판을 더럽히지 않기 위해 좋은 본보기이자 외교 관으로서 행동해야 한다"고 덧붙였다. 매 수업이 끝난 후 평가를 통해 교관들은 정보를 더욱 효과적으로 종합하기 위해 교육내용을 수정한 다.

로젠베리 하사는 "나는 병사들이 한국식 삶을 더

잘 이해할 수 있도록 열정적으로 돕는다"고 말하고 '

우리는 미국인과 미국 정부를 대표한다. 따라서 우리

카투사이면서 사단보충대의 문화 인식 교관인 박



종원 일병은 "처음에는 불완전한 영어 의사소통 실력 이 교관으로서의 역량에 방해가 될까봐 걱정했지만 나의 미군 부사관의 도움으로 자신감을 갖게 되었다' 고 말하고 "이제는 교육병들에게 정보를 전달하기 위 해 최선을 다한다"고 덧붙였다

사단보충대에서의 기본훈련과 교육이 없다면 한 반도에서 적응하는 것은 매우 어려울 것이다. 병사들 은 사단보충대에서 배운 것을 적용하고 한국에 있는 동안 언제나 그것을 명심하려고 노력한다.

<기사 및 사진 _ 일병 이지환 / 미 2사단 공보실>

하나가 되는 시간, 한미친선주간

매년 열리는 한미친선주간에 미 2사단의 카 시 벗어나, 문화의 차이를 넘어 함께 즐길 수 있

녹스빌 출신의 니콜라스 맥스웰(PVT Nicolas 투사 (KATUSA, Korean Augmentation to the Maxwell) 이병은 "한미친선주간에 우리는 하나 U.S. Army) 와 미군 장병들은 바쁜 훈련에서 잠 가 된다"고 말하고 "이전에 우리는 그저 일만 같 이 하고 각자의 일상을 살았지만 지금 우리는 팀 으로 함께하고 있다"고 덧붙였다.

한미친선주간 행사는 한국의 운동과 문화를 체험하는 기회일 뿐만 아니라 미국과 한국의 동 맹을 강화하는 기회이기도 했다.

미 2사단 2 전투항공여단 602 항공지원대대 행정반에서 일하는 카투사 진영주 일병은 "보통 우리는 업무 시간에만 서로를 보지만 한미친선주 간에는 캠프 험프리 (Camp Humphreys) 의 모 든 병사들이 모여 함께 운동경기를 한다. 이로써

우리는 더욱 가까워지고 친밀한 관계를 형성할 수 있다"고 덧붙였다.

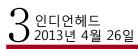
210 화력여단 본부 및 본부 포대의 행정병인 이선윤 일병 또한 한미친선주간이 미군과 카투사 가 함께 시간을 보내는 좋은 기회라는 의견을 내 비쳤다.

210 화력여단 6-37 야전포병대대 자동화시 스템 관리병인 김한솔 일병은 "이것은 서로에게 가까워질 수 있는 기회이다"고 말하고 "우리는 중대끼리가 아니라 각자의 중대 안에서만 친했었 다. 그러나 한미친선주간 행사는 우리가 대대 단 위 친분을 쌓을 수 있도록 한다"고 덧붙였다.

많은 병사들은 한미친선주간이 미군과 카투 사 사이가 친밀해질 수 있는 또다른 기회 이상의 의미를 가진다고 생각한다,

2 전투항공여단 2 항공연대 4 전복 의 항공관제병 팀 리(PFC Tim Lee) 일병은 "전 투지역에서 전우애를 쌓는 것은 매우 중요하다" 고 말하고 "우리는 사무실에서만 보는 사이지만 같이 운동을 하는 것과 같은 활동은 끈끈함을 형 성하고 더욱 단결된 팀을 만든다"고 덧붙였다.

미 2사단 1 기갑전투여단 본부 및 본부 중대 의 전산병인 플로리다 잭슨빌 출신의 마이클 그 린(SPC Michael Green) 상병은 "한미친선주간 행사에 참여할 수 있어서 기쁘다"고 말하고 "나 는 동료들과 카투사들과 함께 운동하며 즐거운 시간을 보냈다. 하지만 한미친선주간 행사는 단 지 운동을 하는 것 이상의 의미를 지닌다. 이것은 형제애와 끈끈함에 대한 것이다. 우리는 좋은 시 절이나 나쁜 시절이나 그것을 공유한다. 우리는 서로의 등을 맞대고 뒤를 봐준다"고 덧붙였다. <기사 및 사진 _ 일병 김한별 / 210 화력여단 공보실>



<u>사단소식</u>

최고의 전사가 되기 위한 도전



미 2사단 카투사 (KATUSA, Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army) 박민성 상병은 자신의 한계에 부딪히고 말았다

최고 전사 대회의 수중 생존 부문에서 박민성 상병 은 전투장비를 착용하고 머리 위로 총을 든 채로 15미 터를 수영해야 했다. 여기서 한가지 문제점이 있었다. 박민성 상병은 "나는 수영을 하지 못한다. 그래서

탈락했다"고 말했다.

실패를 뒤로 한 채 21세의 서울 출신 박민성 상병은 대회의 마지막 단계인 우수병사 측정 시험까지 진입했 다. 그는 미군뿐만 아니라 한국군 지식에 대한 문제에 답을 해야 했다.

20분이 지난 후 박민성 상병은 시험장을 나왔다. 나 오면서 그는 다음 카투사 장병을 지켜보라고 말했다. 왜냐하면 자신이 승리 못 할 것이 확실했기 때문이다.

4월 12일, 만회하지 못했다는 확신을 가지고서 박 민성 상병은 1 기갑전투여단 2-9 보병대대의 미군 전 우 3명과 함께 캠프 레드클라우드 (Camp Red Cloud) 의 사단장 식당에서 열린 마지막 행사에 참여했다. 그 저녁 식사에서 승리자가 밝혀질 것이었다. 4인의 장병 들은 각자의 분야에서 경쟁을 치뤘다. 앤드류 해리슨 (1LT Andrew Harrison) 중위는 장교 부문에서, 존 번 사이드(SGT John Burnside) 병장은 부사관 부문에서, 트레버 힐리고스(PFC Trevor Hilligoss) 일병은 사병 부문에서, 그리고 박민성 상병은 카투사 부문에서 경

쟁했다. 박민성 상병은 먼저 해리슨 중위, 번사이드 병장, 그 리고 힐리고스 일병이 '강철 여단' 1 기갑전투여단의 박 수갈채를 받으며 우승하는 것을 지켜보았다.

박민성 상병은 "우승하고 싶다"고 말하고 "매일매 일 공부했다. 번사이드 병장이 준비하는 것을 도와줬고 나는 우승하고 싶다"고 덧붙였다.

박민성 상병에게 최고 전사 대회에서 우승하는 것 은 단지 시험을 통과하는 것 또는 수영을 못하는 자기 자신에 도전하는 것이 아니다. 그는 그것이 미군 동료

들과 어깨를 나란히 할 수 있다는 것을 보여주는 것이 라고 생각했다.

박민성 상병은 "저들에게 나의 실력을 보여주고 싶 다"고 말하고 "카투사가 누군지, 카투사가 경쟁에서 어 떤 것을 해낼 수 있는지를 보여주고 싶다"고 덧붙였다. 전통적으로 최고 전사 대회는 사병과 부사관들을

대상으로 하지만 미 2사단은 장교들과 카투사들이 참 가할 수 있도록 하였다. 대회 참가자들은 수중 생존과 위원회 면접 외에도 작문, 체력 검정 시험, 주야간 지 상 탐사를 해야 하고 50파운드 군장을 메고 20킬로미 터 행군을 하는 도중에 각 지점에 멈춰서 다양한 총기를 쏘고, 응급조치를 시행하며, 의료 후송을 요청하고 언론 업무에 참여하는 등 병사 일반 임무를 수행해야 한다.

박민성 상병은 "가장 힘든 부분은 행군이었다"고 말하고 "우리는 계속해서 새로운 임무가 어떨 지 궁금 해하며 대회를 견뎌냈다. 좋은 임무와 훈련들이 많았 다. 멋진 경험이었다"고 덧붙였다.

사단장 식당의 장내가 조용해지자, 카투사 부문의 우승자 이름이 불렸다. 우승자는 박민성 상병이었다. 식당 전체가 박수갈채로 뒤덮혔다. 박민성 상병이 앉아 있던 1 기갑전투여단 식탁은 대회를 휩쓴 것을 자축하 며 가장 크게 환호했다,

박민성 상병은 수줍게 앞으로 나가 사진을 찍고 상 장을 수여받았다. 박수와 찬사 외에도 우승자들은 상패 와 인디언헤드 동상, 상품권과 기념주화를 받았다. 박 민성 상병과 힐리고스 일병은 또한 제주도 3일 무료 항 공권을 받았다.

앤드류 스패노(CSM Andrew Spano) 사단주임원 사는 "여기 나온 젊은이들이 무척 자랑스럽다"고 말하 고 "그들은 최고가 되기 위해서 임무를 받아들여 수행 했다. 이 카투사 장병 또한 아주 인상적이었다"고 덧붙 였다.

이후 박민성 상병은 자신이 대회에 나온 목적인 카 투사가 경쟁에서 어떤 것을 해낼 수 있는지를 보여주는 것을 이루었다고 말했다.

박민성 상병은 "나의 가족이 나를 자랑스러워할 것 이다"고 말했다. 이제 박민성 상병과 다른 이들은 5월에 열리는 미 8

군 최고 전사 대회를 준비중이다.

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