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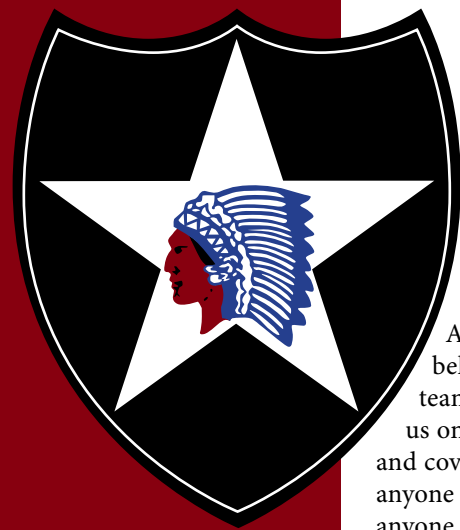


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UNDER THE OAK TREE: ARMY VALUES

In the last 13 years of fighting our Nation's wars, one thing has been crystal clear to all members of the Army, especially to those that have been deployed; it takes TRUST and RESPECT, to keep the team together. The Army values are key to our trusted beliefs. When a new member of the team joins that team, it takes all of us on that team to protect each other, and cover each other's back. Why would anyone destroy that trust? Why would anyone want to hurt another member of the team? Why would anyone want to tear apart the fabric of TRUST, which binds us all together? All 2ID Soldiers have a duty to protect each other from experiencing compromising situations, especially sexual harassment and assault. Sexual assault destroys the trust and confidence that fellow Soldiers and the American people have placed in us.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno and SMA Raymond F. Chandler have put out the call and NCOs must blaze the trail in protecting our most valuable resources – our Soldiers. Both Senior Leaders of our Army referred to the perpetrators of Sexual Assault and violators of that TRUST, as "Insider Threat." Those that have been deployed know what that term means. Insurgents that infiltrate our formations that look like us act like us, and gain our trust, come behind us when we are feeling safe and secure, to attack us from within. We have to defeat the "Insider Threat," by being aware of what is going on around us, and being vigilant. We have to change the culture in our formation, and in our Army. Gen. Odierno said that "we cannot defeat sexual assault in our ranks without the positive influence of NCOs." While he noted the significant progress we are making and the commitment needed on the part of each and every NCO to defeat this "insider threat." I am now calling on those of us within the 2nd Infantry Division NCO Corps

to take on a personal responsibility to lead the Warriors in this very real battle against an all too real enemy – sexual assault. It has no place in this Division or within our Army.

Also, if NCOs use the same determination they do as they train on the peninsula or on the battlefield, we can end sexual assault. The Army profession demands that, as NCOs, we take action if we see something that isn't right. If you are just a bystander, then you are also part of the problem. As you are out and about, and you see something that doesn't look right, don't turn a blind eye to it. Step up and get in between the individuals and protect the potential victim, and stop the potential perpetrator.

We have a duty to create an environment of safety and security. Families throughout the United States have entrusted 2ID with their loved ones and we must make sure, as leaders, that all 2ID Soldiers are protected at each and every turn. We have a duty to treat their sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, husbands or wives with dignity and respect and create a Warrior environment of safety and security. Our Soldiers and their Families have to know, when they get assigned to this division, NCOs are going to be the ones that protect what is most precious. NCOs are going to be the ones I can go to when I need help.

The American people and our Korean partners expect leaders in the 2ID to protect our fellow Soldiers and assist the Republic of Korea's army in maintaining peace and stability on the peninsula. Sexual assault erodes our history and lineage of being the greatest division in the Army. Sexual assault takes away our ability to "Fight Right Now."

In the view of the American people, we are the greatest Army the world has ever known. The 2ID history and what we are accomplishing today shows that we are an important part of being the greatest Army the world has ever known.



Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew J. Spano

2nd Inf. Div. Command Sergeant Major

People back home look at us from a different perspective, they demand excellence from our Warriors. Sexual assault erodes that excellence.

As with most of the challenges our Army has faced for the last 238 years, we will face this challenge like we have faced in the past. Remember what is in our NCO Creed, "My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind—accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers." If we, as the NCO Corps of the Second to None Division do not remember that, and live it every day, we might as well hang up our stripes. We must take this issue head on with the high moral character that NCOs have demonstrated throughout our history. We must focus on creating an atmosphere of trust and commitment. Yes, competence is my watchword, but we need leaders and Soldiers to be of high Character. I urge all NCOs to talk about this problem openly and work diligently on creating a better environment for everyone – Officers, NCOs, Soldiers, Civilians and Family members alike.

Second to None!



Brig. Gen. Erik C. Peterson, 2nd Inf. Div. deputy commanding general for support, and, Maj. Joseph Park, the pastor of the Republic of Korea's Army Aviation Operations Command Chapel, talk together at the Bethel Café February 9, 2014, before the start of Sunday morning's worship services near the Korean air base at G510. (Capt. Matt Baldwin, 2nd CAB PAO)

2ID Leaders Visit ROK Academy

STORY AND PHOTO BY
MASTER SGT JASON BAKER
2ID PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Senior leaders from across the 2nd Infantry Division Headquarters Staff, led by Chief of Staff Col. Marshall K. Dougherty visited the Korea Military Academy Feb. 8, in Seoul, South Korea.

The 2nd Inf. Div., has been stationed in Korea since July, 23 1950, and is the United States Army's only permanently forward deployed Division.

"A key aspect of the 2nd Inf. Div., mission here in Korea is to continue to foster and strengthen the bond between the Republic of Korea military and the Division," said Master Sgt. Jason Baker, 2nd Inf. Div., operations noncommissioned officer. "This event was especially important as the cadets represent the future leadership of the ROK military."

The day started off with a short video presentation by the academy and the 2nd Inf. Div. The videos provided a good introduction into the mission and curriculum of the academy and into the history, mission and strong relationship with the ROK army and the division.

Each Soldier was assigned a KMA cadet to take them on a personal tour of their campus. The leaders from the Warrior Division visited the KMA museum, military monuments, and cadet barracks and ended the visit with a lunch in the Cadet Dining Hall.

"The professionalism displayed by our KMA hosts was both warm and exciting," said Lt. Col. Andrew C. Kim, 2nd Inf. Div., surgeon. "As partners in the profession of arms, I found it to be both sophisticated and energized that KMA is truly skilled in incubating forward-thinking leaders that the ROK army will need to navigate safely in this complex region of the globe."

The cadets who guided the tour were selected by the academy's English program and the visit gave them an opportunity to practice their English skills as well as receive firsthand advice on leadership and life in the military as an officer.

"The visit was a wonderful example of the professional exchanges that we share with the ROKs," said Lt. Col. John S. Chu, 2nd Inf. Div., assistant chief of staff for intelligence. "The KMA English Program provided a first-class event that included formal site-seeing and briefings, visits to their dorms and dining facility, and personal and candid one-on-one discussions with cadets. I have a true appreciation for the KMA."

"We were truly honored and enjoyed the tour of the academy and the professional dialogue with the cadets," said Col. Marshall K. Dougherty. "I was extremely impressed by the cadets' English skills, military bearing, and enthusiasm. I am confident that they will make superb Army officers!"

Established in 1946 the campus sits on more than 300 acres in the Nowon District of Seoul and has educated some of Korea's most important military and national leaders to include three former ROK presidents.



Senior leaders from across the 2nd Infantry Division Headquarters Staff, led by Chief of Staff Col. Marshall K. Dougherty, visit the Korea Military Academy Feb. 8, in Seoul. (Photo by: Master Sgt. Jason Baker, 2ID PAO)



Col. John M. Scott, Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Red Cloud and Area I hosted a Community Town Hall with Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal, the 2nd Infantry Division commander Feb. 11. They briefed the community on topics such as transformation, command sponsorship, key projects and Casey Elementary School to name a few. Scott and Vandal fielded questions from those who were present and following online on Facebook. (Photo by: Pak, Chin-u, 2ID PAO)

STRENGTH: EMPOWERMENT BETWEEN WOMEN-IN-BOOTS

STORY AND PHOTO BY
SPC JACQUELINE DOWLAND
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At times in a woman's career or in her personal life, she may need guidance on the best way to approach a situation. Female Soldiers of 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, gathered for a Female Spartans Women's Mentorship Program brunch to introduce Female Soldiers to the benefits of mentorship at Hartell House at United States Army Garrison Yongsan, Seoul, South Korea, Jan. 24, 2014.

The program, which is voluntary to join, encourages female Soldiers to find a mentor for guidance and advice in all areas of life from military career to finances.

While it is mandatory for each battalion or brigade to have a women's mentorship program, the coordinators of the program try to make the program one that females will want to join voluntarily.

"It's a way to get the females to empower each other," said Sgt. 1st Class Vernisa Pope, logistics noncommissioned officer-in-charge with 1st ABCT, 2nd Inf. Div., originally from Chicago, Ill. "It provides guidance through professional and personal development."

Included in the program's activities are health forums and Zumba classes to draw in new members and make the program exciting for existing members.

"We want to ensure that the females have something to take back to their units and share with other female Soldiers, so we have more females join every day," said Pope.

The coordinators of the event pour their individual enthusiasm and dedication into the program. This commitment and interest in the program is evident in the approachability felt at the program's events.

"I can openly talk to a senior noncommissioned officer or a senior officer about my ideas or goals, and I can have that person share their experiences with

me," said Spc. Reina M. Garay, a truck driver with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, originally from Fort Lewis, Wash.

As many units are predominantly male, female Soldiers will most likely outnumbered by men in the military. As a result, female Soldiers may feel as though they face difficulty seeking advice on subjects a male Soldier may not be able to offer.

"I was in an infantry unit until I made staff sergeant," said Pope. "A male cannot teach a female everything that they need to know in the military or in their personal life."

Having the ability to advise and mentor other females motivates and inspires the members of the committee to guide female Soldiers in any way they can.

"I have a big pride and a passion for this program, because I can take things I've learned and share them and mentor other females," said Pope.

All subjects are open for discussion and advice, not just military-related issues. This open approach benefits participants as it allows them to seek guidance in any area of life they may be facing.

"This will help us if we decide to stay in the military or apply for a civilian job," said Garay. "If we want to go for an interview we'll want to carry ourselves so that people will be impressed and we can seek advice on how to do that from our mentors."

Members of the program are excited that they are part of an opportunity to seek risk-free advice and counsel in a comfortable environment from women they can trust.

"I think that females need to know about this," said Garay. "I'm really going to push this forward to all the females because this is a great program."

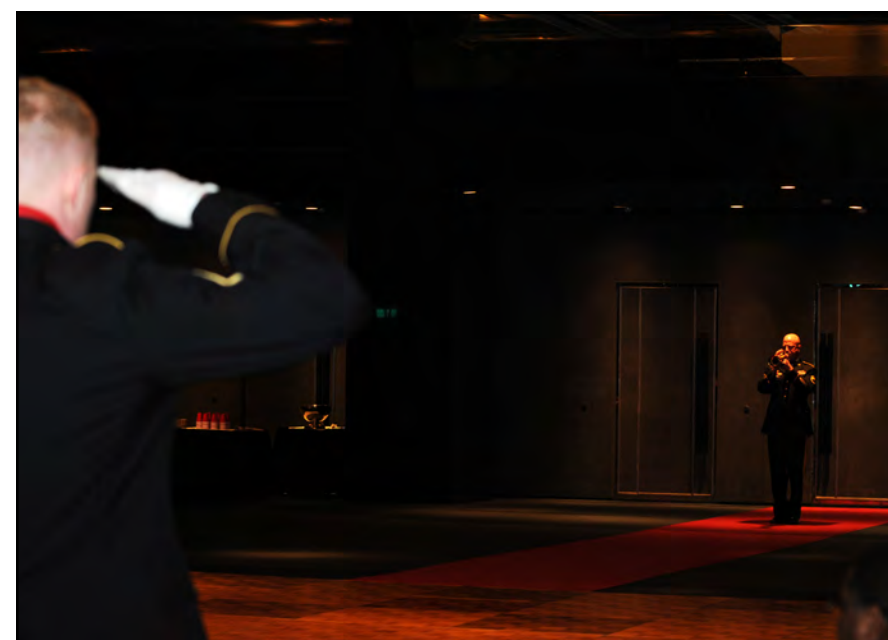


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21D SOLDIERS ENJOY ST. BARBARA'S DAY BALL



The Indianhead Chapter of the U.S. Field Artillery Association hosted the annual St. Barbara's Day Ball at the Grand Hyatt Hotel Feb. 13, in Seoul. The Soldiers of 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division and artillery service members from across the peninsula celebrated the history, professionalism and service of artillery men and women. Maj. Gen Thomas Vandal, 21D commander, gave guest speaker remarks honoring exceptional Soldiers from 210th FA Bde. (Photo by: Pak, Chin-u, 21D PAO)





Spc. Elizabeth Walker-Horne, a company environmental compliance specialist with Headquarters Support Company, 602 Avn., and native of Springfield, Va., took the initiative to enter her battalion into the competition which ultimately led 602 Avn. to a victory win, Jan. 21. Her unit won the garrison commander's Environmental Sustainment Award for the third year in a row.

Unit Hits Environmental Home-run



**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
SGT 1ST CLASS VINCENT ABRIL
2ND CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

environmental program. One Soldier in particular, understood what it takes to accomplish that mission, ultimately leading her battalion to the third victory.

Spc. Elizabeth Walker-Horne, a company environmental compliance specialist with Headquarters Support Company, 602 ASB, and native of Springfield, Va., is in charge of her unit's environmental program. Influenced by her mother, who worked for many years at the Environmental Protection Agency, Walker-Horne has become environmentally focused.

"I remember once when I was six years old, I threw a gum wrapper out the window of our car on Interstate H-1 in Hawaii," said Walker-Horne. "I remember my mother stopping on the highway and yelling at me saying, 'go pick it up right now,' right there on the highway. She raised me to be very conscience of our environment which has helped me to be successful at what I'm doing today."

Being an environmentally focused unit requires a team effort though.

"This is not just a one person award," said 1st Lt. John P. Darrenkamp, a native of Wilmington, N.C., and the executive officer with HSC, 602nd ASB. "It's everyone doing their part to make things happen. We are lucky to have good continuity in the environmental department. Korea has a high turnover rate and we have maintained that continuity during those transitions. We continue to stay on top of our game and we have dedicated, trained Soldiers who are doing the right thing."



Everyone can participate in organizations that support protecting the environment. Some people in the 2nd Infantry Division are passionate in doing so.

Soldiers of 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, seem to know how to do just that. They won the garrison commander's Environmental Sustainment Award for the third year in a row.

Dennis Polaski, the United States Army Garrison Humphreys director of public works, along with Onsemus K. Smith, acting chief of USAG Humphreys Department of Public Works Environmental Division, presented the award to representatives of 602nd ASB, Jan. 21, 2014.

"The 602nd has had extremely good continuity, if and when, their environmental officers rotated out," said Smith. "Therefore, they are able to sustain record keeping requirements, training programs and regulatory compliance. Leader involvement has proven to be an invaluable asset as well."

The USAG Humphreys environmental policy states they are committed to reducing the adverse environmental impacts resulting from daily operations and to taking a leading role in being conscientious stewards of the Korean land, historic buildings, species at risk, and sacred and archeological sites entrusted to the garrison.

Undoubtedly, the work of many contributes to the accomplishment of those goals and to the overall success of the "Warhorse" battalion's



Pfc. Clayton Quinalty, a wheeled vehicle mechanic, assigned to Headquarters Support Company, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division and native of Fort Smith, Ark., wins his fight against Pfc. Jordan Moses, aviation operations specialist from Pontiac, MI., assigned to 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd CAB during the 2nd CAB combatives tournament on Feb. 6, in the Community Fitness Center on Camp Humphreys.

Soldier's Hobby leads to Combatives Success



**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
SGT NICOLE HALL
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When it comes to practicing or training in martial arts, some Soldiers find passion in it.

Pfc. Clayton Quinalty, a wheeled vehicle mechanic, assigned to Headquarters Support Company, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, and a native of Fort Smith, Ark., is a martial arts enthusiast who competed in the 2nd CAB tournament Feb. 5-6, at the Community Fitness Center at Camp Humphreys.

"My love for practicing Ju Jitsu, opened my eyes to combatives," Quinalty said.

Quinalty began practicing Ju Jitsu while he was in college, prior to enlisting in the U.S. Army. Having a martial arts background helped him greatly, because he was already aware of some hand-to-hand fighting techniques.

Early on in his tour to Korea, Quinalty started attending Ju Jitsu classes where he would meet the person who helped him explore his interest in Modern Army Combatives. Combatives is a tool that the

United States Army created in 1995, to train leaders and Soldiers how to defeat the enemy in close quarter, hand-to-hand combat.

"I've known Quinalty for a year and a half and although he doesn't know everything yet he is an outstanding grappler for his level of certification," said Sergeant 1st Class Luis Romero, an aircraft components repair supervisor and master combatives instructor, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd CAB, 2nd Inf. Div., and native of Washington Heights, N.Y.

When Quinalty is not teaching a combatives class as a level one instructor, he practices to compete in both combatives and Ju Jitsu tournaments.

Quinalty's potential has shined through on many occasions; he has placed high in multiple tournaments throughout Korea during his 16 months in country.

"I definitely would have to say that Sgt. 1st Class Romero is one of my mentors," said Quinalty. "He has helped push me to become a better fighter. He also inspires me to want to compete and always bring my 'A' game."

Quinalty also credits Spc. Michael Torres, native of Houston, Texas, signal support systems specialist and certified level 3 combative instructor, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd CAB for the positive influence he has had on him since arriving in Korea.

Soldiers that win the 2nd CAB tournament, can advance to the 2nd Inf. Div., then 8th United States Army and finally the All Army tournaments in Fort Hood, Texas. Quinalty placed 2nd in the men's middleweight class during the 2nd CAB tournament and will be advancing to the 2nd Inf. Div., tournament in March.

"I'm ok with the way the tournament turned out, said Quinalty. "Someone had to win and today my opponent was the better fighter. I am going to work on strengthening my leg technique for the 2nd Inf. Div., tournament."

In the near future Quinalty plans to become certified in level three combatives and continue to teach other Soldiers to fight.

"My goal is to continue learning combatives and ultimately make teaching my main job in the Army," he said.



Soldiers from 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade who competed in the 2nd CAB combatives tournament pose for a picture after the tournament, Feb. 6, in the community fitness center on Camp Humphreys.

ROK GENERAL VISITS 210TH TRAINING

STORY BY
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Often times when Soldiers train, they are equipped with special gear to prepare them for the weather.

During a training exercise at Rocket Valley Jan. 23, 2014, near Cheolwon, South Korea, senior leaders from the Republic of Korea army received information about cold weather training from 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

Gen. Park Seon-woo, the deputy commander of Combined Forces Command, and other Republic of Korea army senior logistics officers were briefed on cold weather equipment American Soldiers use to effectively accomplish their mission in freezing temperatures.

"We demonstrated the extended cold weather clothing systems for Gen. Park. We also showed him our equipment capabilities which includes: tents, heaters and sleeping systems used for cold weather," said Capt. Juan Noda, from Miami, Fla., the Battery C commanding officer.

The senior Korean officers were interested in the materials of the cold

weather equipment as they examined the gear closely, touching and feeling each of the equipment personally.

"For the ROK army leaders, being able to view our equipment allows them to obtain better knowledge and understanding of the cold weather system," said Noda.

After viewing the cold weather equipment, Park, with assistance from Battery A Soldiers, was able to train and stay warm.

"It is nice when we have guests come out here and watch us train," said Pfc. Matthew Gonzales, from La Jara, Colo., a multiple launch rocket system operations/fire direction specialist assigned to Battery A. "We get excited about what we are doing, because everybody is watching."

Noda also added that he learned about the Korean culture and some of the differences between American military culture and that of the Korean military during the visit. He believes that such visits from the ROK counterparts will continue to strengthen the Alliance between the two nations.



Lt. Col. Donald Potoczny, the commander of 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division gives a special present to Gen. Park Seon-woo, the deputy commander of Combined Forces Command during the battalion exercise at Rocket Valley, South Korea, Jan. 23.



Gen. Park Seon-woo, the deputy commander of Combined Forces Command, and Republic of Korea Army senior logistics officers visit the exercise of 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division at Rocket Valley, South Korea, January 23, 2014. The ROK leaders were briefed on U.S. Army's cold weather clothing systems and equipment. The visit was to share the differences in cold weather systems and weapons between the U.S. Army and the Republic of Korea Army to better understand each other's capabilities.

4-DAY COMPETITION ENHANCES ROCKET SOLDIERS TRAINING

STORY BY
SGT KIM HAN-BYEOL
210TH FAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

"You have one minute remaining," an evaluator shouts from a distance. In the blistering cold weather, Soldiers assigned to 210th Field Artillery Brigade reach new peaks of anxiety as they hurry to finish their mission.

Soldiers from 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th FA Bde., 2nd Infantry Division, conducted a "Rocket" section competition at Camp Casey, Jan. 13-16.

The competition was a four-day event including three major portions: a written test, a hands-on equipment test, and a warrior skills test.

"Every section in the battalion participates in this competition," said Maj. Jeremy Linney, from Ticonderoga, N.Y., the operations officer for 6th Bn., 37th FA Regt. "The competition revolves around the basic certification tasks that every section has to do as part of their job to be certified as a crew."

The battalion conducts certification training once a quarter to maintain its readiness to 'Fight Tonight.' This time, it was not just a certification, but a competition.

Lt. Col. Mark Brock, the battalion commander, believes that Soldiers and crews will operate at a higher level if they are competing against one another.

"For those sections that are very high, they want to maintain their proficiency and stay there," said Linney. "Those sections that do not do well will have a lot of

reasons to work harder."

Soldier must be proficient in all Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills ranging from communication and weapons to first aid and nuclear, biological and chemical training.

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Marason, from Allentown, Penn., the battalion operations noncommissioned officer in charge, believes this gives the battery commander an assessment of his sections, their knowledge and skills, and their overall ability to perform their war time mission.

Pfc. Brendan Rooney, from Philadelphia, Penn., an air and missile defense crewmember assigned to Battery E, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, attached to 6th Bn., 37th FA Regt. enjoys the training and being able to certify on other things like NBC.

"It's good to go out and train for the entire day, just focusing on my job and each element I have to do," he said.

According to Marason, the success of a section depends on how noncommissioned officers train their Soldiers. The training and leadership of NCOs is the most critical piece that makes each section combat effective.

"The role of NCOs is basically a mentor for us," said Rooney. "They are here to teach us their skills and help us with tips, so we can learn faster and be competitive at our job."

Linney is looking forward to seeing the sections grow over the next quarter and work hard during upcoming training to refine their skills. Through friendly competition, the Soldiers of the "Rocket" battalion will stay ready to help defend the Republic of Korea if needed.



Staff Sgt. David Ezzio, from Des Moines, Iowa, a multiple launch rocket system section chief assigned to Battery C, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division assembles an M240B machine gun during the battalion section competition, Jan. 15, on Camp Casey, South Korea.



Soldiers from 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division conduct a battalion section competition, Jan. 15, on Camp Casey, South Korea. The training was a team competition within the battalion including written test, hands-on equipment test and warrior skills test. Soldiers get to know their strengths and weaknesses through competition and enhance readiness to fight tonight.

2ID OBSERVES BLACK HISTORY MONTH



STORY BY
PFC YUN IM JUN
2ID PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 2nd Infantry Division Equal Opportunity Office held an African American/Black History Month Observance at Camp Red Cloud Theater, Feb. 12. Soldiers, Families and the local community were present during the observance. (Photo by: Pak, Chin-U, 2ID PAO)

February is recognized as Black History Month, a time set aside to recognize achievements of African Americans and how far they have come.

The 2nd Infantry Division Equal Opportunity Office held an African American/Black History Month Observance at Camp Red Cloud Theater, Feb. 12.

The excitement and the enthusiasm fills the theater as a diverse group comes together to observe a very important month.

In opening, the national anthem was sung in both Korean and in English by 2nd Inf. Div., band members.

After the national anthem, the room went dark for a few seconds and the stage lit up as the 2nd Inf. Div., played their instruments. The audience sang, danced and cheered on to the sound of the band playing one of Stevie Wonder's songs. After the bands performance, the crowd stood and applauded.

As the crowd cheered on, Sgt. Eric Blue from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armored Regiment, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, performs N'Golo also known as the 'Zebra Dance.' When Blue finished his dance, he talked about the history of N'Golo dance educating the audience of the unique dance. The N'Golo dance is a type of martial arts dance that originated in Africa.

"The observance was very nice and full of energy; you learn something new every day," said Pfc. Brandon

Hall, a native of Atlanta, Ga., assigned to Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Inf. Div., food service specialist. "I didn't know that form of martial arts originated from African Americans."

After Blue talked about the dance Lt. Col. Roosevelt Samuel, a 2nd Inf. Div., engineer officer and the guest speaker at the observance talked about how African Americans have played a significant role in history and in the Army value of selfless service.

"Selfless Service means to place the welfare of the nation and the Army above our own," said Samuel. "African Americans have served in every conflict our nations has fought in, including the Revolutionary War in 1775; long before they were granted their civil rights. That was a true example of selfless service."

Soldiers, Families and the local community were present during the observance. One Soldier talked about his appreciation for the observance because of the new things that he had learned.

"The observance was very informative and entertaining," said Spc. James Tuttle, a diesel tech with HSC, HHBN, 2nd Inf. Div. "I didn't realize how much African Americans influenced music like Blues, and Jazz."

The observance certainly provided attendees with a great opportunity to bring a diverse group together and learn about Black History Month.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH REMEMBRANCE

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"We honor the men and women at the heart of this journey — from engineers of the Underground Railroad to educators who answered a free people's call for a free mind, from patriots who proved that valor knows no color to demonstrators who gathered on the battlefields of justice and marched our Nation toward a brighter day.

As we pay tribute to the heroes, sung and unsung, of African-American history, we recall the inner strength that sustained millions in bondage.

-President Barack Obama



About 800 Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment arrive in Osan Air Base Jan. 29. Their tour is part of the nine-month rotational deployment. The Soldiers will conduct missions with 2nd Infantry Division. (Photo by: Pak, Chin-U, 2ID PAO)



2ID WELCOMES CAV UNIT

1-12 CAV JOINS 2ID

STORY BY
SGT WAYNE DIAZ
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Frigid temperatures and piercing winds greeted the incoming Cavalrymen with open arms following their journey from Fort Hood, Texas, to South Korea. After countless hours and miles of travel, these soldiers received everything short of a "warm welcome."

Approximately 800 Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, arrived at Osan Air Force Base, South Korea, Jan. 29, to join 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division.

The battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Arthur W. Sellers, includes a Headquarters and Headquarters Company, two companies of mechanized infantry, two armored companies and a forward support company.

Becoming assigned to South Korea as part of a nine-month rotational deployment, Soldiers of 1-12 Cav. Regt., maintained a positive attitude towards their tour.

"It's a good change of pace," said Sgt. Steven D. Lewis, HHC, 1-12th Cav. Regt. "It's nice to deploy and get away from home station and do something new."

One Soldier finds team-building and cohesion

while deployed with familiar faces.

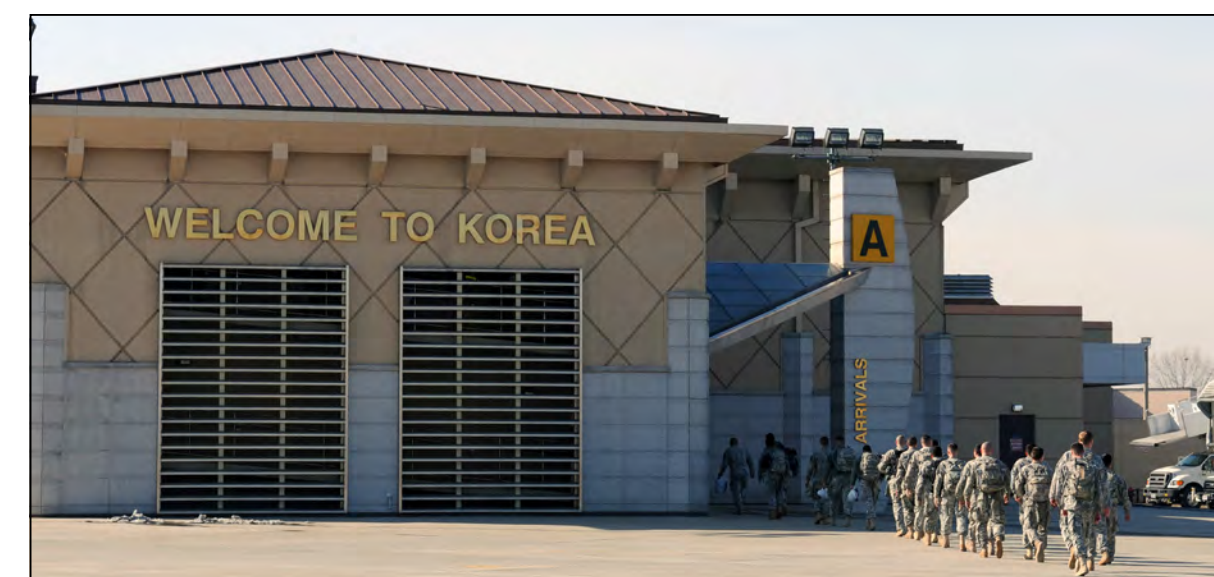
"It's a lot better to come to Korea with guys you have been training with for over a year," said Fredericksburg, Va., native 1st Lt. Kevin K. Cho. "Having that chemistry with your team really benefits the unit and makes the transition much easier."

The addition of the Combined Arms Battalion greatly aids the 2nd Inf. Div., and 1ABCT's mission of deterring aggression and defending the Republic of South Korea if called upon. Also, it gives the Soldiers of this unit an opportunity to indulge in the division's training standard, which includes many exercises to improve tactical proficiency, said Cho.

As part of their logistic and tactical preparation, the unit brought with it about 20 M1A2 Abrams tanks and 30 M2A3 Bradley's, which will be primarily used for training.

"The Army is the Army wherever we go," said Cho, who was stationed in South Korea from 2011 to 2012. "We will continue to train and become more proficient, and we look forward to experiencing the Korean culture."

New challenges and new experiences await the 1-12 Cav. Regt., as they join the brigade. The 1ABCT's latest addition adds depth and vastly improves capabilities to strengthen the Alliance and uphold the 2nd Inf. Div., standard of preparing to "Fight Tonight" as we aid our fellow ROK forces.



AVIATION BRANCH PROVIDES CAREER GUIDANCE TO SOLDIERS

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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In the Army, planning your career can be complicated. Sometimes Soldiers are moved around to different locations every 24-36 months making it difficult to ensure a Soldier is on track for career progression. That is where the members of the Army's Aviation Human Resources Command come into play. They assist Soldiers with their careers while also helping the Army ensure its large picture needs are met.

The Army's HRC aviation branch representatives recently took time out of their schedules to visit the Soldiers of the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade Jan. 27-30, at Camp Humphreys and K-16 Air Base.

This gave the Soldiers, throughout the ranks, a chance to get the latest information that their branch chiefs had as well as the rare opportunity to sit down and discuss their career face-to-face.

"The crew we brought here today, coming from

Fort Knox, Ky., is half of your branch team," said Lt. Col. David Snow, the aviation branch chief. "They are here to talk to you, to integrate with the 2nd CAB over the next three to four days, and hopefully answer questions about not only the Army in general but also about you the individual Soldier in your career path."

During their visit, the HRC personnel provided several general briefs about what direction the aviation field was heading. They also went over tips for taking a good Department of the Army photo and how the Soldiers Enlisted Record Brief/Officer Record Brief should look. In order to hone in on the needs of their audience they held separate briefs for Soldiers, officers and warrant officers. After the general briefings, they also had discussions for different airframe career fields.

"It made me feel better because there are a lot of rumors and myths out there, but the briefings let me know what was true," said Sgt. Edwin Laboy, an OH-58D Helicopter Repairer, assigned to Company C, 4th Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, 6th

Calvary Regiment, and native of Ponce, Puerto Rico.

They also conducted one-on-one sessions for any Soldier who wanted to discuss their career opportunities in the future. While every military occupational specialty in the Army has its own assignment manager, often Soldiers do not have the opportunity to see their branch manager face-to-face, mostly communicating by email or over the phone.

"It gave us the opportunity to get more information and know what is going on in our career field," said Laboy. "It allowed me to be able to predict my career based on the information they gave me."

After meeting with the Soldiers of the 2nd CAB, the HRC personnel headed back to their home at Fort Knox to continue serving aviation Soldiers across the Army. The information they left behind will act as a guide for the Soldiers to use when planning their career and maybe someday they will be in the position to provide the same service to their fellow Soldiers.

PAINTBALL BOOSTS SOLDIER MORALE, BUILDS TEAMWORK

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Some Soldiers feel the need to unplug from their everyday work and relieve stress. One activity Soldiers can get into is paintball. They can compete with other participants, relieve stress and form bonds.

The Community Activity Center located at Camp Casey, South Korea, offers paintball obstacle courses for Soldiers, civilians and military members of the community, offering opportunities for anyone interested to participate in an activity that has many benefits.

"Paintball uses three basic elements to sharpen Soldier skills: communication, field movement and learning how to fire a weapon," said Sam Kim, the paintball civilian contractor at the Community Activity Center, a native of Fort Lee, N.J.

These elements are confirmed by Soldiers who utilize the paintball program, and continue to visit the facility after discovering its benefits.

"You can practice maneuvers and teamwork," said Pvt. Brandon Richard Morales, a fire support specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, and a native of Spring

Valley, N.Y.

Initiated in 2005, the program doesn't require participants to put a team together. A Soldier only needs to show up at the establishment and be ready.

Kim encourages everyone to participate, even if they don't have experience. He says that some people are a little hesitant at first, because they are new to the installation and have no one to bring to the facility.

"You can come out by yourself and form a team with other people who show up," said Kim. "You don't need a certain number of people to come out to participate."

The benefits of paintball for a Soldier include: using the maneuvering on the field to hone Soldiering skills; improving camaraderie with fellow Soldiers; and relieving stress.

"Paintball gives Soldiers something to do that takes away the stresses of work while giving the Soldiers a simulated sense of combat. A person can use paintball to improve Soldiering skills without using real bullets," said Morales.

Kim emphasizes that a person interested in playing paintball at the Community Activity Center doesn't need to purchase expensive equipment before playing, though a regular player of paintball may want to consider purchasing the gear and equipment.

"You can rent equipment here or you can buy your own equipment, which is allowed on Camp Casey," said Kim.

Kim has witnessed social connections amongst the participants get stronger during paintball, as players of the sport sit and talk during breaks between games.

"People can spend between three and four hours a day playing paintball, while forming social connections with other service members or civilians who visit South Korea," said Kim. "Networking and forming new friendships sometimes occurs during the breaks."

Kim and his co-workers at the Community Activity Center receive positive feedback on the paintball program. It's an encouragement to keep providing such a valuable service to Soldiers and civilians.

"We get positive feedback about how our program impacts Soldiers' lives. People are staying in touch with us and each other after playing paintball here," said Kim.

The employees of the Community Activity Center embrace the social connections during the experience as they benefit as much from the program as the Soldiers and civilians do.

"Being around the Soldiers is the best part of the job," said Kim.

2ID TAX CENTER OPENING CEREMONY



Leaders of Area I takes a group photo during the opening ceremony of the 2nd Infantry Division Tax Center at Maude Hall, Camp Casey, Feb. 6. (Courtesy photo)

SPOUSES' COLUMN SPOUSE SAYS FAREWELL TO KOREA

COURTESY STORY AND
PHOTO BY
SHAWNA GARRETT



Our three years in Korea is coming to an end. As I write this my husband is scheduling our house hold goods to be picked up, scheduling our apartment to be inspected and reserving our room at Camp Red Cloud lodging. It has been a time full of ups and downs, but more good than bad. As I get ready to leave Korea and think about the best parts of us being here, I become very emotional.

I have made the most amazing friends here. I think people forget how small Korea actually is, as well as how small the military community is. I have met amazing mentors who have helped guide me in my time here and enabled me to pass on fantastic knowledge to new military Families. The women I have met have helped shape my view of the military. Now I can go to the next duty station with new ways to help incoming Families

cope and be happy with military life.

If I can pass on any advice on being in Korea, it's going to be to enjoy your time here. Don't spend it wishing you weren't in Korea. There is so much this country has to offer, but you have to get out there to see it.

Never be afraid to try the food, talk to the people or volunteer in the community. Korea has brought me out of my comfort zone for sure. Before coming to Korea, I wouldn't even drive around looking for a new place to shop.

Here, I'll jump on a bus just to see where it ends up.

Every day Korea offers chances to see something you've never seen before. But you'll never find them inside your apartment. Get out there and be in Korea! It's not always going to be easy, it's not always going to be in English, but it is going to be an experience you will never forget. I wish everyone the best of luck here.

2014년 2월 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.



1월 21일 제 602 항공지원대대의 엘리자베스 워커혼(Spc. Elizabeth Walker-Horne) 상병과 존 대런캠프(1st Lt. John Darrenkamp) 소위가 수비대 환경지속 경연대회 트로피 앞에서 포즈를 취하고 있다. <사진 _ 중사 빈센트 에이브릴(Sgt. 1st Class Vincent Abril) / 제 2 항공여단 공보처>



제 1 기갑전투여단 군수 책임부사관 베니사 포프(Sgt. 1st Class Vernisa Pope) 중사가 용산 수비대 하틀 하우스(Hartell House)에서 열린 여성 장병 멘토링 프로그램에서 식사 예절을 설명하고 있다. <사진 _ 상병 재규라인 다우랜드(Spc. Jacqueline Dowland) / 제 17 기갑전투여단 공보처>



제 2 항공여단 장병들이 2월 6일 캠프 험프리스(Camp Humphreys) 체육관에서 열린 격투기 대회에 참가하여 실력을 겨루고 있다. 우승자는 3월에 열리는 미 제2보병사단 격투기 대회에 참가하게 된다. <사진 _ 병장 니콜 홀(Sgt. Nicole Hall) / 제 2 항공여단 공보처>



2월 13일 제 210화력여단 장병들 및 한반도에 주둔하는 포병들이 서울 그랜드 하얏트 호텔에서 열린 세인트 바바라의 날(St. Barbara's Day Ball) 식전 행사에 참여했다. <사진 _ 박진우 / 미 2사단 공보처>



2월 8일 미 2사단 참모장 마셜 도허티(Col. Marshall Dougherty) 대령을 포함한 미 2사단 고위 간부들이 대한민국 육군사관학교를 견학했다. <사진 _ 상사 제이슨 베이커(Master Sgt. Jason Baker) / 미 2사단 공보처>

한미 문화 교류

슈퍼볼 SUPERBOWL

단일국가의 리그경기로 세계최대규모의 스포츠 행사 중에 하나로 자리매김하고 있는 미국 풋볼 리그는 매해 인기가 꾸준히 증가하고 있다. 미국 풋볼 시장이 세계적인 규모의 스포츠로 이어질 수 있었던 데에는 1920년대에 창설된 내셔널 풋볼리그(NFL, National Football League)와 1595년 결성된 아메리칸 풋볼리그(AFL, American Football League)의 상호경쟁적인 리그방식 때문이다.

초기 미국 풋볼리그에서는 내셔널 풋볼리그가 수많은 경쟁리그들의 도전을 물리치고 독보적인 인기를 누리며 독점적인 지위를 확보해나갔다. 하지만 40여년 후엔 결성된 아메리칸 풋볼리그는 이전의 도전자들과는 다른 방식으로 내셔널 풋볼리그의 시장의 빈틈을 공략해나가며 NFL의 지위를 위협하기 시작했다. 내셔널 풋볼리그는 이에 대해 독점적 폐쇄정책으로 맞대응 하면서 서, 남부 지역의 대도시를 위주로 시장을 확대해나갔으나 NFL도 AFL의 마켓까지는 침투할 수 없었다. 그래서 프로풋볼 시장의 규모가 전국적으로 확대되고 이에 따라 월드 시리즈(World Series)처럼 NFL과 AFL 우승팀끼리 대결을 펼치는 챔피언십의 형태를 취하기로 양 리그 사무국이 1967년 1회 슈퍼볼을 출범시켜 지금까지

이어져 오고 있다.

슈퍼볼의 역사는 제2회 챔피언십의 공식 명칭인 제2회 슈퍼볼 (Super Bowl II)에서부터 본격적으로 슈퍼볼이라는 단어가 사용되기 시작했다. 처음 슈퍼볼이 언론에 발표되었을때는 “AFL-NFL 세계선수권 대회”라고 하는 다소 어색한 명칭으로 합의되었으나 제2회 대회부터 슈퍼볼이라 칭하게 되었다. 사실 ‘슈퍼볼’이라는 이름의 정확한 유래는 1967년 캔사스시티 치프스의 구단주였던 라마 헌트가 자신의 딸이 슈퍼볼(Super ball)이라는 장난감을 천진난만하게 가지고 노는 모습을 본 후, 슈퍼(Super)에 볼(Ball)과 어감이 비슷한 풋볼 경기의 우승트로피를 뜻하는 볼(Bowl)을 합성해 슈퍼볼(Super bowl)이라는 단어를 쓰자고 주장하였고 양 리그 사무국에서 이 제안이 받아들여져서 현재의 명칭이 되었다.

앞서 설명했듯이 슈퍼볼(Super Bowl)은 NFC 우승팀과 AFC 우승 팀이 겨루는 NFL의 챔피언십이다. 가장 큰 미식축구 대회이면서 미국에서 가장 큰 스포츠행사이기도 한 슈퍼볼의 세계적인 관심은 꾸준히 증가하고 이에따라 단일 슈퍼볼 행사에 관련된 시장 또한 기하급수적으로 커져가고 있다. 시청률이 집계된 이후, 세계 단일 결승전에서 시청자 수 1위의 몫은 단연 슈퍼볼이었다. 이후 2009년에 유럽 축구클럽 대항전(UEFA Champions League, Union of European Football Associations Champions League) 결승전이 슈퍼볼을 누르고 최다 시청자수를 보유했지만 2010년부터 다시 슈퍼볼이 시청자 수 1위를 기록을 가지고 왔으며 2013년까지 그 기록을 이어가고 있다. 2010년 처음으로 시청자수가 1억명을 돌파하던 2011년 슈퍼볼에서는 1억 1100만명, 2013년 슈퍼볼에서는 1억 1300만명이



시청하는등 전체 시청자수는 꾸준히 증가하고 있다. 이러한 시청률의 엄청난 후광을 받아 리그 오프 프로그램이(League of Program)라 하여 슈퍼볼 게임 직후 유명 드라마 시리즈, 리얼리티 프로그램 스페셜(Reality Program Special) 등 예를 들어 프렌즈(Friends)의 경우 슈퍼볼 방송 직후 스페셜로 방송하여 무려 5천 1백만명이 시청 하였다. 인기 프로그램의 스페셜 프로그램을 각 방송사마다 돌아가며 중계할 때마다 제작하여 틀고 있다. 마치 우리나라로 치면 시청률 높은 축구, 야구 결승전 후 후한도전이나 유명 드라마 스페셜을 따로 제작하여 방송한다는 걸로 비유할 수 있을 듯 하다. 가장 최근에 열린 2014년 슈퍼볼 48의 경우엔 1억 1530만명의 점유율로 작년 슈퍼볼 최고 방송점유율(1억 1080만명)을 앞도적으로 앞섰다.

<기사 _ 일병 윤임준 / 미 2사단 공보처>

한미교류

6-37야전 포병대대 한 단계 성장하다

“1분 남았습니다!”라고 원거리에 있는 평가자가 외쳤다. 혹독한 추위 속에서 제 210 화력여단 장병들은 걱정스러운 모습으로 주어진 임무를 세 시간에 마치기 위해 몸놀림을 서둘렀다.

캠프 케이시(Camp Casey)에서 1월 13일부터 16일까지 미 제2보병사단 제 210 화력여단 제 6-37 야전포병대대 장병들은 “로켓(Rocket)” 경쟁 훈련을 실시하였다.

이번 훈련은 4일 일정으로 계획되었으며 주요한 시험요소로 장비 운용에 관한 이론, 실습 그리고 전투 기술을 포함하였다.

제 6-37 야전포병대대 작전장교 제레미 린니(Maj. Jeremy Linney) 소령은 “대대의 모든 장병이 이번 훈련을 참가했다”라고 말하고 “모든 장병들이 구성원으로서 자격이 되는 지를 시험하기 위해 기본적인 임무 수행 자격평가 위주로 실시되었다”라고 덧붙였다.

포병대대는 ‘오늘 밤 싸우자’라는 사단 전투태세를 유지하기 위해 분기마다 자격훈련을 시행하고 있다. 하지만 이번은 단순히 자격훈련이 아니라 경쟁훈련이었다.

제 6-37 야전포병대대 지휘관 마크 브록(Lt. Col. Mark Brock) 중령은 대대원들이 경쟁 방식을 통해 훈련에 임한다면 더 고차원적인 수준에서 작전을 수행할 수 있을 것이라고 말했다.

“매우 높은 전투태세를 유지하고 있는 대대원의 경우에는 그들의 전문성을 꾸준히 유지하고 싶어 한다”라고 린니 소령은 말하고 “훈련을 잘 수행하지 못하는



2월 15일 제 6-37야전포병대대 장병들이 M1097 대공 시스템의 작거리 재어 장비를 운용하고 있다.

분대는 더 열심히 훈련에 임해야할 이유가 많이 생길 것이다”라고 덧붙였다.

장병들은 반드시 통신, 무기, 응급조치 그리고 화생방 훈련에 이르는 모든 범위의 전투 기술과 훈련에 능숙해야한다.

제 6-37 야전포병대대 부사관 토마스 마라슨(Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Marason) 중사는 이번 훈련이 포병대대 지휘관에게 대대원들의 지식, 기술 그리고 전반적인 실전 임무능력을 보여줄 수 있을 것이라고 말했다.

린니 소령은 다가오는 다음 분기 훈련에서 대대원들의 성장과 열정, 그리고 연마된 기술이 기대된다고 말했다. 이번 선의 경쟁을 통해서 야전포병대대 장병들은 대한민국의 안전이 위협 받는 상황에서 방호 능력을 향상시킬 수 있을 것이다.

마라슨 중사에 따르면 대대의 성공여부는 부사관들

이 어떻게 그들의 장병들을 훈련시키느냐에 따라 달렸으며 훈련방식과 부사관들의 지휘능력이 장병들이 전투에서 가장 효과적으로 능력을 발휘할 수 있는냐를 가름하는 요소가 될 수 있다고 말했다.

“부사관들의 역할은 기본적으로 우리를 가르치는 것이다” 라고 린니 일병은 말하고 “그들은 우리에게 기술을 가르치고 유용한 방법을 전수해서 우리가 더 빠르고 능률적으로 임무에 임할 수 있게 도와주는 것이다”라고 덧붙였다.

린니 소령은 다가오는 다음 분기 훈련에서 대대원들의 성장과 열정, 그리고 연마된 기술이 기대된다고 말했다. 이번 선의 경쟁을 통해서 야전포병대대 장병들은 대한민국의 안전이 위협 받는 상황에서 방호 능력을 향상시킬 수 있을 것이다.

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연합사 부사령관 흑한기 훈련 방문

가끔은 날씨 때문에 특별 장비를 착용한 채로 훈련에 나가야 하는 날이 있다.

1월 23일, 훈련이 한창인 철원 근처에 있는 로켓 밸리(Rocket Valley) 훈련장에서 한국군 고위 간부들이 제 210 야전포병여단 제 1-38 야전포병대대로부터 흑한기 훈련에 대한 정보를 전달받았다.

한미연합사령부 부사령관 박선우 대장과 한국군 고위 군수장교들이 모여 미군 장병들이 흑한기에 효과적인 임무완수를 위해 사용하고 있는 장비들에 대한 브리핑을 받았다.

제 1-38 야전포병대대 C포대장인 후안 노다(Capt. Juan Noda) 대위는 “우리는 겨울에 추가적으로 입게 되는 의류장비를 전시했다. 그리고 텐트, 히터 및 침구류 등 흑한기에 사용되는 여러 장비들을 보여주었다”고 말했다.

한국군 고위 간부들은 각각의 장비들을 직접 손으로 만지고 문지르면서 그 제철을 살폈다.

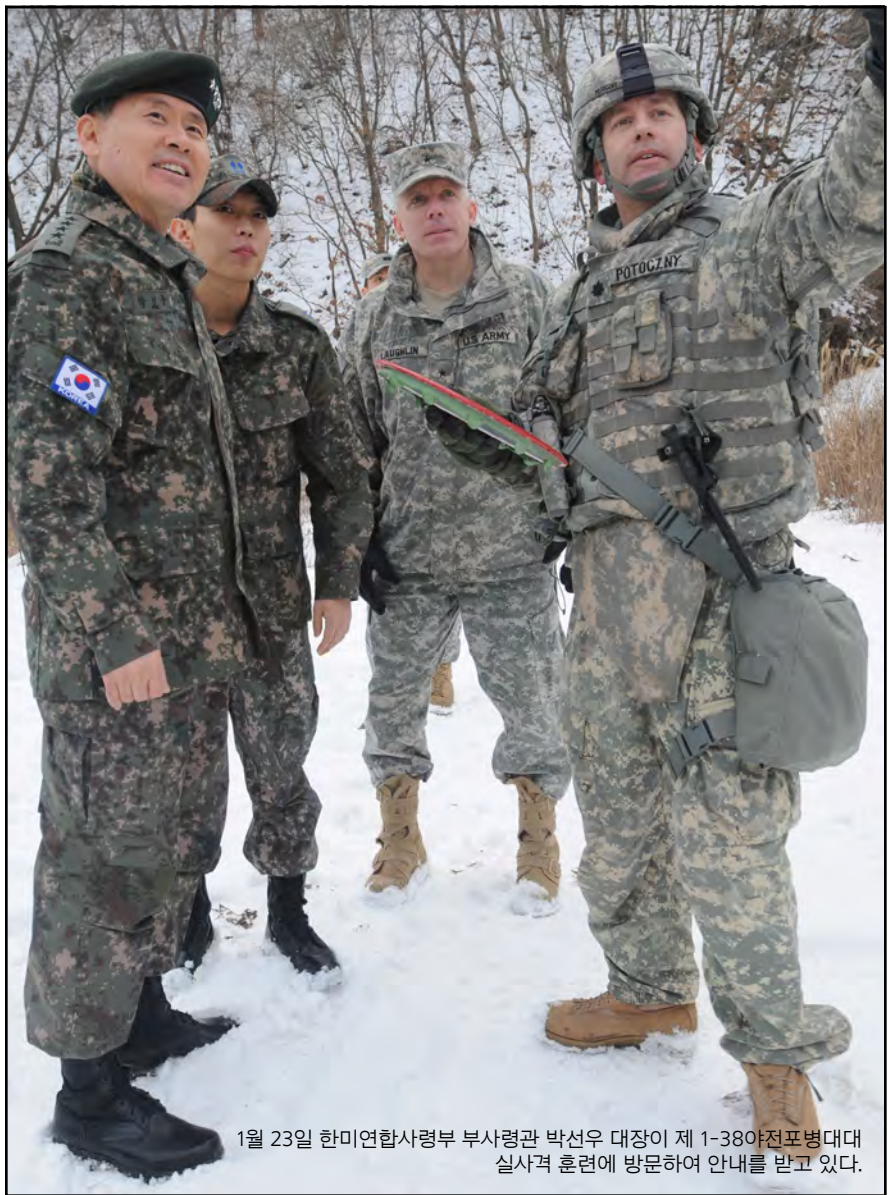
노다 대위는 “한국군 지휘관들은 우리의 장비를 직접 봄으로써 흑한기 장비 시스템에 대한 이해를 높이고 많은 정보를 얻을 수 있었다”고 말했다.

장비들을 살펴본 후 박선우 대장은 A포대 병사들의 도움을 받아 직접 작용을 해보기도 하였다.

A포대 다연장 로켓포 작전/사격지원병 매튜 곤잘레스(Pfc. Matthew Gonzales) 일병은 “손님들이 방문하여 우리가 훈련하는 모습을 관망하는 것이 좋다”고 말하고 “모두가 보고 있으면 하던 일을 더욱 열심히 하게 된다”고 덧붙였다.

노다 대위는 또한 이번 방문을 통해 한국군과 미군 문화의 차이점을 비롯해서 많은 것을 배웠다고 했다. 그는 이러한 상호작용이 한미동맹의 지속적 강화에 도움이 된다고 믿는다고 말했다.

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1월 23일 한미연합사령부 부사령관 박선우 대장이 제 1-38야전포병대대 실사격 훈련에 방문하여 안내를 받고 있다.



1월 29일 제 1-12기갑대 대장병들이 오산 공군 기지에 상륙했다. 미군의 순환배치의 일환으로 이들은 9개월간 캠프 스탠리(Camp Stanley)와 캠프 호비(Camp Hovey)에 머물며 미 2사단과 함께 작전을 수행할 예정이다.

1-12기갑대대 한국 상륙

칼바람 휘몰아치는 날씨 속에 미국 텍사스(Texas) 주 포트 후드(Fort Hood)에서의 여정을 마친 병사들이 한국에 도착했다. 지난 1월 29일 제 1 기갑전투여단 제 1-12 기갑대대에 소속된 800여명의 병사들을 태운 비행기가 오산 공군기지에 착륙한 것이다.

제 1-12 기갑대대는 아서 셀러스(Lt. Col. Arthur W. Sellers) 중령의 지휘 아래 본부 및 본부 중대, 두 개의 기계화 보병중대, 두 개의 기갑중대, 그리고 전방지원중대로 구성되어 있다.

이번 기갑대대의 파병은 미군 내에서 실시하는 9개월 순환배치의 일환으로 실행되었다. 순환배치에 대한 병사들의 태도는 매우 긍정적이었다.

제 1-12 기갑대대 본부 및 본부 중대의 스티븐 루이스(Sgt. Steven D. Lewis) 병장은 “이렇게 일상에 변화를 주는 것도 재밌는 일이다”고 말하고 “집에서 멀리 떨어진 곳에서 새로운 것들을 경험하는 일은 멋진 것이다”고 덧붙였다.

한 병사는 잘 알고 지내던 전우들과 함께 파병이 되어 협동심과 끈끈함을 기를 수 있다고 했다.

케빈 조(1st Lt. Kevin K. Cho) 중위는 “1년 넘게 함께하던 전우들과 한국에 오게 되어 기쁘다”고 말하고 “팀원들과 궁합이 잘 맞는 것은 부대 입장에서 매우 긍정적인 일 뿐만 아니라 이러한 변화에 적응하는 것도 쉽게 만들어준다”고 덧붙였다.

이 제병연함대대의 추가 배치에는 미 제2보병사단과 제 1 기갑전투여단의 임무인 한국 방어에 매우 큰 힘이 되었다. 조 중위는 병사들이 사단의 훈련에 참가하여 전술 숙련도를 높일 수 있을 것이라 말했다.

제 1-12 기갑대대는 20여대의 M1A2 에이브람스(Abrams) 탱크와 30여대의 M2A3 브래들리(Bradley) 전투장갑차량을 이끌고 왔다. 이 장비들은 다음번 순환배치부대가 사용할 수 있도록 한국에 계속 남겨질 예정이다.

2011년부터 2012년까지 한국에 배치받은 경험에 있는 조 중위는 “언제 어디에 있는 군대든 군대다”고 말하고 “우리는 계속해서 훈련하여 성장할 것이다. 한국 문화를 경험할 생각에 매우 기대된다”고 덧붙였다.

제 1 기갑전투여단에서의 새로운 도전과 경험들이 제 1-12 기갑대대 병사들을 기다리고 있다. 이번 추가배치는 한국군을 도와 “오늘밤 싸울” 만반의 준비를 갖춘 미 제2보병사단의 전력에 매우 큰 도움이 되었다.



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