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COMMANDER'S CORNER:

ast month, CSM Spano and I had the opportunity to attend a twoday SHARP Summit hosted by the Chief of Staff of the Army for all Division and Corps level CGs/CSMs. To ensure a common understanding of the Army's guidance, senior leaders spent two days providing feedback on how the Army is doing and programs we have implemented to take on the scourge of Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault in the Army. I thought I would share with you some of the key points raised by the SECARMY, CSA, and the SMA.

Those who prey upon others by conducting sexual harassment, sexual assault, or rape present an "insider threat" to our units and to our Army. Not only are they committing a criminal act that is punishable under the UCMJ, they undermine the good order and discipline of our units, and break the very fabric that holds us together – Trust between each other as Soldiers, and trust within the chain of command. Think of the implications when our newly assigned Soldiers in the Division, our female Soldiers under the age of 24, are victims to Sexual Harassment or Sexual Assault during their first assignment in the Army; particularly when 45% of all of the perpetrators are leaders, E-5 and above. It destroys their trust in the Army, their unit, and their leaders that are entrusted with their professional development and care. Ultimately, the entire unit becomes less effective because the sense of teamwork is undermined by those in formation that are deliberately destroying the good order and discipline of the organization for their own gratification. We simply cannot tolerate it and all of us must take action to help change the culture within our units.

Although I would argue that the root cause of this issue stems from some misplaced societal values, and those Soldiers in our formation who have brought the wrong values into the Army, it is critical that each of us works toward changing the culture in the Army. Our Army is an institution whose bedrock is built upon a set of values that require each of us to live 24-7, whether in uniform or out. We are expected to live the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, self-less service, honor, integrity, and personal courage every day. Soldiers who fail to adhere to the Army values as they pertain to Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment place the entire unit in

The Army is committed to ending a trend of toleration that has allowed this crime to permeate in our formations. Leaders at all levels will be

held accountable for fostering a command climate in their unit that allows sexual harassment or sexual assault to occur. The chain of command will focus on providing assistance to the victims, ensuring every incident is reported and fully investigated by CID, and to ensure that those perpetrators that commit these acts are prosecuted to the full extent of the UCMJ.

For the good of our nation, for the future of our Army, and for the defense of our brothers and sisters in arms, it is imperative that we protect everyone from experiencing a sexual crime.

I am committed to the safety and security of every Soldier, Civilian, and Family member of this division. Are you? Do you have your teammate's back?

When you think about commitment and trust, what do those words mean to you? It's the very meaning behind those words that will help us put an end to a problem that could erode the Army from within. It is up to each of us to do our part in contributing to a culture that allows every Soldier to reach their full potential.

Eliminating sexual assault and sexual harassment begins with a policy of progressive training to identify and prevent inappropriate behaviors. 2ID Soldiers must understand what sexual assault and sexual harassment are, how to recognize them, intervention techniques, reporting options, and consequences of committing these

Our emphasis has shifted from focusing simply on commanders and senior leaders, to ensuring every Soldier across the division understands that we all have a role to take in eliminating sexual assault and harassment through education, training, and proactive leader engagement. This shift in paradigm is intended to reinvigorate trust and respect across the division footprint and within our lowest echelons that compose our fighting

While SHARP is indeed a Commander's program because we are ultimately accountable for the good order and discipline in the units; the actions of each individual Soldier directly contributes to the command climate of your unit. You matter! Your choices matter! Your intervention matters!

Leaders at all levels are directed to implement the following changes:

1. Incorporate SHARP training every month during Warrior focus day by spending time discussing SHARP trends, adjudicated cases, and vignettes to ensure all Soldiers understand the implications of their actions and how we can change the culture.

2. Ensure Sexual Assault Response



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

Coordinators (SARCs) and Victim Advocates (VAs) are knowledgeable of supporting resources on the instal-

3. Focus on our most vulnerable population – new Soldiers arriving to their first duty assignment.

We have already implemented SHARP training during every Warrior Focus Day. My intent is to emphasize training at the platoon level in an effort to establish trust in first line supervisors. This initiative provides leaders and their Soldiers multiple opportunities to engage in discussion on a variety of real-world scenarios based on actual cases, vignettes, trends and rulings within sexual assault cases. The expectation is not to become a certified SHARP counselor, but to gain the ability to generate discussion in an environment where we feel safe asking difficult questions and finding solutions so that we - together - bring an end to sexual assault. In these discussions, we can look at the complex questions and seek the answers from subject matter experts like your SARC and VA. Let me close by reminding us that

we've earned the trust of the American people through our actions over the last 238 years, and it's important that we continue to maintain and build upon that trust. It is that very sacred trust that is the foundation of everything we do as we build the Army of the future.

Together we can improve and strengthen our organization. With Army Values, and a commitment to our Army and our fellow Soldiers, there is no doubt in my mind that we can stamp out sexual assault and harrassment. We all must take ownership and responsibility to protect our 2ID teammates and be ready to fight tonight.

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He's been here once before. Standing tall on a red carpet in his Army Service Uniform after last- minute adjustments of shining the insignia on his lapel, triple checking for dust, and making sure his ribbons are all properly placed and spaced.

After 30 seconds, he knocks on a door and waits to hear the president of the board call him in.

Staff Sgt. Clayton G. Hodge, from Hampton, Va., the senior medic assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, reported before members of the brigade's Sergeant Audie Murphy Club board Feb. 26, at Camp Casey, South Korea.

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club originated at Fort Hood, Texas in 1986 and recognizes noncommissioned officers that exemplify leadership characterized by personal concern for the needs, training, development and welfare of their Soldiers.

This is Hodge's second shot at the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

Last quarter he made it through the brigade board but wasn't able to secure the required unanimous approval of the division board.

But that hasn't stopped him from going back for

"Even though I didn't make it the first time, I didn't give up," said Hodge. "It's what I really wanted, so I studied harder and prepared myself to

Once he entered the room, members of the board began to inspect his uniform. They pointed out a string that had fallen loose from his jacket; they

noted the break in his slacks, and asked if he tied the double Windsor knot in his tie.

This was before Hodge recited Audie Murphy's biography word for word.

"When I went back in 2002, if you missed one word, they'd stop and kick you out," said Command Sgt. Maj. Mark L. Brinton, the senior enlisted advisor for the 210th FA Bde., and member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. "If you don't know the bio, you might as well not go in there."

In addition to inspections and biographies, Hodge has been studying regulations, he said, spending hours with subject matter experts of those regulations to help him prepare.

After thirty minutes of relentless questioning, from weapons operations, land navigation and how Hodge would deal with situations requiring his judgment as a leader, it's now time for the board to vote.

"Usually we'd send the Soldier back outside while we vote," said Brinton to Hodge, "But we want you in here to hear this."

Each member of the board casts a vote that will determine if Hodge moves on, or goes back to hit the books until next quarter.

"Since I've been here, no one from the brigade has been inducted," said Brinton, "Hopefully next week we'll have one." Being one step closer to his goal, Hodge stands

at attention before the board, salutes and exits the room with the same stoicism as he entered it.

"I feel confident," said Hodge. "I know more now, and I was prepared."

Hodge's preparation paid off because he is the first Soldier from 210th FA Bde., in nearly two years, to be inducted to the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. The induction ceremony is scheduled to take place soon at Camp Red Cloud in Uijeongbu, South Korea.







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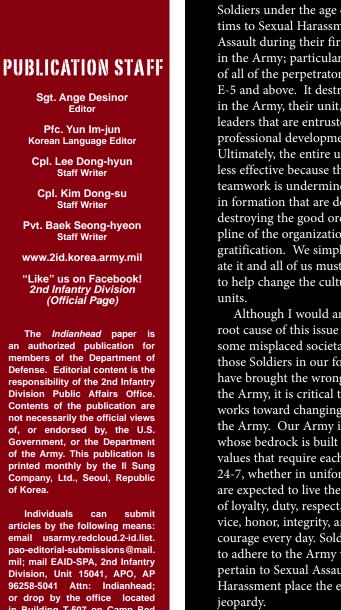
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VOLUNTEER EFFORTS STRENGTHEN ALLIANCE BETWEEN SOLDIERS AND COMMUNITY



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Soldiers stationed in Camp Stanley demonstrated their compassion and dedication for those in need.

The Soldiers joined volunteers from the local community to provide a free lunch for members of the Uijeongbu, South Korea, community Feb.12, at Ganeung Station.

The volunteer driven event was implemented almost five years ago, and is held three times a week. Volunteers from the community join U.S. Soldiers to prepare and serve a warm, nourishing meal to less fortunate senior citizens. The event displays the Alliance between the U.S. Soldiers and members of the South Korean community.

"A lot of South Korean people really like the Americans, and the relationship between the Republic of Korea and the United States," said Han, Joong Jung, Chief of the Uijeongbu Volunteer Center and a native of Uijeongbu.

Han said that volunteer events that allow the U.S. Soldiers to assist members of the community during their time in here providing Soldiers an opportunity to contribute to their temporary home. The Soldiers can feel that they are part of the local community.

Pfc. Maxwell Gucake, a generator mechanic with 61st Maintenance Company, 194th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 501st Sustainment Brigade, 19th Sustainment Command, and a native of Santa Rosa, Calif., added that while contributing to this volunteer event he was pleased with being able to speak the Korean language and learn new words.

"Learning how to speak Korean is my favorite part of this event," said Gucake. He also said that it's also a benefit of helping at such an event is assisting those in need.

Seeing them reminded some Soldiers of the struggle with poverty some have back in the

"It's like back at home. People are going through the exact same thing," said Spc. Reginald K. Truss, a wheeled vehicle mechanic with the 61st Maintenance Co., and a native of

Chicago, Ill. "It's nice to get off post and see what people are going through and help those in need."

Gucake said that helping those in need creates a bond between the members of the

community, Soldiers and Civilians alike.

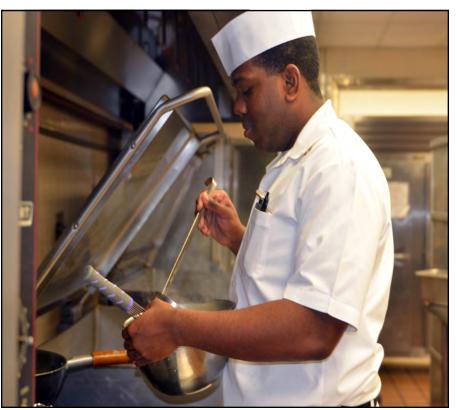
"This is my second time volunteering for this event, and I really like it because everybody is smiling and looks so thankful," said Gucake. "I just try to get out and do my best to help in any way I can, from washing dishes to serving food."













IRON CHEF COMPETITION INSPIRES MOTIVATION



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Soldiers of 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, competed in the division's first Iron Chef Competition at the Iron Horse Cafe at Camp Casey, South Korea, on Feb. 13.

During the four elimination rounds, competitors were judged on presentation, technique and taste of their dishes. The rounds consisted of an egg dish, a soup, a meat dish and for finale a three-course meal.

Several contestants have a past in the culinary arts, and plan to use the experience to pave the way for a future in the culinary arts as well.

"I plan to go to college and get a degree in the culinary arts," said Pfc. Garrett J. Nauta, a food service specialist with 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 2nd Inf. Div., a native of Agat, Guam, and the winner of the competition.

"I took culinary arts in high school for all four years," said Pfc. Frankie Cesarec, a food service specialist with 302nd BSB, and a native of Ocala, Fla. "My older brother took culinary classes before me and told me that it was really fun."

The eight competitors had distractions minimized, as the dining facility closed for the day to focus on the competition.

The contestants were motivated by their fellow battle buddies who showed up to the event to lend moral support and a helping hand in any way they could, from washing dishes to offering words of encouragement.

"It's good competing against friends," said Ceserac.
"I got motivation knowing that my friends are in it, and it caused me to want to prove something to my friends and non-commissioned officers."

Many incentives were offered to the winner of the competition, spurring the competitors to dish up their best efforts. The most coveted of these incentives was a three-week visit for lessons at Le Cordon Bleu, the world's largest hospitality education institution.

"The winner will receive an award, a chef jacket, and the ability to be sent to Le Cordon Bleu back in the states," said Sgt. 1st Class Donald Hillard, the dining facility manager, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 302nd BSB, and a native of Bronx, N. V.

Coordinators of 302nd BSB's first-ever Iron Chef Competition organized the event to encourage Soldiers competing to step outside the types of dishes they would usually prepare in the workplace.

"Food service excellence led us to organize this event, to motivate Soldiers and take pride in their products," said Hillard.

Pushing the Soldiers outside of their usual niche

resulted in competitions serving judges unconventional and unexpected dishes during the soup round.

"I think I made a bold move with the cold soup," said Cesarec. "I went with it because it's something that almost nobody has ever had before."

Judges appreciated the brave displays of culinary risk-taking, as they found most to be pleasing to the palate.

"This event was a great opportunity for Soldiers to show us what they do outside of just the normal, fast cooking that they do in bulk preparation during regular work hours," said 1st Sgt. Craig R. Pitts, first sergeant with Company B, 302 BSB, and a native of Syracuse, N.Y.

While many competitors found the event stressful, progressing past the first round eased some of those jitters and improved the chefs' self-confidence as they received rave reviews on their dishes from the judges.

"This event was really nerve-wracking in the beginning, but once I passed the first round it was all downhill from there," said Nauta. "I'm very competitive, so hearing the positive reviews from the judges at the end of each round made me feel more confident."

When asked for any words of advice for future competitors of the Iron Chef Competition, Cesarec said, "Practice makes perfect, so don't be nervous. Be confident and remember that everything is in your planning."

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ANSEONG CITY MAYOR VISITS 21D



STORY BY
SGT NICOLE HALL
2ND CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor of Anseong City, Hwang, Eun Sung, along with the Anseong City Defense Council visited Camp Humphreys, Feb. 21, met with Brig. Gen. Erik C. Peterson, 2nd Infantry Division's deputy commanding general for support.

Peterson invited Mayor Hwang and other city officials to discuss possible ways to improve the relationship between Anseong citizens and the Soldiers of 2nd Inf. Div., as well as the relocation of U.S. Forces in the Republic of learn

Mayor Hwang began their meeting expressing his gratitude for the presence of U.S. troops in the ROK.

"The U.S. Army plays an important role in war deterrence," said Hwang. "I look forward to promoting cooperation with 2nd Inf. Div."

A member of Anseong City Defense Council expressed how he felt about the long history the U.S. Army has with Korea.

"We have always believed that South Korea would not be what it is today, if it were not for the support of U.S. Soldiers who fought and sacrificed their lives during the Korean War," said Kim, Tae-Woong, president of Anseong

Veterans Association. "I'm grateful for U.S. servicemembers and their service in Korea."

After exchanging greetings, Anseong City officials and Peterson received a brief on the relocation of U.S. servicemembers in Korea to Camp Humphreys. It is projected that a majority of servicemembers on the Korean Peninsula will complete their tours at Camp Humphreys in the near future.

"I'd like to request 2nd Inf. Div., hold a display for the citizens of Anseong, especially the children," said Kim. "It would be a great opportunity for citizens to understand the importance of the U.S. Army and help the children learn the importance of security."

"2nd Inf. Div., is doing their best to elevate cooperative ties with Anseong City and Cheonan City, said Peterson.

Peterson also explained the relationship the division already has with the ROK army and how the outreach program can help citizens adjust to all the upcoming changes and bring a better sense of security to Anseong City.

"We currently work with our ROKA partners who have outreach programs as well," he said. "This outreach shows that it's not just about the U.S. Army, but more importantly the Alliance. We are a team with a common goal of protecting the Republic of Korea."







It's Sunday afternoon and Sgt. Peter Adams is at it again. He prepares his base guitar for a weekly worship service along with other church band members, as he has done every Sunday during the last three and a half years while stationed at Camp Humphreys, South Korea.

When he isn't playing an instrument during church services or volunteering in other events across Camp Humphreys, Adams, a quartermaster and chemical equipment repairer with Headquarters Support Company, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, and a native of Kenai, Alaska, has an even bigger passion for leading people in faith.

"I have always felt a calling to preach," said Adams. "Even during the darkest days of my life, God has preserved me with integrity to bring me into His will as His minister."

Adams began his spiritual journey as a young boy, influenced by his grand-mother. It wasn't until he was much older that he felt the calling to serve God and was baptized, beginning his journey to a future of faith and servitude.

"After graduating with an associate's

degree, I began attending Northwest University in Kirkland, Wash., where I dedicated myself to study, which led to a bachelor's degree in pastoral ministry," said Adams.

Once Adams graduated from college, he became a youth pastor at a local chapel where he served his community for the next few years. This led him to positions as an associate pastor and senior pastor with various local churches.

While serving in those positions, Adams received a vision for his calling to become a chaplain for the United States Army. Knowing there were many prerequisites to becoming an Army chaplain, Adams was more determined to work harder toward his goal.

"I moved to Springfield, Mo. to pursue a master's degree, working toward my plan to serve as an Army chaplain," said Adams. "I became the associate pastor at church, and started taking classes at the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary."

Prior to enlisting in the Army, Adams was ordained as a minister at the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel in Springfield, Mo. Once he enlisted, he received orders to South Korea. He has dedicated himself to his



studies during his time off.

"Sgt. Adams has big ambitions that are backed up by his discipline," said Michael R. Roberts, a chaplain with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison Humphreys and native of Valley Center, Calif. "He spent most of his nights and weekends studying to earn his masters in divinity, which requires a lot of hard work."

Adams currently serves as an assisting minister and worship pastor at the Camp Humphreys "Chapel Next" service. As Adams volunteered his service, he applied to become a chaplain to obtain his ultimate goal.

"I woke up one morning and

checked my email, as I do every morning," said Adams. "I saw an email from my chaplain recruiter saying I was selected. I immediately ran into the bedroom screaming to my wife and she began to cry. After the initial shock wore off, we prayed together, thanking God that everything worked in our favor.

Adams' faith and determination paved the way for his dream to become a reality. Seemingly, his path to success may have provided an example of hope, resilience and determination for his fellow Soldiers to follow while working towards their life goals. It seems he may already be doing the work of a caring chaplain.

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Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers have been a vital asset for the Alliance between the Republic of Korea and United States Army since the program's establishment during the Korean War in 1950. They work side by side with U.S. Soldiers in defending the Korean Peninsula.

They serve at least 21 months in the military before they finish their service.

The Expiration of Term of Service Ceremony for KATUSAs took place at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea late February. Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Brinton, the senior enlisted advisor of 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division attended the ceremony as a guest speaker. More than 50 KATUSAs in the 2nd Inf. Div. finished their service in the military and 13 of

"Part of it is helping us interact with our Koreans counterparts, but regardless of their military occupabrigade

tional specialty they contribute greatly to the brigade,"

Sgt. Kim Han-byeol, from Seoul, South Korea, formerly a public affairs specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th FA Bde., was one of the Soldiers who successfully completed his service. He recalls his time as very meaningful.

"It was very special for me to serve as a KATUSA," he said. "I was able to experience the American lifestyle, by interacting with my American counterparts without having to leave Korea."

As one of the members of the 210th FA Bde., Public

and the Soldiers," Brinton said. "From what I have observed, he was a very good KATUSA. I appreciate

his service to his country and to the Thunder Brigade." During Kim's time of service, he produced numerous stories for the Indianhead, the 2nd Inf. Div., newspaper, the Morning Calm and the United States Forces Korea newspaper. He also published more than

As a KATUSA, now leaving the military, he advises new KATUSAs who are joining the team to interact more with the U.S. Soldiers.



Brigade were present for the ceremony. Many Family members, friends and fellow Soldiers attended the ceremony to wish them a farewell

FROM STRANGERS TO FRIENDS, TEAM BUILDS STRONG BOND



South Korea, Feb. 7.

SGT KIM HAN-BYEOL 210TH FAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The referee blows his whistle to start the game and the crowd begins to cheer. A player grabs the ball, dribbling down the court and scores, igniting the fans even more.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, basketball team competed in the 2013-2014 United States Army Garrison-Casey Enclave Unit Level Basketball Championship, and won second place Feb. 4-6, at Hanson Field House at Camp Casey,

They normally practice once or twice a week and focus on defense, man-to-man coverage, and keeping pressure on the opposing team.

"We practice as much as possible together," said Sgt. 1st Class Floyd Jordan, from Burlington city, N.J., a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear noncommissioned officer in charge for 210th FA Bde., 2nd Inf. Div.

During practices and games, they learn that everything they do affects the player next to them. They learn each other's personalities and highlight everyone's strengths, making it easier to create a

"We have known each other for six months, but it seems like we have known each other for a lifetime," said Pfc. Marcus Dantzler, from Columbia, S.C., a unit supply specialist assigned to HHB, 210th FA, Bde. "Being on a team brings us together, creating a stronger bond so that we don't let each other fall. It's like growing up together."

Representing their unit during a tournament not only brings the teammates together, but also cre-

ates and strengthens friendships with other Soldiers in the unit. "Having a team allows other Soldiers in our battery to come out and support us, which brings us

closer as a whole and a family," said Dantzler.

Working together as a sports team develops Soldiers to be more professional as a Soldier, said

"Most of the players playing on the team are junior enlisted Soldiers. They get exposure to the leadership aspect," Jordan added. "While they play, they get a mindset that this is what needs to happen, this is when it needs to happen, and we are going to make it happen."

They practice readiness to accomplish missions and resolutions. Their long-term goal is for the team to win the Area I Tournament, which will be held at Camp Stanley in the near future.





210 FA TEAM WINS 2014 210 COMBATIVES TOURNAMENT



One of the most exciting moments, for a Soldier, is firing rounds from his or her assigned weapon down range towards a target. However, what does a Soldier do when the enemy is close enough to grab that weapon before a round leaves the chamber?

That's where combatives comes into the mix. Combatives is a tool that was first established by the U.S. Army in 1995 to teach Soldiers how to protect themselves in a close-quarters fight.

This year one of the 2nd Infantry Division's brigades leads the pack using this important tool.

The 210th Field Artillery Brigade Combativ Team won first place in the 2014 2nd Inf. Div. Combatives Tournament March 7 at Hovey Gym on Forward Signal Company, 70th Brigade Support Camp Hovey, South Korea.

"The most important things to remember are to close the distance between yourself and your opponent, gain a dominate body position, and finish the fight," said Sgt. Jeff Dasalla, from Mount View, Calif., a motor transport operator assigned to 579th Forward Support Company, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th FA Bde.

'Finishing the Fight' was the inspiring words the team used to bring home four first place medals, two second place medals, and one third place

"From day one, we focused on the cardio and their strength endurance because during the fight, it is a six-minute sprint," said Sgt. 1st Class Justin Prince, from Clifton, Texas, 210th FA Bde. senior intelligence noncommissioned officer. "After that, we worked on their take-downs, and once we were there, we went to grounds and worked on more technical submissions."

The team incorporated a mixture of CrossFit, wrestling and jujitsu twice a day for eight weeks to help prepare them for the tournament.

Kyle Clark, from Jefferson City, Mo information technology specialist assigned to 579th Battalion, 210th FA Bde., said combatives is another extension of the Warrior's mindset. For him, it's a lifestyle. Clark has been involved with combatives

"It [combatives] gives you a different mindset on how to attack and defeat the enemy," he said. "It improves your mental toughness. It really helps you with issues throughout your day and your life, and

The individual winners of the 2014 2nd Inf. Div. Combatives Tournament and the Soldiers who will represent the "Warrior Division" at this year's Eighth Army Tournament on April 4-5 are as follows:

Flyweight: Male 125 lbs. and under, Female 131 lbs.

1st Place: Sgt. Lopez, Edward, 210th FA Bde. Lightweight: Male 126-140 lbs., Female 132-147 lbs. 1st Place: Pfc. Saenz, Emilio, 210th FA Bde. Welterweight: Male 141-155 lbs., Female 148-163 lbs. 1st Place: 1st Lt. Williams, Michael, 1st ABCT Middleweight: Male 156-170 lbs., Female 164-179 lb 1st Place: Sgt. Dasalla, Jeff, 210th FA Bde. Cruiserweight: Male 171-185lbs., Female 180-194 lbs. 1st Place: Pfc. Hudson, Geordon, 210th FA Bde. Light Heavyweight: Male 186-205lbs., Female 195-215 lbs.

1st Place: Spc. Nguyen, Long, HHBN Heavyweight: Male 206 lbs. and over, Female 216 lbs.

1st Place: Pfc. Valenzuela, Vincent, 1st ABCT

IMPROVING THE ARMY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY











SGT KWON YONG-JOON 1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Community Liaison Office invited Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division to conduct a presentation to U.S. Embassy community members at the Embassy Community Center, Yongsan Garrison, South Korea, Feb. 21. The goal of the presentation was to improve the relationship between the Army and embassy communities.

During this presentation, Soldiers from Company A, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Inf. Div., covered the topics of general aspects of training, job progression, equipment, weapons, vehicles, daily Soldier life and Family life of infantry Soldiers in Korea.

Also, Soldiers displayed various pieces of equipment and weapons such as an Improved Outer Tactical Vest, an Advanced Combat Helmet, and a M4A1. Embassy community members were given the opportunity to see and touch the actual weapons and equipment after the presentation.

"They've seen movies, read books or heard stories, but actually hearing from Soldiers in the middle of the demonstration with the equipment and weapons can be a totally different experience for them," said Sgt. Adam J. Sanborn, a squad leader with Co. A, and a native of Franklin, Tenn.

The presentation was designed to build a bridge between the Soldiers of the division and embassy members of Yongsan to provide insight on the lives of Soldiers in a forwardstationed unit.

"If I had seen something like this before I joined the Army, I might have joined sooner. This is a great opportunity to interact with the Korean community," said Sanborn.

Embassy community members are civilians who work on the peninsula, but unlike other civilians, they have a special relationship with

"It's important for any civilian to learn what their militaries do, but it is especially important for embassy personnel given that they have an essential impact on policies that could affect military personnel in Korea," said Capt. Wei Chou, former commander of Co. A, who is now a foreign attache officer with the Defense Attaché Office, U.S. Embassy in Seoul, and a native of Houston.

U.S. Embassy workers and Family members enjoyed learning about Soldiers lives in the 2nd Inf. Div.

"Before the presentation, the community had limited snapshots of what the Army actually does in Korea," said Staff Sgt. Richard G. Harris, a platoon sergeant in Co. A, and a native of Tampa, Fla. "After the presentation, they had more knowledge than before, so I could go into more details with them."

All in all, the Iron Soldiers, through their presentation and demonstrations, got a chance to donate their time and effort to improve communication between the Army and the U.S.

"If they approached me for similar events, I would love to do it again," said Chou. "It benefits the units involved, and at the same time, it strengthens the U.S. and Republic of South Korea Alliance that needs to be maintained."





More than 300 Soldiers filled an aviation hangar standing tall behind their unit's distinct white and red guidons and unit colors at the forefront of their formation. The colors, draped with streamers of past deeds, represented the 4th Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, 6th United States Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

attention. The Soldiers then roared their unit motto States Army, General Raymond T. Odierno, entered the hangar during part of his visit to the Korean Peninsula Feb. 24, 2014, at Camp Humphreys, South

"We've got to look to the future and respond to changing and complex environments," Odierno said. "We have to be prepared to respond to a variety of missions around the world, developing new technol-

Odierno went on to explain his top priorities for the future of the Army and told Soldiers that it is important that they stand by each other.

"In these very complex times, it is important that you are there every day for each other. I'm proud of what you're doing here." he said.

During his visit with 2nd CAB, th toured aviation assets and facilitated a questions and answers session with the troops.

Capt. Devonne R. Johnson, Bravo Troop commander, 4-6 ARS and a native of Fontana, Calif. was responsible for briefing the CSA about the OH-58D

"I was nervous prior to my briefing with the

CSA," Devonne said. "The brief went well and it was awesome that he came all this way to see 4-6 ARS in

The unit chose 12 deserving soldiers, to whom the CSA presented coins. Soldiers are given commemorative coins for achieving goals or accomplishments above and beyond the normal call of duty.

"Being a private and receiving a coin from a four star general has been the best experience in my military life," said Pvt. Nasha Desir, a unit supply specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Com-After patiently waiting, the squadron was called to pany, 2nd CAB and native of West Palm Beach, Fla. "I never thought I would have been chosen to receive "Fighting Six" as the 38th Chief of Staff of the United this coin this early in my military career. Working hard really pays off. It was an honor to meet the Chief of Staff of the Army."

> Leaders felt that the visit was a great opportunity for junior enlisted Soldiers get a chance to see the

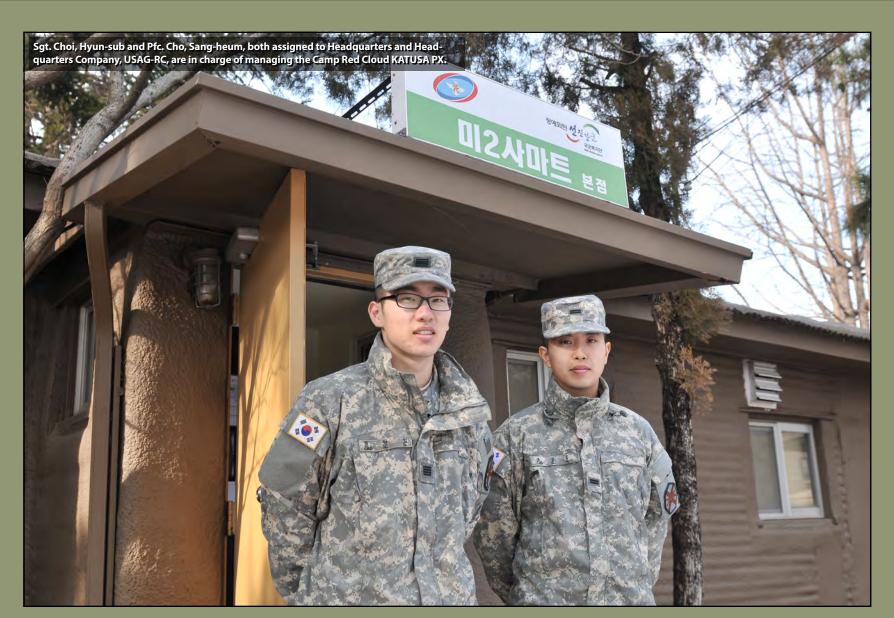
> "It is very important that junior enlisted Soldiers get to see a four star general," said Command Sgt. Maj. Stanley Williams, 4-6 ARS senior enlisted advisor, a native of Harker Heights, Texas. "It's not often that Soldiers have a chance to see those that are in charge of making Army-wide decisions. This visit was an opportunity for Soldiers to get honest feedback about the current state of the Army, as well as the future which included the reality of the drawdown."

> Before leaving, Odierno stressed the importance of Soldiers remembering what is important and the heritage within the Army.

"We are responsible for what our Army will be in the future," said Odierno. "We stand on the shoulders of those that came before us, those that sacrificed in order to make the United States Army what it is today."



Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno visited 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers Feb. 24 at Camp Humphreys in South Korea. 2ID leaders briefed Odierno, who toured the 4th Battalion, 6th Attack Reconnaissance Squadron and recognized several Soldiers for outstanding service. (Photos by: Pak, Chin-U, 2ID PAO)



ON-POST TREASURE, KATUSA PX



On nearly every U.S. Army base, there is a Post Exchange for U.S. servicemembers, but most Soldiers stationed on the peninsula, aren't aware that there are also Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army PXs to support the cultural needs of our Korean counterparts.

One Soldier talks about his experience shopping at the KATUSA PX and encourages others to shop here at the Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, facility.

"Not many Soldiers know about the KATUSA PX," said Cpl. Oh, Ha-rin, of Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division Protocol. "I encourage our U.S. counterparts to visit the PX and shop here."

The KATUSA PX isn't usually noticeable because it is located in an area that is hard to find, especially at Camp Red Cloud. The CRC KATUSA PX is located behind Freeman Hall in building 607 and at Camp Casey, in building 1701 across from the Warrior's Club.

The convenience of these specialized stores is that KATUSAs can buy provisions of Korean culture on U.S. installations verses going off-post and into the economy.

"KATUSAs can buy groceries and daily necessities here," said Oh. He also said that the PX is ran by two KATUSAs. Sgt. Choi, Hyun-sub and Pfc. Cho, Sang-heum, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison Red Cloud, are in charge of managing the PX.

During lunch or before the day ends, KATUSAs buy snacks in case they get hungry. Some items that fit the cultural needs of a KATUSA include certain types of ramen noodles, ice cream, frozen foods, drinks and a variety of snacks of Korean brands. These items are not located in the U.S. PX, and Americans can go to the KATUSA PX to experience a taste of the Korean culture.

"For the welfare of KATUSA's working on the U.S. installations, the Republic of Korea Army Welfare & Service Support Group maintain Korean PXs," said Cho. "The prices are really low."

According to Cho, a bag of chips costs 430 won (approximately 40 cents), and a candy bar is 550 won (approximately 51 cents). A can of soda cost is at least 550 won (approximately 51 cents) and a can of juice is 350 won (about 33 cents). The affordable prices keeps the KATUSAs coming back and appreciating the opportunity to shop for their cultural needs.

One of the merits of the KATUSA PX is that people, other than KATUSAs, can buy items there. Choi said U.S. Soldiers and civilians go there every day. They enjoy Korean brand snacks and beverages as well as the affordable prices. KATUSAs can share their favorite snacks with their U.S. counterparts closing the cultural gap

Choi also said that U.S. Soldiers can have a better understanding of the Korean culture by shopping at the KATUSA PX as well.

"They can pay for their items with not only Korean cash but also with their credit cards and U.S. dollars," said Choi.

The CRC KATUSA PX is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesdays and Thursday it is open until 8 p.m.; closed on national holidays and Warrior Family days.



VOLUNTEERS KEEP THE COMMUNITY CLEAN



Are you new to the Republic of Korea or just looking for something new to do in your spare time? During winter months, cabin fever can set in and the cold weather can sometimes make you want to stay indoors. If you don't want to be stuck inside, there are opportunities to create memorable experiences. You will be able to give back to the local community, get actively involved and even meet some new friends while stationed in South Korea.

Fifteen years ago, the Korean American Partnership Association, a Korean government sanctioned non-profit community/volunteer service program was created to build friendship between the two countries. Servicemembers, Families and Korean natives volunteer together through KAPA, doing a variety of activities every month.

"KAPA was created to help strengthen the Alliance between Koreans and Americans," said Air Force Technical Sergeant (Ret.) James Dunnet, the outreach coordinator at KAPA and a native of Freeport, N.Y. "By working together, volunteers and Koreans can learn about one another's language and culture."

Twice a month KAPA hosts "Troops for Trash," where natives of Korea and youth from nearby youth organizations volunteer alongside Americans picking up trash in the community on Saturdays.

Troops for Trash always begins with a brief history lesson on the U.S. and its involvement in the Korean War by Dunnet, and a group picture of all the volunteers for that day.

Korean and American volunteers armed with tongs, gloves and bags take to the streets picking up trash in the 'ville' just outside of Camp Humphreys



and Osan Air Force Base.

Once the 'ville' has been thoroughly cleaned, the group is led on a long walk in the community, leading to a four-mile hike to a small mountain in Pyeongtek and eight-mile hike to Buraksan Mountain in Osan.

"You don't get to the top of the mountain by sliding there," said Dunnet. "But, climbing the mountain can be a lot of fun with KAPA. Try it, and you will

Picking up trash in the streets is more than just walking, but an opportunity to get some exercise on the weekends and explore the city.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring a small amount of Korean won in case they want to purchase

snacks or other goodies along the way.

After earning 40 hours, all volunteers are given an official certificate from the Korean government and a KAPA commemorative coin. U.S. Soldiers can earn a Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal after 100 hours, and community service recognition on their resumes for Civilians.

Once a month volunteers can also help Korean youth ages 10-18 learn how to speak English.

Flyers containing a complete schedule of KAPA events are avilable at the Community Fitness Center on Camp Humphreys, the fitness center at Osan AFB and many other places at both locations. For questions, you can contact James Dunnet at 010-6285-9966 or by email at Jamesd940@gmail.com.

SPOUSE'S COLUMN

SHAKE OFF THE WINTER BLUES

STORY BY JULIE SUPER WARRIOR COUNTRY SPOUSE

The signs of spring are starting to emerge in Korea as winter comes to a close. Whether wrapping up a year or two in country or just starting your Korean adventure, now is the time to shake off cabin fever and get out to embrace all Korea has to offer. With the ice melting on Korea's bountiful bike paths and mountain. Those north of Seoul the mountains starting to thaw, spring is the perfect time to pick up a new outdoor hobby, such as cycling or hiking. Korea has bike Soyosan, north of Seoul, to Busan, at the southern tip of the peninsula. The trails are well maintained, with areas for rest, air pumps for tires, and public restrooms along the way, particularly as the trails approach Seoul. Those without a bike need not miss out. One can rent a bike and helmet at any one of many locations along the Han

Hiking trails are equally accessible. Both in the heart of Seoul and in the countryside, the surrounding mountains are filled with inviting trails, as well as more challenging summit hikes. Hikers are rewarded with beautiful views, discoveries of serene temples, and good food awaiting exhausted may enjoy reaching the rocky peak of Dobongsan, or the shaded trails of Soyosan. For those south of Seoul, try visiting Cheonggyesan

Better weather also means greater ease in traveling. After being cooped up over the winter, why not hop on the train, a bus, or in a car to explore a new area of Korea? Head for a day trip to any of the islands off the coast of Incheon, arrange to participate in Korea's

weekend Templestay program anywhere in the country, relax on a beach in Namhae in the south, or check out the changing seasons at Seoraksan National Park on the east coast. Seek out advice on where to go from seasoned travelers or local friends, or refer back to

Spring also brings the joy of blossoms. April's cherry blossoms are a famous highlight of spring in Korea and bring about festivals around the country. However, one does not need to join the crowds of the cherry blossom festivals to flowers. A walk up Namsan in Seoul, or nearly any mountain near your residence, is an easy way to of Seoul, Bukhansan Dulle-gil Trail a trip to somewhere new. also makes for a picturesque walk in the peak of spring. For those willing to venture further south, consider arranging a weekend in Gyeongju, the ancient capital of

Finally, don't hesitate to take advantage of learning more about your transitory home by visiting new museums, historical sites, or cultural programs. Make a point of visiting Korea's UNESCO world heritage sites, including those right in Seoul. Alternatively, look for lesser-known sites that have a story to tell, such as Yanghwajin cemetery. Visit one of Korea's folk villages for a step back in history, or the still-functional "hanok" neighborhoods, such as Bukchon in Seoul. Those interested in a good to a bookstore and have a go at the Korean language with an instructional book and audio set. Test out take in the season. Stretching north your skills at the local market or on

The last few weeks of winter are the perfect time to start making plans for the beautiful spring weather that lies ahead. Korea is

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DIRTY JOES



In the ideal world of a Soldier, sexual harassment and assault would neither exist nor be an issue. However, such incidents do unfortunately occur, making the Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program key Army wide.

Assessing such incidents is Staff Sgt. James Michael Mikolajczyk, an electronic warfare specialist and SHARP representative for the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, and a native of Lancaster, Pa.

Mikolajczyk's mission as a SHARP representative is to prevent sexual harassment and sexual assault, and to assist victims of such violations. He is passionate about his job and plans to continue this career path helping the military community.

"After helping someone close to me, who was a victim of sexual assault, I understood more of what a victim goes through emotionally," said Mikolajczyk. "I feel better prepared as a SHARP representative."

If a sexual assault occurs, the SHARP representative coordinates medical treatment, including emergency care, for victims of sexual assault, and is aware of the services provided to a victim of sexual assault from the initial report through final disposition and resolution.

Mikolajczyk said that as a Master of Arts in Theological Studies student, being a SHARP representative will better prepare him to be a pastor someday, as both require respectability.

"A SHARP representative needs to be someone of high moral character and a strong leader," said Mikolajczyk. "I think my experience as a SHARP representative will transition well into me becoming a pastor."

Soldiers interested in becoming a SHARP representative must undergo a criminal and professional background check, display strong leadership characteristics and undergo an 86-hour course taught by civilian instructors. It is a lenghthy process, yet rewarding.

The power of the information provided by SHARP representatives throughout the Army is sometimes undervalued by the target audience. The responsibility of educating Soldiers on the proper procedures and protocol of this program, is one Mikolajczyk is honored to have.

"Some Soldiers that sit through another SHARP brief thinking that I'm not going to say anything that they don't already know," said Mikolajczyk. "It's rewarding when



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someone learns something new and understands the message that I'm trying to get across."

A trademark in Mikolajczyk's effective presentation style is discussing topics that make people uncomfortable. He does not censor the material discussed during his briefings. Being upfront with Soldiers on the issue of sexual harrassment and sexual assault isn't what most people like to hear, but giving Soldiers all the facts is a dirty job that requires presenting information that is upfront and sometimes graphic. He says communicating about the subject is the first step in stopping the problem.

"Sexual assaults often times happen in the dark, and they happen while people are away," said Mikolajczyk. "I want to bring things into the light in a sense by discussing things that aren't normally discussed in my presentations, such as situations with women in the workplace or women in combat."

In the two-and-a-half years that

Mikolajczyk has been a SHARP representative, he claimed he noticed a cultural change since the implementation of the program, a change for the better.

"Sexual innuendos and inappropriate conversations are less now since the implementation of the SHARP program," said Mikolajczyk. "I'm not going to pretend that such things don't ever still occur, but they are less than they used to be."

Mikolajczyk said that knowing that he's helping to sustain the Alliance by helping to build a workforce that is more cognizant of sexual harassment and sexual assault is a positive aspect of being a SHARP representative.

Although, Mikolajczyk said his dirty job can be tough at times, he enjoys the aspect that he is here to help people who have been victimized.

"As a SHARP representative I feel that I'm making a difference," said Mikolajczyk. "And that feeling is very rewarding."

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SHARP:

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

2ID:The Hotline is available 24/7 call DSN 158 or from any phone, 0503-363-5700

USFK 24/7 Sexual Assault Response Hotline SSN :158 Commercial: 0503-363-5700, from US: 011-82-53-470-5700

DoD Safe Helpline: 1-877-995-5247. For more information, visit www. safehelpline.org

SHARP TRAINING:

If you like helping Soldiers then this is the job for you. Contact your company SHARP rep for more informaton. SHARP Stand-down Training April 2014

LEGAL UPDATE:

Effective Nov. 1, 2013, the Judge Advocate General is responsible for assigning a Division level Special Victim Advocate Counselor. The Counselor provides legal advice and representation to victims of sexual assault throughout the military justice process.

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

MILITARY SEPERATION:

Initiating Separation Proceedings and Prohibiting Overseas Assignment for Soldiers

Convicted of Sex Offenses (Army Directive 2013-21)

Commanders will initiate the administrative separation of any Soldier convicted of a sex offense, whose conviction did not result in a punitive discharge or dismissal. This policy applies to all personnel currently in the Army, regardless of when the convic-

tion for a sex offense occurred and regardless of component of membership and current status in that component. For more information, visit: http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/pdf/ad2012_24.pdf

FAMILY BENEFITS:

Extending benefits to same-sex Spouses of Soldiers (Army Directive 2013-24)

The Army will treat all married couple Soldiers equally. The Army will recognize all marriages that are valid in the location the ceremony took place and will work to make the same benefit available to all spouses, regardless of whether they are in same-sex or opposite-sex marriages.

For more information, visit: http://

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: The Secretary of the Defense has

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ad2013_17.pdf

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

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

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

TRAINING PHOTOS:

Please look at the Eighth Army's Facebook page for PRT photos. Our

aim is to easily identify Soldiers as they train.

https://www.facebook.com/Eighth. Army.Korea.

2ID EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

EO is looking for talented individuals who would like to participate in future special observances. Whether you sing, dance, or write poetry, come out and share your talents in an effort in increase cross-cultural awareness. Contact Sgt. First Class Lassiter at 732-6549.

EDUCATION SERVICES:

There is a new online college, career, and transition system planning tool specifically designed for the U.S. military. Soldiers and veterans can learn from "Kuder Journey" about their interests, skills and work values to build a personal career plan, explore occupational information and plan for their future success.

To get started, go to www.dantes.

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FREE TAX RETURN:

Free tax return preparation and electronic filing are available for active duty Soldiers, retirees, and eligible Family members.

Locations:

Camp Casey, Made Hall, room 233 Jan. 31- June 16, 2014. Call DSN 730-

Camp Stanley, Education Center, Feb 5- May 14, 2014.
Camp Red Cloud, building S-267 (Housing office) Feb 3- May 3, 2014.
For more information, please call DSN 732-7487.

DO YOU WANT TO STAY ARMY?

The Army has announced changes to retention control points for Soldiers in the ranks of corporal through sergeant. The changes took effect Feb. 1. Retention control points, or RCPs, refer to the number of years a Soldier may serve to, at a particular rank. The changes apply to Soldiers serving in the active Army. It also applies to Soldiers in the Army Reserve or Army National Guard who are serv-

ing under Active Guard Reserve Title 10 programs, but not reserve Soldiers who are mobilized. For more information on RCP, please visit http:// armyreenlistment.com/rcp.html

SUICIDE HOT LINES

Anyone in Warrior Country considering suicide or trying to help someone who may be suicidal can 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

HANGUL FACEBOOK PAGE

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

DFAS MY PAY

MyPay is the online pay management system for payroll customers of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. Users are required to change their passwords every 60 days, using 15 to 30 characters.

For more information, visit http://

For more information, visit http://www.dfas.mil/dfas/mypayinfo.html

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN CHANGES

Thrift saving Plan now offers ROTH TSP after-tax contributions. For more information, visit www.dfas. mil/militarymembers/rothtspformilitary.html.

ARMY BENEFITS

Effective immediately, GoArmyEd will apply the Army Personnel Fitness Test (APFT) and Army Weight Control Program (AWCP) Flags to all TA Eligible Soldier accounts, regardless of component. Active duty and National Guard Soldiers with a current APFT/AWCP Flag in their ITAPDB record will see their GoArmyEd record go on hold. GoArmyEd already enforces this policy with USAR Soldiers.

My Korea, My Life

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

A haze falls over the surrounding mountains of Rocket Valley. The tracks of multiple launch rocket systems leave deep trails in the mud. A group of Soldiers stand by their vehicle after just completing qualification fires.

"I'm running on no sleep right now," said Pvt. Nicole
Ammar-Thiel
MLRS crewC, 6th BatRegiment,
Brigade,

"I'm running on no sleep right now," said Pvt. Nicole
from Wilmington, N.C., an
member assigned to Battery
talion, 37th Field Artillery
210th Field Artillery
2nd Infantry Division.
Ammar-Thiel is

one of three women assigned to 6th Bn., 37th FA Regt. as an MLRS crewmember. The position was occupied exclusively by men until last May.

until last May.

"I picked the job because it wasn't open to females before," Ammar-Thiel said.

MLRS qualification exercises are required for all crewmembers and can only be executed after Soldiers complete a certification process that includes an exam and hands on training with their equipment.

"What we do here is the bread and butter of the MLRS world," said 2nd Lt. Calvin W. Ogburn, the executive officer assigned to Btry. C, 6th Bn., 37th FA Regt. "It not only maintains the readiness of the unit, it shows the individual Soldier that he or she is able to perform their mission to a certain set of standards."

MLRS crewmembers spend days, even weeks out in the field fulfilling the mental and physical demands of handling and maintaining their rocket system equipment and its ammunition in a combat scenario environment.

"I love it," said Ammar-Thiel. "You can't just go out in America and say 'Oh hey, I want to shoot off rockets.' This isn't a desk job."

While Ammar-Thiel measures in at just around 5 feet 4 inches tall, she pulls her weight. She operates and maintains her launcher. She fires rockets from it. And she goes out in the field alongside her team.

"She's a Soldier," said Staff Sgt. David Ezzio, from Des Moines, Iowa, an MLRS section chief assigned to Btry. C, 6th Bn., 37th FA Regt. "She does her job just like the rest of us. When she needs help, it's my job to be there to help."

MLRS crewmembers are required to be trained observers, capable of coordinating and communicating target location, engaging enemies at long range, and accurately controlling fire direction.

"I went from dressing up every day to having dirt caked on me for days," she said.

Pvt. Nicole Ammar-Thiel and the 210th FA Bde. are trained and ready to respond to any contingency, ready to "Fight Tonight" and win if called upon.

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.



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재형아 안녕. 이렇게 편지를 쓸려니깐 쉽게 쓰여지지 않 네.. 너가 훈련소에 있을때 쓴 편지는 쉽게 쓰여졌는데.. 이 편지는 아마 너만 보는 편지가 아니라 너희 부대 카투사 전 체 군인들이 보는 편지가 되겠지? 그럼 이런 부담을 뒤로 한 채 솔직하게 써보도록 할께. 너만의 편지라면 놀리고 장 난쳤겠지만, 이번엔 예의를 갖춰 너와 나의 이야기를 써보 려 해. 우리가 만난지 꽤 많은 시간이 흘렀지. 날짜에 대해 서 그리 많은 의미를 부여하지 않아 디데이 몇칠인지는 몰 라. 하지만 우리가 함께 보냈던 추억들, 그 추억들을 통해 느꼈던 행복과 기쁨, 따뜻함들은 디데이 보다 내게 더 선명 해. 제주도에서 스쿠터 여행은 너무 행복했어, 너의 등 뒤에 서 바라본 산과 바다는 너무 아름다웠고, 너의 등의 온기는 따뜻했어. 비록 날씨는 춥운데 옷이 없어서 우리는 우비로 추위를 이겨내야 했지만. 스쿠터로 이동 중 내가 깜빡 잠드 는 바람에 너의 허리를 붙잡던 손에 힘이 풀렸고, 너는 깜 짝 놀라 날 다급하게 깨웠기에 우리의 목숨은 무사했지. 그 럼에도 불구하고 스쿠터 여행은 내게 너무 행복하고 잊지 못할 추억이야. 이거 말고도 많은 일들이 있었지만 다 이 야기하지 못할 것 같아. 항상 그 순간들을 떠올리며 함께 공유했던 감정들을 느낄때면, 너를 그리워하곤 하지. 비록 너가 국방의 의무를 다하기 위해 우리가 잠시 떨어져 있지 만, 나는 그 시간조차 소중해. 너에 대한 그리움과 나를 향 한 너의 그리움으로 서로를 더 소중해하기 때문이야. 너의 포옹과 따뜻한 말 한마디가 내게 얼마나 힘이 되는지 넌 모를꺼야. 더블샷 아메리카노와 자양강장제(핫식스)는 저 리가라야. 시간은 언제나 흘러가 멈출 수 없기에 우리가 할 수 있는 건 우리의 시간을 여지껏 그래왔던 것처럼 더욱 행 복하고 소중하게 보내도록 하는 거야. 항상 너가 날 응원 하는 것처럼 나도 널 항상 응원하구 널 믿어. 그리고 마지 막으로 내가 '나도'로 대신하던 그 말, 사랑해.

지윤이에게

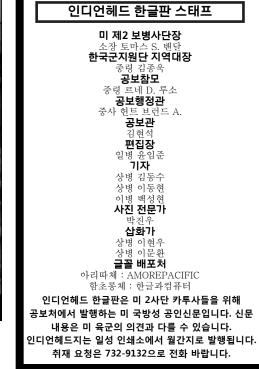
내 생에 가장 큰 생일 선물을 받았던 2012년 8월 9 일, 이날 설레는 첫 고백을 하고 우리가 만난지 어느덧 574일이나 됬어. 그 동안 참 많은 추억을 함께 만들었던 것 같아. 크게는 지윤이랑 같이 스쿠터 타고 여행도 가고 유람선 타고 한강에서 분수도 보고 또 작게는 밤 늦게 친구들이랑 밤늦게까지 놀고있다고 거짓말 치고 성년의 날 축하해주고 시험기간에 거의 1주일 내내 같이 아침 에 해뜨는걸 보면서 도서관에서 나오기도 했지. 이 편지 에 다 쓸 수 없을 만큼 많은 것들을 우린 함께했고 그 추 억들이 군생활에 큰힘이 되었어. 특히 훈련소에서 불침 번을 설때나 행군할때 마다 지윤이와의 추억들을 생각 하면 지루하거나 힘들지않고 시간도 빨리가더라구. 때로 는 애교 많은 동생같고, 장난 칠때면 친구같고 두살 어 린 내가 힘들다고 칭얼거리면 다독여주는 누나가 참 좋 아. 논산 훈련소에서는 편지가 두개 밖에 안와서 잠깐 삐져있기도 했지만 기간병이 안뽑아줘서 받지 못했다는 걸 알았고 또 나중에 도서관 자리 확인증에 거의 매일 같이 나에게 쓴 편지를 받고 KTA 수료식 때는 밤세 도 시락 싸서 왕복 5시간 거리를 달려와준 지윤이에게 너 무나 큰 고마움을 느꼈어. 500일과 크리스마스를 훈련 소에 있는 동안 잘 못챙겨줬고 아직 제대까지는 많은 기 간이 남아 앞으로 꽤 긴시간 동안 자주 보지 못하겠지민 짧게 주어진 시간 더 소중히 만나자. 매일밤 다음에 지 윤이 만나면 뭘할까 생각하면서 잠드는 것도 이제는 즐 거운 일상이 됬어. 누나도 이제 벌써 졸업이 얼마 남지 않았는데, 누나가 나한테 그래와준 것처럼 어리지만 든 든한 버팀목이 되어줄게. 앞으로도 계속 예쁜 사랑하자. 지윤아 사랑해



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면 옷 사이즈가 신경 쓰입니다.

8월 말, 미국의 대학은 새 학기를 시작합니다 (Fall Semester). 따스한 햇빛아래 드넓은 풀밭에 수 없는 존재입니다. 학교에서는 당연하고 학원을 서 다양한 이벤트들과 클럽써클 등은 흥미로운 재 가더라도 교복을 입고 나는 경우가 허다했습니다. 미를 신입생들에게 줍니다. 또한, 한국유학생들끼 이렇게 저와 붙어있는 존재이다 보니 자연스럽게 리 친목 다지기 모임도 있습니다. 축구를 좋아하는 교복과의 추억이 참 많습니다. 중학교 1학년, 새학 저에게는 새로운 선배들과 동기들끼리 축구하는 기가 시작하기 전 교복을 사러 갔습니다. 부모님은 것이 매우 재밌었습니다. 새 학기 때 또 설레였던 제가 키가 크고 덩치가 커질 것을 염두에 두고 큰 것은 바로 수업이였습니다. 고등학교와 다르게 대 사이즈의 교복을 사자고 하셨지만, 그 시기 대부분 학은 학생의 취향에 맞게 수업을 들을 수가 있고 의 학생들이 그러했 듯 저는 딱! 맞는 사이즈의 교 맘에 안들면 기간 내 다른수업으로 바꿀 수가 있 복을 샀습니다. 이래서 그런지 지금도 전기장판에 다는 장점이 저에게는 매우 흥미로웠습니다. 또 다 누워 귤 까먹는 겨울 방학이 지나 새학기가 시작되 른 새학기의 추억은 바로 보스턴 나들이였습니다.



인디언헤드가 만난 사람들

사단본부대대 본부지원중대 보급병 일병 이종서

방학동안 뒤죽박죽이 된 생활패턴을 고치려고 일 찍 침대에 누워 보지만 왠지 모르게 설레는 마음에 쉽 게 잠 못 이루고 새학기를 생각하며 겨우 늦게나마 잠 이 들었던 기억이 납니다. '어떤 친구들과 같은 반이 될끼?', '내가 마음에 담아두었던 아이와 짝꿍이 될 까?'라는 두근두근하는 마음으로 학교에 들어서면 다 들 교실에서 오랜만에 만난 친구들과 이 얘기 저 얘기 나누기에 어수선하고, 종이 치면 새로운 담임선생님 이 들어서면 다들 소곤소곤 귓속말로 얘기하는 그런 분위기가 추억이고 지금에 와서는 그리운 시간들이 되었습니다. 새 학기는 새 출발, 새로운 시작과 같은 의미이기에 저에게 앞으로 다가올 새로운 시작들 속 에서 설레는 시간들이 많이 있기를 기대해봅니다.

사단본부대대 본부지원중대

화생방 작전 통제병 일병 고석준



사단본부대대 본부지원중대 행정/№ 운용병 일병 홍일호

저는 항상 새 학기가 되면 설레고 부푼 마음을 기 지고 대형서점으로 가서 한 학기 동안 사용할 필기 구, 노트 등을 사던 기억이 생각납니다. 지난 학기에 쓰던 구형 필기구와 노트를 버리고 새학기에 신형 필기구와 노트 등을 사면서, 지난 학기에 공부를 하 지 않고 놀러다니면서 생겼던 죄책감과 불안감을 떨 쳐버리고 '앞으로는 다른 사람이 되어야지'라고 다 짐을 하곤 했었습니다. 저는 군대에 입대하면서 새 학기와 비슷한 느낌을 받았던 것 같습니다. 새로운 군용품들을 받으면서 '군인처럼 철저하고 책임감있 는 강인한 사람이 되어야지'라고 생각했었습니다. __ 앞으로 많이 남은 군생활 이 마음을 잃지 않고 활기 차고 보람차게 하겠습니다.!

인- 자기소개를 부탁드립니다.

백- 안녕하십니까? 저는 CRC HHBN지원대에서 편성 부대 보급병으로 일을 하다가 Team 1(Headquarters) 선임병장을 하고 있는 병장 백승곤 입니다. 군대 오기 전에 George Washington Univ. 를 졸업했으며 미국 과 한국에서 인턴 및 일을 하다가 군대에 입대하게 되었습니다.

인- 부대소개를 부탁드립니다.

백- 저희 HHBN지원대는 CRC에서 위치해 있 으며, 같은 미 2사단 이지만 다른 전투부대 와는 다르게 비교적 저희는 직접 필드에서 진행되는 훈련보다는 미2사단 사단장님괴 사단주임원사님을 보좌하고 Equal Opportunity, Inspection General 또는 Public Affair Office 등 미2사단 장병의 근무 환경 및 훈련을 지원하는 섹션들로 구성이 되어 있

인- 가장 기억에 남는 일은?

백- 가장 기억에 남는 일이라면, 자대배치를 받고 한 달 뒤에 War Path III 훈련을 참가 했었는데, 그 때 같이 훈련을 참가한 미군병장과 친해져 훈련에 대해서 전혀 모르던 저에게 필드생활 노하우를 알려 줘 많은 도움을 받았습니다. 그 미군 병장은 와이프, 두 명의 아이와 함께 한국에 왔는데, 두 아이를 유치 원에 맡기고 싶은데, 언어장벽으로 인해 많은 어려움 을 겪고 있었습니다. 그 때마다 제가 도와주면 항상 고맙다고 하면서 저녁도 사주고 많이 놀러 다녔던 것 이 기억에 남습니다.

인- 부대 근처에서 가장 맛있는 음식점은?

백-많은 분들이 이미 알고 계시겠지만, CRC후문을 나가 할인마트를 끼고 돌아 직진하게되면 싹쓰리라 는 삼겹살집이 나옵니다. 의정부 역 주변에도 맛있는 고기집이 많지만, 제 개인적으로는 이곳에서 삼겹 살 3인분을 시키면 1인분이 무료로 추가되기 때 문에 중대 선후임, 동기와 같이 저녁 먹기는 알맞은 곳이다라고 생각했습니다.

인- 하루동안 대대 주임원사가 될 수 있다면 무엇을 할 것인가? 백- 하루동안 대대 주임원사가 될 수 있다면, 야근을 자주하는 색

션에 바베큐파티 혹은 외식권을 주고 싶습니다. 저희 헤드쿼터 구 호에 "Work Horse"와 걸맞게 몇몇 섹션들은 야근을 기본으로 생각 하고 일하는 곳이 많습니다. 일이 그만큼 많아 일과시간이 종 료가되어도 중간에 갈 수 없다는 것을 다들 알고, 피곤하더라 도 열심히 하려는 모습이 보기 좋았습니다. 그래서 그 섹션들 에게는 하루정도 야근을 할 수 없도록 지정하고 해당 저녁 시간에는 바베큐파티를 열거나 외식권을 주고 싶습니다.

인- 전역 후의 계획은?

백- 아무래도 졸업을 하고와서 그런지 몰라도 전역을 하고 나면 이제 돌아갈 곳이 없기 때문에 취업준비를 철저히 준 비해야할 것 같습니다. 취업준비를 하면서 예전부터 배우 고 싶었던 프랑스어나 독일어도 같이 공부하고 싶고, 대학교 때 잠시했던 일본어도 시간이 된다면 완벽히 공부해 보고싶습 니다. 그 외에 짧게나마 여행을 다니면서 많은 것을 보고 생각 할 시간을 가지고 싶습니다.

인- 중대원들에게 한 마디 부탁드립니다.

백- 솔직히 일병 말 부터는 조금 게을러진 면도 있어서 얘기 하진 않았지만, 제가 일/이병일 때 신병이 들어오면 항상 말 하던 것이 있었는데, 그것은 시간을 잘 활용해서 자기가 하고 싶은 공부라던지 군 생활동안 이룰수 있는 어떤 목표를 세우 고 그 목표를 향해 차근차근 했으면 좋겠다는 것이였습니다. 거창한 것도 좋고 사소한것도 좋습니다. 막상 저도 대학을 다닐 때는 노는 것이 좋고 아직 급할 것이 없었고, 학교수업 따라가기 급급했는데, 졸업하고나니 시간이 너무 빨리 지나 왔고 허비한 것 같아 후임들에게 그런부분에 있어서는 미 리 조언을 해주고 싶었습니다.



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.



미 2사단 제302여단지원대대 취사병 프랜키 시살렉 일병(Pfc. Frankie Cesarec)이 지난 2월 13일 캠프 케이시(Camp Casey) 아이 언 홀스(Iron Horse) 카페에서 열린 요리 경연대회에 참가해 식재료



지난 2월 26일 캠프케이시에 위치한 제210화력여단 본부 대대에 서 미 제2보병사단 제210화력여단 상임 주임고문 마크 브린턴 주임 원사(Command Sgt. Maj. Mark L. Brinton)가 오디 멀피 메달(Audie Murphy medal)을 보여주고 있다.

〈사진 _ 상병 사라 와이즈맨(Spc. Sara Wiseman) / 제 210 야전포병



지난 2월 21일 미 제2보병사단 제1기갑전투여단 1-72전차대대 소대 부사관 리차드 해리스 하사(Staff Sgt. Richard G. Harris)가 용산 커 뮤니티센터에서 소년에게 군무기 사용방법을 설명해주고 직접 만질 수 있게 하고 있다.

〈사진 _ 병장 권용준(Sgt. Kwon Yong-joon) / 제2전투항공여단 공



지난 3월 8일 오산 공군 기지 정문 앞에서 봉사활동에 참여한 한미 우호 연합 회원들이 단체사진 촬영을 하고 있다. 한미 우호 연합 회원들은 이날 미군장병들과 함께 오산 공군 기지 주변을 같이 청소하고 문화를 교류하였다.<사진 _ 병장 니콜 홀(Sgt. Nicole Hall) / 제2전투항공여단 공보처>



지난 2월 7일 캠프 케이시(Camp Casey) 한슨 필드 하우스(Hanson Field House)에서 제210 화력여단 본부 및 본부 중대 장병들이 농구팀 단체 사진 촬영을 하고 있다.(사진 _ 상병 김 한별(Spc. Kim Han-byeol) / 제210야전포병여단 공보처>

한미 문화 교류

성 패트릭 데이 SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

3월 17일, 아일랜드부터 캐나다까지, 그리 고 아르헨티나의 부에노스 아이레스 (Buenos Aires)부터 한국의 신도림까지 전 세계의 거리 가 초록색으로 물든다. 클로버로 장식된 초록색 모자를 쓰고 초록색 풍선을 든 사람들이 모여 축 제를 즐긴다. 아일랜드의 명절인 성 패트릭 데이

의 문화를 기리는 행사를 갖는다. 행사는 다양한 축제와 길거리 공연 등으로 진행되며 종교적인 휴일이기 때문에 교회를 찾는 모습도 많이 볼 수 있다. 또한 이 날 만은 전통적으로 사순절 (기독

에 복음을 전파하던 성 패트릭은 460년 경의 3

성 패트릭 데이의 상징으로는 아일랜드의 상 이러한 성 패트릭 데이를 기념하는 행사는 징색인 초록색과 황금색 그리고 아일랜드의 국화 대한민국에서도 개최된다. 한국 아일랜드 협회 으로는 아일랜드의 휴일이지만 아일랜드 이민자 인 클로버가 있다. 클로버가 아일랜드의 국화가 와 그들의 후손들이 전 세계에 흩어져 살고 있기 된 것은 성 패트릭이 기독교의 교리인 삼위일체 때문에 다른 국가들에서도 성 패트릭과 아일랜드 를 아일랜드인에게 설명하기 위해 세 잎 클로버 를 사용했기 때문이라고 알려져 있다. 원래는 푸 른색이 성 패트릭의 상징으로 여겨졌으나 17세기 이 행사를 취재하러 모이며 전통 춤과 음악을 선 를 즈음하여 클로버와 초록색이 성 패트릭 데이 보이기 위해 많은 아일랜드 연주자들이 직접 한 를 상징하게 되었고, 오늘날에는 뉴욕의 엠파이 교에서 부활절 전 40일 동안의 금식, 금주 기간) 어 스테이트 빌딩 (Empire State Building), 시 에서 자유로운 날이기 때문에 많은 사람들이 길 드니의 오페라 하우스 (Opera House)등을 초록

색 불빛으로 점등하는 행사도 개최되는가 하면 강물을 초록색으로 물들이는 곳도 있다고 한다.

아일랜드에서 성 패트릭 데이는 매우 큰 명절 거의 모든 가게가 문을 닫고 하루종일 거리에 르면 그는 16세에 아일랜드의 해적에게 납치되어 서 가두행진이 진행된다. 성 패트릭 데이는 아일 랜드에서 1903년부터 휴일로 지정되었고 1990 서 기독교를 공부했다. 그리고 그는 다시 아일랜 년도 부터는 아일랜드의 문화를 전 세계에 알리 드로 돌아가게 되는데 이단을 숭배하던 아일랜드 는 날로 지정되어 더 큰 의미를 갖게 되었다. 성 인에게 기독교를 전파하기 위해서였다. 아일랜드 때트릭을 기리는 행사는 아일랜드에서 가장 크 게 개최되지만 아일랜드 이민자의 후손이 살고 월 17일에 죽음을 맞어하고 매년 3월 17일은 그 있는 서구권의 여러 국가에서도 개최된다. 캐나 이민자들이 많이 살고 있는 아르헨티나, 러시아, 일본에서도 행사가 열린다.

(Irish Association of Korea)에서 진행되는 성 패트릭 데이 행사는 매년 수천명이 참가하며 2012년부터는 신도림역 디큐브 시티 (D-Cube City)에서 개최된다. 국내의 다양한 언론사들이 국을 방문한다고 한다. 한국 아일랜드 협회는 남 산 타워를 성 패트릭 데이의 상징인 초록색 불로 점등하는 행사를 갖기도 했다.

<기사 _ 일병 윤임준 / 미 2사단 공보처>

210 야전포병여단, 2사단 격투기 대회 우승



군인에게 있어 가장 짜릿한 순간은 멀리 있는 표적을 는 '끝장내버리자 (Finishing the Fight)'이다. 향해서 시원하게 총탄을 퍼붓는 순간일 것이다. 하지만 만약 적이 너무 가까이 있어 총탄을 발사할 틈도 없이 무기를 빼앗기는 위기에 처한다면?

3월 7일 캠프 호비 (Camp Hovey) 체육관에서 열린 미 2사단 격투기 대회에서 제 210 야전포병여단이 우승 을 거머쥐었다.

제210야전포병여단 제6-37야전포병대대 제579전 방지원중대의 모터운송기사 제프 다살라 병장(Sgt. Jeff Dasalla)은 "격투기에서 가장 중요한 점은 상대와의 거 리를 좁히고 위치적 우위를 점한 후에 경기를 끝내는 것

이번에 4개의 우승 메달, 2개의 준우승 메달, 그리고

제210야전포병여단 선임 정보부사관인 저스틴 프린 스 중사(Sgt. 1st Class Justin Prince)는 "6분간 전력 을 다해서 싸울 수 있도록 만들기 위해 우리는 첫날부터 심폐지구력과 맷집을 키우는 데 집중했다"고 말하고 " 이후에는 쓰러뜨리기, 그라운드 기술 순서대로 훈련을 진행했다"고 덧붙였다.

팀은 이번 대회를 위하여 크로스핏(CrossFit), 레슬 링과 주짓수를 혼합하여 매일 2회씩 8주동안 훈련했다.

격투기는 1995년부터 미 육군에서 근접전투시 자기 방어를 위해 장병들에게 가르치도록 고안되었다. 제210 야전포병여단 선임 작전부사관 티모시 웨인 원사(Sgt. Maj. Timothy Wayne)에 따르면 모든 장병들이 최소한 초급 이상의 격투기 등급을 취득하도록 하는 것이 전 참

웨인 원사는 "현재 많은 장병들이 격투기 초급 단계 도 취득하지 못한 상태며 그중에는 상급 장교나 부사관 들도 많이 포함되어 있다"고 말했다.

전시에 난투를 경험하지 못한 병사들은 격투기를 배 움으로써 더욱 단련되고 준비된 군인으로 거듭날 수 있

웨인 원사는 "맞는 것이 익숙하지 않은 병사들을 근 접전투에 대비시킬 방법은 이것뿐이다"며 "그렇게 함으 로써 무기가 고장날 경우 혹은 근접전투시 능숙하게 대 처하도록 만드는 것이다"고 덧붙였다

제210야전포병여단 제70지원대대 제579전방통신 중대의 카일 클라크 상병(Spc. Kyle Clark)에게 있어 격투기란 전사로서의 마음가짐의 연장선상에 있는 것이 라고 한다.

클라크 상병은 "물론 현대전쟁에서 격투기가 자주 쓰이는 것은 아니지만 여전히 격투기를 연마하는 것은 중요하다"며 "적을 분쇄하는 군인으로서의 자세가 달라 지기 때문이다"고 말했다.

클라크 상병은 격투기를 14년째 연마중이다. 그에게 있어 격투기는 인생의 일부분이다.

"격투기는 정신력을 길러준다. 그 정신력은 인생에 일어나는 여러가지 일들에 잘 대처할 수 있도록 도와준 다. 또한 격투기는 그 자체로도 매우 재밌고 즐겁다"고 덧붙였다.

클라크 상병은 제210야전포병여단 대회를 치르던 중 부상을 당해 미 제2보병사단 대회에는 불참하게 되 었다. 그는 부상은 격투기 세계에서 매우 흔한 일이라 고 말했다.

기초 격투기 연마는 미 육군 전사강령 (Warrior Ethos)의 전사 기본 소양 40 (40 Warrior Core Tasks) 의 하나이다. 미 제 2 보병사단 격투기 팀은 오는 4월에 열리는 미 제8군 격투기 대회에 출전할 예정이다.

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미 제8군 장병들이 지역사회 봉사활동에 나섰다. 제1기갑전투여단 제23화학대대장병들은 지난 2월 12일 가능역에서 지역 공동체가 제공하는 무상급식 봉사활동에 자원하였다.

식 제공활동은 5년 전부터 시작되었으며 일주일에 세 번씩 진행되고 있다. 지역 공동체에서 참가한 봉사활 동자들은 주한미군 장병들과 함께 따뜻한 음식을 준 비해서 노약자들에게 제공하였다. 이번 봉사활동으로 인해 미군 장병들과 대한민국 지역 공동체 사이의 우 호가 증진되었다.

의정부 자원봉사센터 한중정 소장은 "많은 한국사 람들이 미국인과 미국과의 관계에 우호적이다"며 " 잠시뿐이지만 이곳의 거주민인 미군 장병들에게 자원 봉사 활동을 할 수 있는 기회를 줌으로써 지역 공동 체에 기여할 수 있다. 그럼으로써 지역 공동체의 일 워으로서 한 몫을 하도록 하는 것이다"고 말했다.

제1기갑전투여단 제23화학대대 제61정비중대 발 전기 정비병 맥스웰 구케익 일병(Pfc. Maxwell Gucake)은 봉사활동 시간동안 한국어를 말하고 새로운 단어를 배울 수 있게되어 기뻤다고 말했다.

그는 "이 봉사활동에서 가장 마음에 드는 점은 한 국어 말하기를 배울 수 있다는 것이다"며 이번 기회 를 통해 도움이 필요한 이들에게 봉사할 수 있는 것 도 뜻 깊은 일이라고 덧붙였다.

몇몇 미군 장병들에게는 이번 봉사활동이 미군 본 토에서 가난에 힘들어하는 어려운 이웃을 상기시키기 도 하였다.

제1기갑전투여단 제61정비중대 차량정비병 레지 날드 트러스 상병(Spc. Reginald K. Truss)은 "마 치 고향에 온 것같다. 미군 본토에서도 똑같이 사람 들이 가난을 겪고 있다"며 "부대 밖으로 나와 어려운 지역사회 봉사활동자들의 주도로 진행되는 무상급 이웃을 직접 보고 그들을 돕는 것이 매우 유익했다"

> 구케익 일병은 이웃을 도움으로써 지역 공동체 사 람들과 장병 그리고 민간인들 사이에 유대감이 형성 되었다고 말했다.

"이번이 두 번째 봉사활동이다. 다시 참가할 수 있어서 너무 기쁘고 모든 이가 즐겁고 감사해한다"며 "설거지부터 배식까지 내가 도와 줄 수 있는 최선을 다했다"고 말했다.

이번이참가한 대다수가 다시 참가할 의향을 밝혔 다. 많은 미군 장병들은 주변 불우이웃과 민간 봉사 활동가들과 함께 유대감을 높였고 미군 주요 가치들 중 하나인 이타적인 헌신을 몸소 실천했다.

구케익 일병은 "봉사활동 참가여부를 결정할 때 망설이기도 했다. 그러나 나와 전우들은 마침내 이 일을 해냈고 다시 이런 기회가 온다면 기쁜 마음으로 참가하고 싶다"고 말했다.

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메육군참모총장 제4-6공격정찰대대 방문

항공 격납고를 가득 채운 300명 이상의 장병들이 붉고 흰 부대기 뒤에서 대형을 이루었다. 과거의 공적을 기리는 띠들이 미 제 2 보병사단 제 2 전투항공여단 제4-6공격정찰대대의 깃발을 장식했다.

끈기있게 기다리던 대대는 차렷 자세를 취했다. 그리고 제 38대 미 육군 참 모총장 레이몬드 오디어노 대장(Gen. Raymond T. Odierno)이 격납고에 입 장하자 장병들은 부대의 구호인 "파이팅 식스 (Fighting Six)"를 외쳤다. 오디어노 대장은 지난 2월 24일, 방한 일정의 일부로 캠프 험프리 (Camp Humphreys)를 방문하였다.

오디어노 대장은 "우리는 미래를 향해 나아가야 하며 끊임없이 변화하는 복 잡한 환경에 적응해야 합니다"며 "우리는 새로운 기술을 개발하여 전 세계에서



발생하는 다양한 임무에 준비되어 있어야 합니다"고 말했다. 오디어노 대장은 군대의 미래를 위해 최우선으로 생각하는 사항들에 대해 말

하고 장병들에게 서로의 곁을 지키는 것이 중요하다고 덧붙였다. 그는 "이런 복잡한 시기에는 여러분들이 항상 서로를 위해 자리를 지키는

것이 중요합니다. 나는 여러분들이 이 곳에서 하는 일이 자랑스럽습니다"고 말했다.

오디어노 대장은 제2전투항공여단을 방문해 항공 물자들을 둘러보았고 장병들과 질의응답시간을 가졌다.

제4-6공격정찰대대 브라보 (Bravo) 부대 지휘관 데본 존슨 대위(Capt. Devonne Johnson)는 "육군 참모총장에게 보고드리기 전에는 많이 떨렸다"며 "나의 임무는 참모총장에게 OH-58D 카이오와 헬리콥터 (Kiowa helicopter)와 진행되는 수상 훈련 프로그램에 대해 보고하는 것이었다. 보고는 잘 진행되었고 그가 제4-6공격정찰대대를 보기 위해 이 곳까지 온 것은 멋진 일이다"고말했다.

오디어노 대장은 미 제2보병사단에서 선발된 열 두명의 장병들에게 주화를 수여했다. 주화는 장병들이 자신의 임무를 달성하거나 직무를 뛰어넘는 성취를 이룬 것을 기리는 것이다.

제2전투항공여단 본부 및 본부중대 보급병 나샤 데서 이병(Pvt. Nasha Desir)은 "이등병의 신분으로 대장에게 주화를 받은 것은 내 군생활에서 최고의 경험이었다"며 "나는 군생활에서 이렇게 빨리 주화를 받게 될 줄은 상상도 못했다. 열심히 일하면 정말 보상을 받는다. 육군 참모총장을 만난 것은 영광이었다"고 말했다.

지도자들은 이번 방문이 어린 장병들에게 육군 참모총장을 직접 볼 수 있었 던 좋은 기회라고 느꼈다.

제4-6공격정찰대대 주임 고문 스텐리 윌리엄스 주임원사(Command Sgt. Maj. Stanley Williams)는 "어린 장병들이 사성장군을 보게 된 것은 굉장히 중요하다"며 "장병들이 군 전체에 관련된 결정을 내리는 사람을 보는 것은 흔치 않은 일이다. 이번 방문은 장병들이 육군의 현 상황과 군 축소를 비롯한 미래에 대해 솔직한 대답을 들을 수 있는 기회였다"고 말했다.

떠나기 전 오디어노 대장은 장병들이 군대에 전해져 내려오는 유산의 중요성을 기억하기를 강조했다.

오디어노 대장은 "미 육군의 미래는 우리의 손에 달려있습니다"며 "우리는 앞선 시대에서 오늘날의 미국을 만들기 위해 희생한 사람들의 어깨 위에 서 있는 것입니다"고 덧붙였다.

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