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COMMANDER'S CORNER: LEGACY

Being a Soldier means appreciating our history and remembering that there are many Soldiers that have served and sacrificed before us; they have provided us the proud legacy to follow. The storied history of the U.S. Army is one of sacrifice and pride. Time and again, our citizens responded to the call of service to our nation and our allies, and Soldiers have always been there in the most difficult times so that we can enjoy the best of what freedom and liberty can provide.

However, it's not enough to look backward. In the 239 years since we were established, we have adapted to whatever the nation has asked of us. We train and grow and develop ways to defeat whatever threatens us, and that is our Army is the most respected institution in America.

The Warrior Division is entering a significant phase in our 100-year history. For 50 years consecutively we have been right here standing shoulder-to-shoulder with our allies on Freedom's Frontier keeping the Korean peninsula secure against an aggressive and oppressive North Korean regime. We have been successful, but we must constantly seek ways to further improve our readiness and strengthen the historic alliance we share with the Republic of Korea.

As we prepare to move to Camp Humphreys, we are engaging in prudent planning and coordination to ensure that this move does not distract from our first priority: to be ready to "Fight Tonight." The construction projects underway at Camp Humphreys costs approximately \$10 billion, 90 percent of which is paid for by our ROK allies. Additionally, the expansion of the training

facilities at Rodriguez Range will further enhance our readiness. We are moving into world-class facilities that will allow us to consolidate our efforts with our ROK allies and strengthen our interoperability; not only with the ROK, but also within USFK.

That alliance is growing even stronger as well, and the Combined Division construct is itself historic. 2ID will be the first combined Division in our Army's history. We will literally operate under one flag with combined ROK and US forces. Nowhere else has this been attempted to the extent that we are going to implement, and that we are able to make this happen is momentous.

The rotational forces concept that we have been applying is now in its fourth iteration, with the 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry coming in to replace the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry. We recently welcomed 6th Battalion, 17th Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, who replaced the 4th Battalion,

6th Attack Reconnaissance Squadron. By using rotational forces, we are applying the lessons learned from 13 years in combat to maximize the trained personnel and crews to increase our capabilities and strengthen our readiness posture. Rotational units allow us to leverage trained and ready units from CONUS Regionally Aligned forces as part of the DoD's strategic shift to the Pacific. These rotational forces include units that are trained through deployment to a Combat Training Center rotation and Gunnery.

To say that these efforts are an enormous undertaking is putting it mildly. It takes dedication to our mission and a broad understanding of what we do today and what we've done.

To sustain that focus, we only need to look at what this Division has already accomplished in our 100-year-history.



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

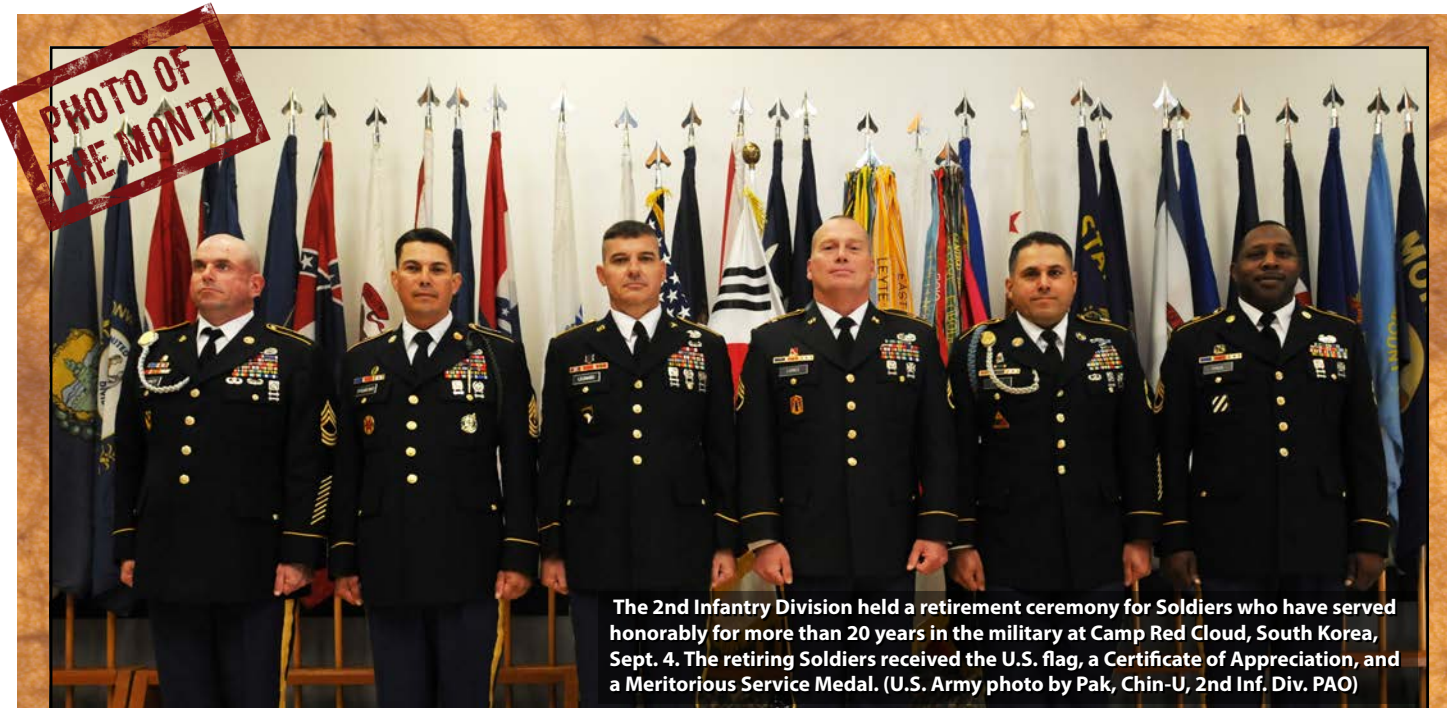
We wear the patch worn by those who fought valiantly at Belleau-Wood, and on the battlefield of the Meuse-Argonne, which brought an end to World War I.

We wear the same patch worn by members of the greatest generation during World War II, on Omaha Beach at Normandy, and later, during the decisive Battle of the Bulge.

We wear the patch worn by 2ID Soldiers who fought on the very ground we stand today during the Korean War. We are the descendants of those who fought from the Pusan Perimeter's Naktong River Line to the Manchurian border.

To summarize, history is simply stories passed from one generation to the next. We should rightly feel pride in sharing a legacy with the best Division in the U.S. Army. We should also feel pride in our living history, because future generations of the 2nd Infantry Division will look back on what we are doing today and tell stories of us. What you do today will echo through time and will be remembered for your contributions to the Warrior Division and the security of the Korean peninsula.

Katchi Kapshida!
Second to None!



The 2nd Infantry Division held a retirement ceremony for Soldiers who have served honorably for more than 20 years in the military at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, Sept. 4. The retiring Soldiers received the U.S. flag, a Certificate of Appreciation, and a Meritorious Service Medal. (U.S. Army photo by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Inf. Div. PAO)

INCHEON ASIAN GAMES 2014 CELEBRATION CONCERT



Bands from the 2nd Infantry Division and the Republic of Korea's 17th Inf. Div. perform a joint concert at the Incheon Grand Park in Incheon, South Korea, Sept. 16. The concert was held in celebration of the start of the Incheon Asian Games. At the games, countries from around Asia compete in various sporting events to include track and field, baseball, and soccer. (U.S. Army photo by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)

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Bands from the 2nd Infantry Division and the Republic of Korea's 17th Inf. Div. performed a joint concert at the Incheon Grand Park in Incheon, South Korea, Sept. 16.

The concert was held in celebration of the start of the Incheon Asian Games which runs Sept. 19-Oct. 4. At the games, countries from around Asia compete in 36 different sporting events to include track and field, baseball and soccer.

The concert brought many local residents, their families and friends together. Many were excited about the concert and the opportunity to interact with the American Soldiers. Some local residents even took photos with 2nd Inf. Div. Soldiers before the concert began. One 2nd Inf. Div. Soldier explained how the event was very beneficial for her, because she has not been in Korea very long.

"I am really excited about the concert and interacting with the people here feels amazing," said Capt. Elana. T. Burrell, intelligence officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Inf. Div., from Columbia, S.C., who has been in Korea just two months. She expressed how she wishes to get to know the country and people better and hopes to learn some of the Korean language, customs and traditions while she is here.

Korean traditional performances began the concert. The first act consisted of two men dancing and jumping on a tight rope ten-foot in the air. After the first act was complete, the crowd was entertained by a traditional Korean performer who danced using a long ribbon which whipped through the air magically to the beat of the music.

After the Korean performances were complete, the main event began. The first act consisted of the ROK's 17th Inf. Div. and 2nd Inf. Div. bands performing collaborated orchestra pieces. Many in the crowd were surprised that the Korean traditional double-headed drum and gong would blend so well together with western classical instruments. In addition, many children seemed to be enjoying the concert and were very happy that this event was held.

"The kids seem very happy to come out and watch the concert. I think this is all possible because the Incheon Asian Games 2014 is held in Incheon this year," said Yoon, Soojin, a kindergarten teacher in Incheon.

After the orchestra was complete, K-Pop stars Scarlett, December and MtoM then stirred up the excitement even more with their songs and dance performances.

For the finale, an American and Korean vocalist, from the bands sang "We Go Together." The audience was stunned when the American vocalist sang the song in Korean and the Korean soldier sang the song in English. When the concert ended with its last performance, applause did not stop for quite a few minutes.

After the concert, incoming 2nd Inf. Div. band commander, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew David explained the power of music, its affect and what it was like rehearsing and playing with the ROK army band.

"Music is an international language, and it doesn't matter what language you speak if you just sit down, smile and enjoy the fellowship that the music brings to you. Of course, each conductor still needed a KATUSA [Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army] to translate to their musical intentions to fine tune our group rehearsals. However, once the music starts, we work together as one to create a great product. It's the epitome of "Katchi Kapshida."



MAY IT ALWAYS BE LIKE CHUSEOK



**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Families in a long line of cars stuck in a traffic jam, people waking up in the morning as early as 5 a.m. to book a train ticket, a huge crowd at the bus terminal waiting for the bus, but they all look happy with anticipation. Why? Because it is the Chuseok season, the largest holiday in Korea, during which everyone visits their hometown to reunite with their families who live far away.

Chuseok, or Hangawi, is a harvest festival, Korean equivalent of American Thanksgiving, and it is celebrated on the 15th day of August on the lunar calendar. Chuseok tradition is to gather with families and celebrate the harvest with a feast of Korean traditional foods, as well as offering some of the foods to the ancestors' spirit in a ritual called Charye. Nowadays, Korea is no longer an agricultural society, tradition of celebrating harvest has disappeared, but Koreans still use this three-day holiday to see their families and relatives and hold the ancestral memorial rites.

Chuseok originated about two thousand years ago, in the kingdom of Silla. It started as a month-long weaving contest called Gabae between two teams selected by the king. The team that had woven more cloth had won and was treated to a feast by the losing team.

In contemporary Korea, a mass exodus of people moving from Seoul to their hometowns occurs every Chuseok season. All the train tickets are booked the moment they start selling and highways from Seoul to other parts of Korea are blocked with traffic. For foreigners staying in Korea, it is advised to stay around Seoul, since it will be mostly quiet and empty during Chuseok.

Chuseok traditional customs are very important to Koreans. One of them is Charye, the ancestral worship ritual performed during Chuseok. Koreans return to their hometown mostly to pay respects to the spirits of their ancestors. In the morning of Chuseok, they prepare a big table of food and 'invite' the spirit of their



ancestors to have the meal. After bowing to the spirits, the whole family eats the food they prepared as the first meal on the day of Chuseok.

There is no Chuseok without Songpyeon. Songpyeon is a stuffed rice cake, filled with honey, sesame seeds or beans. Songpyeon is characterized by the pine leaf pattern on its skin. Pine leaves are layered with Songpyeon to be steam cooked, contributing to the rice cake's special shape and aroma. In fact, the name Songpyeon is derived from pine leaves, as the word 'song' means pine tree.

"May it always be like Chuseok," Koreans say. This quote illustrates how Koreans think of Chuseok, as the best time of year. Korea has always been a family-oriented society and Chuseok, when all the families and relatives gather for a reunion, always has a special meaning for all the Koreans.



Songpyeon, a rice cake stuffed with honey, sesame seeds or beans, is steam cooked with pine leaves. It is an indispensable part of the Chuseok culture.

Morale on wheels promotes health, readiness

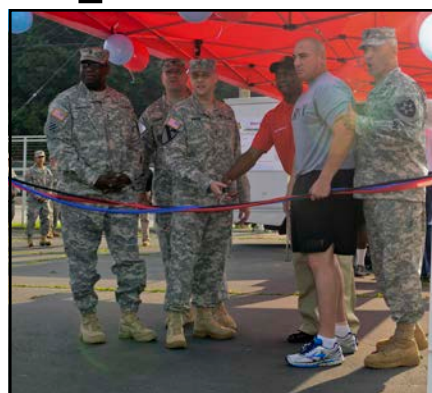


**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Soldiers with the 2nd Infantry Division seized the moment at the new Grab and Go food trucks, at Camps Hovey and Casey, South Korea, Sept. 5. Soldiers were able to participate in an initiative designed to provide Soldiers with necessary nutrients needed for optimal health by affording them an opportunity to grab a balanced breakfast within 45 minutes of strenuous exercise.

Introduced during a dry run Sept. 4, the Grab and Go food truck program, implemented and ran by Master Sgt. Tyray S. Daniels, is making waves across Area One for offering a balanced, nourishing meal for Soldiers who normally may not be able to find the time for a healthy breakfast otherwise.

"We know their time is short, so this provides an option for Soldiers to grab a healthy meal and go on about their daily business," said Daniels, the senior food operations manager for the Iron Brigade, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Inf. Div.. "We



Soldiers grab a balanced breakfast at the new Grab and Go food trucks at Camps Hovey and Casey, Sept. 5.

want Soldiers to have healthy, convenient alternatives to fast food restaurants and food that lack nutrients.

The trucks are conveniently located in front of the Community Bank on Camp Hovey, and in Manchu territory on Camp Casey, where food service personnel offer two bagged meal options; one consisting of a bagel and peanut butter, and the other consisting of a sandwich for the main dish. The type of sandwich will vary daily, ranging from a Turkey, Cheese and Egg English Muffin sandwich to a Southwest Chicken Wrap.

In addition to the main entrée, the bags also include a piece of fruit, hard boiled eggs, milk, orange juice and an oat-based cold cereal. Daniels wanted to create a menu providing the nutrients necessary to help a Soldier rebuild and repair their bodies after a strenuous PT session.

"We geared the menus to the intensity of various workouts in order to revitalize the body," said Daniels.

The human body, which is often compared to a finely tuned machine, must be properly maintained and fueled or a Soldier might run out of energy. This

can possibly result in exhaustion or other serious health issues which may hinder a Soldier's ability to "Fight Tonight."

"We've got to fuel the machine, because the machine's got to keep going," said Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew J. Spano, 2nd Inf. Div. command sergeant major. "And for Soldiers with a meal card, it doesn't cost them anything."

A visit to the Grab and Go food truck will save Soldiers time as well as money and offers convenience in addition to nutrition. Gone are the days of having to make the arduous trek to the local Dining Facility.

"Many Soldiers aren't allowed in the Dining Facility because their uniforms are sweaty or dirty," said Cpl. Park Jee-ho, a Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldier, and a property book officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st ABCT, 2nd Inf. Div. "But Soldiers aren't turned away at the food truck since it's outdoors."

With a combination of convenience, taste and low cost, the Grab and Go food truck is sure to be a familiar sight on Camps Hovey and Casey for years to come.

Pocheon Ottugi Hanmaum Festival, Interacting with Local Communities



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Answering a request from the Republic of Korea army, Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division's 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team and the 210th Field Artillery Bde. brought out the M1A2 System Enhanced Package and M270A1 Multiple Launch Rocket System to the Pocheon Ottugi Hanmaum Festival, in Pocheon, South Korea, Sept. 20-21.

The ROK's 8th Mechanized Inf. Div. hosted the festival, with the help of the local community, to celebrate the 601st anniversary of Pocheon and to strengthen the ROK/U.S. Alliance in the region.

"We were told to come out today to help with the Alliance between the South Koreans and Americans," said Staff Sgt. Dean K. Smith, a section chief for the MLRS, Battery C, 6th Battalion, 37th FA Regiment, 210th FA Bde. "People are walking on launchers and Abrams, having a good time. Kids are having fun."

It was not only the kids that were having fun. Helping little boys and girls climb up on tanks and explaining to them their functions left smiles on the Soldiers' faces.

"The interaction is good between both cultures. The food is outstanding and the people are cool," Smith added. "We are not just working, working, working. They let everyone come out and have a good time."

Considering the event continued for two days with a parade, concerts, eateries and more, the portion of the 2nd. Inf. Div. in



KATUSA assists children getting on and off an armored vehicle during the festival on Sept. 20.

the festival was only a small part; however, the fact they get to interact with local civilians and military personnel in the regional event was definitely significant.

"Just interacting with the ROK army soldiers and with the Korean civilians helps improve the ROK/U.S. Alliance," said Cpl. Lee, Yong-woo, a M1 armor crewman from 1st Bn., 72nd Armor Regt., 1st ABCT, 2nd Inf. Div. "Getting to know them and becoming friends is what I think we can all get out of this event."

According to the 8th Mech. Inf. Div., the ultimate goal of the event is to host a festival so government staffs, military personnel, and local civilians can have a good time together. In addition, the ROK army invited the U.S. Soldiers to the regional party to give them the opportunity to talk with Koreans and make the festival a success.

"I think the organization was put together well," said Smith. "It's actually fun, and we had a good time."



Reminiscent Return for KATUSA Veterans



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Buses arrived and passengers disembarked, anxiously flooding the 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, motorpool where the guests were greeted by U.S. and Koreans Augmented to the United States Army Soldiers. Static displays, highlighting the features of various military vehicles, delighted wide-eyed family members looking to get a glimpse of the familiar sights experienced by their own KATUSA veterans decades earlier.

Approximately 160 KATUSA veterans returned to Camp Casey and Hovey, South Korea, Aug. 20, for their annual homecoming. The KATUSA Veteran's Association organized a tour of Camp Casey and Hovey for the KATUSA

veterans and their families.

The tour concluded at the 4-7th Cav. Regt. motorpool. There the honored guests shared their experiences with a younger generation of KATUSA Soldiers.

"You will have the opportunity to observe our training, look at our equipment and talk to our troops," said Lt. Col. Jeffery P. Gottlieb, 4-7th Cav. Regt. commander. "You will find that what they are doing today is not very different from what you did – Americans and Koreans training together so that they will be able to fight together to defend what we both hold so dear – our countries and our countrymen."

The veterans, many of whom had formally served in 2nd Inf. Div., reminisced of their time in service. They walked their families through the motorpool with a deep sense of pride and history.

"I wanted to see how things have changed since I served," said Kim, Jong Hwan a KATUSA veteran who served here in personnel as a translator from 1970 to 1972. "I was surprised, this is an awesome experience."

KATUSA veteran Lee, Sin who served in the 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion, made the return after 30 years. Lee worked in logistics from 1982 to 1985 and wanted to share this experience with his family. Reuniting with his fellow comrades really made the experience memorable, said Lee.

The annual homecoming serves to reinforce the Alliance between the Republic of

Korea army and the U.S. Army. The KATUSA program, originally founded by South Korean President Rhee, Syung-man and U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur during the Korean War in 1950, continues to benefit the efforts of allied forces throughout the Korean Peninsula.

"KATUSA veterans, thank you for honoring us today with your visit," said Gottlieb in his closing remarks.



KATUSA veteran, Lee, Su-Bong, demonstrates equipment to his son at the motorpool while visiting Camp Hovey Aug. 21.

2ID Warrior Dedicated to Fitness, Sets Example

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As part of their daily routine, U.S. Army Soldiers conduct physical readiness training across the globe. It's a way of life for those serving in the Armed Forces. Such fitness routines keep servicemembers healthy, fit and ready to do whatever is needed to defend the American way of life.

Pfc. Kayla Brinkerhoff, a native of Logan, Utah, joined the Army in 2013 and is no stranger to such a routine. Brinkerhoff, a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crew chief with Company B, 2nd Battalion (Assault), 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, was committed to hard workout regimens even before joining the Army.

That type of commitment earned her second place in her age group during an Ironman competition in Hokkaido, Japan, Aug. 23, and she couldn't be happier about it.

"Coming in second in my age group was a very exciting feeling," said Brinkerhoff. "Being an Army Soldier in the 2nd Infantry Division has taught me a lot about being prepared mentally. We work a lot to make sure we are always ready by doing drills and training like we would fight. Our motto is 'Fight Tonight' - so a constant readiness for whatever the world throws at us is an ever prevalent feeling within the unit."

The Ironman competition, which began in the state of Hawaii in 1978, is what some may call, a grueling triathlon challenge consisting of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run. According to the events Ironman competition website,

the events have been represented by "ambitious and courageous individuals who aren't afraid to push their limits." One of Brinkerhoff's senior leaders can attest to her being that person.

"During the train up period for the Ironman, Kayla would get up at 4:30 a.m. to train for several hours prior to work call," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Shawn McLaughlin, a maintenance test pilot with Co. B, 2-2nd Avn. Regt. and a native of Vancouver, Wash. "She would then bust her butt all day and usually work a 12-hour duty day. Then she would train for more than an hour after she got off work. No one else in the battalion can compete with that kind of dedication and work ethic."

McLaughlin also said Brinkerhoff doesn't walk around bragging about her recent accomplishment, although everyone knows what she has done. "Most of the guys are impressed enough with her [accomplishment] that they tell the story for her," said McLaughlin.

Keeping to her humble roots, Brinkerhoff explained she wasn't always fit and has struggled along her path to becoming physically fit.

"After high school, I started running more as a means of meditation as well as to lose the weight, I gained, while living off of Taco Bell and Subway during cosmetology school," said Brinkerhoff. "When I first began to run, I couldn't even run a full mile without having to stop and walk. My dad is a runner and helped to get me on the right path as far as training goes and pushed me when I needed it." Her father, Brock

Brinkerhoff, a software developer and a native of Orlando, Fla., is very proud of his daughter's accomplishments and shares one more thing in common with his daughter.

"Having done a full Ironman myself, I knew the persistence and pain required to finish," said Brock Brinkerhoff. "To see Kayla put herself through that to attain her goal, and to finish strong and uninjured meant everything. It shows me she understands how to plan, train and execute in order to obtain the end result. These are the quintessential attributes needed for success in life and she showed that she has them."

Those attributes seemingly helped propel Brinkerhoff to a second place finish in her age group, but this Soldier isn't stopping and is already thinking about the future and her next set of goals.

"My short term goals would be to place higher and start gaining a lot more experience with my races next year," said Brinkerhoff. "As for long term, I am looking towards getting an athletic training degree as well as moving on to a doctorate in physical therapy and rehab."

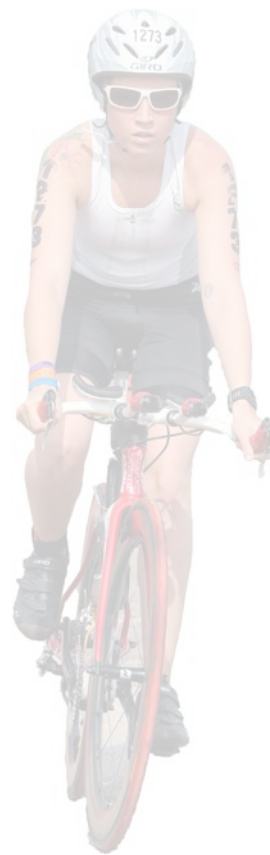
Brinkerhoff says she wants to use those degrees to help her fellow Soldiers train smarter, recover faster, and be able to perform and protect our country whenever they are needed.

With steadfast commitment and determination, she could surely make those goals come to fruition. According to McLaughlin, she is already setting the example for her fellow Soldiers and

has garnered a reputable status as a hard worker and team player.

"She is one of those people that possess so much charisma that people who don't even know her notice when she walks into a room," said McLaughlin. "I have seen several instances where she would get up and start to work and her peers would get up and follow her out the door."

Brinkerhoff continues to lead the way as most Soldiers often do. Her story and the legacy she creates, while serving in the 2nd Infantry "Warrior Division," is testament to the true nature and spirit of a U.S. Army Soldier.



Pfc. Kayla Brinkerhoff, a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crew chief with Company B, 2nd Battalion (Assault), 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, and a native of Logan, Utah, finishes the running portion of the Ironman triathlon competition in Hokkaido, Japan, Aug. 23. (Courtesy photo)



TALON DUSTOFF Keeps Standard of Care SKY-HIGH

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M*A*S*H, a hit TV show from 1972 to 1983 about the 4077th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital in Uijeongbu, South Korea, during the Korean War, showed a medical team's passion and desire, as well as the guts required for caring and treating the wounded during the war.

Today, Company C, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Combat Avn. Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, still supports that region with real-world air medical evacuation services for U.S. Forces, Family members, Department of Defense civilians and Korean nationals as needed.

They have two team sites in South Korea: The main one is at Camp Humphreys at Area III in and near Pyongtaek, and another is at Camp Casey, covering the Northern area of the peninsula known as Area I.

"We operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year," said Capt. Phillip E. Walker, operations officer for 3rd GSAB, 2nd CAB, 2nd Inf. Div. and native of Gainesville, Fla. "They are on standby waiting for the call at anytime to change their call sign from 'Dust Off' to 'Evac'; signifying a real-world mission where a patient is transported from one site to a treatment facility as quickly as possible."

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Tristian Gates, a

medical evacuation pilot with 3rd GSAB says he honestly wouldn't want to do anything else, that he loves his job and that everyone can appreciate the importance of it. The crew on the current rotation at the Camp Casey site seems to share in Gates' sentiment.

"At any given time, the crew doesn't know where, how far or what type of medical treatment will be needed," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ryan Trant, also a medevac pilot with 3rd GSAB.

Trant emphasized the importance of being able to get up and go at a moment's notice.

"They have to be ready at anytime," said Trant. "The crew has to be ready to launch and be in the air within 15 minutes."

That readiness equals saving lives. The medevac crew is constantly orienting themselves to the Korean Peninsula, because when they have a real-world mission, they have to be able to maneuver quickly through the airspace to get the patient to the treatment facility as quickly as possible.

"At Camp Casey, the crew is co-located with the Troop Medical Clinic. This provides the ability to get the patient from site to treatment facility as quickly as possible in this area," said Trant.

Trant takes a lot of pride in his job and requested to come specifically to a medevac unit.

"The majority of the air medical evacuations come from Area I," said Trant. "When that phone goes off, we are sprinting to the helicopter. Every

person here wants to make an impact and take care of the person on the other end."

In this mission, minutes can impact someone's life; a consequence every member of this crew understands. This significant real-world mission spans the entire peninsula. It's carried out by medevac crews who are skilled, trained and ready to take on anything that comes their way.

Much like the medical team depicted in the hit TV Show M*A*S*H, these crews are in the business of saving lives. They operate in the same area the real MASH units were once set up during the Korean War.



Staff Sgt. John Crabtree, flight medic with (Dust Off) Company C, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Combat Avn. Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, trains with his crew on hoist operations, Sept. 19.

ANOTHER SHOT AT INTEROPERABILITY EQUALS READINESS

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U.S. Soldiers are required to retrain and qualify on their assigned weapon every year. This ensures that the perishable skill of marksmanship is never lost and troops are always trained and ready to "Fight Tonight."

While working together during a peninsula-wide exercise called Ulchi Freedom Guardian, one group of Soldiers took weapons qualification to the next level with their host nation, during a combined live fire range exercise, Aug. 30, at the Republic of Korea Army Aviation Operations Command weapons range in Icheon, South Korea.

Training with host nation partners is nothing new, but these Soldiers shared something special this time around. Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, and the Republic of Korea Army Aviation Operations Command established and conducted effective rifle marksmanship training on the Korean K1, K2 and the U.S. M16A2 rifles.

Rank Chong Yim, brigade liaison officer with 2nd CAB, explained why this was a significant event worth participating in.

"I coordinated this event to facilitate and place emphasis on working with our Korean partners," said Yim. "The more we train with our allies, the better we understand their way of operating. They in turn learn our techniques and procedures and that's a win-win situation."

Yim also said the benefits from these types of events create the right conditions for future operational success. He said this combined training is just another step in strengthening the foundation of the U.S. and ROK relationship while enhancing combined interoperability.

Pfc. John P. Ross, a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear specialist with HHC, 2nd CAB, 2nd Inf. Div., benefitted from the combined training event and expressed his opinion that the differences between both armies are not so different at all.

"I feel training with ROK soldiers helps us work and communicate better with one another," said Ross, a St. Petersburg, Fla. native. "We, as military personnel, are not much different. We're essentially the same in the sense that we train hard and go through some of the same proficiency requirements. These similar characteristics show we are not very different at all. This training opportunity not only strengthens our two nations, but our bond as people who

fight for the same cause."

Both teams stood in formation together while they received a briefing from the range cadre. Once they understood the safety precautions, they secured ammunition and the Korean soldiers took up their positions in the firing pit first as 2nd CAB Soldiers lay by their side coaching and familiarizing them on the M16A2 prior to shooting. Shortly after, Yim gave the command: commence firing.

When finished, 2nd CAB Soldiers took their places and experienced for the first time what it was like to fire a K1 and K2 assault rifle.

"I was very surprised that the K2 had very little kickback and the mechanics were almost identical to the M16A1," said Ross.

Once everyone was qualified, they shook each other's hands just as good sportsmen do. These soldiers and the experiences they shared, continue the legacy of those who came before them. They seemingly work together shaping the future for generations to come ensuring 'We Go Together.'



Soldiers with HHC, 2CAB, 2ID, and the Republic of Korea Army Aviation Operations Command pose for a photo with the AAOC commanding general, Brig. Gen. Jang, Dae Sang, after completing a combined live fire exercise, Aug. 30.

Rising up from the Depths of Sorrow

9/11 PRAYER LUNCHEON

STORY AND PHOTO BY
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On Sept. 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 innocent lives were lost at the malicious hands of terrorism. Many current Soldiers began their careers shortly after that day, and many more since have joined the Army to help ensure such an attack never happens on American soil again. Despite 13 years passing, the vow to 'Never Forget' the civilians, first responders and military personnel lost that day stands.

Chaplains from the 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, hosted a 9/11 commemorative service and prayer luncheon, Sept. 11, at Memorial Chapel and the Warrior's Club on Camp Casey, South Korea, to honor the memory of those lost and remind Soldiers why they're here.

"I was worried that the victims were being forgotten even though the incident was not something that happened 20 or 30 years ago, but only 13," said Chaplain (Maj.) Geunhyung Lee, the brigade chaplain. "This was an event that could not go overlooked."

During the remembrance, Lee looked to a great leader before him to help put things into perspective.

"[Winston] Churchill said, 'The farther backward

you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see," said Lee. "We, as Soldiers, should know the past to prepare for a better future."

Lee also mentioned how the terror attack was not only a day that the United States was attacked, but a day that all nations and countries that love freedom were attacked by al-Qaeda terrorists.

He wanted all Soldiers to recommit themselves to their mission as representatives of their country and assert a sense of vigilance for what the enemy is capable of doing.

According to Lt. Col. Michael Kimball, the commander for 1st Battalion, 15th FA Regiment, 210th FA Bde., 2nd Inf. Div., the day serves as a refresher.

"Today is not only a day to remember and honor those we have lost, but is also a day of recommitting ourselves," said Kimball, the guest speaker for the ceremony. "Recommitting our determination to ensure what happened in the cloudless sky of a September 13 years ago."

Kimball asked the Soldiers to always keep the lessons they've learned in their hearts.

"As you continue through this day, I ask you to keep the families of all those affected on that tragic day in September, and the families of those who have given their lives since that day in the pursuit of and destruction of evil, in your hearts," said Kimball. "We cannot forget, we must not forget."



Soldiers have a moment of silence to honor the memory of those lost and remind themselves the reason they are here at Memorial Chapel on Camp Casey, Sept. 11.

JSA Soldiers Remember

Two Officers' Sacrifice

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On a somber, overcast day in northwest South Korea, current and former members of the U.S. and Republic of Korea militaries gathered on the ROK side of the Joint Security Area for a memorial service honoring fallen U.S. Army officers Capt. Arthur G. Bonifas and 1st Lt. Mark T. Barrett. The officers were killed on Aug. 18, 1976, by a group of Korean People's army guards during a routine mission into the JSA to trim a Poplar tree that was obstructing the view between two guard towers. For more than 30 years, the Soldiers of the JSA have remembered the officer's sacrifice.

The ceremony was hosted by Lt. Col. Christopher Nyland, the United Nations Command Security Battalion - JSA battalion commander, and Lt. Col. Seok Je Woo, the UNCSB -JSA deputy battalion commander. The nature of the mission in the JSA dictates that Soldiers from the U.S. and ROK Armies work in concert with each other to ensure peace along the border.

The guest speaker of the ceremony was Ki Ho Ban. Ban served in the ROK army from November 1975 through February 1978. While at the JSA, he was a private first class in Bonifas' company. He warmly remembered Bonifas as a respectable Soldier who treated his troops as if they were his own family. According to Ban, Bonifas died with only one month of service left on the JSA. "He devoted himself to the security mission until his last breath," said Ban. Bonifas was promoted posthumously to the rank of major.

Ban remembered Barrett as well. He said that he was well-liked and popular in the company. He stated that, throughout the day, Soldiers wept

for the fallen officers and raged against the KPA's barbaric act.

In addition to Ban's memories of the officers, Woo stressed the importance of remembering, not only the two officers, but all of the Soldiers who laid down their lives in defense of freedom. He credited Soldiers from the ROK and U.S. Armies with being responsible for establishing the peace and prosperity that the ROK enjoys today. He charged the Soldiers of the JSA with carrying this torch forward.

"Let us maintain a full readiness posture to prevent enemy provocations and to guard the Joint Security Area representing not only freedom and peace of the Korean peninsula but also of the world," said Woo.

The killing of the two officers took place near the famous "Bridge of No Return." The bridge received its name because it was the site of the exchange of prisoners following the Korean War. According to many accounts, prisoners were brought to the bridge and asked if they would like to return to their country or stay in South Korea. If they crossed the bridge, they could never return. In 1976, the Military Demarcation Line between North and South Korea was not strictly enforced. Soldiers from North Korea frequently crossed the bridge and confrontations were common. Following the incident, the UN Command demanded that the Military Demarcation Line be enforced and the two sides have generally respected it.

The Poplar tree was cut down in a massive demonstration named "Operation Paul Bunyan" that occurred just three days later. The operation involved units from the ROK and U.S. Armies as well as the Navy and Air Force.

The ceremony attracted many former servicemembers who had served at the JSA. The largest group, of which, is named the "JSA Old Boys." The group is made up of former ROK army soldiers that served at the JSA.

Thunder Medics Train to Save Lives



Health care specialists from 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th FA Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, load a casualty into an aircraft while practicing air casualty evacuations.

STORY AND PHOTO BY
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When treating a casualty on the battlefield, there is no time to waste. Every action taken is directly related to a Soldier's life in a crucial situation. In such circumstances, professionally trained health care specialists are greatly needed.

Health care specialists from 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, conducted a brigade-wide medical training exercise, Aug. 18-22, on

Camp Casey, South Korea. The week-long exercise aimed to prepare Soldiers for realistic, combat scenarios while working night and day in a field environment.

According to Capt. Jeffrey Hannah, the battalion physician assistant for 6th Battalion, 37th FA Regiment, 210th FA Bde., 2nd Inf. Div., the intent is focused on the training of his Soldiers, as well as the evaluation of properly executed medical care. The training ranged from mass casualty treatment to ground and air methods of casualty evacuation.

"The medics were put through a week of field training that was tough, realistic, mentally and physically challenging," said Hannah.

For Pvt. Vincent Gates, a health care specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th FA Bde., 2nd Inf. Div., the training was a chance for him to get hands-on experience to prepare for the real thing.

"Those were probably my favorite times just because there was so much confusion and you learn a lot more from it," said Gates, a native of Augusta, Ga. "You really learn how capable you are."

Many of the lessons taught through the field training were conducted under stressful scenarios. To make the training more realistic, medics were surrounded by the sound of explosions and screaming, sometimes uncooperative patients. Gates also mentioned how important working as a team can be under such duress.

"A lot of it [the training] was dependent on working well as a group during this really chaotic time in order to address everything in a quick and accurate manner," said Gates.

Hannah also brought up how the training exercise serves well as an opportunity for Soldiers to stray from their daily routine and practice crucial aspects of their job.

"Brigade and battalion medical leaders and medics must continuously provide realistic training," Hannah added. "It's to develop and maintain combat-ready medics, providers and units that can perform all assigned tasks to be prepared to ensure the units are ready to 'Fight Tonight'."

STRONGER BONDS,

STRONGER SOLDIERS

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Among a slew of senior enlisted Soldiers and officers donning berets, a group of more than 30 Soldiers in civilian attire stand near a bus in the parking lot of Carey Fitness Center on Camp Casey, South Korea. Their destination - the Kensington Hotel.

With bags in tow, these Soldiers are taking a breather from work, Sept. 10-12, courtesy of Strong Bonds, a program focused on teaching healthy relationship habits through retreats and guided discussions.

"Strong Bonds builds resiliency and provides Soldiers and Families with the tools necessary to develop and sustain healthy relationships," said Chaplain (Capt.) Samuel Strittmatter, the chaplain for 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th FA Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

After nearly four hours on a bus wheeling from the highways of Dongducheon, South Korea, to the winding mountain roads of Sokcho, South Korea, they arrive at the Kensington Hotel. With double-decker busses in the parking lot, and a lush interior, suits of armor and rose-colored, flower-patterned upholstery included, one might suspect they'd entered a teleportation device to England.

Strittmatter gets the group together after checking in to the hotel and improvises a quick trip to a nearby shop for an authentic Korean lunch.

"In our profession, we're all about flexecution," he said.

Upon returning to the hotel, the real work could begin. A screen in the room projected the afternoon's topic: "How to not marry a jerk."

Before beginning, Strittmatter asked Soldiers to introduce themselves in order to break the ice. One by one, they stood up and rattled off their name, job and hobbies. Many found solidarity in having the same job as someone else in the same room.

"During the training, friendships develop and Soldiers, who work in small groups, freely exchange ideas as they process the material presented," said Strittmatter, a native of Vineland, N.J.

As the presentation progressed, Soldiers were prompted to talk about their perspectives on different facets of relationships, their upbringing, friendships and what they look for in a significant other.

"When we're learning each other's backgrounds and how different we all are, and when you're hearing about how someone has grown up or their experiences, you're getting to know them," said 2nd Lt. Kelsey Fincher, a platoon leader in 1st Bn., 38th FA Regt., 210th FA Bde., 2nd Inf. Div. "That's how the foundation of a friendship is built."

With many American families suffering from high divorce rates, much of the discussion revolved around how to develop self-awareness.

Often, I hear individuals complain of unhappiness, said Strittmatter. It is unrealistic to expect happiness 100 percent of the time. I challenge Soldiers to choose carefully when selecting a partner

or spouse to help establish a new, healthier legacy.

The Relationship Attachment Model, developed by therapist and lecturer Dr. John Van Epp, is one of the tools Strittmatter uses to put healthy relationships into perspective for Soldiers. Consisting of five categories, Know, Trust, Rely, Commit, and Touch, the Relationship Attachment Model suggests that equilibrium is necessary for relationships to reach their highest potential.

As one characteristic of a relationship develops so should the others, and on the contrary, if one falls so do the rest.

Strittmatter explained that in today's relationships, it is all too common that touch comes before the four arguably more important aspects of a relationship.

"Maybe it's time we bring back some of those traditional relationship behaviors," he said. "Starting by building up trust and knowledge for and of each other before touch."

Between 'family meals' and plenty of unabridged conversation about the vast variety of relationships, Soldiers left the Kensington Hotel with the knowledge that happiness is a choice.

"I know from the stories I've heard here during our group discussions and what they've opened up to me about, there is a need for this program," said Fincher, from Atlanta, Ga. "Because when you're looking at society and seeing all of the heartbreak, all of the broken families, there has to be a place where people can go that helps them figure out how to keep those things from occurring."

KATUSA SOLDIERS GRADUATE FROM KATUSA TRAINING ACADEMY

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Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers of Class 14-10 has graduated from the Wightman 8th Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Camp Jackson, South Korea, Aug. 21.

Among the KATUSA graduates, Pvt. Koo, Bon Ho received an award as the best platoon guide and for the highest overall scores for the training tests. His platoon sergeant, Staff Sgt. Walter Combs was also recognized for his leadership as the best platoon sergeant at the award ceremony.

"It is such a privilege to be an instructor at the KATUSA Training Academy. KATUSA Soldiers are very smart and eager to do what it takes to be a Soldier. They are also well-disciplined, and they listen to their instructors very attentively," said Staff Sgt. Walter Combs, a native of New Jersey and an instructor at the NCO Academy.

Enlisted personnel of the Republic of Korea army, who are qualified in English fluency and aptitude via a standardized exam, may apply for a KATUSA slot at the NCO Academy. First, they get drafted randomly by a lottery system run by the Korean government. The selected KATUSAs then complete five-weeks of ROKA basic training and three-weeks of basic training conducted by the U.S. Army before they begin their full-time duty with a U.S. Army unit stationed in South Korea.

Pvt. Wang, Jun Won, a native of Seoul, South Korea, assigned to the Inspector General Office Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, said, "I can't wait to be sent to my unit and work with U.S. Soldiers. I have heard KATUSA Soldiers have been a great asset to the Alliance of the ROK army and the U.S. Army for many years. I'm very excited and proud of being a KATUSA Soldier."

The KATUSA program has provided greater military functionality and maneuverability throughout the Korean Peninsula to the U.S. Army stationed in South Korea over the years since KATUSA Soldiers can speak both Korean and English. Not only can they serve as translators between the local populace and the U.S. Army, but also they are assigned to their unit with a Military Occupational Specialty of their own like the U.S. Soldiers. KATUSA Soldiers have played a big role between the ROKA and the U.S. Army as a bridge developing the two nations' friendship and partnership.



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2ND INFANTRY DIVISION BAND CHANGE OF COMMAND



Chief Warrant Officer 4 Thomas Hager turns over command of 2nd Infantry Division Band to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew David on Village Green, Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, Sept. 23



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew David, the incoming band commander, 2nd Inf. Div., conducts a performance for senior leaders on the Village Green, Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, Sept. 23.

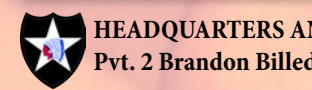
Suicide Prevention Month

Our Soldiers, Civilians and Families remain our strength, demonstrating unparalleled skill and professionalism as they support our great Army and defend our Nation. While our commitment to them extends year-round, we call special attention to our ongoing efforts to build individual resiliency skills during the Army's observance of Suicide Awareness Month. This year's theme, "Enhancing Resiliency – Strengthening Our Professionals," reinforces our pledge to not only build resilience, but to support those in need – enhancing performance, increasing readiness and building a stronger force - Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, U.S. Army Chief of Staff.



HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTALION
Cpl. Cho Young-Moon is a Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldier

"I guess the best way is to just talk to them openly about what their problem is and what course of action they're thinking of. Just make them feel comfortable, so that those sensitive topics get out, instead of holding them in. At the end of the day, they're going to have difficulty or have something to talk to somebody, but if they hold it in, it's a big problem. So the first thing is to communicate with them."



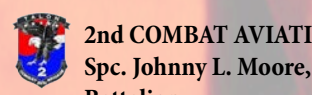
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTALION
Pvt. 2 Brandon Billedeau is a all-wheeled vehicle mechanic

"If somebody is struggling, the best thing to do is give them time to figure out what they're struggling with exactly because everybody, when they go through that stage, struggle in unique ways. So the best way would be to let them have the day off to collect their thoughts and cool down, but not to be alone. It's hard to lose someone due to suicide. That negative impact, you don't know how someone will see someone else, because what may be a nobody to someone could be somebody's best friend. So I'll say the more we could prevent, the better off the Army will be."



2nd COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE
Pfc. Rezaul H. Khan, signal support systems specialist, Company C, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion

"Some possible signs we should look for in our fellow Soldiers is if their work ethic changes, how motivated they are and if they have ups and downs throughout the day," said Kan. "Another possible indicator is if the Soldier looks like he or she doesn't want to be at work or becomes antisocial."



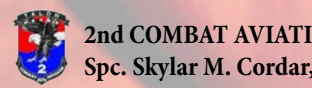
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Spec. Johnny L. Moore, AH-64D Longbow Apache attach helicopter repairer, Company D, 4th Attach Reconnaissance Battalion

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2nd COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE
Pfc. Patrick B. O'Bryan, UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter Mechanic, Company D, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion

"Suicide is a big issue, not only in today's Army, but world-wide in the civilian sector as well," said O'Bryan. "An example of that is with the late actor and comedian Robin Williams. I don't think anyone saw that coming which is why it's so important to recognize the signs. You never know if someone may be suffering inside even if they are always smiling."



2nd COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE
Spec. Skylar M. Cordar, wheeled vehicle mechanic with Troop F, 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment

"Suicide prevention means looking out for your battle buddies to your left and right and knowing when to seek help if you get to that point," said Cordar. "You can't fight a war with one person. We need our battle buddies. You're only as strong as you allow yourself to be. It's not showing weakness if someone seeks the help they may need."





SOLDIERS COMPETE FOR AIR ASSAULT BADGE

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Airborne Ranger, Airborne Ranger, where have you been? To Air Assault school and failed again. Airborne Ranger, Airborne Ranger, how did you go? In a UH-60 flying low. Airborne Ranger, Airborne Ranger, what did you fail? I couldn't slingload and I couldn't rappel. Airborne Ranger, Airborne Ranger, don't feel blue. Those Air Assault wings just ain't for you!

Soldiers from around the Korean Peninsula had the rare opportunity to attempt one of the toughest schools the Army has to offer and earn the coveted Air Assault wings on Camp Hovey, South Korea, Sept. 9-20.

On day zero, 277 Soldiers began the training but by the end of the two-week course only 206 were wearing the Air Assault badge above their U.S. Army nameplate.

The training was made possible by a Mobile Training Team from the Warrior Training Center out of Fort Benning, Ga., who made the trip across the Pacific, to give Soldiers on the peninsula the opportunity to earn the badge.

"The purpose of air assault training is to pre-

pare the students to conduct missions and operations with both aircraft and infantry, so they can do medical rescue operations, move equipment and insert troops into remote or hard to access locations with the helicopters," said Staff Sgt. Micah Young, Air Assault instructor, Company B, Warrior Training Center, a native of Boise, Idaho. "The opportunity to teach this course in Korea is great for the Soldiers stationed here so they can learn these valuable skills. It also gives them a lot of motivation to train at one of the most advanced schools in the U.S. Army."

The U.S. Army Air Assault School is a 10-day course designed to prepare Soldiers for insertion, evacuation, and pathfinder missions that call for the use of multipurpose transportation and utility helicopters. Air Assault training focuses on the mastery of rappelling methods and sling load procedures, skills that involve intense concentration and a commitment to safety and preparation.

The training is broken down into three phases, each lasting three days: Combat Assault Phase, Sling Load Phase, and Rappel. On graduation day, students tackle a 12-mile rucksack march which they must complete in less than three hours. When they successfully complete the march, they

earn their wings as Air Assault Soldiers.

"I heard about the Air Assault training when I got here, and I said I have to do that," said Pfc. Ekoue Ayivi, supply specialist, Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, from Baltimore, Md. "I've been training for this since I heard the Air Assault people were coming. My NCO [non-commissioned officer] Staff Sgt. [Dylan] Miner trained us every day for the last two months."

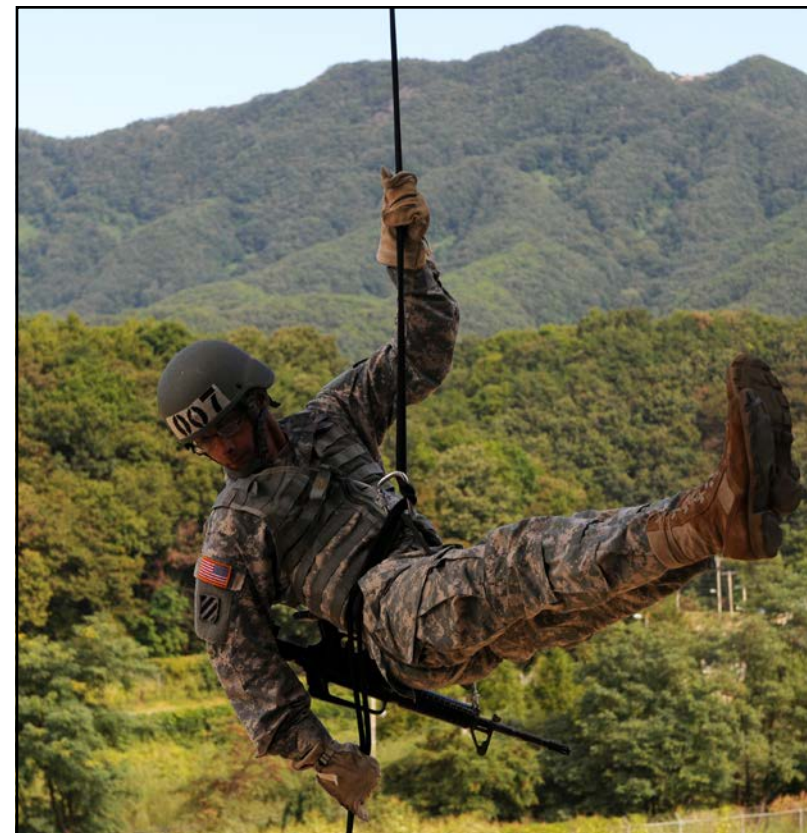
Air Assault is very physically and mentally demanding, because Soldiers are required to handle tremendously heavy equipment and perform dangerous tasks under extremely stressful conditions. The students who are successful must possess a keen eye for detail and a dedication to preparation of their equipment and the mission at hand.

Successful candidates, who earn their wings, believe that it takes more than just a keen eye and dedication.

"If you want something, you have to work for it," said Ayivi. "I wanted to get those wings on my shoulder and that was my motivation. It was not easy to be honest, but now Soldiers in my unit look at me differently. I can feel the respect in their eyes. I am proud to now be part of the Air Assault family."



Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division go through Phase Three of Air Assault training which prepares them for rappelling out of helicopters, Sept. 18, on Camp Hovey, South Korea (U.S. Army photos by Pfc. Kim Kyunggu, 2 Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)





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Warrior Inspector General Message

★HOT TOPIC - WHISTLEBLOWER REPRISAL★

Army Regulation 600-20, Para 5-12a, *Army Command Policy*, states, "No person will restrict a member of the Armed Services from making a protected communication with a member of Congress; an Inspector General; a member of a DOD audit, inspection, investigation or law enforcement organization; or any other person or organization (including any person in the chain of command) designated under this regulation or other administrative procedures to receive such communication."

Reprisal includes "the taking of or threatening to take an **unfavorable** personnel action or the withholding or threatening to withhold a favorable personnel action because the member made or was thought to have made a protected communication." All Soldiers and **DA civilians (DAC)** can make a protected communication (PC); they have the right to raise matters of fraud, waste, and abuse or other improprieties within the Army "without fear of reprisal." DOD Directive 7050.06, Military Whistleblower Protection, provides overarching policy guidance to the military services.

What are the elements of reprisal? Reprisal is generally a chronologic event. The first thing that occurs is a **Protected Communication (PC)**. A Protected Communication is the suggestion/intent to/comment about intending to lawfully contact/making contact with a member of Congress, IG, audit team member, and others such as EO, Chaplain, and other leaders in the chain of command to report abuse, fraud, discrimination and other misconduct. The next thing that occurs is an **Unfavorable Personnel Action (UPA)** against the individual that made the PC. A UPA is any action taken or threaten to be taken that affects or has the potential to affect an individual's position or career (i.e. eval reports, awards, bars, separation, command referred Behavioral Health Assessment). The other important aspect when deciding if the action taken is reprisal is that the leader initiating the UPA must have knowledge of the PC. This leader is referred to as a **Responsible Management Official (RMO)**. The RMO has knowledge of the PC and is in the position to influence or act on the unfavorable action. The same applies to a withheld favorable action (i.e. PCS award). *When you are in doubt if a UPA is reprisal you must ask yourself... Is there reason to believe that the unfavorable action would have taken place if the PC had never occurred? If the answer is "no," then the personnel action may potentially be reprisal. Conversely, if the answer is "Yes," it may not be reprisal, but you must further assess the situation.*

What are my responsibilities as a leader to prevent Whistleblower Reprisal's in my unit? Commanders and subordinate leaders (CPL and above) need to be consistent in all they do; leaders need to familiarize themselves with policies and regulations in order to effectively enforce the standards established therein. Leaders must:

- * Counsel Soldiers consistently and effectively
- * Foster open communications (Open Door)
- * Enforce standards consistently, equitably
- * Be mindful of perceptions within your unit

The bottom line and what to remember is if the Soldier or DAC receiving a UPA has made or intended to make a protected communication, analyze the situation before making a decision. Within your time limits test your action for **reasons** (violation of a standard or enforcing a standard), **reasonableness** (is it right and do supporting documents exist, i.e. counseling), **motive** (is the recommender the subject of the complaint?), **procedural correctness** (which does not mean absent any errors but determines if the RMO skipped steps that denied due process or recourse that would have affected processing each UPA.), **consistency with past practices** (did you do the same to other individuals in your unit under similar circumstances?), and finally the **timing** (is the UPA after a PC?).

The Warrior IG team is available to provide training on this topic to Soldiers and Leaders at your location. You can contact us at DSN 732-8767/8774.

SECOND TO NONE!

ICHEON CITY TAKES TALON WARRIORS BACK IN TIME

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Over 5000 years of documented history contribute to the rich culture the Land of the Morning Calm offers for those who venture here. With ones imagination, it is possible to revisit age old dynasties by touring temples, shrines and old palace grounds across the peninsula.

Soldiers of the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, was able to walk through the sands of time courtesy of their Republic of Korea army counterparts.

The ROK Army Aviation Operations Command took several 2nd CAB Soldiers on a tour of the city of Icheon, South Korea, Aug. 23.

The tour offered insight into the cities past. Icheon was designated as the City of Crafts and Folk Arts by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in July 2010.

To begin the tour, Soldiers were brought to the tomb of King Sejong, also known as 'Sejong the Great,' who ruled during the Joseon period. He is revered by the people of Korea for his hand in overseeing the creation of Hangul, the native phonetic alphabet of the Korean language.

One Soldier expressed his excitement and appreciation for the opportunity to learn this history hands-on.

"I actually really liked it," said Pfc. Bradley Dixon, a geospatial engineer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd CAB, and a native of Brandon, Fla. "Today's tour showed us something you only read in history books, but to see it in real life was awe-inspiring."

Soon after visiting the tomb, the group visited the Icheon Municipal Museum where they were introduced to a plethora of Korean folk culture and art. The museum offered exhibits of 1000 year old ceramic pottery, which is what some would say Icheon is most famous for.

Though the tour was meant to educate and foster good relations with U.S. Soldiers, one Korean Augmented to the United States Army Soldier assigned to 2nd CAB, who helped translate during the tour, also benefitted from it.

"Even though I'm Korean, this was my first time visiting the tomb of King Sejong the Great," said Pfc. Jung, Seung Hoon, information technology specialist with HHC, 2nd CAB and a native of Seoul, South Korea. "I've learned a lot about the king but have never been to his tomb. I also felt proud to show U.S. Soldiers around and explain my culture to them. It made me realize that I should study more Korean history, so I can better explain it to foreigners."

The overarching theme of the tour was to bridge the cultural gap between two aviation units, but the benefits of such gestures go beyond cultural

borders.

Chong Yim, a military liaison officer with 2nd CAB, helped coordinate the tour with the commander of the AAOC and explains the benefits of this cultural exchange.

"Many United States Forces Korea Soldiers are only assigned here for one or two years," said Yim. "Most of the time, they stay around their perspective bases and may not have the opportunity to explore other Korean cities. I wanted to help Soldiers see and explore for themselves the cultural aspects of Korea, so they can learn a little bit more about Korean culture today."

These two military entities often conduct combined aviation training. This tour allowed for these allies to break away from normal operations to enjoy and learn about one another.

"We have never had such activities together like today's tour and hanging out together," said 2nd Lt. Lee, GeeSu, a combined operation support officer with the ROK AAOC and a native of Seoul. "It is not related to our combined operation, but it's more like spending time and having fun. I'm sure today's tour improved the relationship between ROK and U.S. Soldiers."

With symbolic gestures and an eagerness to learn about one another, the tour experience surely added to the building blocks of a strong Alliance. Both allies train to remain ready to Fight Tonight keeping the "We Go Together" mantra alive.

SURGEON'S NOTES

STORY BY
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2ID DIVISION SURGEON

Welcome to the first edition of "Surgeon's Notes," a monthly column written by the 2nd Infantry Division surgeon, Lt. Col. Lee Burnett.

It's the beginning of Fall. Time for leaves to turn colors and for you to get your flu vaccine! In the US, over 200,000 people are hospitalized and between 5,000 - 49,000 people die each year from the flu. Yet, it's a disease that is easily prevented with the flu vaccine. Soldiers will be receiving their flu vaccine through their unit through December.

Family members can receive their flu shot at the Medical Clinic.

Did you know the US Army developed the first flu vaccine?

At the end of World War I, from 1918-1919, the Spanish flu claimed 50 million lives worldwide. At the onset of World War II, research suggested a potential flu pandemic could strike our forces again.

Knowing that if US forces were protected from the flu it would provide a combat advantage, the Surgeon General of the Army commissioned a team of physicians, including Dr. Jonas Salk, to develop the flu vaccine. After groundbreaking research and testing, the Army developed the first mass produced flu vaccine and began vaccinating all recruits in 1945.

Who gets the flu vaccine?

ALL ABOUT THE FLU VACCINE

Today there are two major types of influenza vaccines available, the "flu shot" and the "flu nasal spray." Your provider will determine which is the best option for you. Both vaccinations are very effective, and all Soldiers are required to receive either the spray or shot every year.

Pregnant females, children, and older adults are at highest risk and should always receive the vaccine. The vaccine is given to those age 6 months and up, with the nasal spray being the preferred method for children 2-8. Nasal spray vaccine can be used for all Soldiers through age 49.

It seems like I get the flu after I get the flu shot - why is that?

The flu vaccine does not cause the flu. However, it takes about two weeks for your body to develop antibodies after receiving the vaccine. So, if you are exposed to the flu before your body develops immunity, you may still get the flu.

The flu spray can cause some mild upper respiratory symptoms, which are usually no worse than a very mild cold.

In other cases, you may be exposed to a strain of flu that the flu vaccine does not protect against - I'll talk more about that in the next question.

Why do we need a new shot each year?

New strains of flu develop every year. The World Health Organization (WHO) monitors 101 countries year-round for influenza trends. Using computer models of disease spread, every February the WHO predicts which flu viruses are most likely to cause illness during the up-

coming flu season.

In the United States, the Food and Drug Administration uses WHO's information to make their decision on which viruses will be included in the season's flu vaccine. These predictions aren't always perfect, which is why some years you may still get the flu despite getting the shot.

It takes about six months to manufacture the large quantities of vaccine required for that season. Manufacturers start producing the vaccine once the FDA gives their recommendation. Vaccines usually start to arrive in September through October.

Is anyone working to create a one-time flu shot?

Multiple research centers and biotech companies are working to develop a universal vaccination that is effective against all strains of flu. Vaccines are currently in clinical trials. If proven to be both safe and effective, we may soon see a vaccine that is given only once every few years.

I have more questions, who should I speak with?

If you have more questions about the flu vaccine, please speak with your primary care provider.

If you have questions that you would like answered in a future edition, please email Lt. Col. Lee Burnett at

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DIRTY JOBS

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Efficiency in any organization depends on workers having the tools they need.

Whenever there is a war, a training event, or even during daily routines, Soldiers and commanders have to count on having the equipment they need to accomplish the mission. From whiteboards and discs to magazines, ammunition and humvees, every basic item you need is issued and accounted for from supply. The supply sergeant is responsible for ensuring Soldiers get these items.

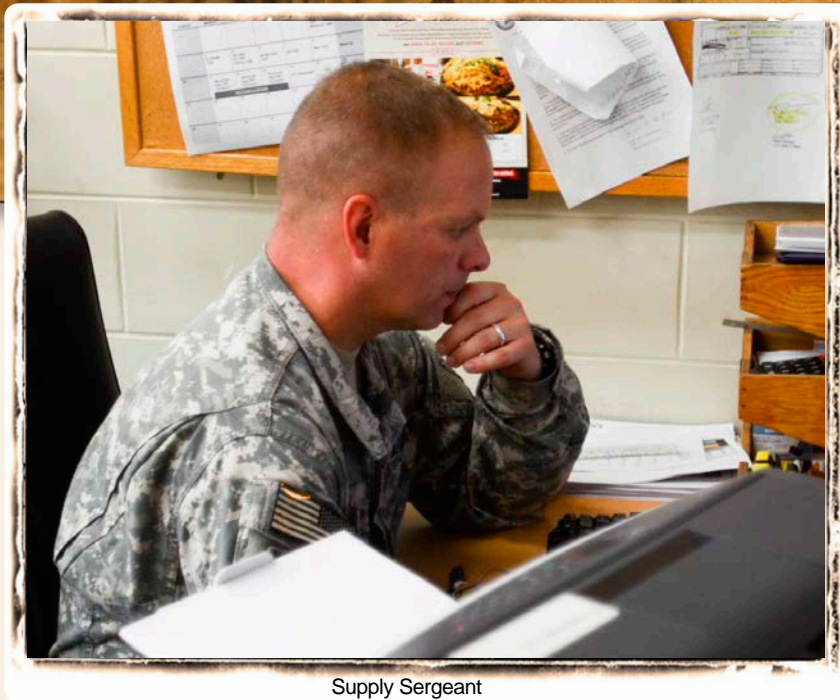
"Our job is to manage the commander's property book and make sure units get the daily unit supplies they need to operate in accomplishing the daily missions," said Staff Sgt. Scott L. Miller, a native of Statesville, N.C., and supply sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. "Those are our two main functions."

As supply sergeant, Miller is responsible for making changes to supply plans. He also teaches Soldiers the importance of the supply, so they can complete their missions.

"I like the responsibility [that comes with my job]. I like the fact that I am the head person in my office, so I am in a position to make changes," said Miller, a 14-year supply veteran. "To educate and pass that knowledge on to other people ... that's probably the biggest gratification."

Just like any other job, as a supply sergeant, work can be very stressful, especially during Change of Commands.

"That's usually the time when you find out whether or not your hand receipt holders have been doing what they've been supposed to be doing. If there are any shortcomings in the Command Supply Discipline Programming, they usually show up about that time," Miller said.



Supply Sergeant

The position also involves extensive paperwork, which can be challenging without decent organizational skills.

"You have to have or you have to develop very quickly some good organizational skills," said Miller. "If those aren't your strengths, it's probably not the job for you."

On the other hand, Miller also explains how the job can be extremely helpful once you acquire those skills. He describes the job as rewarding and the skills required for this job are also needed outside of the Army.

"If organizational skills are some of your strengths, then, it's a good job," said Miller. "It's definitely a very marketable job when you get out; because it will help you transition to the civilian world. It's just like other jobs in military. Hard work and dedication are what make it easy or hard."

My Korea, My Life

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

Units in Korea continue to build strong relationships with the citizens of the Republic of Korea. Those relationships are in part the result of the continuous effort from the Civil Affairs Soldiers.

Staff Sgt. Kevin L. Barbour, civil affairs non-commissioned officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, is about to bring the relationship with local citizens to a higher level.

"This is my first deployment to Korea in 18 years of my Army career," said Barbour. "I am excited to work with Korean civilians and build a stronger Alliance."

Barbour, a native of West Palm Beach, Fla., used to be an infantryman until he joined the 1st ABCT Civil Affairs Office. A few days after he had begun working in civil affairs, he met with local communities at a combined volunteer service for local nationals.

"I recently had an opportunity to distribute charcoal to houses around Camp Hovey and interact with the community. It was a great experience, and I would like to have more interactions with them while I am here in Korea," said Barbour.

Even though it is the first time working in civil affairs and in Korea, he sees it as a great opportunity.

"One of the positive consequences of working in civil affairs in Korea is that I earn more chances to learn and experience their culture," said Barbour.

Barbour has not had time to explore Korea much yet, so he has only been to Uijeongbu and Dongducheon. However, he is willing to go out and see all the memorials and sights. He frequently checks for tours offered by Better Opportunity for Single and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation.

"Since I work with Korean Augmentation to the United States Army now, I plan to go to go out with them," said Barbour.

Pfc. Ahn Sin-ho, one of the KATUSAs who work with Barbour says that he has always wanted to take newly assigned Soldiers to show how beautiful Korea is.

"KATUSAs spend only 19 months in their units, and in our Civil Affairs Office, we only have KATUSAs except our NCOIC (noncommissioned officer in charge) and OIC (officer in charge)," said Ahn. "I will be done with my mandatory military service before Staff Sgt. Barbour deploys to another unit."

Ahn, a native of Asan, Chungcheongbukdo, now has an opportunity to show Barbour around. He had planned some trips when Barbour first arrived. Since Barbour is Ahn's last NCOIC, Ahn is planning to keep in contact with Barbour even after he finishes his service.

Barbour already loves his fellow Soldiers, KATUSAs, Korean civilians and Korea itself. He plans to come back after he retires.

"It is probably the last deployment in Korea, but I want to come back on my own as a tourist and explore more of Korea- I love Korea," said Barbour.



Do you have a story to tell?

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



WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS



SHARP:

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

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

USFK 24/7 Sexual Assault Response Hotline DSN : 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

SCMO DUTIES:

Anyone who has business to conduct with the late SPC Justin Kyle Adams should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, CPT Bill Truett, at DSN 730-5052, cell 010-8552-6586, or email at william.g.truett.mil@mail.mil

LEGAL UPDATE:

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 SEPARATION:

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 conviction for a sex offense occurred and regardless of component of membership and current status in that component.

For more information, visit http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/pdf/ad2012_24.pdf

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://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/pdf/ad2013_17.pdf

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

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

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

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.

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 to increase cross-cultural awareness.

Contact Master Sgt. Chaelie Carrasco at 732-6549.

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WARRIOR JUSTICE



2nd INFANTRY DIVISION SOLDIER MISCONDUCT



In March of 2014, a SFC called one of his subordinate SGTs after he had consumed several alcohol drinks. The SFC talked for about two hours with much of the conversation involving inappropriate topics, such as sexual intercourse and "sleeping your way to the top." The SGT informed her chain of command and a 15-6 investigation was initiated. The allegations against the SFC were founded by the investigation. On 17 June 2014, the CG initiated a General Officer Article 15 and a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand against the SFC. On 18 August 2014, the CG found the SFC guilty of violating Article 134 of the UCMJ, for conducting himself in a manner prejudicial to good order and discipline and discrediting to the Armed Forces. The SFC was sentenced to forfeiture of \$2,161.00 pay per month for 2 months (suspended) and restriction for 45 days. The GOMOR was later filed in the SFC's permanent Army Human Resource Record.

Between June and August of 2013, a CPT sent several instant messages to a female SPC in his section. Many of the messages were sexual in nature and made the SPC very uncomfortable. Eventually, the SPC filed a sexual harassment complaint against the CPT, which was subsequently founded by a 15-6 investigation. On 20 May 2014, the CG initiated an Article 15 against the CPT. At a hearing on 11 August 2014, the CG found the CPT guilty of violating Army Regulation 600-20, Command Policy, and fraternizing with an enlisted Soldier. The CPT was sentenced to forfeiture of \$3,151.00 pay, restriction for

30 days, and received a punitive written reprimand.

In April of 2014, a SFC was socializing with a few junior enlisted Soldiers in "the Ville." After consuming several alcoholic drinks together, one of the Soldiers returned to the SFC's room with him, where they engaged in sexual intercourse. A 15-6 Investigation confirmed that the SFC had engaged in a prohibited relationship with the Soldier. On 11 August 2014, the CG found the SFC guilty at an Article 15 hearing. The SFC was sentenced to forfeiture of \$2,042.00 pay per month for 2 months (suspended) and received a punitive written reprimand.

On or about 24 May 2014, a 1LT decided to leave Area 1 and visit friends in Seoul. The 1LT decided to stay overnight at a friend's house, although he did not have a pass authorizing him to do so. The same night, the 1LT's Company Commander attempted to contact the 1LT as part of a company-wide accountability check and discovered that the 1LT was not in his assigned room after curfew hours. On 29 June 2014, the CG issued a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand to the 1LT for violating 2d Infantry Division Policy Letter #10-1 - Curfew, Pass, and Leave. The GOMOR was later filed in the 1LT's permanent Army Military Human Resource Record.

On 4 May 2014 at 0213, a CW2 was identified by the Korean National Police as a person possibly subject to the USFK curfew policy. When the KNP officer asked the CW2 for identification, the CW2 failed to identify as a Soldier, showing them only a stateside driver's license. Military Police arrived and took the CW2's driver's license to check it in DBIDS. As the Military Police Officer began walking away, the CW2 attempted to take the driver's license back and flee the scene. In the process, he grabbed the Military Police Officer's arm. The CW2 was arrested immediately. On 18 June 2014, the CG issued the CW2 a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand, which was later filed in the CW2's permanent Army Military Human Resource Record.