



Year in Review
2021



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Unit Mission

Headquartered in Daegu, Republic of Korea, the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command is the largest forward-deployed multi-component ESC in the U.S. Army. 19th ESC provides Operational Sustainment and Mission Command of sustainment operations for 8th U.S. Army. On order, 19th ESC executes Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations (NEO), Combined/Joint Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration (RSO&I), provides support to Joint Forces and is prepared to provide mutual support to coalition forces.

The 19th ESC commander serves as the Senior Army Officer stationed in Area IV, which is the southern hub for sustainment and power projection on the peninsula. The ESC consists of approximately 5,600 assigned personnel spread across the Korean theater of operations. Collectively, the 19th ESC comprises a team of professionals to support all U.S. troops stationed in the Republic of Korea.

By working with multiple strategic partners, the 19th ESC integrates and synchronizes strategic sustainment capabilities with operational and tactical requirements throughout the peninsula. These partners include the Army Materiel Command's 403rd Army Field Support Brigade, the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command's 837th Transportation Battalion, the Defense Contract Management Agency-Korea, the 411th Contracting Support Brigade, the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea, DLA Energy, and DLA Distribution.

Another unique and critical part of the 19th ESC mission is the combined nature of all of its operations in Korea. By closely working with ROK Army counterparts, to include the ROK 2nd Operational Command, the ROK Transportation Command, and the ROK Logistics Command, the 19th ESC builds on the strong alliance between the United States and the ROK to improve effectiveness and efficiency in sustaining units throughout the Korean theater of operations.

In conjunction with its partners, 19th ESC manages the southern hub, which is the sustainment and power projection backbone for the peninsula. It works closely with the U.S. Army Garrison Daegu to improve installation capabilities and services that enable the sustainment mission and improve quality of life for Soldiers, civilians, and families who live in the area.

Additionally, the ESC's outreach efforts through community relations programs such as the Korean American Friendship Circle and the USFK Good Neighbor Program, combined with continued relationships with local governments, help promote partnerships and cultural understanding between 19th ESC and the surrounding communities.



19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command FY22 Campaign Plan



United States Forces Korea
The premier Jointforce – Wellled, disciplined, trained and ready to Fight Tonight and win. USFK Team Members earn the trust of the citizens of the Republic of Korea and the United States with their words and actions.



8th Army
Supports United Nations Command (UNC)/Combined Forces Command (CFC)/United States Forces Korea (USFK) efforts to deter North Korean (nK) aggression. On order, Eighth Army conducts Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) and Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration (RSOI) to set conditions for offensive operations.



8th Theater Sustainment Command
Provides mission command for Army/Joint Operational-level sustainment within the USINDOPACOM AOR and integrates and synchronizes strategic sustainment capabilities in support of Joint All-Domain Operations.



LOE

OBJECTIVES

1 PEOPLE
THIS IS OUR FAMILY

- Develop people of character
- Reinforce programs strengthening safety, diversity, dignity and respect
- Acculturate the force through sponsorship, reception, and integration
- Improve "Assignment of Choice" quality of life and community outreach
- Implement "Shape the Fight" force structure enhancements

2 READINESS
THIS IS OUR MISSION

- Integrate and build trust with our joint strategic partners
- Trained and Ready to Fight Tonight
- Innovate and optimize sustainment enterprise across the Korean Peninsula
- Prepared and trained for Public Health Emergency/Pandemic response

3 INTEROPERABILITY
THIS IS OUR TEAM

- Demonstrate interoperability in combined operations across human, technical, and procedural domains
- Improve and protect our Alliance
- Build cooperative partnerships (Government, Military, and Civilian)
- Utilize systems methodology to advance joint and combined initiatives

END STATE

Delivering sustainment in support of 8th Army's Operational Reach, Freedom of Action, and Prolonged Endurance

EVERY SOLDIER COUNTS

MISSION

19th ESC conducts Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO), Reception, Staging, Onward Movement (RSO), policing, Korean Service Corps (KSC) mobilization, and supports 8th Army sustainment in the Korean Theater IOT ensure the readiness of assigned units to Fight Tonight.

VISION

Team 19 is 8th Army's Sustainment Command, a trusted team of Army professionals in which Every Soldier Counts, ready to sustain the fight tonight, strengthen the ROK-US Alliance through effective interoperability, and win.

"Team 19.... Winning the Fight Tonight!"

As of 23 December 2021



* 19th ESC provides operational sustainment Theater

Mission Command for support to 8th Army

* Executes joint distribution and Army Executive

Agent logistics support for USFK

* Executes CJ/RSO operations



o MSC-K fills Role of

Theater Sustainment Brigade

o Korean Service Corps (KSC)

Integrator for Mobilization

o Indo-Pacific Theater Industrial Base

o Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations Execution

o 94MP provides law enforcement support to USAG-Y/C.

USAG-H, USAG-D

o Theater-wide Military Working Dog (MWD) support

o Confinement support for US Forces Korea

o USAG-Daegu provides 19th ESC / Area IV with

installation capabilities and services to support decisive action and a quality of life for Soldiers, Civilians, and their Families

WHO WE ARE

Team 19 by the Numbers

EVERY SOLDIER COUNTS

PEOPLE
THIS IS OUR FAMILY

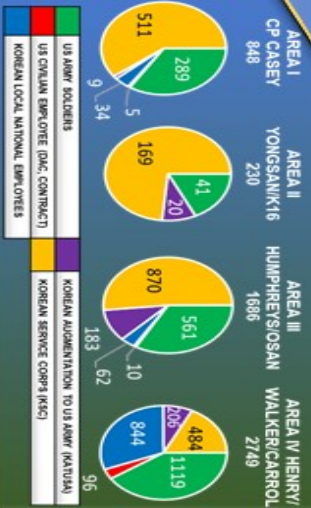
READINESS
THIS IS OUR MISSION

INTEROPERABILITY
THIS IS OUR TEAM

TEAM 19 WORKFORCE
COMBINED STRENGTH
THROUGH DIVERSITY



DEMOGRAPHICS



Korean and American Friendship Circle (KAFC)

- * Kyungpook National University
- * Yeungnam University College
- * Yeungnam University
- * Daegu University
- * Keimyung University
- * Catholic University of Daegu
- * Keimyung College
- * Yeungjin College
- * Gyeongbuk Province
- * City of Daegu
- * County of Chilgok
- * City of Busan
- * Korean National Police

Good Neighbor Program

- * Community Relations (COMREL)
- * Korean Cultural Awareness
- * Korean Army Academy at Yeongcheon
- * Cadet Officer Leadership Development Program
- * Access to Senior Army Officer Mentorship

Material Enterprise
Army Materiel
Command, Defense
Logistics Agency
Stockpile path

Current Focus:
* Setting Logistics Conditions
* Leveraging Strategic Endures
* Mission Command
* Optimizing Relationships
* Combined Support Development Concepts
* USFK/USARPAC/USC Integrated Planning
* Joint Operational Planning with ASOS

OPTEMPO

- * Combined Command Post Training
- * 8AUSFK ROC Drills
- * Korean Rotational Forces
- * Eighth Army Annual Training
- * Warfighter
- * Army Prepositioned Stocks
- * Operational Project Stocks
- * Combined Tactical Discussion
- * Guidance Big 4: Physical Readiness
- * Training, Marksmanship, Tactical Combat
- * Casualty Care, Fire and Movement
- * Courageous Channel/Freedom Passage



OVER 70 YEARS

STRENGTHENING

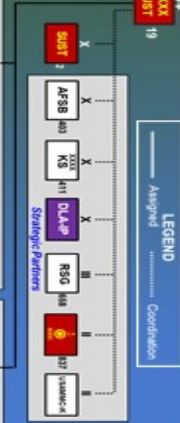
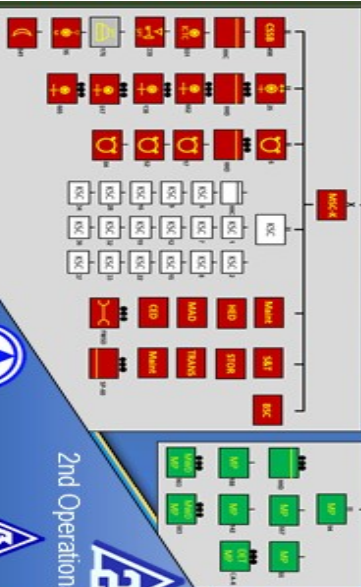
THE ALLIANCE



2nd Operational Command



Team 19.... Winning the "Fight Tonight!" since 1964



Unit History

The 19th General Support Command was activated in Seoul, Republic of Korea, July 15, 1964.

In 1972 the 19th General Support Command was relocated to Daegu as a part of the consolidation of Eighth Army Support and Depot Commands. The 19th remained part of the U.S. Army Korea Support Command until that command was dissolved. The 19th then merged with the 23rd Support Group to form the 19th Support Brigade (Provisional).

In November 1974, the 19th became a non-divisional brigade.

In March 1977, the 19th was designated as the 19th Support Command.

On February 14th, 1994, the 19th Support Command was re-designated the 19th Theater Army Area Command, headquartered in Daegu.

On June 16th, 2000, the unit was re-designated the 19th Theater Support Command (Provisional). On December 16th, 2005 the unit was re-designated as the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command



The 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command's shoulder insignia features the outlined shape of the Rose of Sharon, the insignia is bordered in yellow and has a divided background of red and blue, taken from the central symbol of the Republic of Korea's flag. The insignia is proudly worn on the sleeves of all 19ESC Soldiers from the sea to the DMZ.

The 19ESC crest is set in gold. The blue and red colors symbolize support, while the keystone arch, from the Independence Gate in Seoul, signify the unit's activation and service in Korea. The blue contiguous stars denote the unit's organization under the COSTAR concept and the command and territorial controls in the assigned areas. The single flower, the Rose of Sharon and nine segments of the arch denote the command's numerical designation.



Team 19



Command Team



BG Steven L. Allen
Commanding General

Brig. Gen. Steven L. Allen assumed command of the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command June 9, 2020. He enlisted in the United States Army Reserve in 1984 while attending school and later earned his commission as an Infantry Officer. Brigadier General Allen graduated from the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Industrial Technology. He earned a Master's of Science Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University, a Masters of Business Administration Degree from the Florida Institute of Technology and a Masters of Strategic Studies Degree from the United States Army War College. Brig. Gen. Allen is married to Mrs. Janelle Soli Allen and has two children and two grandchildren



Command Sgt. Maj. Chad M. Peters is a native of Apple Valley, California. His most recent position was as CSM of 401st Army Field Support Brigade (AMC), Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. He has also served as the CSM for 528th Sustainment Brigade (Special Operations) (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina, CSM and Observer - Controller/Trainer for 1st Battalion, 351st Regiment, Brigade Support Battalion (Training Support), Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, and CSM for 82nd Brigade Support Battalion (Airborne), Fort Bragg. Command Sgt. Maj. Peters holds a Master's degree in Business Administration with concentration in entrepreneurship from American Military University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of Maryland Global Campus. CSM Peters is married to Mrs. Lana Peters and has three children.



CSM Chad M. Peters
Command Sergeant Major

19ESC Leadership



Col. Fred Dela Cruz, Chief of Staff; Brig. Gen. Steven Allen, Commanding General; Command Sgt. Maj. Chad Peters, Command Sergeant Major; Col. John "Chris" Brookie, Deputy Commander; Col. Bae, Jong Hwa, Deputy Commander-Republic of Korea Army



19ESC Leadership



Col. John "Chris" Brookie, Deputy Commander

Col. Brookie was born in Ware Shoals, South Carolina and Enlisted in the Army as a CH-47 Crew Chief/Mechanic in 1985. He was commissioned as a 2LT in the Quartermaster Corps in 1992 through the Army's Green to Gold Scholarship Program. Col. Brookie holds a Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, a Master's of Science in Logistics Management from the Florida Institute of Technology, and a Master's of Science in National Defense & Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower School.

Col. Fred Dela Cruz, Chief of Staff

Col. Dela Cruz graduated from Boston University and earned his commission through Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA in 1993. Col. Dela Cruz holds a Master of Business Administration from Campbell University. Col. Dela Cruz has multiple deployments to Afghanistan and worked with various Joint and Coalition partners. His military education includes the Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course, at Fort Lee, Virginia; the Command and General Staff College, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and as an Army War College Fellow at the Fletcher School, Tuft University.



Col. Johngwha Bae, Deputy Commander-ROK Army

Col. Jonghwa Bae assumed duties as the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command Deputy Commanding Officer-Republic of Korea (DCO-R) January 4, 2021. As a key part of 19th ESC strategic partnership with the Republic of Korea Army, Colonel Bae fulfills an important role in helping to plan combined training and operations between the Republic of Korea Army and the United States Army. Colonel Bae previously served as the DCO-R from January 2019 to June 2020 before he was called up to serve as a Deputy of Training & Education Division in the Second Operational Command from June 2020 to December 2020.

HHC



It has truly been an honor to be a part of the 19th ESC Team. We hope everyone has had a wonderful year and we look forward to what the next brings us!

Every Soldier Counts!
- Eagle 6

G1



LTC Yolanda Nieto
ACoS G1



SGM Christopher Rivers
G1 SGM

Like many others, the 19ESC G1 had to adapt to and overcome the challenges presented by COVID-19. It was a tempestuous but rewarding year for the G1. These challenges brought out the finest in our Soldiers and ultimately made each G1 Soldier a more proficient Human Resources Professional.

The G1 trained for and participated in several key exercises to include CCPT 21-02, CCPT 21-02, CPX3, War Fighter 22-01 and provided personnel accountability and strength reporting for Korea Rotational Forces (KRF) #10. Key personnel completed the IPPS-A T3 training in early September. Our Strength Team successfully executed two AIM2 Cycles for over 200 positions. The Essential Personnel Services section processed over 1,700 awards and 1,200 numerous actions to close out the year.

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Every Soldier Counts!
--LTC Nieto and SGM Rivers

Our Team

LTC Nieto – ACoS G1
 SGM Rivers – G1 SGM
 CW2 Porter – EPS OIC
 WO1 Bollinger – Strength OIC
 WO1 Piunti – PLOPS OIC
 SSG Sigrablunt – 19ESC LNO
 SGT Suero – EPS NCOIC
 SGT Schneider – EPS NCOIC
 SGT Billini – 19ESC LNO
 CPL Park – PLOPS KATUSA
 CPL Hernandez – EPS NCO
 CPL Zahm – Strength NCO
 SPC Webb – EPS SPC
 SPC Britt – EPS SPC
 PFC Harrison – PLOPS SPC
 PFC Wise – Strength
 PFC Kim – EPS
 Ms. Yun – Admin Specialist
 PV2 Raymond – PLOPS SPC

MAJ Little – Deputy G1
 CPT Lee – PLOPS OIC
 CPT Gonzalez – EPS OIC
 SGM Witter – G1 SGM
 SFC Kopatz – Strength NCOIC
 SSG Newsome – 19ESC LNO
 SGT Couch – Strength NCOIC
 SGT Etienne – PLOPS NCO
 SGT Watts – 19ESC LNO
 SGT Lim – EPS NCO
 CPL Thompson – EPS NCOIC
 CPL Sim – EPS NCO
 SPC Gonzalez – EPS
 SPC Roland – Strength
 SPC Griffin – Strength
 SPC Jimenez – EPS
 PV2 Waley – Strength



In the G1, we make it a priority to support each other and make everyone feel included.



The G1 Team is motivated and determined. We strive everyday to be better than the day before!

We celebrate the G1 birthdays and make a point to make everyone feel that they are important.





The G1 regularly hiked many of the scenic locations around Daegu.



The G1 participated in several intramural team sports. Pictured above is PFC Britt celebrating the Army's win over Navy during the annual Area IV Army v. Navy Football game.



The G1 participated in many team bonding events. These events strengthened the rapport within the G1 section.



G2



LTC Jun Y. Yi
ACoS G2



SSG Reinaldo Morales
G2 NCOIC

Team 19,

This year, we welcomed an entire new team of Intelligence Professionals to the 19ESC G2 Directorate. We are proud of the opportunity to serve with our fellow Soldiers, Civilians, and Alliance Partners in support of the 19ESC mission and look forward to strengthening our growing alliance in the Republic of Korea.

The G2 Team remains committed to the mission, supporting the RSO of Korea Rotational Forces, Combined Command Post Training, and Warfighter 2021. Additionally, we stand ready to provide critical Intelligence Support for both Armistice and Contingency operations

We are excited to be members of our military profession and to serve in our great organization. Lastly, we extend our appreciation and praise for the 19ESC Team and their performance during these challenging times.

LTC Yi and SSG Morales

Our Team

LTC Jun Yi – G2 OIC
 MAJ Bjorn Quiroga – Deputy G2
 CW3 Robert Carle – Intel Chief
 Mr. Oscar Guzman – Special Security Officer
 SSG Reinaldo Morales – G2 NCOIC
 SGT Hunter Crawford – Senior Intelligence Specialist
 SGT Brian Campbell – PERSEC NCOIC
 PFC Daniel Hernandez – System Maintainer
 PFC Aaron Kim – System Maintainer
 Departed: LTC Brent Griffith



SSG Morales teaches the new Entry Control Point (ECP) procedures to Team 19 Soldiers.

PFC Kim gets some valuable training guidance from SFC Suero, while firing the M240 SAW for the first time.

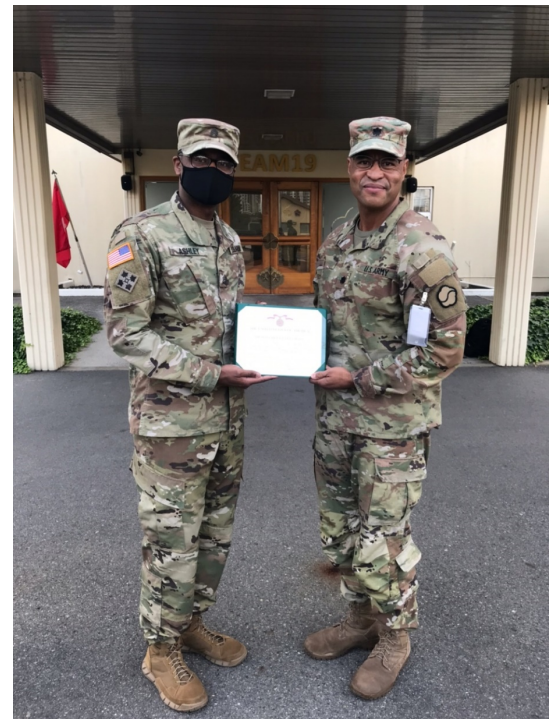


MAJ Quiroga, SSG Morales, and PFC Kim conduct CS Gas Chamber Training at Camp Carrol



LTC Yi and 19ESC KATUSAs wishes Farewell to SGT Kim, Hyojin following his successful 14 months support to G2

Team 19 G2 bid farewell to two very talented individuals, SSG Ashley and SPC Brown.





Lead by Mr. Guzman, 19th ESC SSO, HHC prepares out-of-compliance safes for turn in.

Members from across Team 19 G2, G3, G4, G9 ,and USAG-D PMO, ATO and SSO attend Security Engineering Planning Assistance (SEPA) Training Course provided by NAVFAC



Team 19 G2 are seen being good ambassadors and engaging the local populace.

G3



COL Frazariel I. Castro
ACoS G3



SGM Gina R. Aceves
G3 OPS SGM

19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC) G3 had an eventful 2021 as they continued to plan and synchronize operations across the 19ESC, joint partners, and Republic of Korea Army (ROK-A) partners across the Peninsula. The team's decisive operations focused on numerous ROC Drills and training exercises from CCPT, Warfighter, Korea Rotational Force, Combined Distribution Training, and RSO operations to support subordinate commands and strategic partners and to prepare to take a fight tonight posture.

We continued to battle track and execute coronavirus vaccination and booster vaccine rodeos that included our Area IV partner units, along with conducting courageous channel non evacuate operations training in efforts to protect the force and enhance readiness.

Lastly, the team implemented a successful 'This is my Barracks' initiative to increase the number of positive interactions among the Team 19 family living in the barracks and quarters as our way of putting people first. All efforts enable us to continue to build interoperability with our ROK Alliance and strategic partners throughout.

Team 19!
COL Castro and SGM Aceves

G4



MAJ Frederick Dequina
G4, OIC



MSG Chukwuma Okochi
G4, NCOIC

2021 has proven to be a very busy year for the 19ESC G4 Team, and the pace did not relent till the very end.

Internally, we exercised, and refined, internal staff processes through the participation in three key unit exercises – Combined Command Post Training (CCPT), Command Post Exercise (CPX) and the culminating event: Warfighter. This provided us the opportunity to review and update our internal standard operating procedures (SOP) as well as higher-level plans which needed attention. We also found time to reflect on some internal issues with maintenance, property book, and food service operations which led to multiple operations orders being drafted, or coaxed us into revising current procedures to correct any future occurrences and maintain an overall high readiness for 19ESC in order to be ready to “Fight Tonight”.

Outside of the section, we were engaged in a multitude of initiatives: we supported two command inspections for our subordinate units (MSC-K and 94th MP), coordinated the lateral transfer of (93) M1165s from 2ID, executed furniture replacement for multiple 19ESC sections worth over \$240K, negotiated with the Department of Public Works (DPW) to replace the aging headquarter building HVAC system. And that’s just the last six months. I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the FY21 Department of the Army-level winners within the 19ESC for maintenance and supply excellence that the G4 Team assisted.

With all that said, the 19ESC G4 team looks forward to the next round of challenges 2022 will bring.

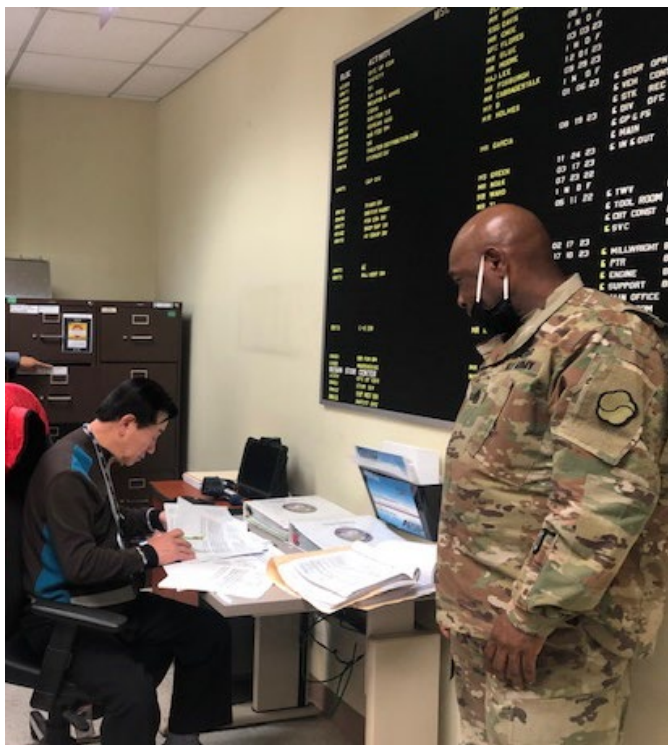
“Get ‘er done!”

Major Frederick Dequina and MSG Okochi

19th ESC On-site Inspections



G4 Maintenance AAME Team Conducted 19ESC AAME on-site evaluation for 7th Korean Service Corps Company, Camp Casey -17 Jun 2021



Mr. Yu and MSG Okochi, conducting a follow-up Command Inspection (CI) on MSCK.



The G4, Property Book Office Support Branch, CW2 Sosa conducting BII layouts in preparation for M1165 divestiture.

Recognition



KATUSA Sergeant Yu and Sergeant Jang
Farewell Party, 29 January 2021.



CW2 Sosa (G4, Property Book Officer)
Promotion Ceremony



BG Allen promoting CW4 Cook (G4,
Maintenance Officer)

Team Building



(Left to Right, Front Row: SFC Thao, Mr. Pae, MAJ Dequina, MSG Okochi, SFC Leake, Ms. Hong)
(Left to Right , Back Row: PFC Kim, Mr. Kwon, Mr. Yu, CW4 Cook, CPT Oh, CW2 Welch)



Team Building event. Christmas Pot Luck and a competitive friendly game of Bowling

G5 Plans



MAJ Jason Palatas
ACoS G5 Plans



SFC Felix Padilla
G5 Plans NCOIC

The 19 ESC G5 proposes strategies, plans, and program recommendations to the Commander to support the mission and deliver readiness to assigned units. The G5 strives to present a transparent, collaborative, networked, and creative team of professionals who provide the staff proactive and relevant products and recommendations.

Leading the G5 Team has been one of the most exciting and challenging opportunities of my career! We formed a cohesive team out of members from multiple staff sections and new arrivals. We will continue to build and shape this new staff section and provide value added expertise to the 19 ESC.

We are looking forward to the future!

Our Team

MAJ Jason Palatas – Assistant Chief of Staff, G5 Plans
 SFC Felix Padilla – NCOIC, G5 Plans
 MAJ Mark Witte – Chief, Force Management
 MAJ Christopher (Chuck) Smith – Lead Planner (OPLAN)
 CPT Shelby Mueller – G5 Planner
 SFC Kurt Richter – G5 Planner
 Mr. Robert Geonetta – Force Integrator
 Mr. Ernesto Alcivar – Management Analyst
 Mr. William (Will) Lenington – G5 Planner

Honorable Mention:

Mr. Mark Chapman – Transformation



8th Army G-5 Visit

On 17 September 2021, 8 Army G-5 conducted a Battle Field Circulation to Camp Henry for a meet and greet with the 19 ESC G5 staff. The 19 ESC recently added a new G-5 Plans Section to the Headquarters. The 8 Army G-5 provided mentorship and best practices for staff processes, procedures and long range planning concepts. The visit enhanced staff relations and mentorship discussions that developed a better understanding of long range planning processes and future projects.

Small Arms Fielding

From 1 May to 10 June 2021, the 19ESC Force Management team executed a peninsula wide fielding of the XM17 pistol which replaces the M9 pistol.



XM17 Pistol



**Modular
Handgun Holster
Tactical (MHHT)**

The XM17 Modular Handgun System (MHS) provides increased lethality, accuracy, a high degree of parts commonality, and an improved ergonomic design. The MHS enables the Warfighters to accomplish various missions with a higher degree of lethality and accuracy.



19ESC FM conducted New Equipment Fielding and Training for units across the Korean Peninsula.

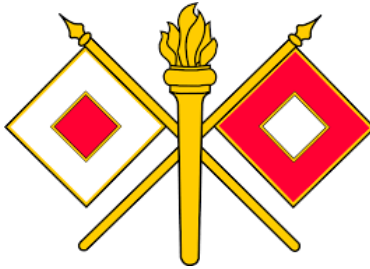
- XM17 Pistols
- Holsters
- Ammo Pouches
- Pistols Magazines
- XM17 Grip Kits

65th Medical BDE conducts bare metal serial number inventories during Small Arms Fielding

G6



LTC Jeremy J. Fox
ACoS G6



SGM Azsellia D. Brown
G6 SGM

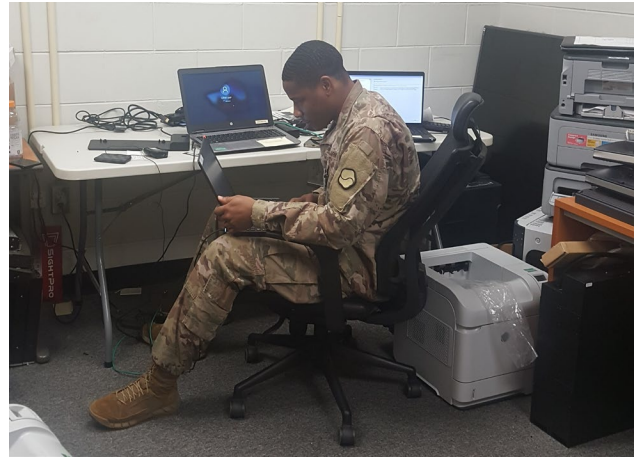


Mr. Beck, Ms. So, SSG Hicks, SGT Kim, PFC Sistrunk, CPT Hong, SPC Bloksberg, CPL Duarte, PFC Givens, SPC Godwin, LTC Fox, Ms. Chong, SFC Metcalf, SGT Garcia, PFC Kilmer, Mr. Verheyen, PFC Ayapantecatli, PFC Campbell, CW2 Scott, SPC Gribbin, SGT Wallace, SPC Campbell, CPL Foster, SGT Danjoint, PFC Figueroa, SPC Erts, Mr. Cooley, CW3 Monteer

TEAM 19 Communicators



SPC Arrieta, SGM Thomas, SSG Singleton, SSG Hicks, CPL Duarte, PFC Campbell, SPC Godwin, SPC Campbell, PFC Manuel



SGT Danjoint, IT Specialist
reimages customer's computer in
preparation for WFX 22-2



PFC Sistrunk directs teammates during
Soldiers Time Training w/ CPL Park,
PFC Campbell, PFC Figueroa, and
SPC Erts



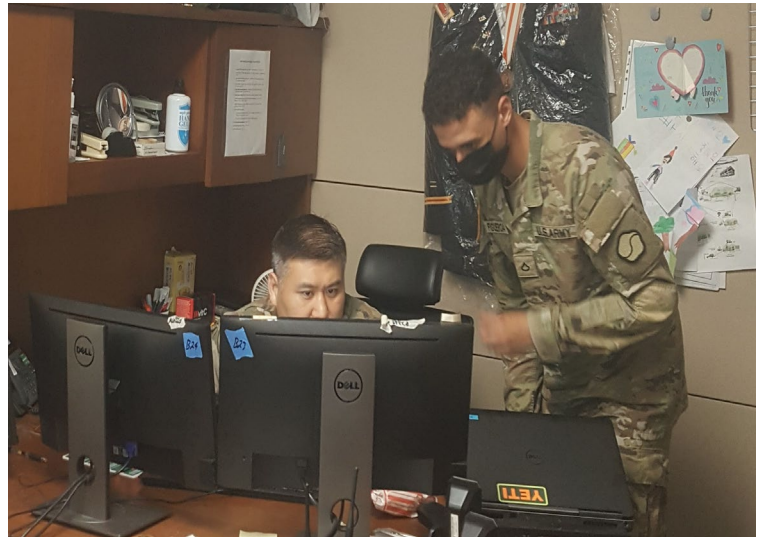
PFC Campbell and SPC Bloksberg
assemble the feed cone on the COVN-K



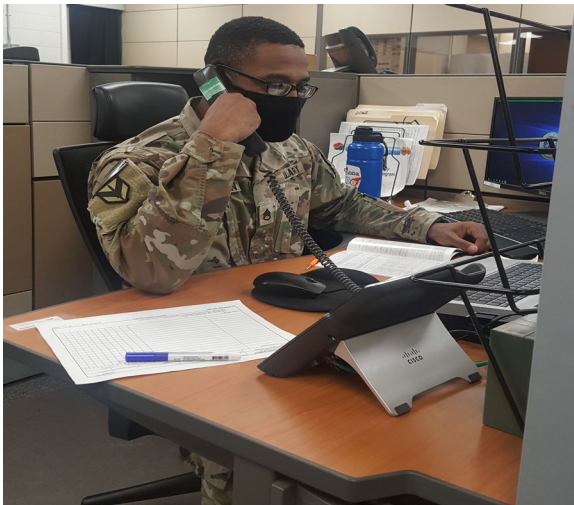
CW2 Scott is the lead planner for A365 migration



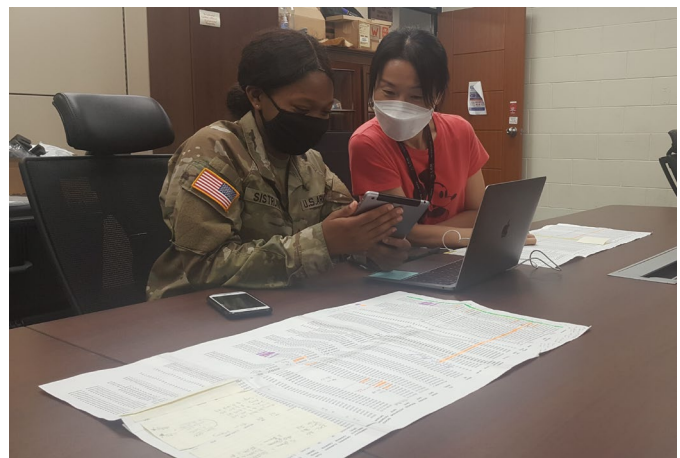
SPC Brown and SPC Grant setting up the COVN-K



CW3 Han teaches PFC Figueroa the finer points of network configuration



SSG Singleton conducts assessments of the Network Defense program



Ms. So and PFC Sistrunk oversee the Telephone Control Program

Year in Review Highlights: 2021/2022

- ❖ Command Cyber Readiness Inspection
- ❖ Command Post 19 Renovation
- ❖ CCPT 21-2, Warpath/CPX3, Warfighter 22-2
- ❖ Army 365 Migration
- ❖ Lifecycle Replacement Program
- ❖ Communications Planning Architecture & Engineering Conference
- ❖ File Server Migration
- ❖ Enterprise Classified Voice Over Internet Protocol
- ❖ ESC Transformation
- ❖ COVN-K / Trident Cable Training



Wishing a fond farewell...

LTC Catindig, SGM Thomas, Mr. Beck, CW3 Monteer, CPT Hong, SSG Hicks, SGT Wallace, CPL Duarto, SPC Grant, SPC Gribbin, SPC Campbell, SPC Erts, SPC Arrieta, SPC Brown, SPC Grant, and PFC Mobley

...you will be missed!

G9



MAJ Gabriel Bowns
ACoS G9



SSG Jihoon Kim
G9 NCOIC

19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC) G9 had an eventful 2021, despite COVID-19 restrictions across the Peninsula and Republic of Korea (ROK) formations. We continue to enhance the development of the interoperability program in the human, procedural, and technical domains through GO-level and staff-level engagements with our strategic ROK Army (ROKA) partners. In particular, we made significant progress with 2OC HQ and subordinate Regional Defense Divisions especially with communications equipment.

In the Human Domain, G9 facilitated engagements with ROKA TRADOC units such as Army Consolidated Logistics School, ROKA Signal School, and the Korean Army Academy at Yeongcheon by providing ROKA junior officers and cadets an overview of 19ESC's logistical capabilities, lectures, demonstrations, and tours of logistical facilities.

G9 continues focus on MIL-to-MIL relationships by attending combined airborne operations and facilitating combined GO-level golf events. It's been an honor working with the 19ESC and Korean partners in service to the Alliance.

Secure the Victory!
MAJ Bowns and SSG Kim



G9's SSG Kim conducted a Combined Friendship Airborne Operation with ROK Special Warfare School and SOC KOR on 15APR21 in order to build relationships with ROKA and Special Operations counterparts.



GEN Kim, Jeong Su (2OC CG) visited Camp Carroll on 04FEB21 to receive an overview of MSC-K's HED and 403rd AFSB's APS-4 capabilities.



G9 facilitated a visit between BG Allen and ROK CSA GEN Nam, Yeong Shin on 19AUG21 at Camp Carroll's APS-4 because the CSA wants to improve maintenance and storage operations with ROKA.



In March 2021, 19th ESC and the ROK Army Signal School (BG Jeong, Moon-Hwang) conducted a brief and class of interoperability communication equipment to ROKA Signal School students and staff officers to discuss the improvement of ROK-US command communication system for successful support during RSO operations, and introduction of new linkage equipment. By August 2021, 19th ESC and 39th RDD conducted their first ever classified video-teleconference.



19th ESC coordinated a Commander's Cup Golf Tournament with 2OC and 5th LSC in order to enhance partnership relationships.



Team 19 G9 celebrates the end of a good day of fishing in Pohang as part of a Warrior Adventure Quest event on 10JUN21 with 19th ESC's PAO and Surgeon Cell.

DMC



COL Gary Whittacre
SPO



SGM Teneka Stephens
DMC SGM

The 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC) Distribution Management Center successfully executed a wide variety of complex mission to support our theater logistics mission in 2021. Key events in 2021 included the successful completion of numerous training activities to included two Combined Command Post Training (CCPT), the Combined Distribution Training (CDT) executing Joint Logistics Over the Shore (JLOTS) operations and a Warfighter exercise.

DMC also supported Korea Rotational Force 10 bringing combat power to the peninsula. DMC completed the Area Distribution Center (ADC) Site Validation enabling shared understanding between USFK, 8A, and other entities. Additionally, DMC invested in our own growth by completing a series of Officer and NCO Leader Professional Development (LPD) opportunities.

Finally, the DMC completed transformation and modernization efforts in our wartime locations. DMC will continue to support the theater logistics efforts across the Korean Theater of Operations.

Team 19!
COL Whittacre and SGM Stephens

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate



LTC Christopher Waite
Staff Judge Advocate



SFC Brian Browne
SJA NCOIC

Current Team Members:

LTC Christopher C. Waite – Staff Judge Advocate
SFC Brian Browne – Chief Paralegal NCO
Mr. Alfred G. Gonyer – Legal Admin/Senior Civilian
CPT Kristhea N. Miranda – Military Justice Advisor
CPT Jonathan Trotter – Chief, Administrative Law
SSG Ki. H. Kim – NCOIC, SFLS
SSG Nathaniel E. Thibodeaux – NCOIC, MJ
SSG Nicholas E. Piper – NCOIC, NSL
SPC Austin G. Combs – MJ Paralegal
SPC Alessa I. Cook – Ad Law Paralegal
SPC(P) Samsu H. Limbu – MJ Paralegal
SPC Hector I. Mercado, Jr. – Ad Law Paralegal
SPC Alexander J. Smith – Ad Law Paralegal
PFC Frank J. Acevedo – MJ Paralegal
PFC Brandon C. Dorsey – MJ Paralegal
PFC Christoffer T. Hotvedt – MJ Paralegal
PFC Richard A. Tiani – MJ Paralegal
Mr. Chang Ho Kang – SOFA Liaison
Ms. Mi Yon Kim – Post-Trial Paralegal/VWL
Ms. Yong Hui So – Investigator

MISSION: Provide principled counsel and premier legal services as committed members and leaders in the legal and Army professions, in support of ready, globally responsive, and regionally engaged Army.

Transitioned Team Members:

LTC Carol A. Brewer – Staff Judge Advocate
MAJ Victoria L. Camire – Deputy
CPT Brennan A. Vazquez – MJ Advisor
CPT Jacob R. Zent – Chief, NSL/SVC
SFC Antonio D. Ragland – Chief Paralegal
SFC Harry GarciaMaldonado – Chief Paralegal
SPC Tyler R. Cole-Hobbs – MJ Paralegal
SPC Erica R. Rohach – MJ Paralegal
PFC Nallely A. Acosta-Martinez – MJ Paralegal
PFC Daija N. Gillam – MJ Paralegal
PFC Ana M. Guerrero-Cruz – MJ Paralegal
PFC Zachary J. Moctezuma – MJ Paralegal
Mrs. Sara Valencia – Legal Assistant
8A Daegu Legal Center Team Members:
Mr. Brandon H. Iriye – Attorney/Adviser (Labor)
Mrs. Emma M. Aquino – Legal Assistant

Accomplishments, Awards, and Promotions

Over the past year, our Military Justice (MJ) team processed five general courts-martial; one board of inquiry; two administrative separation boards; and over 400 actions including Article 15s, reprimands, letters of concern, misconduct transmittals, pre-trial confinement, Article 32 preliminary hearings, and probable cause determinations. Our Administrative Law (Ad Law) team processed over 1,400 actions including ethics, gift, fundraising, private organization, and policy memoranda reviews; search authorization requests; investigation legal reviews and investigating officer in-briefs; labor and employment law; and contract and fiscal law. Our National Security Law (NSL) team participated in two combined exercises, served as SOFA Trial Observers, and consulted on over 250 various actions including LOAC/ROE trainings, working groups, RFIs, SREL staff-section training, ROC drills, CUBs, and OPORD reviews. Our Soldier Family Legal Services (SFLS) team saw over 3,400 clients, saving the community over \$184,000 in legal fees for various services including affidavits, bills of sale, certified copies, notarizations, powers of attorney, and legal assistance matters. The Special Victims Counsel represented victims throughout the Republic of Korea. Our Tax Center processed a total of 604 tax returns (422 Federal and 182 State), saving the community \$153,761.00 in legal fees, and generating \$1,068,626.00 in refunds for our clients. Our Investigator successfully processed over 2,400 immigration services including US Immigrant Visas, international marriage related services, and SOFA A-3 Visa stamps. Our Legal Administrator established a comprehensive RMIC program, zealously managed our budget, and oversaw numerous personnel actions. Finally, we participated in numerous events to foster esprit de corps, recognize the team's accomplishments, and enhance our Soldier and legal skills.

Our team members' exceptional performance earned the following promotions:

Ms. Kim to GS-11; Mr. Gonyer QSI to Step 8; SPC Limbu to SPC(P); PFCs Combs, Cook, Mercado, and Smith to SPC; and PV2s Acevedo and Acosta-Martinez to PFC.



Here, we awarded the Tax Center personnel with Achievement Medals for their exceptional service to the Area IV community, 19th ESC, and the Army. Pictured from left to right are: PFC Alexander J. Smith, PFC Kristy M. Cintron, SPC Jayla B. Bolden, SGT Symonne C. Silvera, SGT Seonghyun Jeon, Mrs. Emma. M. Aquino, and LTC Carol A. Brewer.

22 Apr 21 The team conducted an Apsan Mountain hike teambuilding event, with our summer intern, Ms. Jimin Park



The team took part in the OSJA's staff ride to Hill 303, offering overviews of the Korean War and the Law of Armed Conflict at thematically appropriate sites along the way



20 May 21 Team members participated in a zip-lining teambuilding event at Daedun Mountain





LTC Brewer, MAJ Camire, and CPT Zent enhanced the Alliance by attending the ROK JAG Corps' International Symposium on Security and Military Law

22 Mar 21 We welcomed our newest JAGC Recruit: Melody Elizabeth Thibodeaux!



And said farewell to a great leader – LTC Brewer. Here, BG Allen delivers her farewell remarks.



30 Apr 21 Members of our team attended the Law Day Formal Dinner at Camp Humphreys. In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed May 1 to be Law Day. Law Day reflects on the role of law in the foundation of the country and recognizes its importance for society. This year's theme "Advancing the Rule of Law Now" commemorated the bedrock of American rights and liberties. Like our Constants, the Rule of Law is steadfast and firm in times of crisis and uncertainty.





To celebrate the 246th Birthday of the JAG Corps on 29 July 2021, we welcomed our local partners and provided a fully translated brief history of the JAG Corps. BG Allen officiated the celebration, that also included CSM Peters; Mr. Ill Hwa Jung, Daegu Bar Association Senior Attorney; LT Jin Hee Kim, Daegu Police Agency; and members of the 19th ESC staff. The ceremony culminated with group pictures, cake, and physically distanced time together. As is tradition, BG Allen cut the cake with the youngest member of the OSJA, PFC Acevedo



8 Jun 21 To further our Soldiering skills, members of the team participated in the gas chamber

Secretary of the General Staff (SGS)



MAJ Magaly Thurman
SGS



SFC Therese
Kerbrat-Gonzales
SGS NCOIC

The 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC) SGS successfully executed and coordinated a myriad of different events in 2021 to include: commander's conferences, ceremonies, DV visits, socials, KAC meetings, and much more. Despite COVID-19 restrictions, the SGS team innovatively coordinated meetings and events to meet the Commander's intent while following HPCON guidance. Additionally, the SGS team continued to perform various administrative roles to include: process and track actions, manage command team's calendars, compile the bi-weekly staff summary, and supervise the use of the command's conference rooms.

It has been an honor to serve alongside the Soldiers and Civilians of Team 19!

Team 19 – Every Soldier Counts!
MAJ Thurman and SFC Kerbrat



SGS and Protocol successfully planned and executed the 19th ESC Spring ROK-US Alliance Dinner inviting senior leadership and ROK DVs to celebrate the strong our strong partnership..



SGS and G3 coordinated a fun and challenging senior leader PT session during the 19th ESC Commander's Conference to offer senior leaders an opportunity to train on ACFT events.



SGS facilitated a capabilities visit for SOCKOR CG, MG Martin at MSC-K's HED and CED.



The SGS team farewells two outstanding NCOs for their hard work and dedication.

Retention



SGM Winter Washington
Command Career Counselor



SFC Samantha Recker
Senior Operations NCOIC

It's been an gratifying year for the 19ESC Retention Team! We were number one for Category two in the FY21 SMA Retention Competition.

The 19ESC Retention team has improved our relationship within the local community by volunteering our time and efforts, to expand our relationship with the host nation and the ability to explore the World.

The 19ESC Retention team has provided leadership professional development throughout the organization, to provide knowledge and education on changing policies and upcoming implementations throughout the Army. With modernization being a priority in the Army, we are constantly incorporating innovative techniques to improve the 19ESC Retention program in alignment with the 19ESC Campaign Plan.

As a means to contribute to the Total Force Alignment of Army personnel, the 19ESC Retention team has been breaking barriers by expanding our networking relationships, to improve our civil-military relationships. Team 19 Retention ensured we had a shared understanding of the relevance and importance of the Army as a profession.

The opportunities presented throughout this last year by 19ESC and the Daegu area has provided us with the pleasure and desire to ensure that Korea becomes the Assignment of Choice!

Our Team

Operations

SGM Winter Washington – Command career Counselor

SFC Samantha Recker – Senior Operations NCOIC

SGT Christopher Rodgers – Retention Admin NCO

Battalions

SFC John Rodewald – 94th MP Career Counselor

SFC Bernice Gyambrah – 94th MP Career Counselor

SSG Rogelio Silva – MSCK Career Counselor

SGT Gema Gonzalez – 498 Retention NCO

Reserve Component

MSG Richard Queen – Reserve career Counselor

Departed

SGM Adam Bartlett

MSG Matthew Savage



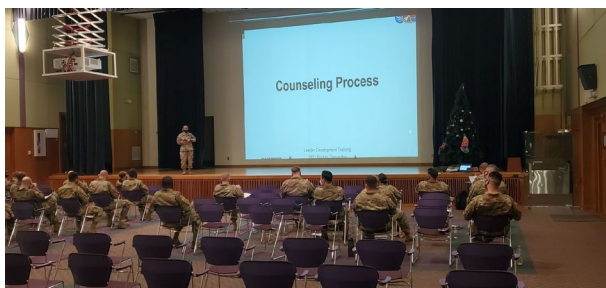
SGM Washington and SGT Rodgers after completing the 5k in remembrance of September 11 attacks



SGM Washington and SFC Rodewald networking with other counselors during USARPAC FY22's Retention Summit



SFC Recker volunteering at the Special Education and Rehabilitation Center in Daegu



SFC Recker administers a LPD on effective counseling and Project Athena to senior leadership at Camp Carroll CAC

Our Mission

The Retention Team impacts readiness by serving as the primary advisor and administrator to the Commanding General and Command Sergeant Major on all matters pertaining to the Army military personnel retention. Our office is responsible for promotion, implementation, management, and support of the Army Retention Program including transition into the Reserve Components; IOT strengthens the Alliance and support the fight in the Republic of Korea.



BG Allen and CSM Peters present
SSG Silva 19ESC Career
Counselor of the Year Award



SGM Washington presents Retention
Coin to PFC Harrison for serving as
the recorder for 19ESC Career
Counselor of the Year Award

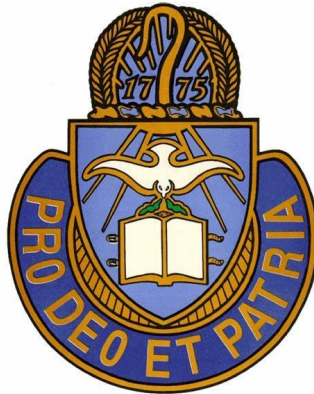


SSG Chen reenlisted to fulfill her
requirement to teach at the schoolhouse
upon her completion of her tour here with
the 19th ESC. Thank you for your
continued service!!!



SGT Rodgers graduated
Advanced Leader
Course at Fort Lee,
Virginia

Unit Ministry Team



In 2021, the 19ESC Unit Ministry Teams (19ESC, 25TRANS, 94MP, and 498 CSSB) conducted seven Strong Bonds training events, four Operation Spiritual Sustainment Fitness Training events, three Prayer Luncheons, and two visits to the United Nations Memorial Hall and Peace Park. The 19ESC UMTs have also provided multiple ACE-SI, Suicide Prevention, and SHARP Awareness briefs throughout the year.

All of these events support the 19ESC mission to deliver readiness of assigned units and to provide Eighth Army sustainment and policing IOT strengthen the Alliance and support the fight tonight in the Republic of Korea. Sustained personal readiness to meet operational requirements is accomplished by providing events that combine classroom instruction with practical activities.

Our training events teach the importance of being physically ready, psychologically ready, and spiritually ready. We strengthen our SMs and their families by providing skills to improve relationships, increase social support systems, and by enabling them to adapt to the challenges of daily life.

Pro Deo et Patria!
CH (LTC) Kim and MSG Fuccillo

Our Team

CH (LTC) Hyokchan D. Kim –
19ESC Command Chaplain

CH (MAJ) Arles Curtis Sutherland – Affairs NCO
19ESC Deputy Command Chaplain

MSG Andy Fuccillo – Command CH
NCOIC

SSG Brian L. Terrell – Operations
NCO

Ms. Han cho Song – Religious
Affairs Specialist

PFC Min Seo Park – KATUSA
Religious Affairs Specialist

25TRANS BN UMT

CH (CPT) Brad Boyer – BN
Chaplain

PV2 Katherine Scully – Religious
Affairs Specialist

PFC Hye Seong Lee

60D BN UMT

SGT Retha Martin - Religious

Affairs NCO

498 CSSB UMT

CH (CPT) Se Ju Yu – BN Chaplain

SPC Tommyjo Pries – Religious
Affairs Specialist

CPL Jin Yeon Park – KATUSA
Religious Affairs Specialist

94 MP BN UMT

CH (CPT) Joseph Effiong – BN
Chaplain

SGT Liline Sparkes – Religious
Affairs Specialist

SPC Justin Peterson – Religious
Affairs Specialist

PFC Sang Hyuk Lee – KATUSA
Religious Affairs Specialist



Morale and Ethics training at the UN Memorial Hall and Peace Park



Operation Spiritual Sustainment Fitness Training that included a visit to Apsan. The purpose of this is to train the SM's to become more spiritually resilient and adaptable in the new environment by helping them to familiarize themselves with the public transportation system and to engage their local communities.



Operation Spiritual Sustainment Fitness Training at the Nakdong River Victory Memorial Hall.



19th ESC and 94MP BN Unit Ministry Team provide training during Strong Bonds IOT build morale, strengthen bonds, increase mental, physical, and spiritual resiliency.



19ESC UMT provided a Strong Bonds Training IOT build strong relationship bonds, and increase mental and spiritual resiliency.



19ESC UMT conducting Team-building Exercise at Historic Missionary Home in Daegu to familiarize UMTs with the Christian heritage found in Daegu while also building cohesion between Area IV UMTs.



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19ESC provided resiliency training and knowledge to the Service Members. Additionally, this training enhanced and boosted spiritual resilience through positive words of encouragement and fellowship in preparation for future endeavors and missions.

Community Relations (COMREL)



19th ESC Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Steven Allen presents the Civilian Service Achievement Medal to Ms. Lee, Yea Rin (19th ESC Community Relations Specialist)



19th ESC Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Steven Allen presents the 8th Army Civilian of the Quarter Award to Ms. Chang, A Yong (19th ESC Community Relations Assistant)

2020 was a year filled with many uncertainties when health officials in Daegu, Area IV, discovered the first case of COVID-19 in Korea on 18 February, in which it caused a rapid escalated spread of the pandemic in a city of more than 2.4 million citizens. 19ESC fought strong to ensure the force and community were safeguarded and well-protected from the pandemic, in addition to the elevated health protection conditions of Charlie—next to the most severe and highest level. During the perilous times beginning in the early-onset of 2020, 19ESC Community Relations (COMREL) actively worked cohesively with counterparts and key members of Daegu city, in an effort to promote solidarity while contributing to protecting the force and “bubble.” 19ESC COMREL bridged the gap for strategic key leader engagements between the 19ESC Commander, to include the 19ESC Deputy Commander (many times accompanied by the 19ESC Command Surgeon), with local senior public health and medical professionals and leaders situated throughout the greater Daegu city, aiming to “kill the virus” through strengthened combined partnerships. The ongoing combined effort between 19ESC and Daegu city made significant and greater strides forward against the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021. The ability to face challenges of the scale and magnitude together, head on, is what continues to truly make our alliance and solidarity great. Throughout the year of 2021, 19ESC COMREL set forth to cautiously revitalize the USFK Good Neighbor Program, which was significantly impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With this, various alliance-building efforts were cautiously reinstated ranging from leadership talks given to local university students, to include military cadets; to actively expanding strategic key leader engagements (whether conducted in-person or telephonically) in various categories under the good neighbor program, consisting of government, medical, academia, law enforcement, law & order, and industry to name a few. In particular, key leader engagements which were expanded and strategically conducted throughout the greater Daegu, Gyeongbuk and

Community Relations (COMREL)

Busan regions truly served to reinvigorate and strengthen the overall partnership line of efforts (from an operational and non-operational perspective). While revitalizing the overall good neighbor program was of importance in the year of 2021, truly showing our bond and solidarity with the city of Daegu was of priority. With this, midway into the year of 2020, 19ESC COMREL started and began promoting a 19ESC solidarity campaign with the initial solidarity messaging, “Be Strong Daegu” which was well-received by both the city of Daegu and the 2nd Operations Command. The initial messaging continued into the year of 2021, in which it was later replaced with “We Mask Together Daegu” in order to continue to promote our solidarity. The solidarity messages (both in English and Hangul) were promoted and professionally displayed at select strategic locations on and off the installation, using banners, posters and with signage on over 40 installation busses that traveled throughout the greater Daegu and Chilgok communities. The latest and current solidarity messaging, “Living Stronger Together Daegu” continues to brightly illuminate the ironclad solidarity and alliance with the local community that we live and work in, while promoting a positive image of 19ESC and 8th Army.



“Be Strong Daegu!”
2020 19th ESC COVID-19 Solidarity Campaign



“We Mask Together Daegu!”
2021 19th ESC COVID-19 Solidarity Campaign



“Living Stronger Together Daegu!”
2022 19th ESC COVID-19 Solidarity Campaign

The campaign continues to demonstrate 19ESC's commitment to the unwavering ROK-U.S. Alliance and the spirit of “katchi-kapshi-dae” not only during time of peace, but as well as during time of uncertainties. Inspired by the year and characteristics of the Ox in 2021, 19ESC COMREL strived to contribute their very best, committed to the 19ESC Commander's vision with community relations, and aligned with the 19ESC Campaign Plan, particularly with line of effort #3, Enhanced Interoperability. 19ESC COMREL continues to proudly serve within a humble organization that promotes esprit de corps, harmony and unity, and looks forward to making many more achievements together in the year of 2022—ultimately in an effort to support the readiness of the force, while advancing the ROK-U.S. Alliance to greater heights.

Team 19!

Team COMREL! We Go Together! Katchi-KapshiDae!

Every Soldier Counts!



19ESC Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Steven Allen, presents a Letter of Appreciation to the Gyeongbuk Provincial Governor, Governor Lee, Cheol Woo, to signify the steadfast bilateral partnership, in support of the unwavering ROK-U.S. Alliance.



19ESC Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Steven Allen, conducts a key leader engagement with the Daegu City Mayor, Kwon, Yong Jin.



19ESC Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Steven Allen, conducts a key leader engagement with the Daegu Metropolitan Police Agency (DMPA) Commissioner.



19ESC Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Steven Allen, receives a medical capability overview from the Keimyung (KMU) Dongsan Hospital, which served as the main medical hub for thousands of COVID-19 patients during the initial mass outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in Daegu.



19ESC Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Steven Allen, selected by a key leader (alliance-partner) to further continue to promote the "Traffic Safety Relay Campaign" initiated by the ROK Ministry of Interior and Safety.



19ESC Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Steven Allen, selected by a key leader (alliance-partner) to further promote the "Live Together Campaign" initiated by the ROK UN Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).



19ESC Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Steven Allen, selected by a key leader (alliance-partner) to further promote the "Good Commerce Good Daegu" Campaign initiated by Daegu City.



19ESC Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Steven Allen, delivers a Leadership Talk to the Keimyung University (KMU) ROTC Cadets



19ESC Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Steven Allen, presents a crystal plaque to the KMU President and the 19ESC Emeritus Member, Dr. Synn, Il Hi, signifying the unwavering friendship and the ROK-U.S. Alliance.



19ESC Deputy Cdr, Col. Chris Brookie, delivers a Leadership Talk to the Kyungpook National University (KNU) ROTC Cadets.



19ESC Deputy Cdr, Col. Chris Brookie, represents Team 19 at the COVID-19 task force meeting composed of all major key leaders from Daegu city.



19ESC Deputy Cdr, Col. Chris Brookie, delivers remarks, on behalf of the 19ESC Cdr, at the Korean Veterans Association Ceremony.



19ESC Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Steven and Mrs. Allen, hosts the 19ESC Fall Harvest Alliance-Building Reception, in which the Gyeongbuk Provincial Governor and spouse attended in support of the ROK-U.S. Alliance.

Public Affairs



CPT Cortland Henderson
Public Affairs Officer



CPT Michael Houston
Public Affairs Officer



SFC Adam Ross
Public Affairs NCOIC

It's been an exciting year for 19ESC Public Affairs! We launched the Every Soldier Counts Podcast and have a new podcast studio to boot. Our website shifted over to an official Army CORE page, which has given the 19ESC the ability to produce articles more easily and quickly.



We also had the great opportunity to increase interoperability with our counterparts at 2OC and 5th LSC through a series of meetings that we will never forget. Meeting the fine Soldiers of the ROK Army gave us the unique chance to see how public affairs is conducted in Korea.

As a means of giving back to the unit that has given us so much, we have brought back something that has not been seen in a long time... a year-in-review!

It's been a pleasure working with the 19ESC and I hope you will all have fond memories of your time here in Daegu.

Strength Through Truth!
CPT Henderson, CPT Houston and SFC Ross

Our Team

CPT Cortland Henderson – Public Affairs Officer (departed)
 CPT Michael Houston – Public Affairs Officer (current)
 1LT Katherine Kezon – Public Affairs Officer Deputy
 SFC Adam Ross – Public Affairs Office NCOIC
 SGT Jae Hyeong Kim – Public Affairs KATUSA
 Mr. Kevin Bell – Public Affairs Specialist
 Mr. Sang Yun Kim – Media Relations Specialist



The Every Soldier Counts Podcast



CPT Henderson takes a group photo during CSM Green's Relinquishment of Responsibility ceremony.



SFC Ross and Mr. Bell record the inaugural episode of the Every Soldier Counts Podcast with BG Allen and CSM Green as the guests.



Team 19 PAO pose for a picture with 5th LSC PAO in front of the 19ESC HQ building as part of their ongoing interoperability meeting series.



Ms. Yoo archives historic photos as part of her DA Internship with the office.



SFC Ross and CPL Kim take a break for a photo while working at the Spring Alliance Reception.



SFC Ross provides a demonstration of PAO's new podcast equipment to the 2OC PAO and COL Dela Cruz during the office's interoperability meeting.



Mr. Bell sets up equipment on Kelly Field to prepare a Facebook Live event for CSM Green's Relinquishment of Responsibility ceremony.



SFC Ross films participants of the first ever virtual Bataan Memorial Death March as they reach the five-mile mark along the Sincheon River.



Mr. Bell interviews MAJ Camire (deputy SJA) at the end of the Bataan Memorial Death March to encapsulate the difficulty of the 26.2-mile ruck march



Team 19 PAO participates in a friendly match of “futsal” with 2OC’s PAO during an ongoing series of interoperability meetings.



Team 19 PAO celebrates the end of a good day of fishing in Pohang as part of a Warrior Adventure Quest event with G9 and Surgeon’s Cell.

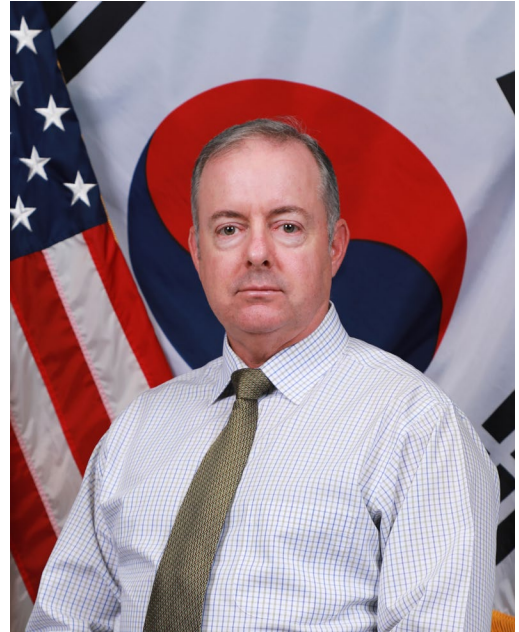


SFC Ross and CPL Kim proudly show off their catch of the day. SFC Ross is holding a gurnard fish and SGT Kim is holding a flounder (but don’t hold that against him)..

Inspector General



MAJ Rockie Ventura
Command Inspector General



Mr. Robert (Rob) Faucher
Deputy Inspector General

For 243 years, Army Inspectors General have worked to increase and maintain readiness and look out for our greatest asset—our People. The past year has seen unprecedented challenges, and Inspectors General have played a key role in rising to meet them. Over the last year, we have increased our efforts to engage the Directing Authority (BG Allen) and subordinate Commanders to and develop our working relationship with these leaders at all levels.

Although the Inspector General has four primary functions; (Assistance, Investigations, Inspections, and Teach & Train), we have increased our focus on teaching and training throughout the command. We have inserted ourselves in the Basic Leader Course (BLC) and have provided Productive Leadership training to every BLC class on Camp Henry since the onset of COVID-19.

Our Team

MAJ Rockie Ventura – Command Inspector General
 Mr. Robert “Rob” Faucher – Deputy Inspector General
 CPT David M. Jones – Assistant Inspector General
 Ms. Sherry M. Davis – Assistant Inspector General
 MSG Virginia A. Taib – Inspector General NCO
 SFC Michael A. Rodriguez – Inspector General NCO
 SFC Karla M. Schafer – Inspector General NCO
 SFC Roger Cavazos – Inspector General NCO



The CG taking a moment to swear-in the newly formed IG team.



The CG congratulating Ms. Davis on joining the IG team after the swearing-in ceremony.



The IG team arriving to Camp Casey to conduct a quarterly IG Inspection.



MAJ Ventura teaching the newest members of Area IV the services IG provides at the Post Newcomer's brief.



SFC Schafer and SFC Rodriguez conducting interviews with leaders in 19ESC.



SFC Rodriguez providing knowledge to Soldiers on IG services.



Mr. Faucher receiving a plaque from BLC for the training provided to the students.



Ms. Davis providing Soldiers with current regulatory guidance on personnel actions.



MSG Taib speaking to leaders within 19th ESC on personnel actions.



CPT Jones and SFC Rodriguez planning for 2nd Quarter inspections.



Supporting the Area IV community with "EVIL IG" trunk or treat.



The IG team dressed for the occasion.



19th ESC and 8th Army IG team taking a moment to break bread together.



The IG Team welcomes SFC Schafer during her in processing at Camp Humphreys.



MAJ Ventura and MSG Taib represent the IG team at the Run for the Fallen.



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TRAINING

“Train As We Fight”



Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations (NEO)



Mr. Peter Michael
Area IV NEO Director



Mr. Kang, Moon Ho
Deputy Director

Team NEO had an outstanding 2021. We are charged with an immense responsibility to ensure Area IV units, agencies, and families are prepared to safely conduct an emergency evacuation at a moments notice. To facilitate, we assisted with NEO specific unit training, NEO Warden training, spouse orientation, and by maintaining constant coordination with our local garrison and ROKA partners.

At the strategic level, Team NEO successful participated in two simulation exercises to ensure efforts were synced with our Combined, Joint, and State Department partners. Operationally, the team habitually engages with our ROKA counterparts in support of interoperability. Our NEO Interoperability Working Groups (IOWG) has yielded significant results to further facilitate safe passage to safety in wartime conditions. Tactically, we ensure NEO Reps & Wardens are fully prepared to execute their primary duty – taking care of families. Additionally, we fully support units identified to conduct NEO operations on behalf of the State Department, through unit and theater level exercises and simulations.

As professionals, we proudly serve the local community, USFK, and our Host Nation partners.

Mr. Peter Michael

Planning & Coordination



Mr. Michael and Mr. Kang meeting with 39th Reserve Defense Division (RDD) G3 in September 2021.



Mr. Schulte briefing COL Castro & Dr. Taylor at Yeosu Expo Center



Mr. Kang coordinating former ROK Marine buddy - MOIS Director General of Emergency

Recognition



The NEO Team (Mr. Schulte, Mr. Michael, and Mr. Kang) recognizing their 2OC ROKA counterpart (MAJ Kim) for his hard work and dedication in support of NEO Interoperability



Mr. Michael recognizing his US Naval counterpart for his NEO coordination efforts in the Busan enclave



SGT Westfall, Audrey recognized as NCO of the Month.
SGT Westfall serves the command as our NEO Warden Program Manager.



BG Allen recognizing Mr. Michael for NEO Interoperability achievements

Team Building



Mr. Michael & Mr. Kang touring Yeosu Expo Center
with 8A NEO Director, COL Wagstaff



Mr. Michael & SGT Buxton
enjoying a holiday cultural tour
at Palgongson Mountain with Team NEO



Mr. Michael & ROKA LTC Oh (20C) bonding over good Korean cuisine

ROK Army Support Office



MAJ Park, Ji Hwan
ROK Army Staff Office OIC



SSG Hong, Myeong Rak
ROK Army Staff Office
NCOIC

19ESC RSO(ROKA Support Office) maintains the administrative side of 38 KATUSAs of 19th ESC to make frequent cooperation with 8th ARMY ROKA Support Group.

It is led by the RSO OIC, assisted by the NCOIC, two Senior KATUSAs and two administrative KATUSAs. The RSO maintains MOS, Leave, ID and Health Care, requests of 19ESC KATUSAs to make sure that each section KATUSAs are able to perform their duties at the highest level.

Representing the ROK Army, throughout frequent cooperation with 19ESC. The RSO tries to support requirements of the unit with constant help.

As a strong partner of the 19ESC, the RSO will always be there to support the mission, and to maintain the continuous and robust friendship of the ROK and U.S Alliance. WE GO TOGETHER!

Our Team



MAJ Park, Ji Hwan

SSG Hong, Myeong Rak

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SGT Kwon, Hyeok In – Sr. KATUSA

CPL Chung, Jae Hyung – RSO
KATUSA

CPL Park, Hyon Min – RSO KATUSA

RSO Team is in charge of overall activities of 19ESC KATUSAs and administrative affairs with the ROK Army. Also We strive to protect the rights of KATUSAs and coordinate with the US Army.

Our Squad



HQ

HQ Squad consists of Training, Supply, RSO, DMC, Safety, SGS, and CSM sections. Our squad are doing our best for 19th ESC in our respective positions.

RSG

RSG Squad is in charge of all administrative affairs for all Area 4 KATUSAs such as promotion, leave, and disciplinary action. We are working with ROK Army Officers and are striving for the convenience and welfare of KATUSAs.



G1G4

G1G4 Squad consists of G1, G4, EO, and Chaplain sections. We are working hard for our country as part of 19th ESC.

G2G3

G2G3 Squad consists of G2, G3, G6, and G9 sections. Our squad participate in various training and are successfully carrying out the training.





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KATUSA Promotion Ceremony



Weekly Safety Brief



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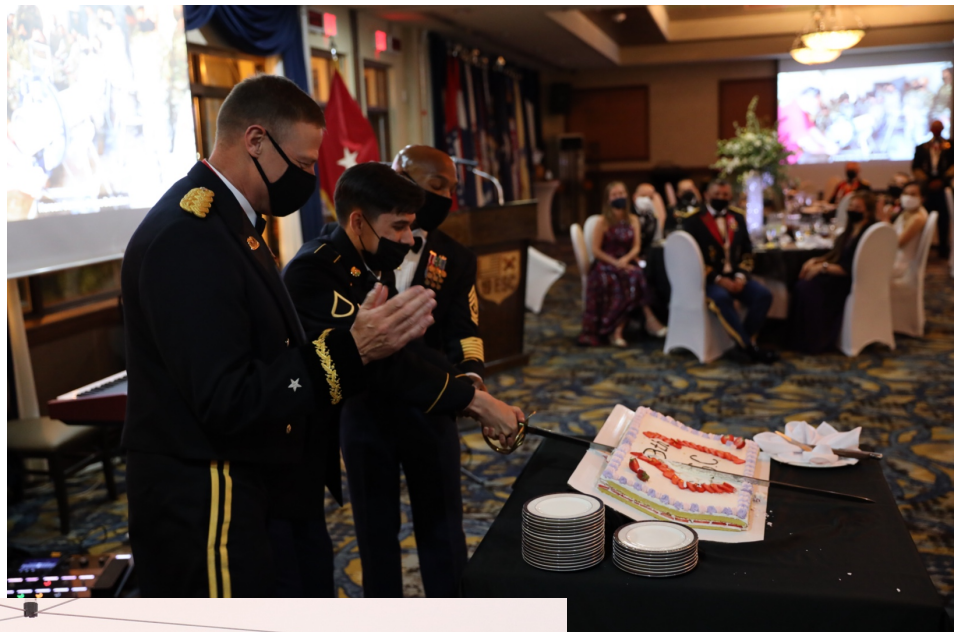
Spring Alliance Reception

On Mar 20, 2021, 19th ESC celebrated the shift back to HPCON B with the Spring ROK-US Alliance Reception with members of the Daegu community...



Red Carpet Gala

On May 20, 2021, 19th ESC celebrated a year in review with Team 19 Members by hosting the Red Carpet Gala to celebrate Every Soldier Counts



Relinquishment of Responsibility

On May 11, 2021, 19th ESC said farewell to Command Sgt. Maj. LaDerek Green with a relinquishment of responsibility ceremony at Kelly Field on Camp Walker.



Assumption of Responsibility

On June 24, 2021, 19th ESC welcomed Command Sgt. Maj. Chad Peters with an assumption of responsibility ceremony at Kelly Field on Camp Walker.





TELLING THE STORY

“Every Soldier Counts”



‘We got this’: How a trio from 19th ESC helped evacuate a burning building

Article by Sgt. 1st Class Adam Ross, originally published on 24 Nov 2021



DAEGU, Republic of Korea – Quick thinking and teamwork by a pair of U.S. Army Soldiers and a family member helped 15 Korean civilians safely evacuate an apartment building fire on Nov. 13. For their efforts that day, the trio’s bravery was recognized by the leaders of Daegu emergency services on Nov. 24.

On the afternoon of Nov. 13, most of the people around Camp Walker seemed to be going about their day as usual, with no one yet noticing the billows of black smoke coming from

the top floor of the four-story structure.

Azizi Wilkins, the 13-year-old son of Maj. Brandon Wilkins, was riding his skateboard back home when he saw signs of the fire, but no emergency vehicles in the immediate area. Sgt. 1st Class Gisele Schilling was driving toward Camp Walker, as was Maj. Gabriel Bowns, en route to a nearby barbershop. Nearly at once, all three arrived at the scene of the fire to investigate if there was an immediate need for help.

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‘We got this’ (continued)

“I knew I had to do something,” said Schilling, Aviation Maintenance Supervisor, Distribution Management Center, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. “Yes, it looked dangerous, but I thought ‘we got this’ and we’re going to make sure everyone can get out of there.”

The three had never met before, but were soon running into the building together and working to help as many people as possible while they still had time. Initially, Schilling went up the stairs toward the fire, while Bowns alerted residents on the ground floor and Wilkins called emergency services. No one in the building was aware it was on fire.

“I was waving my arms, yelling ‘fire’ and a man looked at me, then turned back around,” said Bowns, who heads the G9 interoperability section at 19th ESC. “I had to lift him out of his chair, and move him out of the building.”

Schilling found similar challenges on the upper floors, as residents of the building were either reluctant to leave or didn’t believe that it was on fire. There were some language barrier challenges, but people soon started moving out in rapid succession.

But as their efforts moved towards the top floor, Bowns and Schilling were met with a wall of black smoke, with no part of the floor visible to them.

“I could hear someone screaming, I knew someone was there,” said Schilling. “I crawled up the stairs to the fourth floor, but I still couldn’t see anything.”

That’s when Schilling felt a yank on her Army uniform blouse – it was Bowns stopping her from proceeding into certain danger. The two retreated down the stairs to find city firefighters arriving on the scene in full protective gear, ready to enter the blaze.

Schilling directed rescue personnel to the rear of the building, where the screaming voice she heard before was revealed to be a woman yelling for help from out a window. For her efforts in assisting fire fighters, Schilling was recognized with a certificate of appreciation from Jungbu Fire Station on Nov. 23.

Eventually, everyone inside the building would be brought out to safety. Some were transported to a nearby hospital for treatment, including Schilling. Bowns accompanied Schilling to the hospital and stayed with her until her husband Marcus arrived. The smoke Schilling inhaled on the fourth floor required three days of treatment by hospital staff who praised her as “their hero.”

Schilling and Bowns had military training and experience to fall back on as the dangerous scene unfolded, but Wilkins’ instincts came from somewhere else. As a member of the Scouts BSA Troop 81 in Daegu, Wilkins has been scouting since he was a young Tiger Scout. After calling emergency services, Wilkins assisted with racing through the floors and notifying residents of their danger.

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“I’d say it mostly came from scouting,” said Wilkins, an eighth grade student at Daegu Middle-High School on Camp Walker. “The Fire Safety Merit Badge, we learn first aid and emergency preparedness.”

Wilkins’ father, Maj. Wilkins has seen his scouting journey up-close, and currently serves as the Scout Master of Troop 81.

“Honestly, he’s always tried to be that hero kind of kid,” said Maj. Wilkins, who works in the Transportation Operations Branch of the Distribution Management Center, 19th ESC. “He’s always tried to be honorable, and someone who other kids can look up to.”

The Wilkins family gathered with Bowns, Schilling and her husband at the Daegu Metropolitan Police Headquarters on Nov. 24 for their official recognition.

Police Commissioner Jin Pyo Kim awarded each of the rescuers a certificate of recognition and a plaque of appreciation.

“The courage and devotion shown by them at the scene of the fire indicate that U.S. military has already become a member of the local community,” said Kim.

The group also visited with Police Chief Kap Soo Yi, Nam-gu Police District, who updated them on the continued good health of the survivors and the status of the building’s arson suspect, who is currently in custody. Yi thanked the trio for their quick actions, which he thought saved the lives of at least a handful of the residents.

“I’m just glad they all made it out alive,” said Schilling.



The Long Road Back



Article by Sgt. 1st Class Adam Ross, originally published on 5 Aug 2021

CAMP HENRY, Republic of Korea – The puzzled looks and worried questions still come, usually when Master Sgt. Harry Willis III takes an unexpected fall or runs like he’s trotting. There used to be a time where these reactions would bring embarrassment.

“The hardest time for me was understanding the disability and how I can overcome it,” said Willis, who works in the Distribution Management Center, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. “Once I start working through the disability, instead of avoiding it, then I can use that to adapt.”

The reminders of his injury are constant, from a loss of feeling in his

toes, to an often unpredictable leg movement. The Purple Heart medal Willis wears on his dress uniform is another reminder of a night in Iraq when everything went dark, and his flourishing Army career was suddenly at a crossroads.

In 2005, nearing the end of his second deployment, Willis was seeing the results of dedicating his 12 months in Iraq to upgrading his physical fitness. Even though Willis was a high-performing wrestler in high school who qualified for the Army Wrestling Team shortly after arriving at Fort Riley, Kansas – on this deployment he took it to another level.

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Willis would set personal records on his Army Physical Fitness Test, breaking 11 minutes in the 2-mile run and recording 96 push-ups and 86 sit-ups. Combined with his combat-tested proficiency as a motor transport operator (88M), Willis was promoted to sergeant shortly before his 21st birthday.

On one of the final missions for 2nd Transportation Company, 1st Sustainment Brigade before redeploying, Willis' convoy driving skills may have saved the life of himself and his platoon leader.

"We were doing retrograde operations, going from Balad to Taji," said Willis. "Normally, blackouts happen all the time, but this one was different – the whole grid went dark."

In the middle of a Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck convoy that was 36 vehicles long, Willis saw fireballs and soon white tracer rounds coming from the tree line. Willis could see the enemy fire was directed at the HEMTT drivers, and turned off his truck's headlamps in response.

Three .50-caliber rounds hit the cab of the truck, two were low and entered the floorboards, but one partially broke through the armored driver's door. The fragments of that bullet perforated Willis' legs, and the bullet tip lodged behind his right knee. A leader's book in his cargo pocket absorbed some of the bullet fragments.

Willis screamed out that he was hit but – overcome with adrenaline and the intense heat of the fragments – the pain quickly subsided.

"It was so hot that my leg went numb, and I started laughing – thinking I had avoided getting hit," said Willis, whose relief soon turned to panic when he saw blood pooling out.

Even with his serious wounds, Willis kept driving. Understanding that a sudden stop in the convoy could have jeopardized other trucks, he pushed through until they reached a safe stopping point more than a mile later. After receiving life-saving attention from an Air Force combat medic, Willis' rehabilitation journey began. His first stop was Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, then Walter Reed Army National Military Medical Center outside Washington, D.C., and finally Brooke Army Medical Center on Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Before leaving Iraq, Willis was awarded the Purple Heart with his unit and brigade leadership by his side. He remembered learning about the Purple Heart in high school from one of his teachers who received it during the Vietnam War.

"Never in a million years did I think I would earn the Purple Heart," said Willis. Throughout his medical travels, Willis endured many surgeries to prevent infections in his wounds, and allow him to someday walk again.

"Reality started to set in," said Willis, whose weight dropped from 210 pounds to 160 in the weeks after the attack. "The same legs that got me a 10:38 2-mile now just don't work."

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Reality also meant a rehabilitation that depended just as much on Willis' perseverance than medical treatment. At first, Willis had little interest in eating, much less rehab. A medical discharge from the Army was one possibility, but Willis was determined to continue his service as a young NCO.

One of his doctors at BAMC could see the potential Willis still held as an NCO, and one day gave him a wake-up call that would start his road back to walking and running.

"He said to me 'are you going to let this define you? You say you want to stay in, but you're not showing progress.'" said Willis. "That's when I got off the pity wagon."

With a newfound urgency, Willis went from bed-ridden, to a walker, to a walker with wheels, to walking with a cane in a matter of months. His rehabilitation at BAMC also included a visit from President George W. Bush, who chatted candidly with Willis and encouraged his recovery.

Even though he still could not wiggle his toes, Willis had started to adapt to his injuries and get back into physical fitness.

While his days of running a 10:38 2-mile were probably behind him for good, his time of "only" 13 minutes was still far above average.

By 2007 he was deploying with 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division again, and this time he brought a new outlook on leadership. Willis recalls once feeling indifferent to the frequent combat convoy training that focused on safely egressing after a

rollover.

"In 2012, my convoy got hit with a 700-pound bomb, and I started calmly directing everyone on their roles," said Willis. "It reminded me, this is why we do so much training."

Willis has used his combat experience to help teach the next generation of Army transporters, first as an instructor at the Army Transportation School, and now at the DMC where he helps coordinate all military transportation throughout Korea, as the Transportation Operations Branch NCOIC.

Since 2012, Willis has been active member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, a volunteer organization that promotes excellence in the noncommissioned officer corps. Willis brought his passion for SAMC to Korea, where he helped revive the Area IV chapter.

"It didn't really take off until he came, he's been carrying the torch," said Sgt. Maj. Andy Lee Hardy, DMC Sergeant Major. "His accomplishments are a testament to his leadership."

While at DMC, Willis also assisted Hardy in mentoring Soldiers who attend the Basic Leader's Course on Camp Henry. Though his career has since accelerated and his body has recovered, Willis never forgets the pain and journey from that night in September 2005.

"I remember it like it was yesterday, I never take it for granted," said Willis. "Any pain I go through I compare it to that night, and if it doesn't equate to it, I suck it up and I push through."

From Korean Special Forces to U.S. Army Chaplain



Article by Sgt. 1st Class Adam Ross, originally published on 28 July 2021

CAMP HENRY, Republic of Korea – “Impossible Makes Possible.” It’s a motto that Ch. (Lt. Col.) Hyokchan Kim learned early in his first military career, and carried with him as he felt the call to become a U.S. Army Chaplain at the near-disqualifying age of 40.

“I have had some tough experiences, and whenever I have a challenge I can think of that,” said Kim, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command command chaplain.

He learned the phrase as a young officer in the Korean Army shortly after

he volunteered for Special Forces training. The official motto of Korean Special Forces, “Impossible Makes Possible” means there is always an alternative to quitting.

After finishing his military service in Korea, which included over 100 airborne jumps as an instructor, Kim headed to Las Vegas, Nevada, to earn his master’s degree and hopefully begin a career in hotel management. But as his studies drew to a close, he felt conflicted about beginning the next phase of life.

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“Even though I accomplished that goal, my life was not satisfying,” said Kim. “That’s why I kept asking, ‘what can I do for my entire life?’ I felt God’s calling as a minister.”

Kim answered that calling, and spent more than a decade as a minister in Las Vegas. And though he had put down roots in the city, and started raising a family, he again felt like the next chapter in his life was a question mark.

“I was soon to be 40, and would ask God ‘what’s your plan for my life?’” said Kim. “God called to me and wanted me to be a U.S. Army Chaplain.”

The path on his new journey included memories of counseling Korean Soldiers during his time as an airborne instructor. In between training sessions at the four week-long course, then-1st Lt. Kim would strike up conversations with his airborne trainees and often find them breaking down in tears once they let their guard down.

“When I would touch the Soldiers and talk to them, they would cry,” said Kim. “They never had that connection.” This ability to form connections with Soldiers gave Kim the confidence he needed to be an Army Chaplain, even though he was nearing the candidate age limit of 40.

One fortuitous circumstance gave Kim’s journey toward chaplain a boost: the regional chaplain recruiting headquarters was located down the street from Kim’s chapel. Soon he was meeting face-to-face with the recruiter who would help make him a chaplain.

“I was very nervous,” said Kim. “To start a new journey, there’s a lot of risk and fear, but he believed in me.”

Kim’s confidence in his calling led to him succeeding at the Chaplain Basic Officer Leadership Course, and selected to become an active duty chaplain. Now as a senior chaplain with several assignments behind him, Kim is watching his children succeed in their early military careers. Kim’s daughter and two sons are all graduates of the U.S. Air Force Academy and are active duty Air Force officers.

A common face around Camp Henry, Kim makes the effort to personally meet each and every member of 19th ESC HHC to give them a thought-provoking quote and verse of the day in order to ensure he is there when most needed.

“He aspires to provide guidance and leadership to every member of his immediate and subordinate Unit Ministry Teams, while providing excellent religious support to the 19th ESC community,” said Ch. (Maj.) Curtis Sutherland, 19th ESC chaplain.

Thanks to Kim’s unique life experiences, he is able to counsel Soldiers who feel out of place in a Korea. Having spent several years in Korea as an Army chaplain, Kim has many times found himself talking to a young Soldier who is having difficulty adjusting to service far away from home or struggling to find meaning in a new environment. In these interactions, Kim believes the best remedy is reminding a Soldier of their historic purpose in Korea.

“Even though you are a private or a first term Soldier, what you are doing is very important in keeping peace in Korea,” said Kim. “That gives them pride when they see how important their job is here.”

Peterson Soldiers make Korea a family affair



Article by Sgt. 1st Class Adam Ross, originally published on 15 June 2021

CAMP HENRY, Republic of Korea – One of the challenges of being stationed in Korea can be the long distances between a Soldier and their friends and family. For Spc. Justin Peterson, he knew an assignment in Korea would mean making new friends and working in a different environment, but he was counting on one familiar face being there: his father, Staff Sgt. Galen Peterson.

“When I found out he was coming to Korea too, I said ‘see you there!’” said Staff Sgt. Peterson, an ammunition NCO for the Distribution Management Center, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command.

Since late 2020, the father and son have both been stationed in Korea, and both serving in units that fall under 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command.

The duo recently embraced after Spc. Peterson graduated from the Basic Leadership Course on Camp Henry. The graduation ceremony marked the latest chapter in a story of an Army family that began in 2009.

Before he stepped into an Army recruiting station, the elder Peterson had spent most of his life in Lehigh Acres, Florida, and was anxious for a change. But before speaking to a recruiter, he assumed he was ineligible for enlistment.

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Family Affair (continued)



“I always thought I was too old,” said Staff Sgt. Peterson, who was 40 at the time. “When I found out it was 42, I thought ‘let’s do this!’”

A thirst to see the world was soon answered when the Peterson family moved to Bamberg, Germany for his first assignment. The younger Peterson was 11 at the time, and soon began to imagine himself in an Army uniform.

“I was able to see how the Army works, and all the good things the Army can offer you,” said Spc. Peterson, a Religious Affairs Specialist with 94th Military Police Battalion. “As I was growing up, I thought this is exactly what I wanted to do.”

When Spc. Peterson shipped to Basic Combat Training in 2018, he knew it was the start of seeing less of his family. This separation would not last very long.

In 2020, while stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Spc. Peterson saw an opportunity to serve in Korea, where his father had been stationed for several months.

Their first meeting in Korea happened while Spc. Peterson was completing quarantine at Camp Humphreys. Although they had to observe the strict 6-foot social distancing, the reunion was special.

“I spent Christmas in the quarantine yard with him,” said Staff Sgt. Peterson. “When I quarantined I had no one to visit me, so I made sure to drive up every weekend to visit him and make sure he had the necessities.”

While the two Petersons are stationed separately at Camp Humphreys and Camp Henry, they make it a priority to visit each other as much as they can. Every long weekend has meant a bus ride for one of them, bicycle in tow. In Korea they’ve discovered a hobby they never explored together: long bike rides.

“We’re constantly together,” said Staff Sgt. Peterson. “People will see us on our bikes and assume we’re best friends.” The pair will have more time to spend together, as Staff Sgt. Peterson recently extended his tour and hopes to become an instructor at the Noncommissioned Officer Academy on Camp Walker. “I think he would be an awesome instructor,” said Spc. Peterson. “He was able to shape me, I would love to see him shape future leaders.” Looking toward the future of their Army careers, Staff Sgt. Peterson has a goal for his son.

“Every parent wants their child to be more successful than them,” said Staff Sgt. Peterson. “I want to stand at parade rest in front of him.”

Memorial march carries a personal connection to history



Article by Sgt. 1st Class Adam Ross, originally published on 30 April 2021

CAMP HENRY, REPUBLIC OF KOREA – The sense of relief was fleeting among the Soldiers who crossed the finish line on Camp Henry, underneath a spray of water from a fire hose, after completing the 26.2 mile-long Bataan Memorial Death March.

Although they had accomplished a remarkable feat together as a team, they knew any pain they felt was insignificant compared to what the American and Philippine Soldiers experienced during the actual Bataan Death March in April 1942.

“In comparison to marching 70 miles, I can’t even fathom what they went through,” said Capt. Mario Jones, Distribution Management Center, 19th

Expeditionary Sustainment Command. “The threat of falling off pace and getting shot, it’s just humbling.”

Honoring the memory and sacrifice of the Bataan Death March has inspired thousands of people to endure the memorial version of the March, held annually since 1989 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. Due to the pandemic, this was the first time the Bataan Memorial Death March was held virtually, with dozens of organized marches taking place around the world. The Daegu march was organized by Capt. Cathy Reyes from 19th ESC, whose grandfather survived the Bataan Death March.

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Memorial march (continued)



As a 2nd Lieutenant serving in the United States Army Forces in the Far East – a command created to incorporate the Philippine Armed Forces into the allied fight in the Pacific – Ernesto Guzman not only made it through the horror of the Bataan Death March, but stayed in the Army through the rank of Colonel before retiring.

“He’s been an inspiration to me, he’s the reason I joined the Army,” said Reyes, whom serves as the 19th ESC Schools and Training Officer in Charge. “His grit, his determination to push through is what pushes me now. His memory helps me every day.”

Reyes had previously honored her grandfather’s service by visiting the Philippine memorial in Bataan and seeing the actual route he and other Soldiers marched. But with the virtual march she saw an opportunity for a memorable team building event.

The Bataan Death March of 1941 began with the Japanese Imperial Army invasion of the Philippines, at the time a territory of the United States. After the vastly outnumbered U.S. and Philippine forces surrendered to the Japanese, the prisoners of war were forcibly moved from Bataan to Camp O’Donnell. Denied

nearly any food and water during the march, the march was characterized by executions and torture; it is estimated nearly 600 Americans and over 15,000 Filipinos died before reaching Camp O’Donnell.

Starting in February, Reyes was joined by several other Soldiers to train for the long march, and the participation grew to include more than two dozen 19th ESC Soldiers.

“It’s led my team to become more unified to get to know each other,” said Reyes. “And knowing we’re going through this all together makes it all worth it.”

The Daegu march began with a safety briefing at 0500 on Camp Henry’s Victory Field, before a motivational speech from Reyes and Command Sgt. Maj. Walter Tagalicud, Command Sergeant Major, United States Forces Korea.

Tagalicud had heard about the Daegu march, and like Reyes, shared a link to the Bataan Death March as a Filipino-American serving in the Army. Marching with Tagalicud were Soldiers from the Philippine Armed Forces whom serve within United Nations Command.

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Memorial march (continued)



“One thing that really inspired me was the people who had the drive to live, the effort to help one another survive and not be killed,” said Tagalicud. “We have each other as a team to help accomplish the mission. It’s important to remember their hardships and their sacrifice to their country.”

Setting out from Camp Henry, the teams of marchers followed the path of the Sincheon River in Daegu on a crisp spring day. Water points were set up every few miles, and participants often found themselves cheered on by Korean passersby on the trail.

It was a stark contrast from the White Sands version of the Bataan Memorial Death March.

“That was definitely a more grueling challenge walking through the sand, varying terrain and the dry heat,” said

1LT Katherine Kezon, Commanding General Aide de Camp, 19th ESC, whom marched in the event in 2017. “I definitely think it’s a meaningful experience and an amazing opportunity, getting to do this with people I work with and care about.”

The final leg of the long journey brought Soldiers back to Camp Henry, where a crowd was waiting for them and a plume of water from a firehose marked their finish. While the pain from several hours of marching was temporary, the memory of the Bataan Death March endures.

“Being able to celebrate that memory and do it with my brothers and sisters in arms is an honor,” said Jones.

“Remembering your history makes you a better Soldier, better teammate and better person.”



PEOPLE ARE OUR FAMILY

“Team 19”



G1



G2



G3



G3 KM



G3 NEO



G3 PROTECTION



G3 RSO



G33



G35



G37



PROTOCOL



R2



G4



G5



G5 FORCE MANAGEMENT



G6



G8



G9



MEO



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