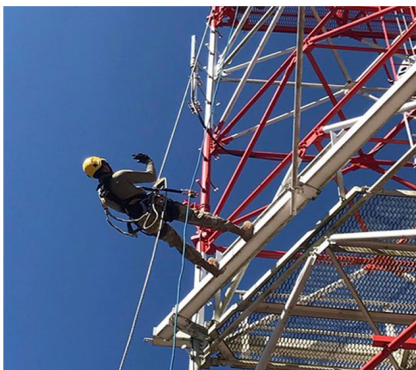


# EIGHTH ARMY

ALLIANCE MOVING FORWARD - 70 YEARS

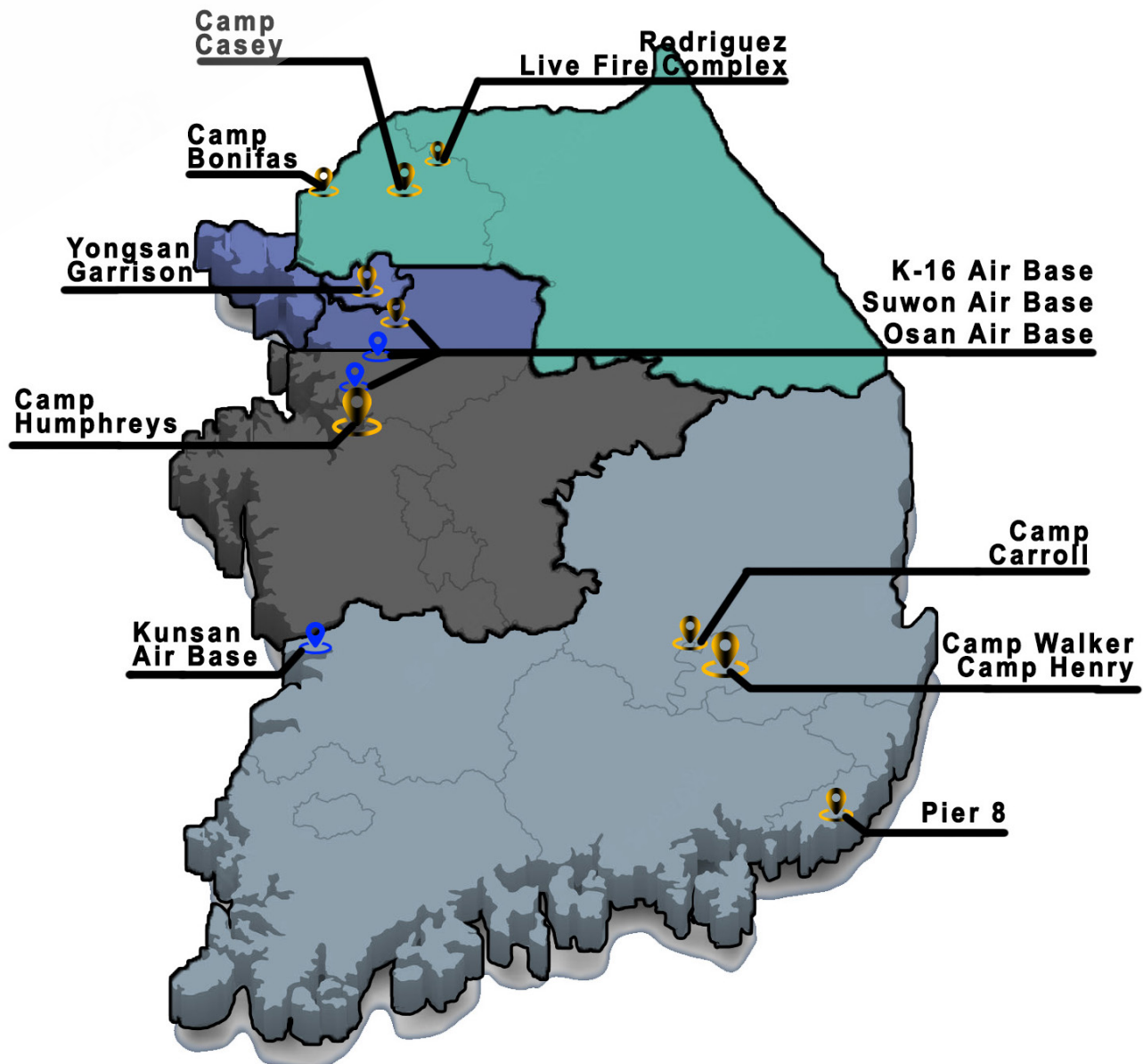


"PACIFIC VICTORS!"



# The U.S. Army in Korea

The Army's presence in Korea is vital to the U.S. national integrated deterrence strategy and for maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific Region. While the U.S. Army maintains a presence at locations across the Korean peninsula, the center for most of the U.S. Army's activities in Korea is Camp Humphreys. With a total population of just over 36,000 in 2022, the number of all personnel from all military services on the camp is expected to increase to approximately 44,000 in the coming years as both U.S. and ROK military personnel relocate from other locations across the Republic of Korea to Camp Humphreys. Included in this total are more than 5,500 local-national employees.





## People

- ◆ 15,000 U.S. Army Soldiers
- ◆ 2,900 Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army (KATUSA) Soldiers
- ◆ 2,200 U.S. Government Civilians
- ◆ 6,400 Korean National Employees
- ◆ 2,700 Contractors

## Land

- ◆ Eighth Army maximizes resources provided to it, including areas for training and operations
- ◆ 11,550 acres in use across Korea
- ◆ Currently reducing to 41 sites across peninsula
- ◆ 12,680 acres returned to Korean government since 2018
- ◆ 12 sites returned to Korean government in past three years, including highly-sought locations in greater Seoul Metropolitan area. Eighth additional sites are undergoing process of return, including Camp Kim, Camp Market, and portions of Yongsan Garrison
- ◆ Training space for the U.S. military is granted under standing agreements with the Republic of Korea.



Soldiers from 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment "Tomahawks", 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, conduct situational training exercises, March 14, 2023, at Goldmine training area during exercise Warrior Shield. Warrior Shield is a 2nd Infantry Division exercise that showcases and employs Fight Tonight fundamentals and capabilities.  
(U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Effie Mahugh)



# Assignment of **Purpose**

An assignment to Korea is often one of the most fulfilling in a Soldier's career. It offers the chance to make an international impact.

## **Population**

- ◆ There are approximately 60,000 Soldiers, Civilians, U.S. military dependents, contractors, and retirees in Korea who are affiliated with Eighth Army. This total is larger than 95 percent of cities and towns in the United States.
- ◆ People who live and work at U.S. Army camps support hundreds of local businesses through their patronage.

## **Mutual Agreements**

- ◆ U.S. Army elements in Korea provide emergency response to off-installation situations, fire suppression, upon request from the Korean government.
- ◆ Soldiers and Family members provide thousands of volunteer hours per year to local communities teaching English, cleaning up public areas, and coaching sports.







# Community Engagement

Eighth Army members engage leaders and communities positively around the Korean peninsula, thereby enhancing quality of life for many.

## Good Neighbor

Eighth Army is a good neighbor with our Korean hosts, promoting and achieving a harmonious balance with communities across the Korean peninsula through volunteer activities and cultural exchanges.

## Key Leader Engagements

Senior Army leaders regularly engage with Korean elected officials to maintain relationships and discuss items of importance among Korean citizens.



## Partnerships

Eighth Army units across Korea have partnerships with community organizations to maintain or improve the lives of Koreans of all ages. Events happen continuously, thus contributing to an already-matured Korea-U.S. relationship.



## Host Nation Support

Eighth Army routinely partners with Korean entities to provide support as requested, including forest fire suppression and maintaining good order and discipline of American forces in neighborhoods near U.S. military installations.



## Adaptable and Tough

Eighth Army works in a complex and demanding environment. Summer months in Korea are often hot and humid. Significant rainfall poses a unique planning consideration for Eighth Army units. In winter months, Soldiers accomplish their missions in windy and frigid cold weather. Regardless of the conditions, Eighth Army stands ready to Soldier On and accomplish its missions during peacetime, crisis, or conflict.



Soldiers assigned to Korea must be able to work in humid and hot conditions during the summer months and bitter cold during winter months. In the picture above, a Soldier assigned to the 65th Medical Brigade works his way through an obstacle course at Camp Casey during an individual skills competition during late spring.



Soldiers assigned to 5th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, perform maintenance on an AH-64E Apache helicopter moments after a snow storm passed through Camp Humphreys, South Korea on Dec. 6, 2022. Regardless of the weather condition, Soldiers in Korea must be ready to perform their assigned missions.





Ensuring medical care for people is a top priority for Soldiers in the 502nd Field Hospital. Sustaining and improving their talents requires medical professional to train in various settings, including in austere and non-permanent structures, as seen above.



Soldiers assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division practice securing an underground facility in chemical protective equipment at night. Among Eighth Army's manifold mission set is the requirement to secure suspected weapons of mass destruction sites.



## Capable Forces

Soldiers in Eighth Army are trained and equipped to face a multitude of challenges in the Korean theater of operations.

## Modernization

- ◆ Eighth Army's rotary-wing fleet includes the latest AH-64 variant, which includes the latest technology for aviators.
- ◆ Starting in Summer 2022, Eighth Army transitioned its rotational force from an Armored Brigade Combat Team to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team. The transition enables Eighth Army to rapidly maneuver in an area of operations.

## Training

- ◆ Success in the Korean theater of operations requires training in a variety of environments - subterrain, urban, and mountains.
- ◆ Eighth Army Soldiers train and operate by, with, and through our Republic of Korea host nation allies and with our partner services.
- ◆ Routine training ensures Eighth Army maintains a disciplined and cohesive force, ready to fulfill its obligations alongside our ROK allies.





## Always Ready

Maintaining readiness requires Eighth Army to prepare for future challenges in the multi-domain environment.

## Future Battlefields

- ◆ Developing U.S. military and combined readiness in the multi-domain environment is a top priority for Eighth Army.
- ◆ Countering adversary unmanned aerial systems and experimenting with new technologies to save lives and ensure mission success is how Eighth Army helps shape the Korean theater of operations.
- ◆ Eighth Army strives to coordinate efforts along the lines of modernization, interoperability, and advanced science and technology with our ROK allies so we are ready to face future threats.



A CH-47 Chinook helicopter from the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division sling loads a howitzer in the Republic of Korea in February 2023. The ability to operate in various types of terrain, from rural to urban environments, is crucial to success in Korea and for maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific Region.





Troops in the 25th Transportation Battalion train at Camp Carroll to support movement control operations throughout Korea. The ability to safely and effectively move personnel and equipment is a necessity in military operations.

## Sustain the Theater

Success in military operations often depends on the quality of a force's ability to sustain itself. Keeping Eighth Army and other U.S. Forces Korea military elements ready to Fight Tonight are the sustainers stationed in units across the peninsula. Their work includes operations at Pier 8 in Busan and upkeep of equipment, such as M-1 Abrams tanks, held as part of Army Prepositioned Stocks on the Korean peninsula.

From reception, staging, and onward movement of people, equipment, and supplies, Eighth Army's team is unmatched.





# Ecological Contributions

Eighth Army strives to protect our natural resources. From simple acts as the lowest levels to enterprise-wide efforts, Eighth Army ensures future generations will have clean and usable living and training spaces. Actions include:

- ◆ Earning designation as Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary at the Camp Humphreys golf course
- ◆ Construction of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) structures across Korea. These buildings are some of the newest and most efficient in the Department of Defense.
- ◆ Steady replacement of gas-powered non-tactical vehicle fleet to electric-powered vehicles.
- ◆ Planting trees at camps across Korea



Buildings used by Eighth Army personnel across South Korea are some of the newest in the Department of Defense. These Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-certified buildings ensure working and living conditions meet high standards for personnel, and help conserve resources.



Replacement of gasoline-powered non-tactical vehicles with electric vehicles is part of Eighth Army's contributions toward the U.S. Army's Climate Strategy and mitigating effects of climate change.



Members of USA Girl Scouts Overseas Troop 715 display bird houses built in cooperation with River Bend Golf Course at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Feb. 20, 2021. The bird houses were constructed to combat mosquitos and other pests naturally. River Bend Golf Course was designated a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary by Audubon International on Nov. 28, 2022.





Soldiers train at Camp Casey near the city of Dongducheon, South Korea, some 12 miles from the inter-Korea border. The motto of the 2nd Infantry Division is "Fight Tonight," but the reality is Soldiers stationed in Korea need to be ready to "fight right now."







