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Iron 6 & 7 Sends



Col. Louis Rago II
IABCT Brigade Commander

Happy New Year, Iron Team

2012 was a busy and exciting year for the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. We will be in for the same and more during 2013. We have already begun receiving the lead elements of our seventh battalion, 23rd CBRN Battalion, the "Mighty Lions," and will continue integrating this fine outfit into our formation over the next few months.

We have also welcomed a new command team to 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry – Lt. Col. Jeff Gottlieb

and his wife Donna, along with Command Sgt. Maj. Kim Bradshaw and his wife Sherry. These two great cavalymen and their ladies will make outstanding additions to the Iron Team. Another bit of good news to start off the year was the selection of our own brigade judge advocate, Capt. Tom Hong, for promotion to major. What a fantastic way to start off the "Year of the Black Snake" here in the Republic of Korea.

On a more somber note, this month we bid farewell to a few great leaders on the team. Command Sgt. Maj. Al Washington and Melissa left 4-7 Cav. after more than two years. However, they are staying with the Warrior Division as they transition to Fort Lewis and duties in the cavalry Squadron of 2nd Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. Along with the Washington's, Lt. Col. Mike Adams and Sheri completed their tour with 4-7 Cav. but are staying with 1st ABCT through the summer as Lt. Col. Adams

assumes duties as the Deputy Brigade Commander. Also leaving us in January is Lt. Col. Paul Henley who is joining the division staff and our brigade equal opportunity advisor, Master Sgt. Pervier who is heading to Fort Bragg. Good luck to all of these fine leaders and their families.

We look forward to the challenges of the next year and also look forward to continuing to serve with the best Soldiers, Civilians and Families in our Army.

Iron Team Second to None!



Command Sgt. Maj. Carl Ashmead
IABCT Brigade
Command Sergeant Major



1ABCT delivers holiday joy to warm hearts

Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Kyle Richardson
1ABCT Brigade, PAO

SOYOSAN, South Korea – As Western folklore has it, individuals that were considered bad throughout the year received lumps of coal during the holidays, particularly for Christmas. While some may find the old myth entertaining, several families in a South Korean village were pleased when the 2nd Infantry Division U.S. Army Soldiers, Korean Augmentees to the U.S. Army, and civilians arrived on a cold winter day to deliver coal to their village.

With icy winds biting through their gloves and nipping their faces, U.S. and Korean Augmentation to the

U.S. Army Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team and 210th Fires Brigade, along with their Family members, unloaded several trucks of coal, more than 10,000 briquettes in all, for Korean families in the Soyosan area during their second annual Charity Charcoal Briquette Distribution Dec. 26, 2012.

As the group of volunteers



Stacks of charcoal are lined up on a flat-bed truck just before the U.S. and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers and Family members deliver the charcoal to families in Soyosan during the second annual Charity Charcoal Briquette Distribution Dec. 26, 2012. Each charcoal briquette thoroughly heats a Korean home for eight hours.

removed the three-pound, cylindrical-shaped bricks of coal off the trucks, several villagers stood along the street smiling with joy, anticipating warmer homes during this winter.

“The spirit of Christmas is all around us right now,” said 1st Lt. Joaquin Jucaban, a Killeen, Texas-native, and civil affairs officer for 1st ABCT. “It feels real good to have this opportunity to give back to those in need, especially since it’s freezing cold right now.”

Most Korean families use gas or oil to create heat for



Family members join the Soldiers and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team and 210th Fires Brigade during the second annual Charity Charcoal Briquette Distribution Dec. 26, 2012. More than 5 million won was donated to buy coal for the Koreans.



their homes, but the more unfortunate families living in older homes will use about three bricks of coal a day to heat their houses. More than 40 families chosen by the Dongducheon Volunteer Center will benefit from the coal distribution.

During last year's distribution, volunteers donated close to 4 million won to purchase coal for needy South Koreans. Jucaban said during this year's event, both brigades donated more than 5 million won to help purchase



Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers with the 1st Armored Brigade Combat team and the 210th Fires Brigade, line up to tie up each others' aprons during the second annual Charity Charcoal Briquette Distribution Dec. 26, 2012. Last year the group donated 4 million won opposed to this year's 4 million won.

coal.

"It's very reassuring to me to know that we got about 60 Soldiers to come out on a cold morning to volunteer their time to deliver coal," said Command Sgt. Maj. Carl Ashmead, a Fairfield, Idaho-native, and the 1st ABCT command sergeant major. "No matter where they're assigned, Soldiers are connected to their communities. It's only natural that they want to give back. Sometimes people forget that Soldiers are humans too, and it's human nature to want to give back."

As the holiday spirit is still strong and the steaming hot chocolate is flowing through the Soldiers veins, everyone donated money

or volunteered their time for various reasons.

"Despite the fact that my face, fingers and toes are frozen, I'm truly happy to be here," said Pvt. Anisa Rice, a chemical specialist with the 23rd Chemical Battalion, 1st ABCT. "Even in the cold this is fun, I know as long as I'm with my company and my battles, we can do anything. And I know, if my mom were to see me today, she would be proud of me."

While the final coal briquette is placed in the homes and the Soldiers walk away with coal-smearred faces, the Korean locals will not frown tonight from their gifts of coal. They will enjoy the heat that it produces and appreciate the cold that it keeps away.



Soldiers hand off briquettes of charcoal to each other in a chain delivery during the second annual Charity Charcoal Briquette Distribution. More than 60 U.S. and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers and Family members volunteered to deliver coal to the Korean residents in Soyosan.



DFAC SPOTLIGHT

The "IRON" Café

Camp Hovey, Bldg. S-4158

Operated by the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team

**Grand Re-Opening
Specialty Meal
Jan. 24, 2013
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**



Main Entrée

- Grilled Steak
- French Fried
- Shrimp
- Roast Turkey
- Herbed Baked Fish
- Buttered Mashed Potatoes
- Rice Pilaf
- Corn on the Cob
- Broccoli and Cheese
- Brown Gravy
- Potato Bar

Soups

- Minestrone
- Clam Chowder

Desserts

- Red Velvet Cake
- Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Assorted Pies
- Ice Cream Bar



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Monday - Saturday

Breakfast (\$2.50)	7 - 9 a.m.
Lunch (\$4.60)	11:30 - 1 p.m.
Dinner (\$4.60)	5 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday & Holidays

Brunch (\$5.25)	9 - 1 p.m.
Supper (\$6.45)	5 - 6:30 p.m.



1-15th Field Artillery "Guns"

Story by
Spc. Matthew Matelski
1-15th Chaplain's Assistant

At some time or another, everyone enjoys feeling good. Whether it's feeling good about an Army physical fitness training score or a care package from loved ones. Good feelings create endorphins that are necessary to carry on.

Most people deserve to reap benefits from a happy day. Leaders have taken time out of the schedules to create such programs to affect people and their communities. One program is the Good Neighbor Program.

The 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team is directly involved in The Good Neighbor Program. Soldiers in the battalion volunteer countless hours to help. They frequently take time to care for others who are less fortunate.

The Good Neighbor Program is not just an opportunity to help others, but it also provides an opportunity for Soldiers to feel good



Lt. Col. Jeremy McGuire, commander for the 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armor Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, stands with Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Jacobs in the dining facility during Thanksgiving.

about themselves. Leaders are able to host multiple events through this program like the Aeshin Orphanage Birthday Party.

The Aeshin Orphanage Birthday Party was a great occasion where Soldiers and leaders could spend time with Korean children of all ages. It is a chance to spend time

playing, laughing and sometimes even dancing with local children.

"When I think of the Good Neighbor Program, the one word that comes to mind is benefits," said Spc. Matthew Matelski. "When a Soldier takes his or her personal time to go out of their way to help the outside community, it benefits the community."

The Good Neighbor Program can also be a huge benefit for some of the Soldiers who stay in the barracks all the time, would like an opportunity to leave post, and meet people. Soldiers can clean up parks, spend time with orphans, or teach English at local elementary schools.

"I have seen the smiles and happiness that this program can bring to people," said Matelski. "It changes the ideation of a Soldier in people's eyes. It shows the people of South Korea that we are not just Soldiers but giving and loving human beings."



Noah Colin and Ryan McClellan, Jr., children of 1st Lt. McClellan along with Pfc. Noriega play basketball with children at the Aeshin Orphanage during a group birthday party.



Guns Reckoning

Story by
Capt. Bill Truett
1-15th Unit public affairs rep.

It's still dark in the Republic of Korea. At 6:30 a.m. Camp Hovey is still dark and cold with temperatures ranging in the single digits to the mid teens. Cold weather leads some units to begin conducting physical fitness training in the afternoon or Soldiers are told to report to the gym to escape the frigid temperature.

On Dec. 14, just three days after completing a live-fire exercise, the 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment "Guns Battalion," line-up on Air Assault Drive just behind their battalion headquarters and step-off on a five-mile run. The run course takes them around the Casey/Hovey enclave, which signals the beginning of "Guns Reckoning." This exercise proves the Guns troopers are disciplined enough to continue with training as usual, regardless of the conditions that nature puts in their way.

Around 7:15 a.m., the Soldiers complete the final turn near the Class VII yard. The battalion commander and command sergeant major await them to deliver the weekend safety brief before a much-deserved 72-hour break. During those 10 minutes, Command Sgt. Maj. Jake Jacobs discuss the commander's command philosophy about being fit, resolute, skilled, and discipline. After he reminds his Soldiers and NCOs about the consequences of having too much fun, Lt. Col. Jeremy McGuire begins his message.

"The bottom line of it is that as Guns troopers we do our duty first



Sgt. 1st Class Puhlman, senior medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, plays a challenging game of Chess with a child from the Aeshin Orphanage.

and foremost," said McGuire.

He encourages the men to take advantage of the time off, have fun and enjoy themselves. As McGuire continues to motivate his troops he tells them that while today they celebrate their triumphs, "we will be reminded that once the party's over we go back into the fray."

After PT and the Soldiers conducted personal hygiene, the Guns troopers meet at the Hovey theatre. The NCOs have taken time to inspect their Soldiers on the proper wear and appearance of the Army Service Uniform. Using rulers and measuring aids to determine where the proper placement of awards, badges, and insignias should go, the Soldiers are ready to appear before the commander and command sergeant major in preparation for the Top Gun/Top POC award ceremony.

One week ago, the entire battalion was conducting live-fire operations to determine who the best howitzer and fire direction section were. Staff Sgt. Lo and Staff Sgt. Hodkinson saw their sections emerge as the best in the battalion.

For their efforts, their sections were awarded Army Achievement Medals and four-day passes. They were recognized in the theatre in front of the entire battalion. In this exercise, discipline was rewarded.

After the awards were given and numerous pictures taken, the battalion returned to their barracks for inspections and counseling. Three counseling focuses were accomplished. The first was monthly for all members of the battalion. The second was event based counseling resulting from the live-fire exercise. The third was high-risk counseling for those Soldiers who were identified by their leaders per higher command directive.

Early release was directed so that the 72-hour period was enhanced and the Soldiers were reminded that while the Guns work hard to also play hard.

As the Guns trek through Christmas and roll through the dawn of the New Year, the Soldier can set their sights on a far horizon as another "Guns Reckoning" approaches.



1-72nd Armor Battalion "Crusaders"



Lt. Col. Matthew Holly
1-72nd Battalion Commander

From the Crusader Team

First Tank rolled through the first quarter of 2013 according to Warrior Division tradition: train as though life



Command Sgt. Maj.
Robert Todd
1-72nd Armor
Command Sergeant Major

depended on it until the holiday season. Throughout the past three months, between Warpath exercises and CTE support for 4-7 Cav., the Crusader companies invested themselves in combined exercises with our ROK Army partners, rehearsed maneuver in the CCTT, conducted company air assaults to train rapid sensitive site exploitation, and executed force-on-force maneuver training with ROK armor battalions.

1-72 Armor employed and evaluated mine resistant, ambush protected vehicles through a series of exercises to determine their suitability for operations on the Korean Peninsula. Soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company and from the Black Knight Company tested two different types of MRAPs by conducting basic and advanced drivers training. During the training, the Soldiers maneuvered in rugged, rural terrain and urban combat scenarios. The evaluation from these training events provided valuable information to the 2nd Infantry Division and the Army.

Volunteers from the battalion wanted to spread holiday cheer by visiting a local orphanage. Soldiers and families

from across the battalion donated clothes and toys to share with the children. The children were excited to see our Soldiers and to interact with them, creating a lifelong memory for the children and Soldiers alike. At the same time strengthening the relationship between the U.S. Army and the Korean community.

First Tank began the New Year by deploying the battalion to Rodriguez Live Fire Complex for its winter gunnery: qualifying tank and Bradley crews, infantry teams and squads and certifying fourteen platoons in scenario-driven, live fire exercises. Following gunnery, First Tank will conduct force-on-force combat training and company air assaults in a variety of training areas to prepare Crusaders for their wartime missions and contingencies.

Both CSM Robert Todd and I hope you had a wonderful holiday season, and wish you the best in the New Year. As 2013 begins, the Crusaders will continue to train hard as a part of the Iron Team that is ready to Fight Tonight.

First Tank!

Lt. Col. Matthew Holly
Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Todd



Family fun with KATUSAs

On December 14 our friend Kim “AKA Nemo” asked Sgt. 1st Class Henderson, Spc. Crawford, Pfc. Davis, Ramirez and Anderson, to come with him to his hometown in Daegu, South Korea. We jumped at the chance to explore Korea and see the country beyond the training areas, Dongducheon and the subway.

When we arrived in Daegu, we were greeted with open arms when we met with his parents and grandparents. His family had prepared

I had in Daegu with Kim was one I’ll never forget; it was a real experience to visit a real Buddhist temple, and see the impressive statues of the Buddha. The tomb of Emperor Moumus was a sight to behold – the natural rock formation



Soldiers and Family members watch as the annual tank lighting takes place in “Dragon Valley” early December 2012.



Soldiers begin setting up the tactical operations center in preparation for Winter Gunnery.

a wonderful traditional Korean dinner and homemade wine. Over dinner, we had a good discussion with his parents and grandparents. Our time there was limited, but the experience we had for those few days were worth more than mere words could ever explain.

What I truly enjoyed about this trip to Daegu was that we were all able to spend some quality time with PV2 Kim’s family. His grandparents made a feast for us and it was so good that we just kept eating till we were stuffed. His parents were so nice to us that they paid for our hotel for 2 nights as well as a tour of Gyeongju. The adventure

surrounding his actual burial site was most impressive. Korean lore says that he will reincarnate and return as a dragon.

The ocean was really amazing especially the cliffs that offer incredible vistas. I also liked the fact that we had the chance to interact with the locals and learn a little about their culture from a first hand per-

spective. I learned that most Koreans want us in this country because of what American Soldiers have

done in defense of their nation. Kim’s Grandfather was ecstatic to meet with us because of his experience as a ROK Army Officer that fought next to U.S. Soldiers in the Korean War.

The weekend went by quickly, but we were grateful to have seen a different view of Korea and to be taken in as family during the holiday, when our families are so far away. I highly encourage my fellow junior Soldiers to get away from the post and explore Korea and absorb its culture. Befriend your KATUSAs as they can offer you insights into their culture and show you many new perspectives. It is an experience you will have for a lifetime.



Soldiers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, executed Tae Kwon Do training prior to leaving for Winter Gunnery.



2-9 Infantry Battalion "Manchu"



This past month has undoubtedly been a productive one for the Manchu battalion. On Nov. 24 we departed Camp Casey for the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex. Over the course of three weeks, the Manchu battalion diligently conducted its semiannual Bradley Fighting Vehicle, Abrams Main Battle Tank, and unstabilized vehicular qualification live fire training in the sub-freezing temperatures and snow. Despite the inclement weather, several crews earned "distinguished" and "superior" ratings during their Table VI qualification, demonstrating their abilities to "fight tonight" and win given under any given circumstances. These crews were honored for their outstanding performances during a gunnery award

ceremony on Jan. 11.

In addition to Table VI gunnery, the companies conducted a variety of small-arms ranges to include the M4 rifle, M9 pistol, M249 and M240B machine guns, as well as mortars. The staff sections also honed their skills by moving the command post within a day in order to rehearse the teardown and

Republic of Korea Army counterparts, as a platoon from their 131st Mechanized Battalion, 102nd Armored Regiment qualified all their crews on Table VI alongside Hell-raiser Company. Their dismounted infantry conducted advanced rifle marksmanship, urban operations, and shoot house training with Able and Baker Companies. The ROKA



Lt. Col. Shawn, battalion commander for 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armor Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, and Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Terpak, stand in the Manchu hall for a photo.

setup procedures.

The exercise was also an excellent opportunity to work with our

Brigade Commander, Lt. Col. Woo, and his staff also took the time to observe our combined training on Nov. 29. This mutually beneficial experience did much to bolster the spirit of partnership and cooperation between our two nation's militaries.

The Manchus were also honored to host distinguished visitors Lt. Gen. Johnson, Commanding General of Eighth Army, and Brig. Gen. Burton, the 2nd Infantry Division Commanding General – Maneuver who took the time to visit Rodriguez Live Fire Complex on Nov. 29 and 30, respectively. They observed the Bradley qualification training



Ae Shin Orphanage Christmas Party



from the range tower, met with soldiers in the field motor pool, and sat in on the gunnery after-action reviews.

Additionally, Able Company, commanded by Capt. Meluus Ulechong, conducted a combined air assault mission with elements of 102nd ROKA Infantry Regiment and 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion at Camp Stanley beginning in the evening hours of Dec. 12 and going into the morning of Dec. 13.

On Dec. 16, the final elements of the battalion that were conducting live-fire exercises at Twin Bridges Training Area returned home to Camp Casey. We immediately launched into our after-operations maintenance program which included weapons maintenance, vehicle wash rack operations, equipment layouts, medical readiness checks, and organizational inspections in order to ensure no break



Able Company Soldiers Training at Cherokee Valley

took the time to unwind and interact with the local community. On Dec. 22, approximately 50 Manchu soldiers and their families hosted 38 children and the staff from the Ae Shin Orphanage at the Camp Casey Gateway Club for a Christmas party. Volunteers within the battalion graciously donated over \$5,000 worth of gifts and cash to

tion Tour at the DMZ. For New Year's, Demon Company's family readiness group prepared a feast in which 75 of their soldiers and families participated in to celebrate the past year.

With the conclusion of the holiday season, the Manchus are once again setting their sights on the future. Within the next couple of months we will be finalizing our preparations for our annual Cobra Gold military-to-military exchange with the Royal Thai Army this February, conducting additional live-fire and air assault exercises, and are making the preparations for the famed "Manchu Mile" 25 mile march to honor the Regiment's historic 85 mile march and attack into Tientsen, China in 1900 while it suppressed the Boxer Rebellion. Command Sgt. Maj. Terpak and I are proud of the many accomplishments of 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment this past year, however with these new upcoming opportunities and prospects, 2013 looks to be another promising and rewarding year for the Manchus.

KEEP UP THE FIRE!

Lt. Col. Shawn P. Creamer (Manchu 6)
Command Sgt. Maj.

Timothy Terpak (Manchu 7)



M1A2 Abrams Main Battle Tank Crew Qualification

in our mission readiness and our capability to close with and destroy the enemy at any given moment. We also conducted after-action reviews to capture the valuable lessons learned so that we could incorporate them into our next gunnery rotation.

Nonetheless, the Manchus also

support the event. The battalion also supported the Charcoal Briquette Charity event on Dec. 26 by purchasing approximately \$1,129 worth of charcoal and delivering it to families in the local Soyosan community. On Dec. 30, Able Company conducted the monthly Manchu New Soldier Integra-



302nd BSB "Iron Horse"



Happy New Year! Command Sergeant Major Arrowood and I want to wish all of you a healthy and prosperous 2013. The Ironhorse team has a lot in store for this year. Our mission to provide continuous support to sustain the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team will never stop, but our priority for second and third quarter is to train our Soldiers in order to maintain our "Fight Tonight" readiness.

During the second quarter our focus is for the company command teams to develop and train their squad leaders by conducting squad level Training exercises. Upon completing the squad level training exercises, in the third quarter, the Ironhorse team will conduct battalion collective training event that will apply everything that the squad leaders and their soldiers learned.

The planning and execution of

all the training will be challenging, but rewarding. Every Ironhorse Soldier will walk away with knowledge, confidence, and a sense of pride. Each Soldier will also understand that the Ironhorse team is only successful due to his or her individual efforts to be tactically and technically proficient.

Command Sergeant Major and I want everyone to know that the Ironhorse does not only know how to work and train, but we also know how to enjoy ourselves and maximize our time with our Families. We have training holidays scheduled for every month except April. Our biggest event that will include Ironhorse Soldiers, Families, and partnership units will take place in March. We will "let our hair down" and enjoy ourselves during our Battalion Gala. The theme is "Masquerade: Mardi Gras Style." The Ironhorse team will "Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez" (Let the Good Times Roll).

The 302nd Brigade Support Battalion's mission is to provide sustainment and health protection support to the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. In addition to the sustainment mission, the battalion must be ready on a moment's notice to facilitate deployment operations for 1ABCT units.

Some of the critical tasks completed during deployment operations are rail, air, and ship loading operations followed by soldier readiness processing. These activities are synchronized with other supporting agencies such as Military Sealift Command and Air Mobility Command in order to deploy on schedule. Ironhorse demonstrated these capabilities by conducting their own multimodal deployment exercise from Oct. 1 to Dec. 18.

The planning and coordination began in September 2012. Training for the rail

load teams and key leaders required the support from organizations outside the unit. The division movement officer from the division's transportation office, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Dennis Hegarty, conducted training for key leaders on how to deploy a unit. He coordinated installation and Air Force resources, enabling the unit to achieve realistic training.

The brigade unit movement officer, Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Lora, was instrumental in the inspection process to make sure the unit met deployment standards. He conducted a class on joint inspections then inspected the equipment to make sure they were labeled and loaded correctly to reduce the chance of being delayed at the port of embarkation—in this case, Osan Airbase and the Camp Casey railhead. Hegarty and Lora made sure the organizational equipment list and the unit deploy-

ment list were populated correctly in the Transportation Coordinators Automatic Information for Movement System II or TC AIMS II. These databases had to match the Army Time Phase Force Deployment Data or TPFDD. Without external support from the Airforce, division, brigade and installation command, the exercise would not have been possible. The next phase was to ensure personnel were deployable by conducting the Soldier readiness process. During deployments, a lot of units focus on the mission, not administrative paperwork. With the support of various agencies on Camp Casey including legal and finance, the 302nd BSB conducted a thorough SRP. Completing an SRP will ensure all paperwork such as a SGLI, DD93, power of attorney, and a will are up to date. Soldiers also received immunization



boosters and went through a medical screening process to make sure they were fit for duty. The unit's intelligence officer introduced the deploying Soldiers to the country of Thailand during a cultural awareness briefing. In the briefing, the Soldiers learned about the culture where they will conduct their missions.

The next major event was the terrain board rehearsal. The Carey Fitness Center's basketball court floor was transformed into a large map. The layout showed critical locations labeled and modeled to reflect what the unit may encounter.

"The three-day rehearsal were so detailed, every Soldier on the team knew everyone else's job," said Lt. Col. Adrian Gamez, the 302nd BSB Commander.

Individual tasks and purpose was specified at every step from the start of the alert to the time they finished recovery operation.

"I didn't know a rehearsal can be so meticulous," said Sgt. 1st Class Steven Curtis, the noncommissioned officer in charge for the rail load operations.

This was the first time he participated in a rehearsal of this scale.

After the rehearsals, the Soldiers felt confident and were prepared to perform their duties. On the morning of Dec. 10, the day of execution, the temperature was the lowest since the start of winter registering in at a low of five degrees Celsius. The rail cars were covered in snow and ice, creating a slick surface. The brigade safety officer was called out to inspect the area to ensure it was safe to conduct the mission. Soldiers on the rail cars had to wear boot chains and the ramps were salted to provide a better surface for the track vehicles. Additionally, the ice on the rail cars must be cleared with ice picks. In the meantime, a warming hut was setup and combat

lifesaver teams were stationed nearby with a M88 Hercules recovery vehicle. Safety was the utmost concern and the detailed rehearsals ensured that intent was met. The battalion safety officers scrutinized every step and shift leaders ensured teams rotated to and from the warming hut. Soldiers' feet and socks were inspected for moisture frequently.

With all mitigation measures in place, the first vehicle approached the loading ramp as everyone watch with anticipation. Vehicles were driven onto the rail cars and containers were loaded by crane one at a time. The challenge was loading track vehicles due to the slippery surface. The M88 Hercules and the M109 Paladin weighed more than 60 tons and their tracks were wider than the rail cars. If either side of the tracks is more than five inches off, disaster is just waiting to happen.

Due to the diligence of the leaders and the conscious safety concern of every Soldier, the mission succeeded without a single injury.

The next morning, the air load and convoy team departed Camp Casey through gate three for Osan Airbase. Upon arrival, the air load team linked up with the Air Force loadmasters to begin their training. Their hands-on approach to training kept the Soldiers engaged.

"It sure beats sitting in a classroom with powerpoint slides," said Pvt. McAllister, one of the members on the air load team.

Although the Soldiers will never load an aircraft, the training they received will allow them to prepare equipment and pallets for air transport. At the end of the training the teams were "confident in their ability to pack, label, and load any standard Army equipment and be able to pass the Air Force stringent requirements," said Sgt. 1st Class Kunnemann, the air load NCOIC.



successfully deployed seven military vehicles to include a bus and 36 Soldiers to Osan airbase. Most of the Ironhorse Soldiers never drove military vehicles south of Camp Red Cloud. Despite the preparation and rehearsals, nervousness naturally set in on a few drivers.

"Having to deal with the Korean free-way system was bad enough, but we also had to deal with the bad weather," said Sgt. 1st Class Garcia, the convoy commander.

But this was expected because the teams were comprised of new Soldiers. The team compositions allowed the new Soldiers to participate in the training event with the supervision of the veterans. They spent one day at the airstrip learning how to weigh and mark the center of balance and how to properly prepare vehicles for air transport.

The next day, the teams redeployed to Camp Casey and conducted recovery. There were no standard operating procedures to follow since this was the first time Ironhorse attempted a full-scale deployment exercise.

The most difficult phase was not the execution, but everything else that led up to it. The planning, coordination and training took three months, but the actual exercise took three days. Ironhorse NCOs provided the Soldiers with assurance to see the mission through to the end.

Being able to grasp the basics of the Soldier Readiness Process, rail, air, and ship load operations enabled the Ironhorse to tailor a deployment process to any particular unit. During the battalion's after action review, comments were shared with the leadership and decisions were made to ensure these lessons learned were documented for future deployments. Ironhorse will continue to improve and always be ready to support to the Brigade.



The convoy mission



Equal Opportunity

1ABCT says farewell to the outgoing Equal Opportunity Advisor, Master Sgt. Lawrence Pervier, Jr. and welcomes Master Sgt. Michael Steward.

Master Sgt. Steward is a Texas native and a graduate of the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute.

“I look forward to providing the advice necessary that will support EO programs and diversity management. This will maximize organizational effectiveness, accomplishment of the mission, and maintain fight tonight readiness throughout the Brigade.”



-Master Sgt. Steward

In the event that you are harassed or discriminated against under any of the five protected categories, it is encouraged that you confront the individual. This can be accomplished in the following ways: directly, in-person or phone, third party, or indirectly through a phone text, letter or email.

If confronting the individual is unsuccessful, please give your chain of command the opportunity to resolve the issue and then contact your Equal Opportunity Leader when the above strategies become ineffective.

Contact the Brigade Equal Opportunity Advisor if your complaint is not resolved.

The EOA advises commanders and assists you through the complaint process. EO is the commander's program.

Upon filing a complaint, do not provide misleading information, as it is punishable under the UCMJ.

Lastly, a complaint must be supported with facts. Know who, what, when, where and how of the event that happened.

Complaint Advice

EO complaints are filed either informally or formally under the five protected categories. The five protected categories are:

- Race
- Color
- Gender
- Religion
- National Origin

Contact information:

Equal Opportunity Office
Building 3751A, Room 205
Camp Hovey, Korea
Office: 730-5156
Mobile Phone: 010-5059-0053
Email: michael.w.steward.mil@mail.mil

Prospective Events

Observances

Feb. 28 - African American/Black History Month observance is scheduled at the Warrior's Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March - Woman's History Month

April to May - "Days of Remembrance" for the victims of the Holocaust

May - Asian Pacific Heritage Month

Aug. 26 - Women's Equality Day

Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 - National Hispanic Heritage Month

November - National Native American Indian Heritage Month

Training

The MTT/SHARP class is scheduled for Jan. 22 through Feb. 1 at Camp Casey Community Activity Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Equal Opportunity Leader Course is scheduled for Feb. 7-14 at the Camp Casey Community Activity Center



Chaplain's Hill

May God bless you with His presence in the upcoming year. Resolutions are often made at the beginning of a new year. Resolve in 2013 to be more involved in the Good-Neighbor Program sponsored by your unit and your unit ministry team. Pictured here are the children of Ae Shin Orphanage receiving gifts courtesy of a UMT sponsored event in our Brigade. Remember it is better to give than to receive.



For more information about the Good Neighbor Opportunities in your Battalion contact your UMT.

Camp Casey/Hovey Chapel Services

West Casey Chapel Stone Chapel

Memorial Chapel Hovey Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Protestant

10:00 a.m.

Liturgical Protestant

11:30 a.m.

Catholic Mass

6:30 p.m. (Tuesday)

KATUSA Service



10:30 a.m.

Gospel Service

4:00 p.m.

Protestant Service

When you can do the common things of life in an uncommon way, you will command the attention of the world.

-George Washington Carver



4-7th Cavalry "Garryowen"



Out Front!

In our first message to you, we say with the greatest enthusiasm, "we are honored to lead the Saber Squadron." In war and peace, the 4th Squadron of the 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment has written a glorious history all over the globe. It is no accident that the only cavalry squadron permanently forward deployed and "ready to fight tonight" is the Saber Squadron. How could it be any other?

From the moment we arrived at Camp Hovey, we knew that the 4th Squadron was, is and will remain a special squadron. During the culminating training event in December of last year, we saw the practical results of the high level of training of the Troopers, NCOs and officers, of their teamwork, and of the élan and dash expected of the cavalry. Despite the frigid conditions, all persevered to successfully accomplish the mission. We were impressed.

The recent change of command



was another opportunity for the cavalry to lead the way, and to no one's surprise, the Seventh was first. It was immediately obvious that the ceremony was meticulously prepared and well rehearsed. As a matter of course, the squadron conducted the ceremony to the highest standard, with Stetsons and spurs, and in inimitable cavalry style. Again, we were impressed.

We join the squadron knowing our responsibilities. It is our respon-

sibility to maintain the cavalry tradition of meeting the highest standards while maintaining the élan and dash expected of those who wear Stetsons and spurs. It is our responsibility to ensure that the squadron is "ready to fight tonight" and accomplish any assigned mission. It is our responsibility to care for the Troopers and their Families. With such fine Troopers, NCOs and officers, we know we will fulfill those responsibilities.

To the Families of our cavalry Troopers we say, "Thank you." Thank you for how you support our Troopers and the squadron. Your support makes our mission possible. Your support helps us to carry forward the great legacy of the 4th Squadron. Whether you are here with us in Korea or somewhere else, know that you can always contact us with your questions or concerns, Garryowen!

Lt. Col. Jeffery Gottlieb
Command Sgt. Maj. Kim Bradshaw II



Sunrise Nursery Christmas Program



Troopers from 4-7 CAV participate in a Ukulele and guitar duet and play Christmas during the Sunrise Nursery Christmas Program. The audience enjoyed the music so much they joined in and clapped along with the Soldiers and even asked for an encore at the end.



Children of the Sunrise Nursery participate in the entertainment during the Christmas Program. With the help of Nursery staff members, the children show off their dance skills in a choreographed dance routine.

For the second year in a row, the annual Sunrise Christmas Program was a tremendous success. The program highlights the squadron's strong relationship with the nursery, as well as the greater Dongducheon area. Upon arriving to the event, Soldiers and KATUSAs from the squadron were welcomed to the Civic Center with hot coffee and snacks served by local volunteers dressed in colorful, traditional Korean gowns.

The program started off with the introduction of all the local city officials and special guests, including the mayor of Dongducheon and the directors of the Sunrise Nursery. After the introductions were complete, a plaque of appreciation was given to Chaplain Capt. Sanders from the Sunrise Nursery on behalf of 4-7 Cav., for the support that the squadron has given to the nursery. Next, the squadron commander, Lt. Col. Adams presented the Mayor of Dongducheon a framed picture from the unit. This giving of thanks between the squadron, nursery and

the city of Dongducheon underscores the mutual respect and appreciation of the unit and local community. Those in attendance enjoyed an event led by an exciting and eccentric emcee, a live rock band, traditional and contemporary dance routines, a taekwondo demonstration team and several special performances by the staff and special needs children of the Sunrise Nursery.

Throughout the program, raffles were held with many in the audience taking home nice prizes, including gift cards and household goods. Several musicians within the squadron participated in the event, highlighting a ukulele, guitar and saxophone. The audience enjoyed the music so much, they even asked for an encore. At the

conclusion, each Soldier was given a gift as a warm thank you for attending the event.

The Soldiers present at this event were extremely happy to attend the event as they got a glimpse of Korean culture and three hours of outstanding artistic performances and entertainment. Several Soldiers from the unit are already planning their stage performance, in anticipation of next year's Christmas program. If anyone is interested in attending next year's Christmas Program, contact your Chaplains office for more information.



4-7 Cav. Squadron Chaplain, Capt. Brent Sanders, and the Chief Director and staff of the Sunrise Nursery pose for a picture after the Christmas Program.



23rd Chemical Battalion "Lions"



Lt. Col. Sean Crockett
23rd Chemical
Battalion Commander



Command Sgt. Maj.
Luis Rivera
23rd Chemical Battalion
Command Sergeant Major

Greetings to the Iron Team from Joint Base Lewis McCord, Wash., I assumed command of the 23rd Chemical Battalion, June 22, 2012. Since that time, I have dedicated the initial portion of my command tour preparing this formation to re-station to the Korean Peninsula. My wife, Natalie, and I are honored and humbled to be a part of the Lion battalion, and very soon, a member of the 1st ABCT as we begin our tour in Korea. We look forward to meeting the mission requirements our Nation has placed on this great battalion.

This article comes to you at a critical juncture in our battalion's history that is both exciting and bittersweet. The 23rd CBRN "Lion" Battalion has been assigned here at Joint Base Lewis-McChord for more than eight years since our re-stationing from the Republic of Korea in 2004. As our Army reposition's the force to confront the world's greatest threats. As the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq begin to subside, our Nation has once again called on the Lions to assist in the enforcement of the armistice

and enhance deterrence of North Korean aggression on the Korean Peninsula. This battalion has a long and proud history with Korea dating back to the Korean War, and we look forward to once again join our Korean brothers and sisters and live our motto: Moong Chi Ja—"Two Joined as One." This motto not only speaks to the battalion's commitment to security on the Korean Peninsula, but our Nation's commitment to our over 60 year alliance with the people of South Korea.

Our time in the Pacific Northwest has been a rewarding and eventful time for the battalion and has become a noteworthy chapter in our history. As our formation, once again, begins a time of transition in preparation for our re-location from JBLM to Korea, we will truly miss the beauty of the area and the friends that we have made.

The 23rd Chemical Battalion's systems integration and C2 realignment into the Korean Theater of Operations is highly attributable to the actions of our ADVON team that arrived in Korea Nov. 7, 2012.

They have worked diligently to prepare the battalion to meet initial operation capability and have built key and lasting relationships with several organizations, to include our new higher headquarters; 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division and sister Republic of Korea Army and the local community. Some of their key actions include establishing our unit mail room, arms rooms, battalion headquarters, three motor pools and four company operations facilities and conducting RSOI for our main body personnel to ensure seamless integration for all Soldiers, NCOs and dependents. They also laid the foundation for our way ahead with key CBRN sustainment equipment. We salute the ADVON team and intend to build upon the groundwork they have initiated.

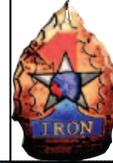
As we establish our foothold on the Korean Peninsula, the mighty Lions of the 23rd look forward to beginning a new chapter in our storied history with our support to the 1st ABCT and 2ID's mission.







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First official business of the New Year – GTF out of your room!

What are you doing for St.Patrick's Day weekend? How about running in the Seoul

International Marathon?

Sunday March 18th is this year's Seoul International Marathon! Entrance fee is \$40 (US) and you do not have to be

a resident of South Korea to enter.

For more information, check out: http://marathon.donga.com/seoul/international_e1.html

Or, do you prefer a half marathon? We have one of those too! The Incheon International Half Marathon takes place, March 31.

Check out the following site for registration information: <http://incheonmarathon.co.kr/MarathonEnglish.asp>



Special Olympics

The 2013 Special Olympics are in PyeongChang, South Korea, Jan. 29 to Feb. 5. Interested in making a difference in the lives of children?

The Special Olympics World Winter Games will feature world-class competition in alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, figure skating, snowboarding and speedskating, among other sports.

Volunteers are needed to improve ROK-U.S. alliance

through positive engagement with ROK citizens within our areas of operation at the Winter Games. The volunteers will primarily support the Law Enforcement Torch Run event and provide Game Cheer Teams during each event. Volunteers will also provide support for the athletes participating in the games. Family members are also encouraged to support this event.

The uniform is civilian clothes. Vol-

unteers must provide their own transportation and meals. Commanders are encouraged to be liberal in authorizing passes for Soldiers who wish to support this event.

To volunteer, e-mail: kyong.t.kim.mil@mail.mil

More into science than running? Visit the National Science Museum in Seoul. They have a planetarium, animal exhibitions and rocks gathered from the Apollo 17 mission.

For operating hours

and information on exhibits, check out: <http://www.science.go.kr/english/index.html>

How about an indoor water park, golfing range and ski slope all in one? It's even on the same train line as Bosan Train station! Woongjin Playdoci has it all. Fun for families or a day to hit the slopes with your friends.

For more information and operation hours, visit: <http://www.playdoci.com/eng/index.aspx>



CAMP CASEY TAX CENTER

2012 TAXES

The tax service center will open to help with 2012 taxes.

Maude Hall
Building 2440, Room 233
Phone: 730-4888
Fax: 730-4433
(cell phone prefix: 0505)



OPENING DATES

Jan. 28, 2013 for filing 1040EZ Forms
Feb. 4, 2013 for all other taxes

ELIGIBILITY

- * Reservists on active duty and their Family Members
- * Active duty and reservists receiving military retirement or disability pay along with their dependents
- * Surviving family members of active duty, reservists, and retired service members who would be eligible for benefits
- * Department of the Army Civilian employees and their Family members

SERVICES

- * Personal income taxes for all active duty service members and their Family members

SCHEDULE

Mon., Wed., Fri.: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tue. & Thu.: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sat.: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



1st BSTB "Spartans"



Lt. Col. Rafael Pazos
1st BSTB Battalion Commander

The Brigade Special Troops Battalion continues to excel through multiple transitions. This past year has been extremely busy and exciting. The Spartan Team grew considerably as we integrated capabilities into the battalion to support the division's mission and responsibilities. The battalion finished the year with eight companies and two Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive Teams or CRTs making it one the largest and most complex units on the Korean peninsula. The Spartan Team was able to effectively integrate into our operations two CRTs that deployed from Joint Base Lewis McChord, the 718th Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Company currently stationed in Yongsan and reestablish responsibilities for the brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Company. This increase in capabilities occurred while we maintained our doctrinal responsibilities to provide military police, military

intelligence, communications, engineer and logistical support to the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. In hindsight, the effort of the Spartan Team to accomplish the integration of these units was phenomenal.

On the training front, we continue to improve our ability to execute our go to war missions using Sergeant's Time Training as the building block to develop the skills of our Soldiers and our junior leaders. In November, the battalion was very successful during Warpath-III Exercise, a computer-simulated exercise that tested our abilities to defend South Korea from external aggression. War-

path-III provided Alpha, Bravo and Delta Companies the opportunity to validate their ability to provide intelligence, signal and logistical support to the brigade. Charlie Company engineers continue to formalize the habitual relationships between their Sapper platoons and the maneuver battalion. In October, Charlie's 2nd platoon provided great support to the 4/7 Cavalry Squadron's collective gunnery. As the battalion executed Warpath, 4th Chemical Company and CRT 2B participated in the Korean Army Hoguk Exercise hosted by the VII Republic of Korea Corps.

The Spartan Team took time to focus on Army traditions during this past year. The emphasis and focus on these traditions has invigorated and strengthened our team. In August, we held the first NCO induction ceremony in over five years. We introduced the tradition of playing a football game between officers and noncommissioned of-

ficers before Thanksgiving, in the first Spartan Turkey Bowl; although the NCOs handily defeated the officers the entire battalion won. In November, we held our fall dining-out with over 450 participants and we closed the year with a Commander's New Year's reception. The focus of customs and courtesies was also pushed to the lowest level, as Spartan Soldiers proudly showed themselves as disciplined and motivated Soldiers around our footprint on a daily basis.

In closing the battalion finished the year bidding farewell to Command Sgt. Maj. Dorothy Hernandez who served with the battalion for two year, and we welcomed Command Sgt. Maj. Ted Pearson as Spartan 7. The Spartan Team is ready and looks forward to successfully meeting the challenges that 2013 will surely bring.

With my Shield or On It!
Spartan 6 and Spartan 7



Command Sgt. Maj.
Ted Pearson
1st BSTB Battalion
Command Sergeant Major



opportunity to execute this mission in the last thirty-two months.

Sgt. 1st Class Kern, the MP platoon sergeant said “It was good for the junior Soldiers to have the opportunity to conduct this mission as it falls directly within our military occupational specialty.

During the execution of their duties, the platoon was able to interact more with members of the community.

Whether it was through bag inspections or identifica-

On New Year’s Eve, the leadership from the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion came together at a commander’s reception held at the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Pazos’ house in Yongsan, South Korea.

The event was a formal affair, all military personnel wore their Army Service Uniforms and spouses wore formal attire. More than 90 members of the leadership team, to include spouses, attended.

This past year, the battalion grew. The growth included two companies and the assumption of Explosive Ordnance Disposal responsibilities for the entire Korean Peninsula.

Pazos began the event by welcoming everyone to his home and introducing his Family and explaining this unique Army tradition.

“I think it was a great event,”

said Pazos. “We were able to come together as leadership and family and share a wonderful time together.”

As the night reflected on mission success and the accomplishments of 2012, one mission allowed Soldiers to get a

additional hands-on training.

This past December, the military police platoon from 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion conducted a law enforcement mission on Camp Casey and Hovey. This mission provided an opportunity for the 1st BSTB military police to conduct standard law enforcement duties. Until this point, the platoon has not had the



First Sergeant Roderick Briscoe, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division poses for a picture with visitors from one of the unit’s partnered schools, the Donducheon Girls Middle School. The visit was one that continued to strengthen the unit’s ties to the local community and showed the true meaning of partnership.

tion card checks at the gate, the Soldiers of the platoon gained valuable face time with the population they were charged with protecting and serving.

One of the more traumatic calls they were responded to was the death of an individual due to a heart attack.

“The call was upsetting but still part of their job,” said Kern.



Air Assault comes to Warrior Country

Think you have what it takes to attend and complete air assault training and earn your badge?

The school is open to male and female soldiers of all military occupational specialties and although only one training cycle is scheduled, Feb. 25 through March 8, 2013, other opportunities may be possible in the coming year.

If you want to know if you have what it takes, the following tasks are the minimum requirement for consideration, and selection will be made at battalion/ battery level based on order or merit and slots available:

- Soldiers should be should be physically prepared to complete a 12-mile road march

with 35-pound rucksack, ACH, and M16A2 rifle within three hours.

- Soldiers must pass the Army Psychological Fitness test. Potential students should have a minimum score of 240 to successfully complete the course.

- Soldiers must be able to climb a vertical rope of 16 feet.

- Soldiers must be able to complete all the obstacles (as required) in a traditional Army obstacle course followed by a two-mile run in combat boots at a 10min/mile pace.

- Soldiers with physical profiles are NOT authorized to attend the Air Assault course.

- Soldiers over 40 years of age must be medically screened in accordance with AR 40-501, Standards for Medical Fitness

- Soldiers must have a valid physical health assessment on file within one year of attending the air assault course or if Soldiers are over 49 years of age must have passed a physical within one year.

- Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from Camp Casey (for our Camp Hovey/ Camp Stanley Iron Team Members).



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