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Medal of Honor recipient visits 2nd CAB

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2nd CAB Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Bruce "Snake" P. Crandall, a Medal of Honor recipient and a man who the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade commander, Col. Joseph A. Bassani Jr., called a "National Treasure," spoke with 2nd CAB officers and Family members during an Officer Professional Development course held recently at Camp Humphreys.

Crandall visited more than 40 years after his acts of heroism during the Vietnam War in which he repeatedly risked his own life. He landed

his helicopter in Landing Zone X-Ray during what was the first major battle between the US and North Vietnamese armies. Today his message to officers and pilots is still relevant.

2nd Lt. Steven Modugno, a chemical officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3-2 General Support Aviation Brigade, said learned important lessons as an officer just by listening to Crandall's experiences.

"It's easy to become caught up in the day-to-day duties as an officer," said Modugno. "But what (Crandall) spoke about today could easily be what we face tomorrow."

Crandall was drafted in 1953. He

said during contemporary interviews that he wanted to be drafted by the Yankees, but was drafted by the Army instead. His first war-time military mission was to command Co. A, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, at An Khe, Vietnam. In 1965, Crandall led the first major operation of airmobile troops into a deadly landing zone and was credited with evacuating more than 70 wounded Soldiers.

These, among many other actions in war-time, earned him the Medal of Honor in 2007. Former President George W. Bush presented Crandall with the award, which is the highest

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Lt. Col. (Ret.) Bruce "Snake" P. Crandall speaks with officers of 2nd CAB during a recent Officer Professional Development course at Camp Humphreys. Crandall is a Medal of Honor recipient for his actions during the Vietnam War.

2ID celebrates KATUSA/US Soldier 'Friendship Week'

By Pfc. Brian Glass

Staff Writer

Everyone stationed in Korea has heard and probably said the phrase "Katchi Kapshida," meaning "we go together," at one time or another. With most Soldiers, it may seem hard to find time to accomplish that very saying outside the duty day. However, the 2nd Infantry Division held its annual KATUSA/US Soldier Friendship Week, April 20-24 to help them along.

The event featured sporting events as well as ceremonies performed by various Korean organizations to give the US Soldiers a glimpse into the amazing culture around them.

One of the sports the Americans got to try was "SSireum" or Korean wrestling. The object of this sport is to hold onto a "satpa," or SSireum belt, and force your opponent to the ground. This event got great reviews from the people who participated in it.

"It was very exciting to play," said Cpl. Kang, Joong Suk, information management operator. "It was a good chance to get closer to the Americans."

Another Korean event the Americans got to experience was "Kimajun."

"It's the Korean version of capture



Pfc. Han, Bu Yong

Soldiers enjoy KUSFW at the Schoonover Bowl on Camp Casey April 23.

the flag," said Pfc. Chase Jones, Co. A Division Special Troops Battalion. "You have one guy on the shoulders of two people and they're supported by two in the back. It was very fun."

An event that really captured Katchi Kapshida, was the tug-of-war event.

"The tug-of-war was really motivat-

ing," said Kang. "The US (Soldiers) really wanted to join and play as a team."

All of the events concluded at the Schoonover Bowl in Camp Casey, where the championships for each event were held. The finals included soccer, kimajun, a relay race and tug-of-war.

The finale included an exhibition from the 2ID Taekwondo Team, a Korean Special Forces martial arts exhibition and the Seoul Women's University cheerleaders, who put on a show to the delight of the thousands of Soldiers and guests in attendance.

The overall winner of the KATUSA/US Soldier Friendship Week was the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team. The 1st HBCT team sported first place in tug-of-war, ssireum, and the relay race. The DSTB took second place honors overall.

Even though there were contests that fueled the competitive spirit, the emphasis of the week was on bonding of US and KATUSA Soldiers.

"It was fun to bond with the KATUSAs," said Jones. "I learned a couple of new sports, something that I've never done before."

"I had a great and memorable time," said Pfc. Kim, Yoon Kyem, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2X. "Everyone was eagerly participating in all games and it was a chance for US and KATUSA Soldiers to make harmony."

With the fun of the friendly competition and the spectacle of seeing Korean events and learning new things, the feelings after this week is definitely "Katchi Kapshida!"



**VOICE OF THE
WARRIOR:**

What advice
would you give
to Soldiers coming
to Korea?



"Take advantage of the educational courses."

Spc. Kenneth Cox
2nd Avn. Bn., 2nd CAB

"Make friends, go out and plan for your money. Otherwise you might end up spending it all."



Pfc. Elizabeth Mills
HHC, 1st HBCT



"Don't drink too much."

Pvt. Amanda Smith
3rd Avn. Bn., 2nd CAB

"Don't focus on your time here. Instead, focus on your training and get the most out of it."



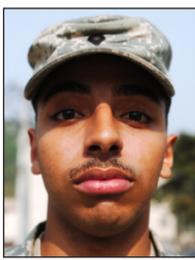
Pfc. Courtney White
Co. C, 302nd BSB



"Make the most out of your time in Korea."

Pvt. Brandon Withers
532nd MI Bn.

"Explore Korea! A lot of amazing things happen here."



Spc. Joseph Pendleton
Co. A, 1st BSTB

COMMANDER'S CORNER: Transitioning Excellence

By Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III
Second Infantry Division Commander

"2ID is prepared to 'Fight Tonight', with a division that is known for highly disciplined, agile and adaptive units and Soldiers that are trained to standard and prepared to conduct intelligence-driven full spectrum deliberate combat operations with doctrinal troop leading procedures, pre-combat checks, inspections, rehearsals, composite risk assessments and after action reviews." Excerpt from the Commanding General's vision statement.

Every military organization, in every operational environment, operates within a defined collection of policies, regulations and procedures. Whether the organization is CONUS or OCONUS, home or deployed, regulations and doctrine aim to codify procedures and practices to sustain success and to provide direction in the absence of guidance. Yet, despite all the common systems and parameters, some units execute with excellence while others struggle to make mission. It begs the questions: Why? Furthermore, how do excellent organizations sustain that success through change?

Consider the National Football League. Every franchise adheres to the same basic game plan – pass, run, defend. Every franchise follows the same rule book. With all these shared institutional and organizational standards and policies, why do some teams excel and others chronically fall short?

I offer that the existence of a clearly defined and established culture separates great organizations from mediocre organizations. In great organizations, leadership at the highest levels endorses positive cultures, and these cultures are embodied down to the lowest member. I concur with the authors of "In the Search of Excellence" when they conclude, "... that any organization, in order to survive and achieve success, must have a sound set of beliefs on which it premises all its policies and actions" (pg. 280).

METL assessments, after action reviews, mission objectives and goals, and so forth may all provide a measure of success and greatness; but they do not identify the source of success – the driving force. A Ferrari looks great, but if it were to motor around on a mediocre engine, it would quickly lose its mark of excellence. Furthermore, I would offer that what's under the hood, or what's in the Soldier, will determine sustainable excellence.

The above excerpt from my vision statement captures the foundation of the Warrior Division's culture.

I ask that along with handing your replacement a continuity binder, that you take a moment to share your unit's culture with them. Conduct your right-seat, left-seat ride through the telling of stories and adventures and experiences not just policies and standards. Get into the details of your continuity books and binders with your counterparts, but also consider taking them to the 2ID museum, inviting them to steak night at the CG's mess, or sharing a tradition that is distinct to your unit or location.



While there are many ways to measure excellence, I offer to you three basic measures: Is the organization better today than yesterday? Did the organization raise the level of standards and expectations? Does the organization establish a value system that underscores all doctrines, policies, SOPs, etc. I confidently assess that we have merited a "yes" in each of these areas.

The FY 08-09 Command Team spent the past year training on, and validating, TTPs and battle drills during our command post exercises and our battalion training densities. In December, the Division received notable accolades from the Battle Command Training Program (BCTP) observers regarding battle command proficiency. I have been thoroughly impressed with the leadership and training at battalion level and below during the two Warrior Focus exercises this spring.

It is my aim that the Warrior Division continues to achieve higher and higher levels of excellence. However, as with any organization, transitional periods always pose a threat to an organization's culture. One of the most dangerous threats to any great organization is apathy. Poor transitions can create apathy and personnel like "MAJ Bitter," "SFC Nay-Sayer," and "CPT Wait-the-Year-Out." We may neutralize this threat through the sharing of our Warrior culture, and mentoring them on how to sustain excellence in our specific warfighting functions and command.

We have spent the last 90 days codifying SOPs, policies, and procedures to help lessen the inevitable transitional bumps. Over the course of the next 90 days, we will share with the inbound new command team and new Warriors our culture and traditions to ensure that our excellence endures and grows for all who wear the Indianhead patch.

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Warrior NCO Spotlight

Aviation SGT ready to go '24/7'



Story & photo by Pfc. Ju Ho Ma

2nd CAB Public Affairs

Sgt. Alvin D. Francisco, a CH-47 Chinook mechanic with Company D, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, spent the last six years serving his nation and travelling around the world a time or two, seemingly in a whirlwind.

Francisco first enlisted as an AH-64 Apache mechanic, but now is stationed at Camp Humphreys, performing the same job – but on Chinooks instead. This assignment is the first time in his six-year career he will be in any one place for longer than eight months, excluding a deployment to Iraq.

For the majority of his Army career, Francisco has been “on mission” and has never remained stagnant. From Fort Knox, Ky., where he finished his Basic Combat Training, he received orders to Germany. After seven months of training, he deployed to Iraq. He then spent time in Fort Eustis, Va., before being stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. From Bragg, he deployed to Fort Hood, Texas, multiple times for training in his military specialty, with two additional deployments to Iraq in between.

“I didn’t even have time for training courses like Warrior Leader Course,” said Francisco.

He finally had the opportunity to attend WLC just one month ago. Francisco graduated from the one-month WLC at Camp Jackson, Uijeongbu. He found the course to be the most challenging part of his career in the Army.

“I learned a lot in that month,” he said regarding WLC. “Even though I enjoyed the field exercise portion, it was the overall high-tempo training that was the most exciting.”

His fast-paced career isn’t limited to the field.



Sgt. Alvin D. Francisco (left) with Co. D, 3rd Bn., 2nd Avn. Regt., 2nd CAB, supervises Spc. Silas Tanui (middle) and Spc. Zach McKnight (right) with the computer programming process April 30.

The California native spent most of his life swimming and surfing the Pacific Ocean, riding BMX bikes and skateboarding. Francisco said these hobbies prepared him physically for the Army Physical Fitness Tests, on which he always scores at least a 275 on a zero to 300 scale. He routinely scores 300 or higher. His current score is 295.

“His (PT) scores are extraordinary,” said 1st Sgt. Sammy Barbour, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd CAB, Francisco’s former unit. “His score is in the top one percent, and he was always pushes his Soldiers to their physical limits.”

Francisco said he also pushes himself every morning during PT for many reasons.

“I work out and do a little extra, just for my benefit,” Francisco said. “And staying in good shape and working out on my own time helps me to be a better NCO; and it doesn’t hurt my golf game either.”

He always keeps the Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer in mind and motivates his Soldiers to “be ready for whatever mission is at hand, wherever it may be,” and he emphasizes the importance of a “sense of urgency.”

“For the most part I’ve been on mission my entire career,” Francisco said. He thinks mission readiness is one of the most important qualities of a top-notch Soldier in today’s Army.

As an NCO, he tries to train his Soldiers to standard, so they are prepared for any mission.

“I give Soldiers the mindset that every day is a mission day,” Francisco said.

Barbour added that Francisco always places the mission first and makes sure Soldiers are trained properly and the mission is accomplished because he is a dedicated Soldier, and that’s what makes him a good NCO.

“I’ve seen him working with his Soldiers at all hours of the day, whether it’s early in the morning or late at night,” said Barbour. “He just simply gets the job done.”

Francisco now enjoys his time as a Chinook mechanic, after working his first eight months in Korea in the mailroom. He fought to get back to working in his career field and has finally settled into a daily work routine. He said the most important aspect of being a leader is to be a better Soldier every day.

“I try to lead (my Soldiers) by example,” Francisco said. “If I keep up a high-tempo work day, my guys will follow that lead and become better for it.”

2ID’s best NCOs, Soldiers, KATUSAs compete for top honors

Story & photo by
Pfc. Brian Glass

Staff Writer

“Second to None” is a motto used in reference to the 2nd Infantry Division. Within 2ID, there are Soldiers who go above and beyond their rank and job title.

Those Soldiers were recognized and competed at the Soldier, Korean Augmentee to The United States Army and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Competition at Camp Red Cloud April 16-17.

The two-day event started off with the Soldiers appearing in front of a board made up of sergeants major.

Most Soldiers want as much time to prepare for a board as possible. But one Soldier reacted to contact on short notice.

“I was given only one day of notice,” said Spc. Daniel Platenak, network operations, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Special



Sgt. Randy Gray Jr., Co. A, BSTB, receives an Army Achievement Medal from Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, 2ID commanding general, during the NCO, Soldier, KATUSA of the Year awards ceremony April 29 at Camp Casey.

Troops Battalion, 2ID. “I was already studying for the E5 promotion board, so I was prepared.”

After all the Soldiers finished the board portion of the event, it was on to the Warrior tasks and drills. The events these Soldiers participated in

included performing voice communications, determining location on the ground using terrain association, map, and global positioning systems and movement under direct fire among others. These were the same events conducted during the DSTB Warrior Stakes

Competition held earlier in the week.

After the two days of competition were complete, participants waited for the results to be announced, which they were April 29 at the Digital Conference Center on Camp Casey.

The guest speaker for the ceremony was Donald Thomas, a retired command sergeant major. Thomas gave his thoughts on what makes a good NCO.

“The Army now ties promotions in with education,” said Thomas. “NCOs are getting smarter and smarter; they are making battlefield decisions sitting next to colonels and majors. They understand what it means to lead.”

After Thomas spoke, the Soldiers who participated lined up in front of the audience so the winners could be announced.

The winner of NCO of the Year was Sgt. Randy Gray Jr.,

Co. A, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion. Platenak won Soldier of the Year and Pfc. Kang, Min Gyoon, 1st Bn., 15th Field Artillery Regiment, won KATUSA of the Year.

After the winners were announced and the other participants took their seats, Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, 2ID commanding general, spoke about the competition.

“There were no losses today,” said Morgan. “The Army is better, as well as 2ID, for the service of these Soldiers. I’m proud of each one of you for going above the call of duty.”

The winners received an Indianhead statue, an AAFES gift certificate, a Family Morale and Welfare coupon book and \$250 towards the Army Dress Blue uniform. The KATUSA winner will get a \$250 custom-made suit. The winners will represent 2ID at the 8th United States Army board coming up in Yongsan June 1-5.

2ID Soldiers bond with Korean University students

Story & photo by
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Staff Writer

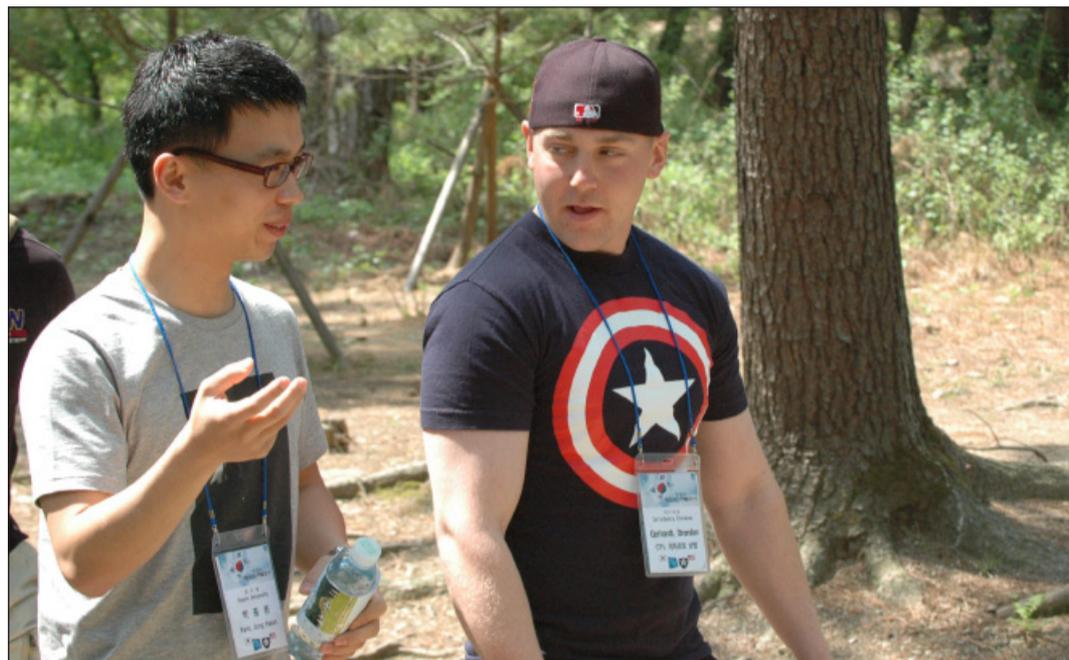
When living and working in a foreign nation like the Republic of Korea, it can be hard finding time to explore the sites and wonders of the peninsula.

The Gyeonggi Province Office in conjunction with the 2nd Infantry Division sponsored the 2009 Explore Historical Sites in Gyeonggi Province Tour May 1.

The tour brought 2ID Soldiers together with students from Daejin University to see the sites and strengthen the bond between the two nations.

After the initial meet and greet at the Gyeonggi Province Office, the tour headed over to Donggureung, the location of the East Nine Tombs, the tombs of kings from the Chosun dynasty.

Groups were assembled to ensure there would be a



Brandon Gerhardt, Co. A., DSTB, 2ID, walks with his Korean group mate during the 2009 Explore Historical Sites in Gyeonggi Province Tour May 1.

University student and an American getting to know each other. One Soldier liked that opportunity.

"It was good to be paired up," said Cpl. Michael Keeper, Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company, Division Special Troops Battalion. "It

was good to communicate with them; the girl I'm paired up with is studying film."

Participants ate a traditional Korean meal and got to socialize with each other in a more relaxed environment.

"A lot of the perceptions Koreans have about Americans

they get from movies," said Kim, Chang Hun, GPO Korean/American Coordination Section. "It is important that they (Soldiers and students) get the time to meet each other and learn from each other."

After lunch participants went over to the Korea National

Arboretum, where they were shown various trees as the learning continued for both Soldiers and students.

"I am happy I came today," said Ho, Byung. Ho went in place of his friend who couldn't make it. "I wanted to come and see the sites and get to know the Americans better. I have enjoyed the trip."

Once the trip was complete and everyone was back at the GPO Office, participants said their good-byes and received gift bags as a sign of appreciation for participating in the event. The time that everyone got was something that will always be cherished.

"The weather was nice and the company was nice," said Spc. Stuart Hamilton, Warrior Readiness Center, DSTB. "It was fun meeting a new friend and having an open mind."

"The Korean people like to know the US," said Kim. "The US people are open to learning about South Koreans. The US should respect and appreciate the (Korean) culture."

Newest member inducted into 2ID KATUSA Hall of Fame

Story & photo by Pfc. Han, Bu Yong

Staff Writer

An induction ceremony to commemorate the acceptance of a new member to the 2ID KATUSA Hall of Fame was held at the Warrior Club on Camp Casey April 21.

Jeon, Yong Hak, the CEO of Korea Minting and Security Printing Corporation (KOMSCO), was the sole inductee to the KATUSA Hall of Fame class of 2009.

Brig. Gen. Walter M. Golden, the assistant division commander maneuver, Command Sgt. Maj. Peter D. Burrowes, the division command sergeant major, and the best KATUSAs of the year, along with many other Soldiers, Noncommissioned Officers and Officers from the 2nd Infantry Division all gathered to honor and congratulate Jeon. Several prominent civilians, including Oh, Sae Chang, the mayor of Dongducheon, joined the event as well.

"The purpose of this event tonight is to recognize the outstanding contributions of our KATUSA Soldiers," said Lt. Col. Glenn A. Tolle, the officer in charge of 2ID civil military operations. "And also recognize the honored Hall of Fame inductees from 2003 to 2008 and to induct a new member for 2009."

"On the behalf of all the members of the KATUSA Hall of Fame, I would first like to thank Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan, the commanding general of 2nd Infantry Division, for making this event possible," said Jung, Yong Sun, the president of the KATUSA Hall of Fame. "I was the only member of the KATUSA Hall of Fame when it was first created in 2003, but now we have nine members, including the new inductee," he added.

"I'm very proud that each KATUSA is completing his mission wherever he is stationed and proving his professionalism throughout the military service," con-



Jung, Yong Hak, the newest inductee to the KATUSA Hall of Fame, receives an Indianhead statue from Brig. Gen. Walter M. Golden, assistant division commander maneuver, during the 2009 KATUSA Hall of Fame ceremony at the Warrior's Club of Camp Casey April 22.

tinued Jung. "Lastly, I would like to ask the new inductee to be involved in improving the KATUSA program."

Then there was a cake-cutting event in which guests like Jeon, Jung, Golden and Burrowes cut the cake, which was specially made for this event. After the cake cutting, Jeon was officially inducted as the newest member of the KATUSA Hall of Fame and he received an Indianhead statue, which was presented by the Warrior Division as a token of appreciation.

"Tonight is a night that I won't ever forget in my life," said Jeon, the new inductee. "I learned many things while I served three years as a KATUSA in the

2nd Infantry Division."

"I learned the importance of the US and Korean alliance to national security," said Jeon. "Also, the 'Second to None' spirit taught me a lesson in survival, and it helped me carry on working in MBC and SBS (Korean broadcasting companies) as a reporter and as a congressman."

After his speech, he gave Golden special books containing stamps and currencies made by KOMSCO as a gift.

The whole event ended as a delicious meal was served and all sat down to feast with the newest member of the KATUSA Hall of Fame.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Tax Assistance Available in Area 1

Tax Assistance will be offered at three locations:

- Camp Casey: Division Tax Assistance Center - Maude Hall, Room 241 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Camp Red Cloud: Mobile Tax Assistance Center - Freeman Hall, Room 122, Tuesdays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Camp Stanley: Mobile Tax Assistance Center - Bldg. 2333, Wednesdays: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please remember to bring your military or government ID card, Social Security card for you and all eligible dependents, copies of ALL W-2 and 1099 forms and any other tax-related documents, and bank account routing information.

For appointments and information call 730-3592.

Camp Casey Aerobics Class

There is an Aerobics class every Tuesday and Thursday at Camp Casey's Carey Gym from 6 to 7 p.m.

For more information call 732-6927.

USO Casey Memorial Weekend Four-person Team Best Ball Scramble

There will be a four-person team

best-ball scramble at Camp Casey May 23.

The shotguns start at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. and the entry fee is \$60, which includes green fees and an awards banquet.

Contestants can win a new set of golf clubs for being closest to the hole and win a new car for getting a hole-in-one on the first hole. Only US ID and ration card holders can win the prizes.

There will be a free raffle draw for many other prizes as well.

For more information call the Casey USO at 730-4813.

Memorial Weekend Color Pin Bowling Tournament

The Memorial Weekend Color Pin Bowling Tournament will start at 1 p.m., May 24 - 25 at Camp Red Cloud Lanes.

The format is 9 Pin No - Tap. Prizes are cash and pro-shop merchandise equivalent to W 500,000 and more.

For more information call CRC Lanes at 732-6930.

2009 Warrior Country Track & Field Championship

The 2009 Warrior Country (Area 1) Track and Field Championship will be held at Camp Casey's Schoonover

Bowl May 30.

Registration is from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. the morning of the athletic events.

The Championship is open to all active duty military, Department of Defense civilians and adult Family members stationed in Warrior Country.

The competition will be divided into three categories:

- Men's Open - 34 years and under
- Men's Senior - 35 years and over
- Women's Open - Any age

Running events include several dashes, runs, hurdles and relays.

Field events include the discus, high jump, long jump, triple jump and shot put.

For more information call 732-6276 or 732-6927.

ATV Trip

There will be an All-Terrain Vehicle trip May 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The trip is sponsored by the Casey USO and costs \$75.

For more information call the Casey USO at 730-4813.

Asian American Pacific Islander observance

There will be an Asian American Pacific Islander Observance held May 15 at the CG's Mess on Camp Red Cloud at 11 a.m.

For more information contact the 2ID Equal Opportunity Office at 732-8815.

Movies

Camp Casey

Show times: Fri.-Sun. 6:30 & 8:30 p.m., Mon.-Thur. 7:30 p.m.

May 8...Bolt (3 p.m.), Watchmen, Obsessed
May 9...Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun Li, Obsessed
May 10...Madea Goes to Jail, The Last House on the Left
May 11...Obsessed
May 12...No Showing
May 13...Watchmen
May 14...No Showing
May 15...The Last House on the Left, X Men Origins: Wolverine
May 16...Duplicity, X Men Origins: Wolverine
May 17...Coraline, Madea Goes to Jail

Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Fri. 7 & 9 p.m., Sat.-Thu. 7 p.m.

May 8...17 Again, Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun Li
May 9...Watchmen
May 10...The Last House on the Left
May 11...Confessions of a Shopaholic
May 12...Madea Goes to Jail
May 13...No Showing
May 14...Obsessed
May 15...Obsessed, Miss March
May 16...Black Hawk Down (4:30 p.m.)
May 17...Coraline
May 18...Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun Li
May 19...Watchmen
May 20...No Showing

Camp Hovey

Show times: Mon.-Sun. 7 p.m.

May 8...Miss March
May 9...Black Hawk Down, Push
May 10...Obsessed
May 11...No Showing
May 12...Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun Li
May 13...No Showing
May 14...X Men Origins: Wolverine
May 15...Watchmen
May 16...The Last House on the Left
May 17...X Men Origins: Wolverine
May 18...No Showing
May 19...Duplicity

Camp Stanley

Show times: Sun-Mon. & Thu. 7 p.m., Sat., Wed. & Fri. 7 & 9 p.m.

May 8...Madea Goes to Jail
May 9...17 Again, Miss March
May 10...17 Again
May 11...Confessions of a Shopaholic
May 12...No Showing
May 13...X Men Origins: Wolverine, X Men Origins: Wolverine
May 14...The International
May 15...Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun Li
May 16...Obsessed, Fired Up
May 17...Obsessed
May 18...Watchmen
May 19...No Showing
May 20...Star Trek

Camp Humphreys

Show times: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 & 9 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 3:30, 6:30 & 9 p.m.

May 8...Obsessed
May 9...The Pink Panther 2, Obsessed
May 10...The Pink Panther 2, Obsessed
May 11...Street Fighter 2: The Legend of Chun Li, Watchmen
May 12...Street Fighter 2: The Legend of Chun Li
May 13...The Last House on the Left
May 14...The Last House on the Left
May 15...X Men Origins: Wolverine
May 16...Coraline, X Men Origins: Wolverine
May 17...Coraline, X Men Origins: Wolverine
May 18...Duplicity
May 19...Duplicity
May 20...Push

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Camp Red Cloud

Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
11:30 a.m. M-F
9 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA
7 p.m. Sunday
COGIC
12:30 p.m. Sunday

Camp Casey

Stone Chapel
Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Memorial Chapel

Gospel:
11 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Tuesday

West Casey Chapel

Protestant:
10:00 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
Noon Sunday
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Thursday
LDS:
2 p.m. Sunday
Jewish:
6:30 p.m. Friday

Camp Hovey

Hovey Chapel
Catholic:
9:30 a.m. Sunday
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday

Old Hovey Chapel

Bldg. 3592
Orthodox:
10 a.m. 1st and 2nd Sunday

KATUSA:

6 p.m. Tuesday
Crusader Chapel
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday

Camp Stanley

Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
Gospel:
12:30 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
11:30 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
7 p.m. Tuesday

Camp Castle

Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6 p.m. Tuesday

Camp Jackson Auditorium

KATUSA:
9 a.m. Sunday

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730-2594
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Stanley:
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Humphreys:
753-7952
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1-15 FA Soldiers break in new guns



Soldiers from 1st Bn., 15th FA Regt., fire one of 17 new M109A6 Paladins for the first time May 2 at the Korean Training Center.

Story & photo by Sgt. Scott Kim

1st HBCT Public Affairs

New equipment is always a welcome addition to any military unit. But before it can be used, safety tests must be performed before Soldiers can really put the tools to work.

That's why the Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, put 17 new M109A6 Paladins through their paces as they ran test fires May 2 at the Korean Training Center.

The training consisted of safety drills, live-fire exercises and crew drills conducted in order to ensure the guns performed as they are supposed to.

"The mission was to come out and conduct live-fire tests using newly fielded howitzers," said Capt. Chris Walsh, commander of Co. B, 1-15 FA. "We wanted to make sure there were no problems with the gun."

Soldiers immediately recognized the improvements from the old Paladins during testing and approved of the

changes made to the guns.

"These are definitely better than the old ones," said Staff Sgt. Mario Gomez, field artillery crewman for Co. B. "The ride is smoother, the hydraulics are excellent and the viewing screen has improved."

Safety is paramount during test fires as the slightest mistake or miscalculation can lead to injury or worse. In order to reduce the risk, Soldiers have to go through certain steps and maintain a high-level of awareness.

"First thing we do with a new gun is the Fire Control Alignment Test," Gomez said. "We do this to make sure that the tube and the viewing screen are pointed in the same direction and then we do crew drills to verify that we, the operators, are doing everything right."

After the checks are completed, the first round is shot with a 50-foot lanyard outside the Paladin as firing from a new howitzer can have unexpected results.

"It's to lessen risks if there were any issues with the gun," Walsh said. "You

don't want to have the crew in there if something goes wrong."

For some, this was their first time firing live rounds in country and many were excited to finally put months of training into action.

"It felt good," said Pvt. Thomas Hamblin, field artillery crewman for Co. B. "I always wanted to fire from a Paladin and we've been training hard for this moment."

Walsh commended the battalion's hard work and preparation that went into the training as the guns had to be put to the test almost immediately after receiving them.

"We got these guns less than three weeks before going to the field," he said. "Our NCOs did an outstanding job prepping both the Soldiers and the guns and the fact that we shot safely speaks volumes for all of them."

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military decoration a President can confer. He was also inducted as the honorary Colonel of 2nd Aviation Regiment.

Crandall spoke to the officers and pilots in attendance about his experiences during war and their relevance today. He also spoke about the movie, "We Were Soldiers," which portrayed his actions in Vietnam. He ended his speech by encouraging pilots of today to always remain vigilant prepared for whatever adversities they may face.

"The pilots of today are the best at what they do," said Crandall. "We were the pioneers; but now they are so well trained and

they are capable of handling all circumstances that might come their way."

He also had words of encouragement for Noncommissioned Officers, during this, the year of the NCO.

"They (NCOs) are the core of effective leadership," he said. "No matter how good the commander is, you must have good NCOs or the mission can't be accomplished."

After Crandall finished speaking to the more than 150 officers in attendance, he helped Bassani award 11 pilots the Army Aviation Association of America's Honorable Order of St. Michael's Award.

Crandall was also the guest of honor at the AAAA Ball hosted by 2nd CAB the following night.

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2ID spouses learn to thrive during workshop

Story & photo by Sgt. Leith Edgar

Editor

Spouses from across the 2nd Infantry Division learned strategies to not just survive, but to thrive as members of the Army Family during a 2ID Family Readiness Group sponsored workshop held at the Dragon Hill Lodge on USAG-Yongsan April 30.

The opportunity to pool the collective experience of the Warrior Division's novice and seasoned spouses was facilitated by Kathie Hightower and Holly Scherer, two authors and military spouses, who are answering their call to duty by helping military spouses thrive.

The presenters guided 130 2ID spouses and friends of 2ID through the four-hour interactive workshop, "Follow Your Dreams while You Follow the Military," which included games, prizes and "energy creation techniques," among other activities.

The guests from all of 2ID's major posts received complimentary copies of the coauthors' book, appropriately entitled "Help! I'm a Military Spouse, I Get a Life Too!: How to Craft a Life for YOU as YOU Move with the Military."

Before the event kicked off, the 2ID commanding general spoke of the workshop's merits.

"It is a lot of fun just to pull spouses together from across the 2ID footprint for some great Family-focused training that will really help our Soldiers," said Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III.

Morgan told the spouses that Servicemembers in Korea, especially the Soldiers of 2ID, would feel the transition as USFK undergoes transformation and tour normalization over the coming years. He said a big part of the transition will be the move of most Soldiers and their Families from Area 1 in the north to Area 3, which is south of Seoul, in the coming years.

Morgan's better half, Debbie Morgan, who not only attended the event, but was almost singlehandedly responsible for the workshop reaching 2ID, said, it was important for all Army spouses to know they're not alone. "We do care. It's important. You can do this," Mrs. Morgan said succinctly summing up her feelings.

Prior to the workshop Marlese Burrowes, wife of 2ID command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Peter D. Burrowes, said the whole thing was new to her.

"I've never attended one of these workshops, but I'm excited about being here," she said.

Afterward, Mrs. Burrowes commented that the workshop was well worth it.

"As a military spouse with 24 years, you think you have the military lifestyle down pat. But being here at the workshop with these young spouses I've heard fresh ideas. After reading the



2ID military spouses celebrate during "Follow Your Dreams: While You Follow the Military" presentation inside the Naija Ballroom of the Dragon Hill Lodge on USAG-Yongsan April 30.

book and going through the workshop, my creative thoughts have been triggered" she said.

The workshop taught its participants that it really is possible to thrive as the spouse of a Servicemember. Scherer and Hightower, not only say it's possible; they're living examples of their message's power.

However, things weren't always so grand for either presenter. Throughout the workshop, the two shared many anecdotes from their more than 50 years of collective experience as Army spouses.

Scherer said it's not only the Soldier who starts a new life upon swearing an oath to the Constitution; it's also a Family obligation that has serious ramifications.

"I did not realize I would be marrying into a new lifestyle," she said.

Now the 26-year military spouse is helping others in her former predicament move forward in life while supporting their Servicemember. Scherer said military spouses have four choices: divorce, convince their loved one to get out, remain angry or change their approach and attitude toward living as a military spouse. Naturally, the workshop focused on the latter.

Hightower took a different route to the role of military spouse. In fact, she served in the Army before transitioning to an equally challenging endeavor out of uniform, but still in the military community.

"Being in the military and being married to the military are two entirely different things," she said. "We face more challenges as military spouses than most people will face in a lifetime."

Those challenges, which are unique to military spouses, are what caused Hightower's unhappiness, or so she thought.

"I was one of those spouses who complained for the first seven years. I finally realized I had to make changes,"

she said.

And change her attitude she did. By researching what makes people happy and then applying those findings to military spouses' conundrum, Hightower along with her friend Scherer, outlined the principles of their now trademarked presentation, "Follow Your Dreams: While You Follow the Military."

The dynamic duo identified five keys to happiness as a military spouse: support, faith, simple joys, knowing what a person wants while engaging in life and using strengths for the greater good.

A big part of success as a military spouse has to do with relating to those facing the same challenges – other military spouses, they said.

Having a strong bond with other spouses for support is important, but an unbreakable bond with the uniformed partner is even more critical to a healthy military Family, they said.

"You know how to treat your best friend. Treat your spouse that way," Hightower said.

"Build on the strengths, don't magnify the weaknesses," Scherer said.

At one point they asked the audience to ponder a simple, but telling question. "What would it be like to be married to me?" After a knowing collective laugh the participants wrote the question down on a note card. They were told to take it home and place it on their mirrors as constant reminders of the proverbial golden rule.

The workshop was especially beneficial to the young 2ID spouses residing in Area 1.

Myra Sommer, 26, who got more out of the workshop than she expected, is just one example.

"I'm learning a lot about how to avoid stressing out and how to have a lot more energy. I love it. said Sommer, who's been married for two years to a specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Heavy

Brigade Combat Team.

Sommer said the workshop caused a shift in her way of thinking about the military.

"It helps to strengthen the Family. Instead of looking at the bad stuff, I'm focusing on how hard he's working," she said

Sommer was not the only 2ID spouse who sang the praises of the workshop.

Emily McDonald, 21, also felt the workshop made a difference.

"A lot of the workshop covered dealing with stress and healthy communication with your husband," said McDonald, a Family Readiness Support Assistant.

McDonald said the workshop achieved its purpose.

"It brings military spouses together and helps them cope and deal with the Army," said McDonald, the wife of a specialist assigned to 1st Bn., 15th Field Artillery Regt., 1st HBCT.

"You really have to make good friends and stay close to them," she said, echoing some of the workshop's advice. "I thought it would be very hard. Now that I've been here and things have changed for the Families, we've decided to stay here."

Things have also changed since the United States Forces Korea commander, Gen. Walter L. Sharp, extended the offer of Command Sponsorship to all Families serving in Area 1.

No longer do Families like the McDonalds have to separate for one year. Thanks to the change in policy, the McDonalds celebrated their wedding anniversary together in Korea. Although the McDonald Family came to Korea non-Command Sponsored, the 2ID Soldier and spouse decided to extend for another year under the Assignment Incentive Program and recently applied for the Command Sponsorship Program.

For McDonald, Sommer and the other 128 attendees, the workshop was an opportunity to learn from two experts – Scherer and Hightower – in the field of service to country as military spouses.

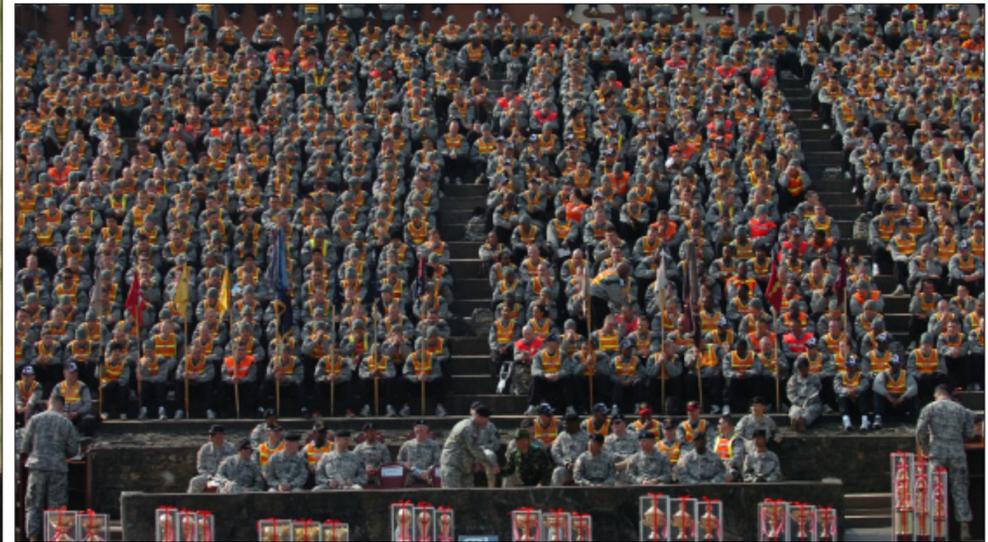


KATUSAs try to win a tug-of-war match during the last day of KATUSA/US Friendship Week at the Schoonover Bowl on Camp Casey April 23.



The 2ID Taekwondo Team demonstrates its acrobatic martial arts routine for the audience.

Pfc. Han, Bu Yong



Officers, NCOs and Soldiers of 2ID watch the awards presentation during the closing ceremonies.

Maj. Vance Fleming



A Korean woman teaches a US Soldier to write in a traditional style during KATUSA/US Friendship Week.

Sgt. Scott Kim



The ROKA Headquarters Honor Guard Drill Team marches during a drill ceremony as part of KATUSA/US Friendship Week.

Pfc. Han, Bu Yong



The Women of the Honor Guard perform during KATUSA/US Friendship Week.

Sgt. Scott Kim

2nd CAB celebrates KATUSA/US Friendship Week

Story & photo by Pvt. Ju Ho Ma

2nd CAB Public Affairs

Throughout its history of 60 years, the US and ROK Army have built their friendship through a special program called "KATUSA," which stands for "Korean Augmentation to the United States Army."

KATUSA Soldiers, working in the US Army with their own flag on their right shoulder, "have been tremendous assets," according to Col. John E. Dumoulin Jr., the commander of USAG-Humphreys.

During April 20-23, US and KATUSA Soldiers spread all over the peninsula celebrated another year of their history by participating in community activities and sporting events and getting to know each other better.

At Camp Humphreys, Soldiers and civilians all gathered, had fun, and enjoyed this special KATUSA/US Friendship Week.

Drawing up the curtain of the week-long festival, there was an opening ceremony commemorating this KATUSA/US Friendship Week at the MP Hill Gym, April 20.

At the opening ceremony of the first day, many Soldiers and civilians came to celebrate this special week with dancing and singing. Indie rock bands and dancers heated up the ceremony, and the ROK Army also contributed to the enjoyable event.

The 3rd Airborne Brigade of ROKA Special Forces displayed their combative martial arts and the 51st Division Band, featuring Cpl. Yong-Woon Kim, a YouTube superstar with his guitar skills, amazed the audience by playing two guitars at the same time. Performances of ROKA Headquarters' Honor Guard Drill Team and Korean Traditional Percussions Team were also sights to watch.

The 8th United States Army Band



The ROKA Headquarters Korean traditional percussions Team performs in front of Soldiers and their Families at Camp Humphreys April 20. Known as Pung-mul-nori in Korean, this is a type of Korean traditional music performance combined with dance.

kept the ball rolling. The finale consisted of a talent show of nine contestants was the climax of the day, as several US and KATUSA Soldiers came on stage to sing and dance.

Cpl. Lee, Ki-sang, 348th Quartermaster Company, 194th Combat Service Support Battalion, who won first prize for his performance at the talent show, said it was a great honor.

"It was so much fun, and I think it is a great opportunity for US and KATUSA Soldiers to hang out together and have fun."

Other contestants were not to be missed, too. KATUSA Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, dressed up in tights and performed a hilarious skit mocking the Korean pop group "Girls' Generation." US Soldiers from Co. A, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd CAB, performed on stage with guitars and drums as the group "Alpha Rocks."

Of course, that was not the end of the fun and joy. Lots of sports events and cultural experiences remained. For three consecutive days, US and KATUSA Soldiers participated in various kinds of sporting events, including basketball, soccer, softball, and volleyball.

Through cheerful but very competitive matches, the overall winner's prize went to 3rd Military Intelligence Bn., and 557th Military Police Bn., followed by HHC, 2nd CAB and 4th Bn., 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd CAB.

Friendship Week is not only about the Army. Community members and local inhabitants attended and tasted a little bit of Korean culture. The National Museum of Korea provided a mobile exhibition on post at Independence Park and children from Sosabeol Elementary School enjoyed an outdoor meal with US and KATUSA Soldiers in the park. They also watched the 2nd Infantry Division Taekwondo Team's performance after the meal.

April 23, after the final matches, the closing ceremony at MP Hill Gym concluded the Friendship Week.

"The sportsmanship (the contestants) showed was quite impressive," said Lt. Col. David Salter, the commander of 602nd ASB. "I believe they have built a stronger relationship through this week's activities."

Pvt. Sang-hoon Lee, HHC, 2nd CAB, agreed.

"This was my first Friendship Week, and it's much more fun than I expected. It was also a great opportunity to be more familiar with US Soldiers," he said.

With nearly 600 KATUSA Soldiers from Area III, this year's KATUSA/US Friendship Week reinforced the bond between the US and ROK alliance.

"I want to thank you all for participating and doing an outstanding job," Salter said. "It is so great having an opportunity to have you in my unit, and let's go forward. Katchi Kapsida."

KATUSA/US Friendship Week sports results

4x400 Relay

1. 1st HBCT, BSTB (Geronimo)
2. 210th Fires (Tomahawk)
3. DSTB (ROCK)

Tug of War

1. 1st HBCT, BSTB (Gachi Gapshida)
2. DSTB (Rock)
3. 1st HBCT, 4/7 CAV (Geronimo)

Kimjun

1. 210th Fires (Taeguki)
2. 1st HBCT, 4/7 CAV (Geronimo)
3. DSTB (Warrior)

Jok-ku

1. DSTB (Warrior)
2. DSTB (USAG-CRC - Rock)
3. 1st HBCT, 4/7 CAV (Geronimo)

Basketball

1. 210 Fires (Tomahawk)
2. 1st HBCT, 302nd BSB (Geronimo)
3. 210th Fires (Taeguki)

Ssireum Wrestling

1. 1st HBCT 2/9 INF (Geronimo)
2. DSTB (Warrior)
3. 210th Fires (Tomahawk)

Soccer

1. DSTB (Warrior)
2. DSTB (USAG-RC - Rock)
3. 210th Fires (Tomahawk)

Overall results for KUSFW sports events & awards:

1. 1st HBCT (81 points)
1st place trophy & banner
2. DSTB (73 points)
2nd place trophy
3. 210th Fires (60 points)
No Trophy

Luncheon brings 2ID NCOs together

Story & photo by Pfc. Brian Glass

Staff Writer

“No one is more professional than I. I am a Noncommissioned Officer, a leader of Soldiers.” Those words resounded through Mitchell’s Sports Bar and Grill during the Year of the NCO Luncheon April 28 on Camp Red Cloud.

The words came from the Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer, which was recited by every NCO in the room at the start of the luncheon.

Then Command Sgt. Maj. Antonio P. Holder, Division Special Troops Battalion command sergeant major, opened with a few remarks.

“This is a great opportunity to bring NCOs together, to mentor and to teach the ways of old,” said Holder. “We need to reaffirm ourselves as the backbone of the Army.”

The importance of NCOs coming together was reflected not just by the luncheon, but the entire year as a whole.

“We do one event a month as part of the Year of the NCO,” said Sgt. 1st Class Carrie Stewart, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, DSTB. “It’s a good chance for NCOs to come together and to bond with each other.”

After a brief period where the guests went and ate lunch, the guest speaker arrived. The guest speaker for the Year of the NCO luncheon was 1st Sgt. Dwight N. Evans Jr., first sergeant of 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, Camp Humphreys.

“It is important to lead by example,” said Evans. “You need to be able to do what you ask your Soldiers



2ID Noncommissioned Officers recite the Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer during the Year of the NCO Luncheon April 28 at Mitchell’s Sports Bar and Grill on Camp Red Cloud.

to do, (that’s) very key.”

Evans gave examples of things that can be done better to improve the Noncommissioned Officer Corps.

“Don’t correct someone about haircuts when your haircut isn’t up to standard,” said Evans. “Perceptions kill your ability as leaders, so keep your closet clean. You have to shoot your arrows toward the bull’s eye every time; you may miss but keep shooting toward the bull’s eye.”

Evans went on to mention that Soldiers watch every move NCOs make and that the “do as I say, not as I do” way of thinking won’t work anymore.

“Being an NCO is like being a parent,” Evans said. “You have to lead and nurture Soldiers to be leaders.”

The respect between a Soldier and an NCO is the key to a functional military workplace environment, and should be worked on, he said.

“Once you lose (Soldiers’) trust, it’s hard to regain,” said Evans.

Evans parting words left a challenge at the NCOs feet: bring the NCO Corps to newer and brighter heights.

“Make every year the Year of the NCO, not just 2009,” said Evans. “The authority given to us, take it back, earn it back.”

The luncheon left the NCOs in attendance thinking that improvement is out there and to never forget, “No one is more professional than I. I am a Noncommissioned Officer, a leader of Soldiers.”

2ID, Area 1 recognize volunteers’ service

Story & photo by Pfc. Brian Glass

Staff Writer

As the old adage says, “it is better to give than receive”. That line is usually used in association with Christmas and the holiday season. However, that saying can also be attributed to volunteers who use their free time to make a difference in someone else’s life.

The 2nd Infantry Division and USAG – Red Cloud, hosted a Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony April 22 at Mitchell’s Sports Bar and Grill on Camp Red Cloud.

The volunteers honored included Army Soldiers, their spouses and civilians. The volunteers who were honored served at least 25 or more hours of community service in Area 1.

The work that the honored volunteers performed has been done in different ways.

“I gave out Christmas gifts to orphans last year,” said Staff Sgt. Kevin Young, 46th Transportation Company, Camp Stanley. “I also volunteered as part of 25 volunteers who played soccer and taught over 110 orphans how to bowl at Camp Stanley recently.”

Besides playing with orphans on free time, one volunteer gave orphans some-



1st Lt. Riley Redus accepts an award for his wife from Mrs. Debra Morgan, wife of Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, 2ID commanding General, and Col. Larry A. Jackson, USAG - Red Cloud Commander, at the Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony April 22 at Mitchell’s Sports Bar and Grill.

thing to play with and have fun on.

“I helped to organize and build playground equipment for the kids at the My Home Orphanage in the Dongducheon area,” said Sgt. Corey Culver, chemical biological radioactive nuclear Noncommissioned Officer, Co. B., 70th Brigade Support Battalion. “The orphanage had 60 kids playing on one piece of equipment. They need more

playground equipment.”

Another volunteer took his efforts onto the track.

“I helped to put together a go-kart track up at Camp Casey with Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS),” said Pfc. Bryan Wachtendorf, petroleum specialist, Co. B., 70th BSB. “It took four days to build and we also took tires off an 18-wheeler to put

around the track,” said Wachtendorf.

The theme of this award ceremony was “Hand in Hand,” and Debbie Morgan, wife of Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, gave examples of just how the Army and civilians are working “Hand in Hand”.

“In the past 18 months, there have been over 5,000 volunteer hours logged and over \$75,000 saved for the community,” said Morgan.

Each person who volunteered had their own reasons for doing what they do, and it wasn’t to be recognized.

“The military base is part of the community,” said Young. “It is our right as respectable citizens to make investments to help the next generation.”

“To know you’re giving something for other people, to do more than we (Soldiers) are paid to do,” said Wachtendorf.

All the volunteers were given certificates for their hard work and a free lunch at Mitchell’s, a small token of appreciation to show that hard work does pay off and that helping the community improves relations with local civilians.

So even though these volunteers received the honor of being recognized, they still believe that “it is better to give than receive.”



2009 Memorial Day Open House Festival

A community event in celebration of Military Spouse Appreciation Month

**Press Release & photos by
Area 1 Family Morale, Welfare &
Recreation**

The circus is coming to town! This year's USAG-Red Cloud/Area 1 Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department Memorial Day Festival, May 24-25, will be open to the general public for the first time since 9-11.

The open house event will give US Servicemembers and their dependents an opportunity to enjoy the two-day festivities along with other civilian personnel and local Korean Families at Camp Mobile Fairgrounds, Camp Casey from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day. Admission to the fairgrounds is free.

The main attraction for the big event will be six 90-minute performances under the Big Top by the Korea Circus Association's famous Dong Choon Art Circus, featuring a host of top-quality performances by professional Chinese performers.

The Dong Choon Art Circus features twenty-one professional acrobats, jugglers, trapeze artists, tightrope-walkers, tumblers, clowns and more during each hour-and-a-half show. Among some of the highlights of the Circus is a daring caged motorcycle demonstration, in

which five brave motorcycle riders race inside a specially built 25-foot steel circular cage.

Admission to the Dong Choon Art Circus Big Top is \$10 (or won equivalent) for adults and \$5 for children ages six to 12. Children under six will be admitted to the circus free.

Other features planned for this festival include carnival rides and games, live stage entertainment, food and beverage booths, clowns and mimes, a petting zoo, horseback and donkey rides, and numerous vendor booths for fairgoers to enjoy.

For those with a competitive streak, there's plenty of competition scheduled throughout the two days. A host of fun food eating contests for young and old alike, including a kimchi-eating contest (separate divisions for children, adults and seniors) are available for the daring. A one-of-a-kind "Warrior Country Bed Race" will be held right on the fairgrounds.

The Memorial Day Open House Festival is definitely a Family and child-friendly event with a number of contests for adults and children, several carnival rides and games, huge inflatable games, costumed characters, free face painting at the Kiddie Korner, a petting zoo, horse and donkey rides, colorful clowns and mimes, a Baby, Stroller and Pre-

School Costume Contest, and other Family activities. Make sure you charge your camera and camcorder batteries to take advantage of the many photo opportunities throughout the event.

Frank A. DeSilva, event project officer, said there's a lot more planned for the two-day 2009 Memorial Day Open House Festival. Several live entertainment performances will be held on the main outdoor stage during this event featuring US and local Korean performers, the 2ID Warrior Band, the fabulous crowd-pleasing B-Boyz break dance group, and more.

"Everyone loves carnivals and of course the circus," DeSilva says. "The Korea Circus Association's Dong Choon Art Circus is different from western circus shows in that they don't have the large animals and flying trapeze performances. Nevertheless, it's just as fun and entertaining. I expect people will take lots of pictures during the colorful circus shows and caged motorcycle demonstrations we have scheduled throughout the two days," he said.

"It's a different form of entertainment from the usual block party events and music concerts we usually provide for our military community. We're thankful to the USAG-RC/Area I command and the Family and Morale,

Welfare & Recreation Department for bringing a show of this quality to our community to share with our many local Korean friends," DeSilva says.

Although the festival is open to the general public, proper identification is required. Korean civilians over the age of 18 must show their Korean identification card or ROK national passport. Koreans age 12 to 17 may use a school pass or a Korean Registration Certificate as an acceptable means of photo ID. Children under the age of 12 do not require an ID when escorted by an authorized adult over the age of 18.

Non-Koreans, including US citizens, must show their national passport or ROK Alien Registration Card for identification purposes.

A driver's license is not considered official government photo identification for purposes of admission to the Event.

Visitors to the Event are advised that backpack searches will be conducted upon entry to the fairgrounds. Prohibited items include weapons of any kind (guns, knives, clubs, etc.), alcohol, glass containers or any explosive material, including fireworks.

Pets, such as dogs, cats, monkeys, or any other live animal or reptile will not be allowed into the fairgrounds. Outside food and beverage products may not be brought into the fairgrounds.