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Sgt. Caitlin R. Baltell, a Lexington, Mass., native, with C Company, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, battle drags a casualty May 19, during the Expert Field Medical Badge testing lanes.

EFMB

170 CANDIDATES STARTED ... LESS THAN 30 FINISHED



Pfc. Franklin Gago, a Long Island, N.Y., native, assigned to 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion (front right) along with testing lane cadre execute a litter carry May 19 as part of an evacuation test.

Story and photos by Sgt. Mark A. Moore II

Assistant Editor

Eighteen-days ago 170 medics from across 8th U.S. Army and the Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii stood in a hard-packed-dirt staging area ready to begin what might be the most exhausting 11-days of their lives.

In the May 13 edition of the Indianhead, a story detailed what Soldiers in the medical field would endure during the EFMB training and qualification lanes.

In that story Spc. David M. Sanders, a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion on Camp Hovey, said only three percent of medics currently have the badge. At the time he seemed unsure of whether he would have what it takes to earn an EFMB.

However, Sanders remained optimistic. He also expressed his enthusiasm about having the opportunity to receive the training.

The EFMB lanes continued, and on May 18 Sanders and the other remaining candidates began the second to last day of testing.

The number of Soldiers fighting to earn a badge had been drastically reduced.

"Only 40 soldiers are left out here," said Sgt. Major Clayetea Stanley, a test board member and standards bearer for the EFMB lanes.

Sanders said, "I didn't expect to make it this far. I want to get it, but I don't expect to get it."

He went on to complete three-testing lanes that day.

At that day's end, lane scores were handed out and two Soldiers learned that they would not be competing in the final phase of testing.

Only 38 Soldiers remained to start the foot march on the following day, Sanders was one of them.

Sanders said he had one final obstacle to overcome, a 12-mile foot march that must be finished in less than four hours.

"I walked as fast as I could and ran down the hills," said Sanders. "I made it with nine minutes left."

He went on to explain that it was easy to stay motivated because of the instructors that ran beside them and encouraged them to continue.

"It was like rank didn't exist out there, everyone just wanted you to complete the training at that point," said Sanders.

It was easy to hear the exhaustion in his voice as he expressed how it felt to receive an EFMB.

"I was really happy to get it," said Sanders "I was so tired it was easy to stay calm when they pinned it on."

After completing the EFMB lanes Sanders took time to reflect on the past eleven-days and found that he had honed far more than medical skills.

"I learned a lot about comms (communications), how to talk on the radios and how to fill them, also about CBRN (Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear)," Sanders said. "These are things we don't do every day as medics."

With the closing ceremony complete Sanders and 27 other medics proved their mettle, earning the right to wear an EFMB. See page 3 for a full list of 2ID medics who earned the right to wear the EFMB.



Cpl. Yong Bae, C Company 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, rinses his eyes May 19 during the CBRN decontamination lane as part of the Expert Field Medical Badge test.



**VOICE OF THE
WARRIOR:**

How do you like
to relax after
work?



*"I work out at the gym
three times a week and
study English the rest of
the time."*

Pfc. Kim Dong-uk
HHC, 2nd CAB

*"I like to sit back, relax
and watch a movie."*



Sgt. Gordon Grant
A Troop, 4-7th Cav.



*"I like to read and
write. I also like to
swim after work."*

Spc. Leilani Peltz
HSC, DSTB

*"I sit down with my kids
and ask them what they
did at school."*



Spc. Ana Soto-Burgos
HHC, 2nd CAB



*"I like to go to my room
to listen to music and
clear my head."*

Spc. Lennel Johnson III
D Co., 302nd BSB

*"I like to go
off post and hangout
with my military
friends."*



Pfc. Hannah Bedford
B Co., DSTB

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Army Incentive Program

By Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker

2nd ID Commander

Many of our first-term Soldiers are here on a one-year tour; 12 months and a plane ride home. I realize each person's circumstances are different, but I honestly don't know why anyone would want to leave Korea after only one year, except for compassionate reasons. I've personally served more than 20 years stationed overseas. Each time was a 24-month tour, except for my time in combat zones. Honestly, as I reflect back over those years, nothing can compare to the experience of living in a foreign country and truly getting to know the people and their culture. Not to mention being able to visit places I've only seen in travel brochures. However, with our 'Fight Tonight' readiness requirements, it is difficult to experience our host nation's culture and take advantage of the region's travel opportunities in a short 12-month tour.

Let's face it, you have probably spent all of your life in the U.S. and will probably spend the rest of it there too. However, there is a way you can stay longer to take advantage of this overseas tour and all this amazing region of the world has to offer. The Army Incentive Program, or AIP, offers you that opportunity.

For those of you not familiar with the program, let me explain a few basics. The AIP program is a win-win situation for Soldiers stationed here in Korea. Soldiers get to extend for an additional year and receive an extra \$300 each month from the time they sign up until their DEROS. The earlier you sign up, the longer you receive the incentive pay. For example, if you signed up for a one year AIP upon arrival, that would be \$7,200 above your normal pay and allowances.

If this is your first duty station, the extra year gives you time to focus on building your leadership skills, attaining MOS proficiency, and working on your college education through Warrior University while you enjoy Warrior Family Day once a month. Those last two opportunities do not exist anywhere else in the Army. But, if this is your first assignment, you will not appreciate what this really means until



you arrive at your next duty station.

The Warrior Division is only as good as its Warriors. The more experience you have in your unit, the more you can bring to the fight. If you choose to stay an extra year, your team will benefit from the knowledge you have gained and not be forced to relearn the same lessons over and over again. That experience and professional growth can often lead to promotion.

Again, the Army Incentive Program in 2ID is a win-win for everyone. It enables you to be a part of a more cohesive team; helps you add money to your bank account; provides you plenty of time to work on your MOS proficiency, increasing your promotion potential; allows you to actively pursue your personal education goals; and gives you the opportunity to see and experience this fascinating part of the world as you enjoy a 3-day weekend every month.

I hope you look into the program to see if this is something that will benefit you and your family. To request AIP, all you need to do is to discuss it with your chain of command and visit your unit orderly room or battalion Personnel Administration Center (PAC).

AIP is one of the great ways we can build a stronger, smarter team and ensure the Warrior Division remains "Second to None."

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Soldiers compete in Best Warrior

Story and photo by
Pfc. Choi, Jung-hwan

2nd ID Public Affairs

This year's 2nd Infantry Division Best Warrior competition was conducted from May 17 to 20, at Warrior Base, to boost the morale and provide a great learning opportunity for Soldiers.

Selected Soldiers with the 2nd Infantry Division competed in several tasks such as ruck march, shoot-house, land navigation, combatives, Army Physical Fitness Test, and rifle qualification. The Soldiers participating in the competition represent their brigades, and three, one NCO, one Soldier, and one KATUSA, with the highest points, went on to the Eighth Army competition, May 23-27.

Second Infantry Division Command Sergeant Major Michael P. Eyer visited Warrior Base on May 18 to encourage Soldiers in the competition.

"It is more than a competition since it motivates Soldiers to do well during their daily activities with their units to achieve higher standards," said Eyer.

For some Soldiers this was a great chance to get out of the office.

"Since I work as a supply clerk in an office, I don't get to experience real combat training often. This is a great opportunity to learn combat skills," said Cpl. Park Hyun-jun, a supply clerk with 3-2nd Aviation Regiment at K-16 Air Base.

"This is not an everyday opportunity, so I am going to try my best in this competition and hopefully win in the end," he said.

This year's competition was coordinated to include the most up-to-date military skills.



Cpl. Park Hyun-jun, with 3-2nd Aviation Regiment, goes through a practice run under the watch of Sgt. 1st Class Fred Cady, an operations noncommissioned officer, with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry, before entering the shoot house, conducted on the second day of Best Warrior Competition, held May 18 at Warrior Base.

"Many changes were made for this year's event according to lessons learned in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom," said Eyer, who designed the event.

"The winners will go on to compete in the Eighth Army competition

and there are no losers since they will go back to their organizations and be better Soldiers, help with training and elevate the level of competencies within their organizations"

The winners are: Staff Sgt. Sean Swint, B Company, 1st 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 2ID NCO of the Year;

Pfc. Robert Sanders, Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2ID Soldier of the Year and Cpl. Park Hyun-jun, 3-2nd Avn. Reg., 2ID KATUSA of the Year.

Congratulations to the 2nd ID medics who earned the right to wear the Expert Field Medical Badge!



Pfc. Wesly Arrison
Cpl. Yong Bae
Capt. Jared Brynildsen
Staff Sgt. Thuan Cao
Sgt. Justin Cauthen
2nd Lt. Brian Clever
Pfc. Franklin Gag
Pfc. Charles Kim
Pfc. Michael McKinley
Sgt. John Offineer
Spc. David Sander
1st Lt. Daniel Spratt
Sgt. Jeffery Thompson



Newcomer makes Korean debut

Story by Pfc. Chang, Han-him

2nd ID Public Affairs

Being new in Korea can sometimes be overwhelming. There are many cultural differences some Soldiers may not expect. During inprocessing, many speakers tell you to get out of your barracks and explore Korea.

That is exactly what one new signal intelligence analyst from B Company, Division Special Troops Battalion did.

Pvt. Evan Schultz has been in Korea for just two and a half weeks. With the peninsula being his first duty station, this Portland, Or., native said he looks forward to experiencing Korean culture.

So far, he is off to a great start. Schultz participated in the program between 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers and college students held in Paju City on May 17. He was one of 30 Soldiers to take part in the event along with 30 students from Daejin University.

"I was already excited to be in this country and learn how the Army operates overseas," said Schultz. "However, the opportunity to join cultural events like this made me more than happy. Many people from my section wanted to be in my place."

As soon as the Soldiers greeted the students at Imjingak they gathered with their designated group members. Schultz was paired with one other U.S. Soldier and three Korean students.

"It was surprising to realize how little exposure the students have to American culture," said Schultz, about socializing with his Korean group members. "However, it was great to know their backgrounds and exchange our own with them. I guess we became quiet close to each other after all."

Schultz and his group hiked the road called Pyeonghwa-Nuri, which means the Peace Road. He started at the Unification Bridge, the bridge which former President Roh Moo-hyun and Chung Ju-yung, founder of Hyundai Group crossed to visit North Korea. Schultz walked along the Civilian Control Line, blocked with a barbed-wired military fence, for approximately four and a half miles.

"The view from the track was awesome," said Schultz. "Seeing all the watch posts, fences and how it is guarded, bettered my perspective of the place I am stationed right now."

Once the hike was over, the group went straight to lunch in order to recharge themselves for the upcoming schedule.

Schultz sat with his group and ate Galbi. Since he was not used to grilling Korean-style Galbi, his Korean teammates helped him out and taught him how to do it himself.

The group then moved to Sanmeoru Farm, also located in Paju, for a winery tour.

"Among the experiences at the farm, I enjoyed wine tasting the most," said Schultz. "It was great to see wine being distilled since I have never seen it before."

Schultz made grape jam under the instruction of a wine maker. The farm offered each visitor a bottle of wine with the individual's photograph on the label and a jar of jam they made themselves. Schultz added that the wine and grape jam were not the only thing he earned from the trip.

"This opportunity strengthened my first impression of Korea," said Schultz. "I now really do have a good image of this country. I have been planning to travel all over the place to experience the culture as much as I can and this tour motivated my desire to do so."



Pvt. Evan Schultz (center) from B Company, Division Special Troops Battalion makes grape jam May 17 with his group members at Sanmeoru Farm during the winery tour at Paju.

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Warriors lending their expertise 'Down Under'

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Bunn

1st HBCT Public Affairs

The 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division began training Australian Army Soldiers on April 28 in Australia, sharing lessons learned during combat operations in Afghanistan.

Seven officers and noncommissioned officers from 1st BCT will spend a month in Townsville, Queensland training Soldiers from the Australian Army as they prepare for an upcoming Afghanistan deployment.

The 1st BCT Soldiers will share their first-hand knowledge of commanding ground units in Afghanistan, mentoring the Afghan National Army, conducting route clearance procedures in the Afghan mountains, and countering improved explosive devices to help prepare Australian Soldiers for their deployment.



Sgt. Michael Dator

Happy Memorial Day

Memorial Day, celebrated May 30, commemorates U.S. servicemembers who died while in military service. This Memorial Day, take time to remember the those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom.

The Tax Center for Area I is located in Maude Hall, Bldg. 2440, Rm. 241 and is open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Walk-ins will not be accepted. To make an appointment, call DSN 730-3591.

The Camp Humphreys Tax Center is located in Bldg. S-751 and the hours of operations are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 1-8 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment, call DSN 753-5680.

Taxpayers should bring all relevant paperwork to their appointment, including all W-2 forms, 1099s, 1098s, Social Security cards, a power of attorney for taxes if their spouse will not be present at the appointment, and a copy of their 2009 tax return.



Understanding Korean history at National Folk Museum

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Annette Andrews

2nd ID Public Affairs

The National Folk Museum of Korea, located on the grounds of the Gyeongbokgung (Gyeongbok Palace) in Jongno-gu, Seoul, focuses on the acquisition, preservation and exhibition of artifacts related to Korean folklore.

The museum illustrates the folk history of the Korean people through three exhibition halls "The History of the Korean People," "The Lifestyle of the Korean People," and "The Lifecycle of a Korean from Birth to Death." Cameras are allowed, but no flash photography.

There are vases, period clothing, and various artifacts. Many of the displays sit safely inside glass cases so visitors are able to view the objects from four sides, but there's the occasional display that causes one to pause simply because of the way it's put together.

Small children seem to quickly notice one exhibit built at about their eye-level. Much like an expensive fish tank built into a solid wall, "The Dream of a Vast Land: Mural Painting, Life of Gguryeo" is not actually a mural, but the solid miniature figures of a king's procession encased behind glass. The replicas are the size of action figures featuring warriors on horses, servants, and a royal's carriage. It runs the length of the wall, about 20 feet.

"This is the tale of the king's mural," said Seoul Ji-young, a docent, which means her job is to introduce the displays to visitors. With her detailed account of the exhibitions, English-speaking tourists can fully understand the cultural displays and history of South Korea while visiting the museum.

"We could not put the actual mural up for visitors to see, so this display was replicated from the mural,"



A traditional Korean music quartet performs a song May 12 at the National Folk Museum of Korea in Seoul.

Seoul explained. "The mural was found inside a tomb, and as [archeologists] worked to uncover it, they found the tomb belonged to a king."

"If you look, you will see a long yellow flag carried by his escort; this was the king's banner, and the king is seated in the covered chair."

A good docent can provide information about objects or figures or include factual tidbits one might not see printed in a brochure.

"Back then, possessions were buried with kings; sometimes even people were buried with him," she added.

A docent's help can be a bridge that makes crossing into the local community an easy-going experience, because they are knowledgeable and eager to share the data.

"History is wide and vast; it's difficult to know everything and to answer every single question," said Seoul. "Some history is just that — history, and some teaches us to improve our ways."

The improvements made through history can be

viewed while strolling from the Paleolithic to the Bronze Age displays.

The property includes an exhibition hall, in which traditional Korean musical concerts and other activities are held, as well as a children's museum and outdoor exhibits.

The National Folk Museum of Korea is free to all visitors. Operating hours vary with definite closures on Jan. 1 and every Tuesday.

The hours are:
May - August: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. / Saturday - Sunday, and national holidays: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

September - October: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
November - February: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
March - April: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Entry is permitted up to one hour before closing times.

A snack counter and souvenir shop round out the conveniences at the museum.

For more information, visit <http://www.nfm.go.kr:8080/english/main.jsp>.



Pfc. Daniel T. Gerstner, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, photographs vases on May 12 at the National Folk Museum of Korea.



Life-like mannequins dressed in period clothing are part of the "History of Korean People" exhibition hall at the National Folk Museum of Korea in Seoul.

Troopers earn their silver spurs

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Bunn

1st HBCT Public Affairs

More than 75 troopers from 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Heavy Combat Brigade Team, participated in the semi-annual Order of the Spur qualification, also known as the Spur Ride, on camps Casey and Hovey, May 10-11.

In order to earn their Order of the Spur silver spurs, all troopers assigned to 4-7th Cav., regardless of military occupation specialty, must complete various warrior tasks.

"We refer to candidates as 'shave tails,'" said Spc. Justin Kautzman, a cadre member for the "treat a casualty" station. "Once they are able to efficiently pass the tests at each station they will get their official spurs and be welcomed into the cavalry."

The Order of the Spur tradition is as old as the cavalry itself. When green troopers first arrived at their new cavalry assignment they were assigned a horse with a shaved tail. This led to the nickname "shave tail" for newly assigned, spur-less Soldiers. When they arrived they were in need of extensive training, especially in the area of swordsmanship from atop a horse. The horse with a shaved tail was given extra space in which to operate since the operator was marked as an amateur.

During this phase of training the troopers were not allowed to wear spurs because this would only com-



Sgt. 1st Class Adlai Genes (left) from Detroit, assigned to HHT 4-7th Cav. and 2nd Lt. Manuel Diaz from Guam, assigned to A Troop, 4-7th Cav., place an M242 25mm chain gun in its stand during the 4-7th Cav. "spur ride" May 10 on Camp Hovey.

disassemble and assemble .50 caliber and M240B machine guns; remove, disassemble, assemble and install an M242 25mm chain gun from a Bradley Fighting Vehicle; and evaluate and treat a casualty.

"I think all of us are equally motivated," said Cpl. Joshua Tabb, a Denver native, and combat medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4-7th Cav. "We are meshing as a team very well as we pass through each station. Everyone is determined to get their spurs."

"I wanted to be part of the proud cavalry tradition," said Tabb.

Regardless of rank, Soldiers had their own reasons to participate in the event.

"I can't make my Soldiers do it if I don't do it, so I thought I would go through it first," said Sgt. 1st Class Adlai Genes, a mortar section leader with A Troop, 4-7th Cav. and Detroit native. "And it is a good tradition."

The spur ride is geared to foster esprit de corps and a sense of pride in the troopers, said Command Sgt. Maj. Albert Washington, the senior noncommissioned officer of 4-7th Cav.

Troopers who completed the spur ride received their silver spurs and were inducted into the Order of the Spur at a formal dinner.



Pfc. Samantha Craig from Spiro, Okla., a cook with D Company, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, disassembles an M240B machine gun during the 4-7th Cav. spur ride May 10 on Camp Hovey.

"I wanted to be part of a proud cavalry tradition."

Cpl. Joshua Tabb
HHT, 4-7th Cav.

pound the problems.

Only when they were able to prove their ability to perform with a horse and saber were they awarded spurs.

The spur ride event is held over several hours during which a trooper must pass a series of physical and mental tests that evaluate leadership, technical and tactical proficiency, and the ability to operate as part of a team under high levels of stress and fatigue — under mostly night conditions.

Throughout the night, the troopers encouraged their teammates as they completed the tasks at each of the six stations.

The troopers were tested on their ability to react to enemy contact and improvised explosive devices; call for fire support; build a sandbag fighting position;

2CAB Soldiers air-evacuated after flood

Story and photo by Sgt. Mark A. Moore II

Assistant Editor

More than 200 2nd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade Soldiers were air evacuated May 11 after the access road leading into Training Area Tom near Chung Ju, was washed out by rising water from the Chung Ju river.

Several days of rain caused the river to rise and eventually disable the roadway, making it impassable by Soldiers and their equipment.

"This is the first time the river has flooded in the last two years," said Ku Jay the host national land manager for Eighth U.S. Army.

Units from Republic of Korean Army arrived at the training area, where they set up a cordon and made the initial assessment of how the U.S. Soldiers would be evacuated.

"We were called early in the morning," said Korean Staff Sgt. Gi-Hun Kwon with the Republic of Korea Army 7th Engineer Brigade, in Janghown. "I have trained with the U.S. before and it's good to be able to help."

The ROK units were called in to help with a water rescue, but it was determined that the best evacuation method was by air.

All Soldiers were evacuated and no injuries were reported.



U.S. Soldiers with the 2nd Infantry Division assess the damage to the access road leading into Training Area Tom near Chung Ju, May 11. The road was later determined to be unsafe for Soldiers and their equipment to ford. Republic of Korea Soldiers also responded to the scene and were standing by in the event a water evacuation would be necessary.

Talon preps for Korean competition

Story by

Sgt. 1st Class Robert People

2nd CAB Public Affairs

After winning the Camp Humphreys Philip A. Connelly award April 11, Soldiers from the Talon dining facility are preparing for the Installation Management Command-Korea competition June 21.

The Philip A. Connelly Awards Program aims to improve food service professionalism.

Sgt. 1st Class Irving A. Murillo, the Talon dining facility manager, said the dining facility was evaluated at this level of the competition by the Camp Humphreys installation food program manager, Mr. David Duffy and Ms. Jimelyn E. Neal, the USAG-H food management specialist.

"The competition was to evaluate food preparation, presentation and taste," Murillo said. "It also evaluates administrative documentation and customer service."

Murillo said that the winner of the IMCOM competition will then compete at the Department of the Army level. He said a few of the key areas are the ordering and inspection of the food, creation of the menus and the food preparation.

Murillo said the competition does not evaluate anything aside from normal operations.

"The competition also ensures that we are following the basic guidelines of food service preparation," he said.

Spc. Lesean Ford, a member of E. Co., 4th (Attack) Battalion, 2nd Aviation

Regiment, said she enjoyed the experience of being able to teach the new Soldiers as they all prepared for this competition.

"I've been in the Army for almost seven years and this is my third duty station," Ford said. "This is the first time I've had the opportunity to teach other Soldiers."

Sgt. Jeremy Bogle, a member of E. Co., 4-2nd Avn., said new Soldiers were good for this competition because they are learning many of the standards for the very first time.

"They're young, they're not stuck in their ways and they can be more easily taught that this is the standard," Bogle said. "They do not have the bad influences that we sometimes have to try and fight against."

Bogle said while the Soldiers received great training and instruction from the noncommissioned officers, he hopes that this will help them to gain the confidence for the IMCOM competition and in the future.

"One of the biggest things I hope the Soldiers gain before our next competition is the confidence level," he said. "The NCOs were really hands-on with them providing a lot of guidance and I hope that by the next time, the Soldiers will have developed enough self-confidence to say, 'I got this.'"

Murillo said while this is the first duty station of many of his Soldiers, this competition has been a great learning experience for each of them.

"My hopes are that from these competitions, my Soldiers gain the basic food service knowledge," he said.



Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Johnson

Principal makes a splash

Students await to dunk Shelly Kennedy, principal of Casey Elementary school, during the school's first field day May 13.

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Cpl. Tim Oberle

A 2nd CAB Family member brings her dog for the Courageous Channel demonstration flight May 19 at Camp Humphreys. For the demonstration flight and during a real evacuation, Family members are allowed to bring dogs or cats that weigh less than 25 pounds as long as they are in a cage. Pets larger than 25 pounds would be shipped separately.



Cpl. Tim Oberle

First Sergeant James Lowry, of B Co., 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd CAB gives a safety brief May 19 to dependents and family members during Courageous Channel at Camp Humphreys. Following the briefing, family members were taken on a demonstration flight on a CH-47.

Warriors put finishing touches on NEO exercise

Story by Sgt. Michael J. Dator
Editor

The 2nd Infantry Division wrapped up Courageous Channel on May 21 on bases throughout Warrior Country. Courageous Channel is an annual four-day-long U.S. Forces Korea non-combatant evacuation operations exercise. The exercise tests the ability of installations around the peninsula to process and evacuate Department of Defense Family members and pets. During the exercise, participants rehearse the actual steps they would go through in the event of a voluntary or ordered evacuation.

"With the influx of Family members accompanying Soldiers to Korea, exercises such as Courageous Channel play an important role in making sure our loved ones are cared for in the best possible way," said Capt. Roydrego V. Lavant, the NEO assembly point officer-in-charge for Camp Red Cloud. "We are here to provide the extended support necessary to allow our Soldiers to accomplish their mission in the event of an emergency without having to worry if their Family members are properly cared for."

Evacuation control centers were set up at various locations in areas I, II and III for Warrior Country Family members. At each control center, participants went through stations designed to instruct and inform them on the NEO process. Protective masks were issued and

instructions given on correct usage. Unit representatives known as NEO wardens were also on hand to offer assistance or answer any questions along the way.

"Typically, most Family members are interested in what documents and paperwork they need to bring along with them," said Staff Sgt. Faustino Diaz, NEO warden for Headquarters Support Company, Division Special Troops Battalion, 2nd ID. "I help to make sure their NEO packets are filled out correctly, so that the process is an easy one and goes smoothly."

In the event of a real emergency, aircraft operated by units from the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade would be tasked with flying evacuees out of harm's way. A "fly-away" was scheduled between camps Red Cloud, Casey and Humphreys, but due to poor weather conditions, flights were only conducted in the vicinity of Camp Humphreys.

Although Courageous Channel is not related to any current or previous event, some Family members are put at ease knowing there are measures in place to keep them safe.

"Korea is a good place for military Families," said Chonthicha Young, a mother and military spouse. "But if anything did happen here, it's good to know that my son and I are able to get out of danger."



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Bunn

Pfc. Rachel Czaplenski (foreground), a health care specialist with C Co., 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team assists a Family member at the Non-combatant Evacuee Tracking System station, May 18 during Courageous Channel 2011 at the Hanson Field House on Camp Casey.



Sgt. Michael J. Dator

Lauren Gasper, a military spouse and mother of three, keeps a watchful eye on her children, during the in-processing portion of the 2011 Courageous Channel non-combatant evacuations operations exercise May 20 at the Camp Red Cloud Gym. Courageous Channel is an annual four-day-long United States Forces Korea exercise that tests the ability of installations around the peninsula to process and evacuate DOD family members, civilians, and pets.

Army takes gold at wheelchair basketball game

Photo and Story by
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Army News Service

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.-The Army beat out the Marines, 44-19, and took home the gold, after fierce competition at the championship wheelchair basketball game, May 20, at the 2011 Warrior Games.

Enthusiastic fans from both sides packed the bleachers at Sports Center I, Olympic Training Center.

They held up signs, honked horns and cheered for their favorite team.

After the intense game, head coach for the Army, Doug Garner, said he was pleased with the way his team played.

"We got off to a really good start and that helped," Garner said, "We've been kind of slow coming out of our last few games, so we really wanted to come out at a level that we could take sure shots and play good defense, and we did that."

Garner has been coaching wheelchair basketball since 1992.

His son was born with a disability, he explained, so he started a junior program in Arkansas.

"Now I'm a commissioner for the

junior division for the U.S. for the National Wheelchair Basketball Association," he said.

He also coaches the University of Texas wheelchair basketball team.

The Army called to ask him to coach their team. The Army's team benefited from the coach's expertise in the championship game, said team captain Juan Soto, who is at the games for the first time.

"We kept our cool and executed basically everything that coach taught us last week," Soto said.

Soto served in the Army from 1998 to 2002 and was injured in 2003 during a car accident. He has been playing wheelchair basketball for six years, he said, and believes he brings leadership to the court.

"I probably have the most experience," Soto said. "I can decide where the ball goes and who should get it. I know the strengths and weaknesses of my players."

He credits some of the leadership capabilities to his time in the Army.

Garner said he was humbled to participate in the games because he was able to see the players as servicemembers as well as athletes.



Members of the Army's wheelchair basketball team watch a teammate fight for the ball on the court at Sports Center I, Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., May 20, 2011. Army defeated the Marines 44-19, winning the gold.

"These guys brought a great attitude in because they remember last year," Garner said. "They came to the pre-camp, all the camps, wanting to learn, and they were really focused."

"I had a blast," Soto said of the games. "It's something I didn't expect for it to be as huge as it is. We have a lot of support from our fellow servicemembers, so I'm hoping to do it next year."

While the Army and Marines battled for the gold and silver, the Navy and Air Force fought for the remaining prize -- the bronze. But Navy proved the winner there, in a close 13-12 game against the Air Force's team.

The 2011 Warrior Games are joint effort between the U.S. Olympic Committee and the U.S. Department of Defense.

FY12 budget analysis aims to make squads more lethal

Story by C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- The Army will conduct an analysis of its "fundamental fighting unit," the squad, to ensure everything is being done to prepare those Soldiers for the fight. Secretary of the Army John McHugh and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey appeared May 17, before the Senate Appropriations Committee defense subcommittee to discuss the fiscal year 2012 budget submission and Army posture.

"We'll look at the squad as a collective whole, not nine individual Soldiers, and determine how to enable it from the bottom up to ensure that the squad has the training, leadership, doctrine, power and energy, protection, and lethality to win when we send them into harm's way," Dempsey told lawmakers.

The general said other tiers of Army structure are already unmatched, and that he wanted to ensure the squad too was unmatched.

"As an Army no one can challenge us at corps level, division level, brigade level or battalion level," he said. "I want to ensure we've done as much as possible to make sure that the same degree of overmatch exists at squad level."

While Dempsey didn't give a date to senators for when a review would happen, he did say it wouldn't result in more gear given to individual Soldiers, who are "already strained by the load they have to carry in combat."

The Army is facing two requirements to reduce the number of Soldiers in uniform -- a 22,000-Soldier reduction that accounts for the temporary end-strength increase authorized by Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates in 2009, and a Gates-directed 27,000-Soldier reduction three or four years from now to be taken out of the Army's permanent end-strength.

McHugh told lawmakers he has been working with leaders in the Defense Department to make sure the cuts would happen, but that they would not affect the mission or put other Soldiers at risk.

"We've spent a lot of time with the secretary and the people at the Office of the Secretary of Defense to make sure the way forward makes sense, that we are not buying an unreasonable amount of risk," McHugh said.

The reduction of 22,000 Soldiers, he said was something that would have to come down in "the near term." But McHugh told lawmakers the Army was concerned about the current operations tempo and how that reduction would affect the force, and that those troops are still needed.

The secretary of Defense, he said, "understood" that, and is allowing the Army to keep those 22,000 until March 2012 -- with the drawdown in Iraq then making it possible for the Army to take the reduction "in stride."

In January, the secretary of defense also directed a reduction in permanent end strength of 27,000. That drawdown would be "conditions based," McHugh told legislators.

The 27,000-Soldier reduction is aimed at the 2014-2015 time frame, with the potential drawdown in Afghanistan. But ultimately, he said, a final decision would depend on input from the president, NATO allies, and recommendations from Gen. David Petraeus, commander, International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces Afghanistan.

"If conditions on the ground allow that to continue, we feel very comfortable that the 27,000 is a very achievable target," McHugh said.

The secretary said the Army is working on how to shape the force with the drawdown and how to "ramp down" the numbers of Soldiers without "placing Soldiers at greater risk."

With the 2004 cancellation of the Comanche pro-

gram, the 2008 cancellation of the Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter program, and the 2009 cancellation of the Army's "Future Combat Systems," known as FCS, program in recent memory, senators concerned about tightening the budget asked Army leaders how they would ensure future Army programs could remain on target and on budget.

McHugh discussed a recent study on Army acquisition he said was "long overdue" and which yielded 76 recommendations on acquisition, "some of which were revelatory."

"I think the No. 1 thing was our inclination in the past to not control requirements," McHugh said. "We've seen that in a number of programs, and FCS, I think is the poster child for it as is the presidential helicopter, where requirements keep getting built on and built on."

Continued additions of requirements in such programs means it takes longer for the program to come to fruition, the secretary said, and makes its costs spiral out of control.

"So we've tried to do a better job in stating the requirements, keeping them less reliant on immature or less reliable technologies," he said.

He cited the Army's ground combat vehicle program as an example of how the Army has applied what it has learned.

The program's initial request for proposal to industry included 990 "tier-one" requirements. Later, the Army rescinded that Request For Proposal and replaced it with another -- one that reduced tier-one requirements by 75 percent.

"A tough decision, but one that at the end of the day I think that was very soundly supported by the industry and will serve not just the Army but the taxpayers more fairly as well," he said.

McHugh said the Army is now implementing all but 13 of the 76 recommendations from the report and is taking a closer look at those 13 recommendations.

Army to introduce new, improved Stryker vehicle

Story by Kris Osborn
Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- By this summer, Soldiers in Afghanistan will be riding in new Stryker armored combat vehicles that have an improved hull design to protect them from improvised explosive devices and roadside mines.

In the coming weeks, Soldiers in Afghanistan will begin to see 150 new Strykers with a double-V hull, or DVH, design that deflects blasts away from the vehicle and the Soldiers inside. The Stryker DVH, with enhanced armor, wider tires and blast-attenuating seats, went from conception to production in less than one year.

The double-V hull design on the new Stryker is a proven technology similar to that found on mine-resistant, ambush-protected, or MRAP, vehicles currently being used in Afghanistan.

"The rapid turnaround of the DVH is responsiveness at its best," Col. Robert Schumitz, Stryker Brigade Combat Team Project Management Office, project manager, said. "Soldier survivability is the Army's number-one priority. Once we determined that the DVH effort was an achievable and acceptable risk, we swiftly engaged in executing the robust program."

Engineers at General Dynamics Land Systems conceived the double-V-hull design and tested it at Yuma



Prior to redeploying last summer, 4th Bde., 2nd Inf. Div. Soldiers drove their Stryker vehicles from Iraq to Kuwait. The armored wheeled vehicles are now being designed with a double-V hull for added protection from improvised explosive devices.

Proving Ground, Ariz., Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and the Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

"We wanted to take advantage of the V shape and get the center of the vehicle farther away from the ground to aid survivability," said Mike Cannon, senior vice president of General Dynamics Land Systems.

Vehicles went through live-fire, developmental and operational testing that concentrated on force protec-

tion, safety, performance, reliability and durability.

There are 140 Stryker DVH's already in the Army supply chain, and plans are to field a total of 450 vehicles.

"The Stryker program has been continually responsive to evolutionary threats," Schumitz said. "The Stryker DVH is a robust program that has enjoyed the Army's full support to increase Soldier survivability in Operation Enduring Freedom."

2ID Infantrymen earn EIB during redesigned, faster paced test

Story and Photo by
Spc. Kim Hackbarth
4th Brigade, 2nd ID

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. -- Earning a seven-sixteenths by 3-inch piece of metal displaying a musket and a blue backdrop might not seem significant, but to infantrymen, the Expert Infantryman Badge is considered a career validation.

The 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division was the first Stryker brigade on Joint Base Lewis-McChord to use the revised EIB testing standards recently on the installation's training areas.

Sgt. 1st Class Chad Smith, a platoon sergeant with C Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, graded Soldiers striving for what is considered a must-have accoutrement for any infantryman.



Staff Sgt. Jaime Suarez (right) keeps time as Spc. Nicholas Bastianelli performs a task during Expert Infantryman Badge testing.

"In old terms, it was always called the 'mark of a man,'" Smith said. "They've gone above and beyond their peers to prove that they excel in their career field."

In 2000 while stationed in Hawaii, as a young specialist, Smith proved the mastery of his infantry skills and earned his EIB, one of only 26 of the 700 Soldiers in his battalion to do so.

Before the test was altered, Soldiers had fewer opportunities to participate in the evaluation for the badge because of years of global conflict and shorter time spent in garrison.

"We've been engaged in constant combat since Sept. 11, 2011," said Master Sgt. Eric Chastain, EIB testing NCOIC. "During this time, EIB took the backseat."

EIB committee members at Fort Benning, Ga., took the nation's wars into ac-

count in attempting to create a test that could be administered between repeated deployments and updating it with combat-related situations.

The result is a 12-day process and requires less time, personnel and resources.

Following the new test standards, Soldiers had seven days to train on required tasks and five days of testing.

On the first day of the test, EIB candidates took an Army Physical Fitness Test and had to score 75 points or higher in each event to move on to the next day.

During the next three days, Soldiers negotiated three lanes: urban, patrol and traffic control point. Each lane had 10 tasks that included moving under direct fire, engaging an enemy target with a grenade, providing first aid to a simulated casualty, and one decision task that required Soldiers to apply critical thinking while performing the mission.

They also had to pass a day-and-night land navigation course separate from the lanes.

Chastain said there was an added level of stress in forcing Soldiers to take on multiple tasks as opposed to focusing on one at a time as in the previous test.

This, he says, affects not only the candidates, but the graders as well.

"Before, graders only mastered one task," Chastain said. "Now that grader has to know 10 different tasks and master them."

If a Soldier is deemed a "no-go" on a task, he does not have the option to retest as the old standards allowed.

"EIB is now all outcome-based train-

ing, compared to individual tasks with specific performance measures for those tasks," Smith said.

On the final day of testing, the remaining Soldiers set off to complete a 12-mile foot march in less than three hours.

For Soldiers like Chastain, who earned his EIB in 1997 in Korea, there's something that makes earning the badge even more highly regarded -- being a "true blue" EIB holder.

"True blue" means a Soldier completed every task without a "no-go," thus every "go" box on his score sheet has a blue mark creating a line of blue all the way down the page.

First Lt. John Dibble, a platoon leader with B Co., 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, was one of 16 Soldiers to be "true blue" badge holders.

"I was just trying to set an example for my guys," he said.

Even after his own accomplishment, he was most proud of his Soldiers.

"My guys worked hard," Dibble said, pointing out the six Soldiers in his platoon who earned their badges.

While some candidates celebrated their success with high-fives and hugs, one Soldier took it as an opportunity to continue his service in the infantry.

After crossing the finish line in two hours, 25 minutes, and 34 seconds, Sgt. Shannon Tew promptly reenlisted.

"I'm proud of what I'm doing right now," said the infantryman. "I knew I was going to get my EIB."

Out of 742 Soldiers, 167 earned their EIBs.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

May Festival, pool opening

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a May Festival, in conjunction with the grand opening of the upgraded Hanson Field House Pool, from 4-10 p.m., today.

Entertainment includes a live band, Asia-Pacific show, Nanta drum performance, Korean folk dances and more. Food, games and commercial vendor sales will also be part of the carnival atmosphere.

2ID Language Lab open

The 2nd ID Language Lab is located in Bldg. 701 on Camp Red Cloud. It is available to all Soldiers and KATUSAs who desire to learn a new language, or improve on existing language skills.

Hours of operation are 9-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Mon.-Fri. and 1-4 p.m. on Thursdays.

The facility offers language materials for Korean, Chinese Mandarin, Pashto, Japanese, and Punjabi as well as several other languages.

The facility has internet that allows Soldiers to access various language sites such as LingNet, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Rosetta Stone and Joint Linguist University.

For more information contact Chief Warrant Officer 2 William Vredenburg or Warrant Officer Raymond Sifuentes at DSN 732-7624.

Finance Hours

The Camp Casey finance office located in Bldg. 2440, is open 9:30 a.m.-

4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. and closed Thursdays.

The Camp Stanley finance office located in Bldg. 2245, is open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. and closed Thursdays.

The Camp Red Cloud finance office located in Bldg. 267, is open 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Fridays.

Family members allowed to eat in Area I dining facilities

Military Family members are permitted to eat in all dining facilities on Area I installations as part of a 60-day trial, except Camp Casey's Iron Horse Café. The Iron Horse Café will not participate because it's operating above 100 percent capacity.

Family members will pay the existing rates based on the pay grade of their sponsor.

Contact your local Area I dining facility for current rates.

For more information, call Chief Warrant Officer 4 Fredrick Wood at DSN 732-6586.

Vehicle inspection site

The Area I vehicle inspection office has moved from Camp Mobile to the Auto Skills Shop, Bldg. 2230 on Camp Casey. Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wed.-Sun.

For additional information contact the Camp Mobile Auto Skills Shop at DSN 730-6028.

New Yongsan PT run routes

Effective June 1, the following roads at Yongsan Garrison will be closed

Mon. - Fri. from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. due to Physical Readiness Training; all roads on Camp Coiner through 8th Army Drive; 8th Army Drive to the fire station; and X Corps Boulevard to 3rd Division Road through the Commissary.

Army Ten-Miler tryouts

The 2011 Army in Korea Ten-Miler is scheduled for June 11 at the Carey Fitness Center on Camp Casey.

The event is open to active duty military personnel, Department of Defense civilians, and adult Family members stationed at IMCOM Korea Region Installations. Registration will be held from 6:30 - 7:15 a.m. The event will begin at 7:45 a.m.

The top male and female active-duty Army military personnel assigned to an Eighth Army unit with a DEROS no earlier than Oct. 10 will qualify to represent Eighth Army at the Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C., Oct 9.

For more information call the Warrior Country Sports Office at DSN 732-6276, or the Casey Enclave Sports Office at DSN 730-2322.

Seoul no smoking zones

Effective June 1, no smoking zones will be enforced in Seoul.

Violators of the smoking ban will be fined 100,000 won.

No smoking zones will be recognized in the following Seoul city squares: Seoul, Chronggye and Gwanghwamun.

The ban is expected to be Seoul-wide in 2013.

Movies

Prices: \$5 for first run movies, \$4.50 for regular releases. Children 12 and under: \$2.50 and \$2.25 respectively

Camp Casey

Show times: Mon. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Fri. & Sun. 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.
Sat. 3:30, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.

May 27: Priest / Lincoln Lawyer
May 28: Priest / Lincoln Lawyer
May 29: Sucker Punch (2)
May 30: Priest
June 01: Lincoln Lawyer
June 03: Pirates of the Caribbean 4 (2)
June 04: Pirates of the Caribbean 4 (2)
June 05: Diary of a Wimpy Kid / Limitless
June 06: Pirates of the Caribbean 4
June 08: Arthur

Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Mon.-Sun. 7 p.m.
Fri. 7 & 9 p.m.

May 27: Thor / Battle: Los Angeles
May 28: Mars Needs Moms / Lincoln Lawyer
May 29: Sucker Punch
May 30: Paul
May 31: Battle: Los Angeles
June 2: Priest
June 3: Priest / Lincoln Lawyer
June 4: Limitless
June 5: Sucker Punch
June 6: Diary of a Wimpy Kid
June 7: Arthur
June 9: Pirates of the Caribbean 4

Camp Hovey

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

May 27: Paul
May 28: Sucker Punch
May 29: Priest
May 31: Lincoln Lawyer
June 02: Pirates of the Caribbean 4
June 03: Lincoln Lawyer
June 04: Limitless
June 05: Pirates of the Caribbean 4
June 07: Diary of a Wimpy Kid
June 09: Hangover 2

Camp Stanley

Show times: Sun., Mon. & Thurs. 7 p.m.
Wed. & Sat. 7 & 9 p.m.
Fri. 9:30 a.m., 7 & 9 p.m.

May 27: Sucker Punch / Lincoln Lawyer
May 28: Thor / Sucker Punch
May 29: Thor
May 30: Battle: Los Angeles
June 01: Pirates of the Caribbean 4 (2)
June 02: Sucker Punch
June 03: Diary of a Wimpy Kid / Limitless
June 04: Priest / Arthur
June 05: Priest
June 06: Lincoln Lawyer
June 08: Hangover 2 (2)
June 09: Limitless

Camp Humphreys

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

May 27: Priest (2)
May 28: Mars Needs Moms / Priest (2)
May 29: Mars Needs Moms / Priest (2)
May 30: Priest (2)
May 31: Lincoln Lawyer (2)
June 01: Lincoln Lawyer (2)
June 02: Sucker Punch (2)
June 03: Pirates of the Caribbean 4 (2)
June 04: Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Pirates of the Caribbean 4 (2)
June 05: Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Pirates of the Caribbean 4 (2)
June 06: Pirates of the Caribbean 4 (2)
June 07: Limitless (2)
June 08: Limitless (2)
June 09: Arthur (2)

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Camp Red Cloud

Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

Catholic:

9 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

7 p.m. Sunday

COGIC:

12:30 p.m. Sunday

Camp Casey

At Stone Chapel

Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday

At Memorial Chapel

Gospel:

11 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

6:30 p.m. Tuesday

At West Casey Chapel

Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday

Catholic:

Noon Sunday

LDS Bible study:

7:30 p.m. Thursday

LDS Worship:

4 p.m. Sunday

Camp Hovey

At Hovey Chapel

Catholic:

9:30 a.m. Sunday

Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

6:30 p.m. Tuesday

At Old Hovey Chapel
Bldg. 3592

Orthodox:

10 a.m. 1st, 3rd Sunday

At Crusader Chapel

Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

Camp Stanley

Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday

Gospel:

12:30 p.m. Sunday

Camp Humphreys

At Freedom Chapel

Catholic:

9 a.m. Sunday

Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

Church of Christ:

5 p.m. Sunday

Gospel:

1 p.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

7 p.m. Tuesday

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Hovey Chapel:

730-5119

Camp Stanley:

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Camp Humphreys:

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