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Government supplies for government use

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CAMP RED CLOUD—Second Infantry Division officials recently placed a renewed emphasis on Soldiers and civilians protecting and conserving government property.

“Misuse of government property is wrong, because it takes away from the effectiveness of the Army,” said Sgt. Shawn Earle, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division. “The more we have to spend on items that are misused, the less we will have to spend on items that may save a life.”

Government property such as computers, printers, faxes and telephones are paid for with taxpayer funds. These items are provided for federal functions, missions and official duties. Officials emphasized that they are not for personal convenience and personal activities.

Soldiers may contribute to misuse of government property by unlawfully using cleaning and office supplies. Excessive personal phone calls during duty hours, checking unofficial e-mail and taking cleaning supplies that are purchased with government funds are all examples of misuse.

“It is stealing,” Earle said. “If a Soldier gets caught stealing in the Army he may face (Uniform Code of Military Justice) action. That hurts the Army, because you lose manpower and time you need to accomplish the mission.”

When a Soldier misuses government property, he damages his organization’s budget, Earle said.

Each unit has a certain amount of money to spend. If Soldiers use office items for



Using government computers to play video games is an example of misuse. Army equipment, such as computers, paper, pens, pencils, telephones, faxes, cleaning supplies or other office supplies and tools are for official purposes only. Misusing government equipment could result in UCMJ action. Consequences can range from a letter of reprimand to court martial.

personal reasons, the organization must continue to restock the items.

“When we really need that tire for a vehicle that needs to deploy to Iraq, there is no money to pay for it because we had to keep restocking those misused items,” Earle said. “As a Soldier, I would tell my friends to buy their own supplies and help keep the effectiveness of the military in tip-top shape.”

The Army’s leadership can do a number of things to pre-

vent misuse, said Capt. Joshua Berger, 2nd Infantry Division office of the staff judge advocate.

“They can educate their Soldiers as to what is authorized and what is not,” Berger said. “Of course they should also lead by example.”

Leadership can also establish clear guidelines and procedures, he said.

“They can enforce the rules and standards so that people who violate the rules are handled properly,” Berger said.

“The basic principle is that we should use Army money for the Army’s mission and not for personal gain.”

Consequences can range from a letter of reprimand to court martial, depending on the type and severity of misuse.

Soldiers may feel misusing government supplies is not a big deal because they think the Army has money to burn.

They are wrong because misuse affects everyone in the military, Earle said.

A Soldier may be tempted to

misuse government property under certain circumstances.

“It may be cold outside, and you have the vehicle keys,” Earle said. “You need something from the PX and you think no one will find out, so you drive there. You know it is wrong.”

Soldiers should report any misuse of government property to the chain of command, Earle said.

Officials stress that misuse of government property is never okay.



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Pfc. Travis Craven
HHC, 2nd Inf. Div.
"To earn one's trust. You need to be able to trust someone in the battlefield."



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168th Med. Bn.
"Standing by your leaders through difficult times."



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HHC, 2nd Inf. Div.
"Sticking with the team. Your team can be your family or your unit."



Sgt. Charles Diers
5th Bn., 5th ADA
"Being true to what you do."



What does loyalty mean to you?



Sgt. 1st Class Phyllis Foster
HHC, 2nd Inf. Div.
"Being honest and sincere. Being faithful to God, your Soldiers and your unit."



Chief Warrant Officer Lena Tull
HHC, 2nd Inf. Div.
"Being faithful to God, my spouse, my family and my Soldiers."

Sgt. 1st Class Catherine Torres
HHC, DISCOM
"Faithful to God, my daughter, my Soldiers and my unit."



Pvt. Melinda Coffel
501st CSG
"Standing up for your word."



Spc. Casey Rhoads
HHB, DIVARTY
"Service to your country. Being there for support morally and mentally."



2nd Lt. Nathan Hanawalt
50th Eng. Co.
"Sticking by whatever you're loyal to no matter what happens, unquestioning allegiance."



Chief Warrant Officer Eliud Santiago
HHC, 2nd Inf. Div.
"To do what you are supposed to do. Do the right thing."



Staff Sgt. Kaderick Cooley
501st CSG
"One team, one fight. Sticking together as a unit."



Pfc. Margaret Hatcher
55th MP Co.
"Sticking by your platoon and battle buddies in time of need."



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Warrior 7 ... Happy Holidays to all 'Warriors'

Commentary by
Command Sgt. Maj.
James Lucero
2nd Inf. Div. Command Sgt. Maj.

Happy holidays, Warriors! This is the time of year to reflect on good times with friends and family.

It is also a time to reflect on the loss of comrades in arms, and the well-being of surviving family members.

It is the time of year when many of our Warriors will be taking leave to enjoy some time away from the flagpole. Now more than ever, leaders must ensure our Soldiers are physically, mentally and emotionally prepared to enjoy this holiday season.

We must maintain self awareness if we are going to survive the holidays.

Soldiers must be taught how make a risk assessment of the areas they will be traveling to while on leave.

The risk assessment should take into account such things as distance to be traveled, rest periods, and transportation to be used.

Leaders, take the time to ensure your soldiers are aware of the dangers of traveling in a foreign country. Korea is a beautiful place, but your soldiers need to be aware of

the local customs and courtesies before they venture off into the surrounding communities.

Take the time to visit our various camps, make use of our local facilities and attend and participate in our local holiday activities.

Soldiers, use the buddy system whenever you leave post. The buddy system ensures you have a witness to any actions or events that can occur outside the garrison's walls.

Ensure you have preplanned your travel routes and ensure at least one person in your group has a cellular phone.

Take one of your Korean Soldier co-workers with you to help you understand the cultural significance of the sights and sounds of Korea.

Korea is a colorful country with more to offer than the bars in the "ville." The Korean Soldier can be your guide and translator as you visit the numerous multi-block shopping districts, ancestral palaces and restaurants.

Avoid protest demonstrations or areas where large crowds are gathering. You don't want to risk sending the wrong message by being seen as a participant of a subversive organization, or

someone who supports activities that are counter to the best interests of our Korean friends.

Remember that alcohol is not necessary to have a good time. Soldiers need to be reminded not to overindulge in alcohol products during the holiday season. Those Soldiers who are going home for the holidays should be reminded that alcohol and driving don't mix. They should maintain their Warrior integrity abroad as they would here.

Leaders should warn their Soldiers against spending too much money during the holiday season. Many merchants will be advertising so-called bargains for big-ticket items that may not be in their Soldiers' best fiscal interests. Inform your Soldiers about responsible money management and how to make wise shopping decisions.

Some of our Warriors may be traveling to areas that are covered in snow. Some of them may be driving a vehicle for the first time in months, but have a false sense of security about their driving experience. Remind them to practice safe driving habits and to ensure any vehicles they drive are

winterized. This includes checking antifreeze, hoses and tire treads. We want all of our Warriors to safely return to us from the holidays.

We still have a lot of moving pieces in our garrisons during the holidays therefore leaders must remain alert to their Soldiers' training requirements. Many of our Soldiers will be practicing their Warrior tasks and drills during this period. The division's units will be conducting exercises, sustainment gunnery and lanes training to remain prepared to fight tonight. These Warriors will spend the holidays in Korea, far from home.

Spend time with the many Warriors who won't be going home for the holidays. Invite them for dinner and let them know you care about their wellbeing. Ensure your buddies have called home to the states to speak to their loved ones. Be aware of signs of depression and be willing to talk to those Soldiers who may be going through a trying time.

Leaders, see that our Soldiers make a special effort to visit the family members of our fallen comrades, our brothers in



arms who made the ultimate sacrifice with their selfless service. Ensure our family members are being taken care of; their transportation needs are being met and they have access to any facilities or services available.

These family members have made a personal sacrifice as well. Leaders must ensure our support to our families is second to none, and our response to their needs is beyond reproach.

Our Warriors set the standard for all Soldiers in Korea. Be willing to spread holiday cheer with everyone you meet whether at home or in the barracks, in the workplace or on the street. Let's have a safe, accident free holiday season and let our collective character show the world why we are **SECOND TO NONE!**

Loyalty means much more than Army definition

Commentary by
Spc. Chris Stephens
Indianhead editor

This is the first in a seven-part commentary series on the Army Values.

Bear true faith and allegiance to the US Constitution, the Army, your unit, and other Soldiers.

That's the definition of loyalty according to the Army Values.

But, loyalty is much deeper than that. Your unit is too broad of a subject in the definition the Army gives you.

All Soldiers are part of a Brigade Combat Team, a Unit of Action, a company, a battalion, a squad or a section.

No Soldier is without a group around them. Each unit is unique in its own way.

With each of those types of units,

there's a motto, phrase or something else the unit says to identify themselves, like 'Second to None' for the 2nd Infantry Division. To me, that motto or phrase means something to the unit's Soldiers. In that unit, Soldiers have learned to become a team that can trust each other in any situation they're put in.

To someone else, they see the unit as just another unit, but not to those unit's Soldiers.

Their loyalty to the unit and its ideals go further than meets the eye. The unit means something else to them. The patch they wear on their left shoulder, and in today's War on Terrorism, their right shoulder, have a special significance.

They've learned their unit's history



and the names of Soldiers from that unit who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation.

I've talked with Soldiers who have served with the 75th Ranger Regiment, the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Infantry Divisions in combat in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Many of them told me that when they look over onto their right shoulder and see their combat patch, it brings back the memories of the times they spent with their comrades in the Middle East. The loyalty they had not only to each other, but their unit played a large role into their lives today.

Many of them said they still reflect on what they did while deployed, both good and bad. But, most of their memories were good ones. One memory that came up in every conversation was the talks they would have with each other about what they would do when they got back home

from their deployment.

Even though many of them have left their comrades they deployed with, they still check up with the old 'battle buddies' to see how things are going and to see if everything turned out the way they had hoped it would.

To me, that's loyalty there. Even though they're not in the same unit together anymore, many of the Soldiers still keep in contact with a few of their buddies.

If that's not loyalty, then I don't know what is.

Loyalty, to me, is staying true to what you believe in and having the back of your comrades at all time, whether it is today, tomorrow or ten years from now.

Editor's Note: *If you have an opinion on loyalty or this commentary that you would like printed in the Indianhead, email your response to 2idpao@korea.army.mil for use in our 'Letters to Editor.'*

Native American MOH recipient truly 'Second to None'

Story by Spc. Katrina Nichols
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FORT GORDON, Ga., – Native American Indians have often been portrayed as warriors in vintage Hollywood films.

Weren't we all a little afraid as kids watching the tan, lean man with battle paint on his face, braided hair and a crown of feathers? He was both beautiful and mysterious while remaining scary.

We always knew he was a worthy enemy as he used his bow & arrow with machine-like precision.

We usually saw a very spiritual side of him that we didn't quite understand, which added to the mystery of this enemy.

Plus he had some cool name that connected him with nature like Crying Wind or Bear Claw. But who was this man really? Hopefully, none of us look to Hollywood for a history lesson, especially since Tinsel Town rarely, if ever, identifies a specific tribe, making the character described a stereotype to cover hundreds of races living in North America thousands of years before Europeans invaded their land.

So what happened to this warrior?

Many Native American Indians served in the military fighting in almost every American conflict.

One in particular is U.S. Army Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Jr., a Winnebago Indian from Wisconsin. The Winnebago tribe was once the most powerful tribe in northeast Wisconsin, living mostly at Red Banks on the shore of Green Bay for centuries. The Winnebago tribe recently changed their name to the Hocak (pronounced Ho-Chunk) Nation because the origin of the word Winnebago meant "people of stinking water" which was never meant as an insult to the people, but as a reference to the algae filled Lake Winnebago. Hocak translates to "people of the big speech."

Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr. and his two brothers followed in the foot steps of their



father who fought in World War I, by joining the armed forces. Red Cloud enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in August 1941 and fought as machine gunner with Carlson's Marine Corps Raiders. During his service with the Marines he was in some of the heaviest fighting in the Pacific Islands at the beginning of World War II. Unfortunately he contracted malaria during that time and received an honorable discharge in 1945. He received two Purple Hearts while serving in the Marines.

Three years later, his brother Randall was killed while serving in the Army. After receiving the news, Red Cloud joined the Army and was sent to Korea in 1950 with E Company, 19th Infantry regiment, 24th Infantry Division.

While Red Cloud was guarding Hill 123, in front of his company command post, he was the first to see the advancing Chinese Communist forces who were less than 100 feet from his post. He was able to alert his unit and maintain his firing position and slow down the advancing force. He was severely wounded, but refused medical treatment and pulled himself to his feet, wrapped his arm around a tree and continued fighting until he

was mortally wounded.

Red Cloud received the Medal of Honor for his heroic service during the Korean War, in 1950.

"Corporal Red Cloud's dauntless courage and gallant self-sacrifice reflects the highest credit upon himself and upholds the esteemed traditions of the U.S. Army."

-Citation, G.O. No.: 26,25 April 1951.

Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr. received many honors after his death. In 1957, on Armed Forces Day, the Army named an installation in Uijongbu City, Korea, Camp Red Cloud. The camp is located between Seoul and the Demilitarized Zone. A rifle range in Fort Benning was also named after Red Cloud as well as a park in La Crosse, Wisc.

He was also the first Winnebago (Ho-Chunk) Indian accepted in the American Indian Hall of Fame in Anadarko, Okla., as he joins the ranks of other well known Native Americans such as Chief Joseph, Will Rogers, Pocahontas and Jim Thorpe.

Editor's Note: Information for this story was obtained from <http://medalofhonor.com>.

5th Bn., 5th ADA 'Sentinels' eye the skies at Camp Sears



Spc. James Book, HHB 5th Bn. 5th ADA, turns the crank to raise the radar of the Sentinel system. Sentinel crews must fully set up the system in 15 minutes.

Story and photo by
Pfc. Giancarlo Casem
Indianhead staff

CAMP SEARS – Sentinels provide the 2nd Infantry Division a 'heads up' by keeping an eye to the sky.

Soldiers of the 5th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Sentinel crews are trained to watch the sky in case of attack.

"Our job is important because we need early warning," said Spc. James Book, 5th Bn., 5th ADA. "We need to know who or what is coming."

As the Soldiers of 3rd Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, prepare for qualification, they train relentlessly getting tactically and technically proficient with the ins and outs of the Sentinel system.

"We train because we need to know what to do during certain situations," Book said.

Book is a member of a Sentinel crew. His job is to ensure that all systems are operational and his crew and equipment are up to standard.

His team is gearing up for a Table 12 qualification exercise. To earn certification, Soldiers must be proficient with their crew drills.

Crews must set up power generators, radar and computer systems, and be up and operational in 15 minutes.

Besides the drills, they must also be adept with their wartime tasks.

"Soldiers must take a written test, convoy training and crew drills," said Capt. Johnathan Stafford, HHB Commander, 5th Bn. 5th ADA. "If we were to go to war, we would support and sustain the battery tactical operations center by providing early warning using the Sentinels."

Stafford provides guidance to his noncommissioned officers when it comes to his Soldiers' training.

"My NCO's have to make sure that they are up to speed," he said.

Before qualification, crews prepare by practicing and studying, said Book.

"We practice crew drills once a week," Book said. "We have aircraft identification practice and also general knowledge questions about our specific MOS."

With 5th Bn., 5th ADA providing the only air defense radar in the entire 'Warrior' Division, they give the division the aerial picture needed, Stafford said.

In order to maintain such high standards, crew certification is done quarterly.

"Their job is very technical," Stafford said. "Certain skills can degrade."

Sentinels provide the Second Infantry Division it's eyes and gives them warning from aerial attack, Book said.

"We're the only ones who can tell who's coming," Book said.

Army's top enlisted addresses Warrior Country

Story and photos by
Pfc. JeNell Mattair
Indianhead staff

CAMP RED CLOUD – The 13th Sergeant Major of the Army, Kenneth Preston, spent the day speaking with Soldiers in Warrior Country Nov. 22.

The main focus of his visit was to discuss the upcoming transformation of the Army.

“If I want to talk about anything here today it is transformation,” he said

Preston ardently emphasized the positive aspects of the changes, focusing mainly on stability and predictability.

“The transformation that we are going to go through means predictability and stability for Soldiers and families,” Preston said.

The changes will keep Soldiers in one place longer than the normal two or three years.

“The family stays in one place, the unit goes and does the mission and then comes back to home base,” Preston said.

This stability is important for a number of reasons, he said.

With the changes the Army will be making, Army spouses will be able to stay in one place long enough to pursue a career, he said.

Also, children of Soldiers are not always given the same opportunities as their civilian counterparts because they move so often.

When the children are in high school and start looking into scholarships, it is detrimental when they have to move and begin all over again. With the stability that the changes will provide, Army children will have a better chance at receiving scholarships, he said.

“All of us here want something better for our kids than we had for ourselves,” he said. “If we are going to maintain an all volunteer Army, we have to make some changes to how we take care of Soldiers and their families.”

The new Army structure will also provide improved solidarity among Soldiers within their units.

“We want to keep the team together and maintain that continuity,” he said.

The Army's current 33 brigade combat teams will grow to 43 in the next three years, he said. These brigade combat



Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth Preston listens as Soldiers on Camp Castle sound of with the Soldier's Creed, Warrior March and the Army Song upon his arrival at Kimbro Hall.

teams, or units of action, will be set up to make units more deployable, taking the pressure off Soldiers who are currently serving back-to-back tours overseas.

The transformation will make the Army more relevant and ready.

“The changes will be a good thing for the Army in the future once they get established and implemented,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Pettigrew, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division.

Preston also spoke with the Soldiers about the new Army uniform. Two Soldiers traveled with Preston from Washington D.C. wearing the new gear.

“It's a warriors uniform that Soldiers like you designed,” he said.

The new digitized pattern is far superior to the ink pattern currently in use, he said. The pattern is almost invisible at night.

“Why not put a uniform out there that will keep Soldiers safe?” Preston said. “It is going to save lives.”

The design is difficult to see in the desert, forest and virtually all field environments. It works especially well in urban areas. The color black has been removed from the design.

“One of the things that gives you away is the black in the uniform,” Preston said. “You don't find black in nature, that is why we took it out.”

The new uniform is de-

signed to be worn under body armor. It has Velcro and a zipper instead of buttons and features a “mandarin collar.” The collar can be worn up around the neck while wearing body armor in order to prevent chaffing.

The uniform will also put money back in Soldier's pockets.

“The uniform will save Soldiers money in the long run,” said Spc. Amber Walker, HHC, 2nd Inf. Div. “The way they are designed is more effective in combat because of the digitized pattern.”

They are treated with wrinkle-free treatment. There will actually be an order given forbidding Soldiers from ironing or sending the uniform to the cleaners, Preston said.

The uniform also features removable Velcro nameplates and patches, saving money on sewing expenses. The new uniform will be worn with no-shine desert-colored boots.

“It's going to free up time for Soldiers,” Preston said. “I'd like to see Soldiers spend the time they normally spend on uniforms working on a computer taking college classes.”

The goal is to make the uniform Army wide by May 2008, he said.

Preston visited Camps Hovey, Casey, Castle and Stanley in addition to Camp Red Cloud. He made a point at every post to make sure Soldiers had memorized the Soldier's creed.



Preston visited 2nd Bn., 72nd Armor Regt., Dragon Force Soldiers to discuss the up-coming changes the Army will go through.



Preston awards an HHC 2nd Inf. Div. Soldier with a coin and Army Values dog tag for correctly reciting the Soldier's Creed.

“The reason for the Soldier's creed is to change the mindset on how we see ourselves as Soldiers,” he said. “All of us are trained as Soldiers first, occupational specialties second.”

Preston rewarded each Soldier who volunteered to recite the Soldier's Creed with a coveted coin and a special Army Values dog tag.

“I was really impressed with the number of Soldiers who memorized the Soldier's creed,” he said. “It was awesome.”

By coming to Korea and speaking with Soldiers, the ser-

geant major showed a great example of leading from the front, Pettigrew said.

“I think it was outstanding for Soldiers to be able to ask him questions about what is going on in the Army today,” he said.

Preston persistently brought the conversation back to an Army on the brink of change.

“All of you are really the next greatest generation,” he said. “You are helping countries right now and spreading democracy throughout the world.”

News Briefs

Bad e-mail

The RCERT has reported an increase in users receiving an e-mail falsely accused of being from Citibank requesting account information.

Users who click on any portion of the message risk the possibility of being connected to a hostile site. RCERT stated in the TNOSC meeting that this e-mail could not be blocked. If you receive this e-mail, do not respond to it and contact you IMO/IA personnel.

CID

CID is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the successful apprehension and prosecution of the person(s) responsible for stealing six U.S. Government Compaq desktop computers and nine Hansol flat screen computer monitors from building 3752 at Camp Hovey. The crime happened between Aug. 1 and Sept. 13.

Anyone with information pertaining to the whereabouts of these items and/or person(s) responsible for the theft are urged to contact the CID office at the following numbers: 730-3820 or cell 011-695-1784.

CID

CID is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of person(s) responsible for the larceny of a U.S. Government Notebook computer, brand name Panasonic Toughbook, Model CF-50, SN 3HYUA01343, from the Artillery (DIVARTY) Briefing room, Upper Bunker Complex on Camp Red Cloud.

The crime happened Oct. 4

Anyone with information pertaining to the whereabouts of this item and/or the person(s) responsible for the theft, are urged to call the CID office at 732-7052.

Tree Lighting

Christmas Tree Lighting ceremonies are as follows:

* Camp Stanley - Dec. 2,

5:30 p.m.

*Camp Casey/Hovey - Dec. 8, 5 p.m.

*Camp Page - Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m.

* Camp Red Cloud - Dec. 15, 5 p.m.

Holiday Concert

The 2nd Infantry Division "Warrior" Band will be presenting its Korean/American Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 22 at the Uijongbu Arts Center, near City Hall.

Joining the band this year is the Green Tree Children's Choir.

Also featured will be the 2nd Infantry Division's stage band.

For more information, call 732-6704 or email nancy.warren@korea.army.mil.

Briefings

The 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) will be holding a briefing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 7 at Camp Stanley in the 2nd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment Classroom.

All Soldiers that desire to work with highly dedicated and professional Soldiers, who can work independently, who demonstrates motivation and the ability to operate under stress are welcome to attend.

For more information, call CONUSDSN 635-9819.

Floating checks

A new law went into effect Oct. 28 that allows all checks to be cleared electronically within minutes ... even at night and on weekends.

The checks a Soldier writes will bounce and the Soldier will be charged overdraft fees if there is insufficient funds.

For more information, visit the Web site <http://www.consumersunion.org/finance/ckclear1002.htm>.

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EST trains Soldiers, saves money

Story by
Spc. Chris Stephens

Indianhead editor

CAMP STANLEY — Today's Army requires all Soldiers to be proficient with the M-16A2 rifle.

Many times Soldiers are hindered because they are not able to go to a qualifying range but twice a year. However, all that has changed with the Engagement Skills Trainer, which is run by a computer.

"The EST allows Soldiers to become proficient with the M-16 without having to go to the range and use live rounds," said Staff Sgt. James Gilbert, 552nd Signal Company EST noncommissioned officer in charge. "Soldiers are able to take their time and get comfortable with the weapon so that when they do go to the range, they can qualify with no problem."

The EST is a system unlike its predecessors, the weaponer and the firearms training system. It shows Soldiers exactly what they do right and wrong when firing the weapon. It also automatically adjusts a Soldier's targeting adjustments, or "zeroes," when the shots are grouped.

"This makes it a lot easier for Soldiers to build confidence with their weapon," said Pfc. Adam Murdock, 362nd Signal Company. "By doing this, Soldiers get used to holding the weapon and get much-needed hands-on experience they would not normally get."

Other weapons used on the EST include the M-203 grenade launcher, AT4, M-9 pistol, and M-249 squad-automatic weapon.

The system presents a variety of real life situations: night firing, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical firing, close combat, military police scenarios and many others.

"Each weapon used in the system carries the same weight a Soldier would feel out on the range or on the battlefield," Gilbert said. "Also the same is the recoil a Soldier will feel with each weapon. It will give them the same exact feel they would feel when firing the weapon for real."

With this system, the Army is able to train Soldiers with every type of weapon without having to spend money on live rounds.

"That's a big advantage for the Army," Gilbert said. "The Army is going to save a lot of

"It makes sense. We're not wasting rounds at a range with this system."

*Staff Sgt. James Gilbert
552nd Signal Company*

money in the future by using this system. It's a great piece of equipment and it gets the job done."

Gilbert also believes the EST will become a quarterly requirement for Soldiers Army-wide.

"It makes sense," he said. "We're not wasting rounds at a range with this system. We're using it to train the Soldiers and when they do go to the range to qualify, most, if not all, will be able to qualify on the first try."

"That saves not only money, but also time," he said. "Soldiers can zero their rifle, qualify and then be on their way within a matter of a few hours."

The trainer is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at Camp Stanley, Building 2249 (right beside the Thunder Inn).

For more information, call the Division Artillery training room at 732-4606 or 732-5353.

Report theft immediately to MPs

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

CAMP RED CLOUD — Honest servicemembers are no more immune from becoming victims of theft than anyone else. Bicycles are often reported stolen from military installations and vehicle break-ins are likewise common.

A determined thief can make off with almost anything, but taking simple precautions to safeguard your property and carrying private insurance against the risk of theft will at least protect you from uncompensated loss.

Theft incurred incident to service may be compensable, but failure to report the crime promptly to military police normally bars payment of a subsequent claim for theft. Servicemembers should also be aware that their own negligence in failing to secure property would prevent the claims office from paying for a loss.

Stolen Bicycles

Servicemembers are expected to keep bicycles, motorbikes, and motorcycles indoors, or to

chain them to a fixed, immovable object outdoors. Under the Army claims regulation, a claimant who only locks handlebars or locks the wheels together is usually considered to have acted negligently and cannot be compensated for loss by theft.

It is important to register every bicycle your family owns with the military police.

When registering, list the make, model, serial number, date of purchase, and cost. This information substantiates ownership, quality, and kind of bicycle if you ever have to file a claim.

Theft from Quarters

Service members are expected to secure the windows and doors of their family quarters and barracks-rooms, and to lock wall-lockers and other storage areas so that a thief must force entry.

Money, valuables, and small, highly pilferable goods are subject to the "double lock" rule, which means that such items should be kept in a locked room or locked container at all times.

If you live in the barracks, cameras, and other expensive items should be secured in a wall locker or unit supply room. Ste-

reos and other large, high-value items should be secured in a wall locker or unit supply room when you are on leave or TDY. Remember that a barracks-room is not an appropriate place to store cash and valuable jewelry.

Can the Claims Office Help?

If any of your property should be stolen, contact the military police immediately.

Identify any evidence at the scene (e.g., broken glass, bicycle lock cut by bolt-cutters), and point it out to the military police when they arrive.

If military police are unable to come to the scene, take photographs or video recordings of the scene and of the evidence.

Call your local claims office as soon as you have reported the incident to military police.

If your vehicle was broken into, a claims examiner will inspect it to evaluate the full measure of damages for which you may be awarded compensation, even if your vehicle will be repaired at the direction of your insurer.

Remember that you must file a claim with your insurance carrier before the Army can consider your claim.

Smokeout offers hope for nicotine addicts

Story and photo by

David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY – He waits patiently outside the Camp Casey Post Exchange. He stands behind his photographs and display table, hoping for people to notice.

A group of Soldiers look at the pictures on the sign board.

“Oh my gosh,” exclaims a female non-commissioned officer. Her hand goes to cover her eyes.

However, soon she looks on with morbid curiosity at a graphic photograph of a lung damaged by years of heavy smoking.

Kenneth Cobb, Area I health promotion coordinator, sees an opportunity and strikes up a conversation.

It is Nov. 18, the day of the “Great American Smokeout,” and Cobb is doing his part to spread the truth about tobacco and its impact on health and military readiness.

“What I’m doing out here is promoting the idea of people giving up tobacco,” Cobb said. “I want to let people know there are avenues they can take to be free of tobacco.”

Cobb teaches regular smoking cessation classes at Camps Casey and Red Cloud. But the Great American Smokeout is different.

“Today is special because it’s a coordinated effort by health care professionals to raise awareness,” Cobb said.

There are always “diehards,” Cobb said, who don’t want to hear about quitting.

“But, we want to help the people who are ready to give up tobacco,” Cobb explained. “Once people start to think about quitting, they may cross over and get serious about giving it up.”



More than 400,000 deaths in the U.S. each year are from smoke-related illnesses. Smoking greatly increases your risks for lung cancer as well as many other types of cancer. According to the Web site www.cancer.org, within 24 hours of quitting smoking, the chances of a heart attack decrease. Within two weeks to three months, circulation improves and lung functions increase by 30 percent.

Trisha Lopez, a Camp Casey family member, said she started smoking when she was 18.

“My husband smokes a lot,” Lopez said. “Every time he smokes a cigarette, I smoke a cigarette. I came here (to Korea) and went up to a pack a day.”

Lopez said a pack costs about \$6 in the states, and about \$4 on U.S. military installations.

“I started smoking Korean cigarettes because they only cost about \$2 a pack,” Lopez said.

Lopez was interested in quitting though, and talked with Cobb about smoking cessation classes.

Master Sgt. Joshua McKnight has smoked cigarettes since his sophomore year in high school.

“I think it’s a nasty, bad habit,” he said, as he puffed on a cigarette. “When I look at this and see what it does to the human body, it makes me want to quit.”

McKnight made plans to see Cobb at the next Camp Casey smoking cessation class.

“My kids already told me I can’t go back home without giving up smoking,” McKnight said.

Smoking cessation classes are part of an Army-wide program to aid Soldiers interested in becoming tobacco free. The training is only part of the package. Army clinics also offer medical treatments.

Through products like nicotine patches and chewing gum, and even oral medication, Warrior Country health officials said they feel they offer a viable path

to quit smoking.

“In Warrior Country, I estimate we have a 62 percent success rate among the smokers who have responded to our surveys,” Cobb said.

Cobb’s classes highlight medical facts about the effects of tobacco on the human body. He also emphasizes the challenges of changing human behavior.

“Nobody’s going to be over you to threaten you to stay away from tobacco,” Cobb said. “But, if you can give up tobacco, you can’t help but feel good about yourself.”

Cobb said people who want more information on giving up smoking can contact him at 730-3542.

“If we can touch five, 10 or 20 people, that is what we want to do,” Cobb said.

Instructors change perceptions

Story by

Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD – Thirty-nine U.S. and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers from across Area I graduated the equal opportunity course Oct. 29.

The course provided an in-depth view of the Army’s equal opportunity programs and policies, said Sgt. 1st Class Walter Batey, 501st Corps Support Group EO advisor. Instructors talked about issues such as sexual harassment, conflict management, religious accommodation and women in the military.

“They talked about racism and sexism a lot,” said Staff Sgt. Colanitha Farmer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I. “They broke it down to help us understand why people

have those attitudes.”

Soldiers used open forums to discuss everything from discrimination to power to different ethnic groups’ experiences.

“I find the biggest challenge is getting rid of stereotypes,” said Master Sgt. Anthony Pugh, Area IEO advisor.

“I think the first challenge is to get people to open up and admit they have stereotypes,” Batey said. “After that happens, you get the kind of lively discussions you hear in there.”

“The group discussions were my favorite part,” Farmer said. “It really made us look within ourselves and identify personal prejudices. I didn’t realize it, but to a certain degree, I am both racist and sexist. You don’t realize it when you’ve been doing it all your life.”

Batey said the most important thing for Soldiers to get from the

course is a better understanding of themselves.

“If you don’t understand yourself, if you don’t know you have biases, then you may not see when you are treating people differently,” he explained.

“Equal opportunity representatives are the eyes and ears of company commander,” Batey said. “They are a link for the commander to things going on in the company he or she may not be aware of.”

“We want these Soldiers to make a difference,” Pugh said. “We want them not to be afraid, when they see something is wrong, to stand up for what’s right.”

“Equal opportunity is a way of life,” Batey added. “The Army says we are a diverse institution; therefore, we all need to get to know who we’re working with. It’s the law of the land.”

Remember to get you holiday packages in the mail before the deadline. Check with your local post office for deadlines.



Photo illustration by Spc. Chris Stephens and Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Story by
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CAMP RED CLOUD – “Attention to the Colors!”

This order is given at 5:53 a.m. as flag detail personnel carry the Korean and American flags outside of Freeman Hall on Camp Red Cloud to prepare for *Reveille*.

Ten minutes later, both flags are hoisted 50 feet in 20 seconds as all Soldiers render the nation honors with a salute.

“When the flag is raised in the morning, it gives all Soldiers the opportunity to salute and remember those who sacrificed their lives in defense of our nation,” said 1st Sgt. Hernan Rincon, B Company, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment.

After *Reveille* has sounded, the ‘*Warrior March*’ sounds off as all 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers sing along.

“We sing the division song because we want to instill pride into our Soldiers,” said 2nd Inf. Div. Command Sgt. Maj. James Lucero. “By singing the song, it allows us to be proud of the unit we serve in.”

For the next 11 hours, both flags wave proudly as Soldiers pass. The flags wave patriotically throughout the day as they symbolize sacrifices made

by past and present servicemembers for our nation.

At 4:55 p.m. that same flag detail that raised the flags in the morning, are assembled when First Call is sounded. The flag detail then marches to the flag poles to prepare to take down the colors. At 5 p.m., *Retreat* sounds.

After *Retreat* sounds, the flag detail noncommissioned officer in charge calls ‘Attention’ simultaneously as the cannon fires and *To the Colors* starts, as all Soldiers render a salute.

These 40 seconds are the last moments of the day where the flags are displayed over the military installation.

“It’s a privilege to salute the flag,” Lucero said. “It shows respect to our nation and those who have fought for it.”

After the flag is down and the division song is again played, the flags are folded. But, each fold in the American flag symbolizes something different.

* The first fold represents the symbol of life.

* The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

* The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.

* The fourth fold represents

our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for his divine guidance.

* The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, “Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.”

* The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

* The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our country.

* The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother’s Day.

* The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this



Photo by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Pfc. Matt Creed, HHC, 2nd Inf. Div., folds the American flag ensuring it keeps its triangular shape.

country great have been molded.

* The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he too has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

* The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob.

* The twelfth fold, in the eyes of the Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, “In God We Trust.”

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the Soldiers who served under Gen. George Washington and the sailors and Marines who served under Capt. John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

As the Soldiers march from the flag poles and into Freeman Hall, the order “Attention to the Colors” is repeated, and the colors are encased for the evening.

Editor’s Note: The folds of the American Flag was gathered from the U.S. Air Force Academy Web site, www.usfa.af.mil.

'Steel' rockets through Rocket Valley

Story and photos by
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Indianhead staff

Rocket Valley echoed with the thunderous blasts from rockets launched by 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery during a live-fire exercise Nov. 18.

The quiet riverbeds of the valley were transformed into a veritable launch pad as crews aboard their Multiple Launch Rocket Systems fired rockets at targets several miles away.

"I think it went well," said Pfc. Leonard Beaudry. "Everything went smoothly."

In order to earn the live-fire certification, crews had different missions that they had to accomplish. Crews were evaluated based on proper targeting and firing procedures as well their swiftness in accomplishing those missions. Targets were assigned by the tactical operations center and then relayed down to the individual crews.

"It's really technical," said Pfc. Nicholas Moore, computer systems advisor in the Tactical Operations Center. "It gets really involving."

One mission called for crews to fire a rocket at a target on command. They were given targets that they had calculated and had to be ready to fire when given the order. Another mission was called 'time on target.' In this mission, three different MLRS crews all fired at a target at the same time. A third type of mission was 'fire when ready.' This last mission showcased the MLRS's versatility in the battlefield. Crews started from the stow position, in which the launcher is in its 'home' position.

When given the command, crews quickly raised the launcher, acquired the target, and launched a rocket down range, said 2nd Lt. Douglas Weber, 2nd Firing Platoon Leader.

"As a battery, I think we did well," said Pfc. John Schantz. "Every shot was on target. As a whole, it was a successful mission."

Teamwork plays an important role in a MLRS crew's success, Beaudry said.

"Teamwork is the most important factor in mission accomplishment," Beaudry said. "A successful mission doesn't just involve the track



A MLRS from 1st Bn. 38th FA fires a rocket downrange in Rocket Valley during a qualification exercise Nov. 18.

team, but also the platoon, the battery, maintenance and support."

For training purposes, non-explosive rockets were used instead of explosive projectiles. Unlike real rockets, these dummy rockets are filled with steel poles for balance, not ordnance, Weber said.

These training rockets have been jokingly nicknamed 'flying telephone poles' by the Soldiers. These rockets have blunted noses to give them less impact when they hit the ground and also to give them a shorter traveling distance, Weber said.

The rockets fire out of the MLRS at speeds up to twice the speed of sound. A whole battery, armed with scattering sub munitions inside the rockets, can blanket an area as big as a football field in only a matter of seconds, Weber said.

Live-fire training provides an excellent way for artillery Soldiers to hone their skills, Beaudry said.

"Some day, I'll be leading Soldiers," he said. "I need to teach them how to be proficient. It is important to maintain high standards so you can keep up the traditions of the Army."



Sgt. Ham, Hyng Kil, 1st Bn. 38th FA, scrapes scorch marks from the MLRS. Rockets fire out from the MLRS with speeds up to twice the speed of sound.

Soldiers realize dreams on runway



The model Soldiers make their way down the runway at the end of the show. The show was a volunteer event held at the Seoul Trade Exhibition Center during Korean Fashion Week.



Kim, Kyu-sik created this look which featured a jacket that doubles as a back pack.



Kim personally requested Soldiers to model his new line called 'Taste Maximum.'

Story and photos by Pfc. JeNell Mattair

Indianhead staff

SEOUL – Area 1 Soldiers were international stars for a day in a fashion show held during Korean Fashion Week, Nov. 11.

The “Seoul Fashion Collection” is one of the major fashion events of the year in Korea. The Seoul Trade Exhibition Center played host to Mr. Kim, Kyu-sik and his fashion line modeled by the Soldiers. About 30,000 buyers, press and public visited the large-scale nonprofit community event, which is held twice a year.

“I never imagined at the beginning of my (Army) career that I would end up on the runway in a fashion show for Korea Fashion Week,” said Staff Sgt. Shedrick June, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment. “But, I’m the type that likes to venture out.”

Kim participated in the collection for the first time this year. It was his personal desire to include Soldiers in his fashion showcase.

“Korea has been working with the U.S. Army for more than 50 years so far,” Kim said. “During those 50 years, the relationship between our two countries became deeper than any other.”

“My original job guaranteed me to come to Korea, so I turned it down,” said Pfc. Rodrick Nelson 168th Medical Company. “I ended up here anyway. I guess this was supposed to happen.”

Sgt. Charles Gray, 8th Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy, was working with a modeling agency in the U.S. when he received orders to Korea. Upon arrival, he began looking for the opportunity to expand his career and portfolio.

After initially contacting a modeling agency in Seoul, he heard nothing for a few months. Then, an agency contacted him seeking not only himself, but other Soldiers to model in the fashion show for Korean Fashion Week. He began recruiting models almost immediately.

“I looked for ideal features of the designer,” he said. “I tried to fit his needs with my experience.”

Gray looked for Soldiers with certain physical traits such as

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*Sgt. Charles Gray
8th Army NCO Academy*

high cheekbones, he said. A look of confidence, personality and previous modeling experience were also characteristics Gray sought after.

The 14 male Soldiers spent the month before the show getting fitted for clothes and learning how to walk down the runway.

“We lost a lot of weekends prepping and practicing and getting ready,” June said. “It was a lot of time.”

Even though it was a volunteer event, the Soldiers were definitely glad to participate, Gray said.

Community events, like the fashion show, improve the Korean – American relationship and allows Korean people to see Soldiers in a different light, he said.

“It is mind opening to see different nationalities working together,” said Sgt. Jessie Darrett 41st Signal Bn. “There is a society that most people don’t know about and it’s a joy to be here.”

Having the opportunity to participate in a televised fashion show in a different country was the chance of a lifetime, June said.

“I thought it was great,” said Staff Sgt. Sandra Lucas, 8th Army NCO Academy. “I really enjoyed seeing the Soldiers in the show. They were really professional.”

Getting the Soldiers out with the Korean population is good, said Sgt. First Class John Coleman, 102nd MI Bn.

“The experience is like a dream come true,” Gray said. “I didn’t get to follow my modeling career in the states because of my orders to Korea. I never thought I would realize my dreams in a foreign country.”

Soldiers duke it out for top boxing honors

Story and photos by
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CAMP CASEY – Soldiers of Area I and II competed in the annual Tough Warrior Competition hosted by 177th Finance Battalion Nov. 13 at Hanson Field House on Camp Casey.

Warriors competed in nine different weight classes, each with hopes of taking home a first-place trophy.

Anthony McAndrew has been boxing since he was 15.

“This competition is something I wanted to do because I haven’t fought in a while and I wanted to see where I’m at,” he said.

Before a fight there is an excitement, an adrenaline rush that comes with a little nervousness, he said.

“Once the bell sounds and the first punch gets thrown, all of the nervousness goes out the window,” he said. “I concentrate on the fight.”

In the super heavyweight division Clinton Douglas took first place.

“It feels pretty good,” he said. “It has been a long time since I thought about boxing.”

“I like the hand to hand combat of boxing. Both of those guys got good punches in on me.”

If aspiring to be a championship boxer Soldiers should train, train and train, he said.

“Even when you get beat, never give up,” he said. “With boxing there is always someone better than you. Just keep fighting.”

In the lightweight class Nelson Moody took first place. For welterweight Kyle Buford came in first.

In the super welterweight divi-



Two Soldiers go at it during the 177th Finance Battalion’s annual Tough Warrior Competition at Camp Casey’s Hanson Field House Nov. 13. More than 30 Soldiers from Areas I and II participated in the competition with the top two fighters from each weight-class taking home trophies.

“Even when you get beat, never give up.”

Clinton Douglas

sion Saul Pelayo was named winner. For middleweight Antoine Allen and in light heavyweight first place went to Travis Benford.

Bradley Biggs took home the first place trophy in the heavyweight class. For super-super heavyweight Abel Soliai came out on top.

Finally, in the female weight class Jackie Dorsey triumphed over Amber Cornwell.



Jackie Dorsey, left, knocks Amber Cornwell on her heels with a jab.

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DIVARTY showcases Tae Kwon Do skills

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Indianhead staff

CAMP STANLEY – Woodchips fly and bricks break as Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division show off their skills during the DIVARTY Command Sgt. Maj. Tae Kwon Do smoker Nov. 10.

The smoker pitted DIVARTY's top fighters amongst themselves in a tournament to find who is the unit's best fighter.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be here," said Emil Lorenzo, a competitor in the black belt, middleweight competition.

Twenty-four fighters participated in the best of three round bouts. The smoker consisted of two levels of competition. The first level was for colored belt competitors, while the second was for the more experienced black belt fighters. Colored belt fighters were allowed to throw punches but the black belt fighters were relegated to kicks for their own safety.

During the opening match of the black belt competition, with both fighters not able to use their fists, they showcased a myriad of kicks to earn points. To be rewarded a point, fighters must make a clean, unfettered strike to his opponent's body. Robert Potts and Kim, Jung Hoon both showed that even fly weights can fight. The DIVARTY Soldiers watching the match broke out into outbursts shouting support for their fighters.

The energy of the crowd did not let up for a single second. The crowd seemed to be as hyped up as the fighters were.



The 2nd Inf. Div. Tae Kwon Do team demonstrate their martial arts skills during the DIVARTY CSM Tae Kwon Do smoker Nov. 10.

"It's a little unnerving at first," said Brandon Christie. "It's a big factor, it helps you concentrate and focus. When you are out there, you just concentrate on your opponent."

Christie, a martial arts veteran, also practices kickboxing and ju-jitsu. Although he does admit that this was a totally different experience.

"I've never done it before," he said. "I've never participated in an event where you earn points. It's a whole new experience."

Halfway through the competition, the fighters took a break as the Poomse competitors took center stage. Teams displayed their grasp of Tae Kwon Do by performing various offensive and defensive moves and maneuvers. Another staple of martial arts is "brick breaking." Competitors were judged on how many bricks they broke. Using plastic tiles that simulate bricks, breakers reach deep

inside them to channel the strength and technique necessary to break as many bricks as possible.

The final bout of the day featured heavyweights in the black belt level. Jason Cornell and Troy Knight fought in what could have been considered the main event. Cornell, a 19-year martial arts veteran, was the heavily favored winner. The fight lasted only a few seconds. Cornell, with a swift kick to his opponent's face, broke Knight's nose and was declared the winner.

After the fight, Cornell said that the smoker was a great chance to educate other Soldiers.

"It was a chance for us to compete and show off our skills," Cornell said. "It feels really good, everyone gets a chance to see what Tae Kwon Do is all about. Hopefully after this, they will take it more seriously. I hope everyone learned something."

Get rid of the lame Bowl Championship Series

Commentary by
Spc. Chris Stephens
Indianhead editor

I hate the Bowl Championship Series, otherwise known as the BCS. I think it's stupid, and frankly, not needed.

It allows polls to control who will play for the national championship instead of letting the teams decide it on the field. That's why I feel the BCS should be gotten rid of and college football should go to a playoff format. Sixteen or 32 teams would be sufficient in this format. This way, one loss and you're out – just like the NCAA Basketball Tournament. It's the only fair way.

I get tired of seeing these teams with six wins and five losses playing in bowls that nobody cares about. They're getting rewarding for having a mediocre season. It shouldn't be that way. Only the best teams should get the right to play in the playoffs.

And, to keep the not-so-strong

conferences (like the WAC, Sun-Belt and Mountain West) happy, let their conference winner get an automatic bid.

The same with every conference in Division I-A football. Let it be just like the college basketball tournament. Each conference winner should be guaranteed a spot in the tournament and then the rest of the selections should be at-large. The same factors should play into this playoff system like it does in college basketball – i.e. strength of schedule.

There's nothing like seeing a lower-tier team upset a big school to throw everything out of whack. I mean I could see the University of Texas-El Paso beating California in the first round to shake the playoff bracket up.

There are many people that say college football would lose money if



they did this. But, I find that hard to believe. I mean, who wouldn't want to see a first-round match-up of Auburn and Notre Dame in the Micron PC Bowl. I think you'll get more fans to watch that than Iowa St. and UCLA.

Then, as teams get deeper in the playoffs, then the bigger bowls (like the Fiesta, Rose and Orange) will get the bigger match-ups. How much more money do you think college football will bring in if they did that?

The only thing I think polls should decide are the seeds for the playoffs. To me, it's easier for human and computer polls to seed 16 or 32 teams instead of trying to pick two teams to play for the championship when there are three championship-caliber teams, all with zero losses.

With this system, the true champion of college football can be decided on the field and not by polls. The true champion will emerge and there won't be anymore split national champions.

This is the only way.

Movies

Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Mon.-Tues. & Thurs. 7 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 7 & 9 p.m., and Sun. 3, 6 & 8 p.m.
Nov. 29 ... *Wimbledon*
Nov. 30 ... *Forgotten*
Dec. 2-3 ... *After the Sunset*
Dec. 4 ... *Resident Evil: Apocalypse*
Dec. 5 ... *The Polar Express* (Matinee)
Ladder 49
Dec. 6 ... *The Polar Express*
Dec. 7 ... *Raise Your Voice*
Dec. 9-10 ... *National Treasure*

Camp Casey

Show times: Mon-Thur 7:30 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 6:30 & 8:30 p.m. and Sun. 3, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.
Nov. 29 ... *The Incredibles*
Nov. 30 ... *Forgotten*
Dec. 1-2 ... *Mr. 3,000*
Dec. 3-4 ... *Resident Evil: Apocalypse*
Dec. 5-6 ... *After the Sunset*
Dec. 7 ... *First Daughter*
Dec. 8 ... *Polar Express*
Dec. 9 ... *Raise Your Voice*

Camp Hovey

Show times: Mon-Sun 7 p.m.
Nov. 29 ... *Forgotten*
Nov. 30 ... *The Incredibles*
Dec. 1-2 ... *Resident Evil: Apocalypse*
Dec. 3 ... *Mr. 3,000*
Dec. 4 ... *After the Sunset*
Dec. 5 ... *Mr. 3,000*
Dec. 6 ... *Raise Your Voice*
Dec. 7 ... *After the Sunset*
Dec. 8 ... *Raise Your Voice*
Dec. 9-10 ... *First Daughter*

Camp Stanley

Show times: Sun-Mon & Thur.-Fri. 7 p.m. and Wed. & Sat. 7 & 9 p.m.
Nov. 29... *The Forgotten*
Dec. 1... *After the Sunset*
Dec. 2... *The Polar Express*
Dec. 3-4... *Mr. 3,000*
Dec. 5-6... *Ladder 49*
Dec. 8... *National Treasure*
Dec. 9... *Raise Your Voice*

Camp Essayons

Show times: Sat, Mon-Tue & Thur. 7 p.m.
Nov. 29... *Cellular*
Nov. 30... *Ray*
Dec. 2... *The Incredibles*
Dec. 4... *Hero*
Dec. 6... *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*
Dec. 7... *Wimbledon*
Dec. 9... *After the Sunset*

The movie titles for each day are subject to change without notice at the discretion of movie theater management.



Check out December's issue of *In the Zone* to see what your USO or CAC is doing.