

Indianhead

Vol. 43, No. 12

www-2id.korea.army.mil

June 23, 2006

55th MP Co. conducts IED, urban training

Story and photos by
Pfc. Lee, Seung Hyub
Staff Writer

RODRIGUEZ RANGE – Soldiers moved silently and quickly clearing buildings where Arabic music played and smoke grenades and Improvised Explosive Devices exploded around them June 5-10 during urban training.

“It is not closely related to our mission in Korea, but someday we might deploy to Iraq. This kind of stuff is what they’ll see when they deploy to Iraq,” said 2nd Lt. John Ianno.

“We have a combat support role, but sometimes we might be in the field more than the infantry.”

Thirty-six Soldiers from 55th Military Police Company participated in the training.

Among them there were Soldiers like Sgt. Gabriel Lopez who was part of a Special Reaction Team. He and others have deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom shared their experiences with others.

Training was conducted with three teams with different roles. One team’s mission was entering and clearing the building, the other team’s mission was to prepare convoy vehicles while the other team carries out their mission. The last team was opposing forces.

As the Soldiers approached the



A Soldier subdues an “insurgent” role-played by other Soldiers in the unit. The training focused on military operations in an urban environment.

target building bursting into the house, they searched all the rooms one by one. They shot two opposing forces and captured two others.

The Soldiers who role-played opposing forces struggled to free themselves and shouted, making the training more interesting and realistic.

“The reason why we keep practicing the fundamentals over and over is to become proficient in the fundamentals,” Ianno said.

After the first team cleared the rooms they reported their status to a higher level. Status reports help prevent fratricide from snipers aiming at the target building.

The team escorted the two

captured insurgents and one casualty to the vehicle. They transported the prisoners and wounded.

Video cameras were placed in the training area, which allowed the Soldiers to watch their performance afterwards and more effectively critique their training.

“I really liked the camera system because I could figure out the problems and adjust my skills,” said Sgt. Kim, Han Soo. “The training environment was also great with Arabic music, smoke grenades and IEDs.”

“The training is more realistic than the training at AIT (Advanced Individual Training),” said Pfc. Matthew Carroll.

Active-duty, retirees identities stolen

General Peter J. Schoomaker
Chief of Staff of the Army

Kenneth O. Preston
Sergeant Major of the Army

As you are likely aware, the Department of Veterans Affairs recently lost a computer drive with the identifying information of names, SSNs and dates of birth for as many as 20 million veterans.

It has been recently discovered that many active and reserve servicemembers may be affected. Although there is no evidence that the data has been used illegally, all Soldiers should be extra careful in regard to their financial well-being.

Soldiers should closely monitor their personal

financial affairs while the Department of Defense, VA and the Military Services work in earnest to determine the details and impacts of the compromise.

We ask that you carefully monitor your bank accounts, credit card accounts and any other financial accounts for suspicious activity. It is recommended that Servicemembers check their credit reports as well.

For more information on how to protect yourself, contact DoD’s Military One Source at www.militaryonesource.com or 1-800-342-9647.

The Army will work to keep you informed and ensure that you are aware of the resources available to help deal with this issue.

Army runs for it

By Dennis Ryan
Pentagram, Fort Myer, Va.

FORT MYER, Va. – Soldiers and civilian employees joined the sergeant major of the Army June 16 for the Annual Army Birthday Run that kicked off at Fort Myer’s Summerall Field and wound through Arlington National Cemetery.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston took the podium and the crowd immediately hushed.

“Are we motivated?” Preston asked.

The more than 1,200 runners instantly erupted in a “Hooah!” to which Preston replied, “Maybe we’ll make it

six miles?”

The audience issued another heartfelt “Hooah!”

Five Soldiers then read parts of the Army creed, then Director of the Army Staff Lt. Gen. James Campbell

reminded the runners to reflect on those who’ve made the ultimate sacrifice as they passed through the cemetery.

He also reminded them to think of fellow Soldiers currently in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Preston lead a spirited and loud rendition of “the Army Song” before

leading the ranks off on a three-mile run to the sounds of the Army Band playing the theme from “Rocky.”



Adam Skoczylas

Runners return to Fort Myer’s Sheridan Ave. a half an hour after their departure from Summerall Field for the Army’s Annual Birthday Run on June 16.



Inside...

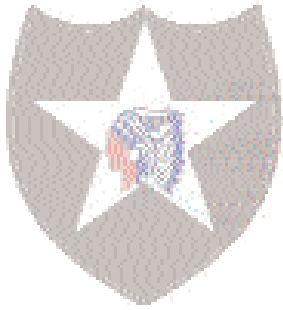
Weapons training.....page 4

Speech contest.....page 5

Mercury March.....page 6

Track and Field Competition
page 8





**VOICE OF THE
WARRIOR:**
What nation do
you think will win
the World Cup?



*Spain. I could feel
their passion in
the first game.*

*Sgt. Kim, Ki Jae
B Co., 1st Tank*

*Korea. Korea has
a good team.*



*Pfc. Corye Trapp
HHC., B Co., STB*



*Brazil. They have
No. 1 players in the
world.*

*Staff Sgt. Jean Thimothe
HHSC, STB*

*Italy. I think they
have a good team
this World Cup.*

*Pfc. Scott Hesterly
HQ, 2ID*



*Brazil. They have
players like
Ronaldinho, Kaka
and Adriano.*

*Pfc. Kim, Sung Joo
HQ, 2ID*

*Brazil because of
the tradition and all
the hype.*

*Spc. Jeffrey Mitchell
HQ, 2ID*



Lightning strike death raises safety awareness

By Gen. B.B. Bell
Commander, UNC/CFC/USFK

On June 10, one Soldier was killed and three others were injured from a lightning strike. The Soldiers were participating in an operational field exercise and were attempting to upright a tent that had blown over and in which they had been sheltered.

This accident is currently under investigation and specifics are not known at this time.

However, it is important that we address issues associated with lightning strikes now to prevent the recurrence of a similar tragedy, particularly as we head into an intense summer thunderstorm period.

During both field and garrison training, the best method of maintaining situational awareness regarding thunderstorms and lightning is by monitoring weather reports. This is a command and leadership responsibility.

The following include safety tips to be directed by leaders and followed by service-members in the event their unit is caught in a thunderstorm with potential lightning.

If you are caught outside in a thunderstorm with lightning, seek shelter in a sturdy structure or in a hard-top vehicle. Sit with your hands in your lap. Electronic communications equipment should be shut off, if possible; use only if absolutely necessary.

Refrain from using telephones if possible. Avoid large metallic pieces of equipment, and

attempt to stay away from vehicles that are loaded with explosives or ammunition.

When caught out in the open, stay away from tall trees or structures that represent the highest points in an area. In a wooded area, seek shelter under a thick growth of small trees. Avoid tall objects, isolated trees, bodies of water, sheds, and fences.

If you are part of a group and in the open, spread out and squat down in an attempt to keep as low a profile as possible while keeping both feet planted firmly on the ground. Do not sit or lie on the ground.

Most lightning strikes occur after the thunderstorm has passed. Wait approximately 30 minutes after the storm passes to resume activities.

If you see lightning, begin counting seconds; if you hear thunder within 30 seconds, you are in a hazard area.

The loss of this Soldier is a tragedy for us all. We must learn from this and ensure we take maximum precaution during periods of thunderstorm and lightning activities.

I charge all commanders and leaders to intensely educate and supervise our service-members to guard against the potential for another loss of life. Our safety approach is 'no loss of life.'

Together we can achieve this.



Tune into Warrior Radio FM 88.2/88.5
The last Wednesday of every month

CSM James A. Benedict,
2ID Command Sergeant Major,
will be LIVE in the studio to address
Soldiers' questions and concerns.
Call the studio at 730-6324 June 28, 3-
4 p.m., or email your questions to
2IDPAO@korea.army.mil

Indianhead

Maj. Gen. James A. Coggin
Commander, 2nd Infantry Division

Command Sgt. Maj. James A. Benedict
Command Sergeant Major,
2nd Infantry Division

VACANT
Public Affairs Officer

Sgt. 1st Class Kanessa R. Trent
Chief Public Affairs NCO
kanessa.trent@korea.army.mil

Newspaper staff

Pfc. Amanda Merfeld
Editor
amanda.merfeld@korea.army.mil

Cpl. Yoo, Je Hoon
KATUSA Editor
jehoon.yoo@korea.army.mil
Sgt. Koh, Sang Soon
Pfc. Lee, Seung Hyub
Pfc. Lee, Yoon Joo
Pfc. Kim, Sang Pil
Staff Writers

Mr. Yu, Hu Son
Staff Photographer

Mr. Kim, Pyong Hyon
Public Information Specialist

The Indianhead is an authorized publication for members of the Department of Defense. Editorial Content is the responsibility of the 2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office. Contents of the newspaper are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, or the Department of the Army. This newspaper is printed bi-weekly by the Il-Sung Yang Hang Co., Ltd., Seoul, Republic of Korea. Circulation is 7,000.

Individuals can submit articles by the following means: email 2IDpao@korea.army.mil; EAID-PA, APO, AP 96258-5041 Attn: Indianhead; or drop by the office located in building T-910 on Camp Red Cloud. To arrange for possible coverage of an event, call 732-8856.

Army's boots on the ground: answering nation's Call to Duty

U.S. Army Leadership

Army News Service

Our Army is serving a Nation at war.

The Global War on Terrorism will not be short and it will require deep and enduring commitment.

To fight this war and ensure our Nation's security into the future, the Army must provide the Joint Force with relevant and ready capabilities to support the National Security and Defense Strategies.

Our Army is a campaign-quality Army with a Joint and Expeditionary Mindset, a proud member of the Joint Force expertly serving our nation and its citizens for 231 years.

The Army provides the Joint Force with the combat, combat support, and combat service sup-

port capabilities necessary to conduct sustained land warfare during extended campaigns.

This is our unique contribution to the Joint Team and it will be maintained.

The challenge we are addressing is how to transform our organizations, processes, doctrine and culture so that we are better able to provide this contribution in a more prompt and rapid manner.

As it has always been, Soldiers, both active and reserve, are the heart of the Army.

Embued with the Warrior Ethos, our Soldiers are 'Warriors of character' whose seriousness and sense of urgency are characteristic of an Army at war.

Our Soldiers will always place the mission first, never accept defeat, never quit and will never leave a fallen comrade.

Happy 231st Birthday!



Staff Sgt. Robert R. Ramon

Coalition Joint Task Force-76 Commander Maj. Gen. Benjamin Freakley attaches a 10th Mountain Division "combat patch" to the uniform of Pfc. Zachary Fitzsimmons, B Company, Division Special Troops Battalion. Freakley presented the patch to Fitzsimmons during a ceremony in Afghanistan celebrating the Army's 231st birthday.

Making an Army B-day cake

Story by Fonda R. Bock

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – It's not just any birthday party, and this is not just any cake. The recipe calls for 540 eggs, 100 pounds of flour, 30 pounds of butter, 30 gallons of milk and 30 pounds of sugar.

A team from the Pentagon's Senior Leadership Dining Facility mixed this massive ingredient list to create the Army's birthday cake.

"It's a once in a lifetime thing. Cakes get made all over the world at different levels, but this is at the highest level. Anytime you do something like this, it's a point of pride," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Cate of the Pentagon cake-making team.

Seventeen Army chefs had a hand - or whisk - in the creation.

The final product was an 8.5 feet long, 3 feet wide, 250-pound-plus confection.

From the first egg-cracked to the careful assembly of about 50 sheet cakes, it took the team one week to prepare the dessert.



Staff Sgt. Carmen L. Burgess

Staff Sgt. Vilaykone Saynorath, Army Senior Leadership Dining Facility staff member, decorates the official Army birthday cake. Every person on the 17-member staff took part in creating the cake, which fed 1,500 people at the Pentagon June 14 during the Army's 231st birthday celebration.



Courtesy Photo

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker, Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey and Sgt. Maj. of the Army cut the official birthday cake at the Army Birthday Ball in Washington, D.C. June 9, celebrating the Army's 231st birthday.



Staff Sgt. Carmen L. Burgess

On the eve of the Army's 231st birthday, Staff Sgt. Brian Byrd puts the finishing touches on the official birthday cake. Fifty sheet cakes and 35 gallons of icing went in to making the cake that fed 1,500 people.

Weapons training hones NCO skills

Story and photos by
Pfc. Lee, Yoon Joo
Staff Writer

RODRIGUEZ RANGE – Although the rain came pouring down, the Soldiers at the range continued firing the M240B crew-served weapons for the sixth day of

Small Arms Weapon training.

The 2nd Infantry Division hosted Small Arms Weapon Expert Mobile Training Team to provide courses on the small arms weapons with the optic devices, from June 9-18 and again from June 22 - July 1, to help the Soldiers to

be more familiarized with the weapons.

“The students who are attending the course are non-commissioned officers,” said Staff Sgt. Jeremy Wood, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, the instructor. “Their mission is to become experts with the weapons to

give proper training to their own Soldiers.”

During the 10-day training, the students learn handling the standard arms inventory, including M4, M16, M249 Squad Automatic Weapon, M240B, and the M2 .50 caliber machine gun.

They also receive classes on how to utilize the optic, laser, and thermal devices. Such devices are not common in their units, so, this training was a great opportunity to practice with them, Wood said.

After each class, the students have to take a 20-question test to be evaluated on the basic knowledge and the usage of each weapon and device.

After that, they move to the range and start practicing for the record fire on the weapon they learned in the class.

After a few practice rounds, the qualification firing begins.

“The students who fail to

qualify have to fire until they do,” Wood said. “When we were shooting the record fire for M4/M16, we started at 5 p.m., but we ended up finishing at 1 a.m.”

About 50 Soldiers from 2nd Inf. Div. participated in the training. Many were from combat support units.

“I am quite satisfied with the instructors,” said Sgt. William Blackwelder, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 72 Armor Regiment. “They know what they are doing and the classes they give are also very interesting.”

“I am gaining confidence as I learn from the training. With the experience I gained here, I think I will be able to give better training to my Soldiers,” Blackwelder said.

“The 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers are doing well,” Wood said. “I hope the Soldiers sustain the knowledge and the experience they obtained from the training to their unit, so the Soldiers in their units can also learn and experience the same.”



A Soldier is firing a M240B crew-served weapon at Rodriguez Range. Soldiers from Fort Benning, Ga. are here training Soldiers throughout 2ID.

Warrior News Briefs

Vocalist Needed

The 2nd Infantry Division Band is looking for male and female vocalists.

Requirements for consideration include being in the rank of Sgt. or below, have diverse vocal experience, have six months left before DEROS and have your unit be willing to release you for duty with the band.

For more information, call 732-6695.

Click it or Ticket

The 2ID and Area I Provost Marshal Office will conduct a Click it or Ticket Campaign June 19-31.

This will be accomplished by setting up checkpoints with a zero-tolerance for motorists who violate seatbelt and /or cell phone policies, regulations, or laws.

Those in violation of Army regulations and policies who are not buckled up and /or using a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle or riding a bicycle will be cited. There will be multiple checkpoints throughout each of the Area I installations.

The intent is to educate and

inform all personnel while citing those who violate the seatbelt laws/cell phone use and identify motorists and passengers who pose risks to public safety.

Doosan Bears Trip

BOSS is taking a trip to Jamsil Stadium in Seoul June 24 at 6 p.m. for a Doosan Bears baseball game. Tickets are \$9 dollars and include transportation and game ticket.

To participate in this event, contact you BOSS representative, or call 2nd Lt. Michael Y. Cho at 732-6825.

Sgt. Audie Murphy Club

If you're interested in becoming a member of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club or are currently a member looking for activities to get involved in with the club, call the new 2ID SAMC Chapter president, Master Sgt. Thomas Ricks at 732-7638 or by email at thomas.ricks@korea.army.mil.

BLACK MARKETING...

is the act of reselling duty-free goods purchased in USFK duty-free facilities except as provided in applicable regulations.

If you see someone excessively purchasing and it looks suspicious try to obtain some of this information:

- Location of incident (Yongsan Commissary Parking Lot, BLDG#, etc.)
- Get the time and date of the purchase
- Get a description of the individual
- Get their car's license plate number, color, model
- List of items appearing to be suspicious
- Short description of incident

!! What not to do !!

Do not confront the individual
Do not grab their ID Card or RCP
Do not follow them around post / off-post

IF YOU WITNESS ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES YOU MAY CONTACT THE BLACK MARKET HOTLINE AT 738-5118 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO BLACKMARKETHOTLINE@KOREA.ARMY.MIL. YOU MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS IF YOU WISH.

Korean-English Speech Contest

Story and photos by
By Pfc. Kim, Sang Pil
Staff Writer

CAMP RED CLOUD – Ten brave Soldiers of the Second Infantry Division and four bright students from Deokdo and Ganeung Elementary Schools appeared as the contestants of the 2006 Korean / English Speech Contest at CRC theater June 8.

“I prepared for this for two weeks,” said 1st Lt. Jason Halub whose speech was titled, ‘Korea’s World Cup passion - Integrated.’ “My KATUSA Soldiers helped me with the topic. I like soccer and I am planning to watch World Cup games. It was a good way to practice Korean. I do take Korean class at Camp Casey education center, University of Maryland. But I mostly study by myself.” Halub said.

“I got to know that soccer united the Korean people and learned what it meant for them,” Halub said during his speech.

He brought out his red shirt which he will be wearing when cheering for the Korean National Soccer Team. He received a big round of applause when he held out his shirt as he spoke.

“By speaking and using

the language, I can learn the most. My girlfriend is a Korean and she is my favorite teacher,” he said.

Not only the Soldiers from 2ID, but also the elementary students in Uijongbu and Dongducheon area participated in the competition in the English speech sector.

Ganeung Elementary school from Uijongbu and Deokdo Elementary school from Dongducheon participated in the English speech contest.

The Ganeung Elementary School provided a team of three students who performed a parody of TV News while Deokdo Elementary School had a solo speech contestant. The three students from Ganeung Elementary school won the English speech sector.

“I wanted to participate in this contest and my teacher encouraged me to do so,” said Choi, Sun-A, one of the three students who did an English performance on ‘Improving KOREA-US Friendship.’

“We as a team, prepared for a month and a half. We chose this topic because it is important for the U.S. Soldiers to adapt in Korea. It’s not your country or my country, it’s just that we are living in a global village



Spc. Glen Lambert, HHB, Fires Brigade gives a Korean speech on Kindness and Understanding .

together.”

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Fires Brigade has established a sisterhood with Deokdo Elementary School and gives English classes to the students every other Saturday.

Ganeung Elementary school and Special Troops Battalion has also established sisterhood and hold English classes every Friday.

The contest wrapped up and while the judges were grading, three Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor performed a dance to a Missy Elliot song.

The contestants were graded in seven different

categories including: appropriate choice of topic; appropriate contents; correct pronunciation; response from the crowd; memorization; use of gestures; and time management.

The first place went to Cpl. Michael Rose, Bravo Company, STB who talked about his view on Korean culture. Though he has never taken any Korean courses, he is very interested in Korean language and culture.

He bought a Korean textbook for foreigners at a bookstore off post. He would study the language at libraries on and off post almost every day for two years, he said.

Area I conducts credit card training

By James Cunningham
Area I Public Affairs

CAMP RED CLOUD – Area 1 and 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers and civilians received mandatory training June 7 in the Camp Red Cloud education center on the proper use of the U.S. government purchase card. The training detailed what can and cannot be purchased with the GPC.

“If everything is working correctly,” said Lee Wright, Contracting Command Korea, “the billing official is the key person in the chain. The person can review each purchase and stop a mistake before it happens. Suspected misuse of the GPC can cause the suspension, fines, jail time or other disciplinary actions of the billing official and cardholder.”

Only individuals who have been granted specific authority to do so may obligate the government to an

expenditure of funds.

This means the cardholders are the only people in the organization who have authority to place an order for goods or services to be paid for by the U.S. government funds. No one else may legally order supplies or services.

“Splitting is definitely prohibited,” Wright said. “Splitting occurs when a known requirement is divided into two or more purchases because the total price exceeds the procurement authority of the cardholder.”

“This training ensures everybody knows their responsibilities,” Wright told the card holders and billing officials. “If there is any question, you need to check with the legal office. There are many restrictions on the use of appropriated funds.”

IMPAC, or the international merchant purchase authorization card, is how U.S. Army units and agencies locally purchase official goods or

services under \$2,500.

The cardholder is responsible for ensuring he or she does not exceed the monthly limit.

Wright said if you exceed your monthly limit, the U.S. Bank will decline the transaction - the merchant will not be able to get authorization.

One of the major challenges is to ensure trained alternates are in place when somebody leaves to make sure the program does not come to a halt during personnel transitions.

This is the sixth year Area 1 has conducted GPC training for cardholders and billing officials.

“The main purpose of the training is education, to stay within the rules,” said Wright. “The 2nd Infantry Division Resource Management Office audits their people every month by the 10th so there are few problems in Area I. I wish all the other areas were as proficient.”

Movies

Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Fri.-Sat. 7 & 9 p.m., Sun. 6 & 8 p.m., Mon.-Tue. & Thur. 7p.m.

Jun. 23 ... *The Break Up;*

Scary Movie 4

Jun. 24 ... *Scary Movie 4;*

The Sentinel

Jun. 25 ... *Slither;*

Scary Movie 4

Jun. 26 ... *The Sentinel*

Jun. 27 ... *Scary Movie 4*

Jun. 29 ... *Lucky Number Slevin*

Jun. 30 ... *Akeelah and the Bee;*

Silent Hill

Camp Casey

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

Jun. 23 ... *Scary Movie 4;*

V for Vendetta

Jun. 24 ... *Scary Movie 4;*

The Sentinel

Jun. 25 ... *The Break Up;*

Scary Movie 4

Jun. 26 ... *The Break Up*

Jun. 27 ... *Scary Movie 4*

Jun. 28 ... *The Sentinel*

Jun. 29 ... *ATL*

Jun. 30 ... *Akeelah and the Bee;*

Silent Hill

Camp Hovey

Show times: Mon.-Fri. 7 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 3 & 7 p.m.

Jun. 23 ... *The Sentinel*

Jun. 24 ... *Ultraviolet;*

The Break Up

Jun. 25 ... *The Sentinel;*

V for Vendetta

Jun. 26 ... *Scary Movie 4*

Jun. 27 ... *The Break Up*

Jun. 28 ... *ATL*

Jun. 29 ... *Lucky Number Slevin*

Jun. 30 ... *American Dreamz*

Camp Humphreys

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

Jun. 23 ... *The Break Up*

Jun. 24 ... *The Wild;*

The Break Up;

Lucky Number Slevin

Jun. 25 ... *The Wild;*

The Break Up;

Lucky Number Slevin

Jun. 26 ... *Lucky Number Slevin*

Jun. 27 ... *The Sentinel*

Jun. 28 ... *American Dreamz*

Jun. 29 ... *American Dreamz*

Jun. 30 ... *Silent Hill*

For more information on movie schedules or to see if there are any changes, visit www.aafes.net.

Commo Soldiers hone skills

Story and photos by
Pfc. Kim, Sang Pil
Staff Writer

CAMP STANLEY – Mercury is the messenger of gods in Roman mythology. So too are signal units the messenger of the military.

In order to stay proficient in their tasks and drills, junior signal officers are required to complete annual training.

This year, the 304th Signal Battalion changed things up a bit and lieutenants participated in the Mercury Competition June 8.

The competition consisted of a Army Physical Fitness Test, weapons qualification, assembling weapons for time standard, preventive maintenance checks and services,

'Esprit de Corps' hike and a Signal competition.

Weapons qualification included M16, M9 and Electronics Skills Trainer (an indoor simulation laser gun). Weapons to assemble included M16, M9, and M249.

"The lieutenants are to PMCS generators, HMMWV and install a Star ground system," said 1st Lt. Gary Jones, battalion assistant operations officer for 304th Sig. Bn.

The second morning of the competition, lieutenants complete a three-hour 'Esprit de Corps' hike up and down Surak Mountain.

The cadets from West Point invited to the battalion, and company commanders went along.

Once they reached the

peak of the mountain, they had officer professional development, and talked about the importance of the lieutenants to battalion's mission and they did a session of oak tree counseling.

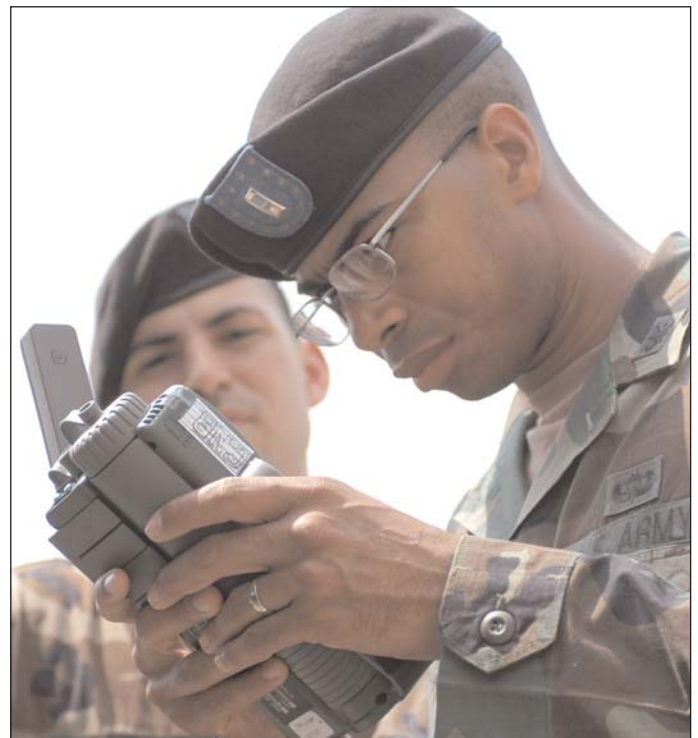
In signal competition, the lieutenants had to find grid coordinates with Position Location Grid Reference or PLGR (AN/PSN-11) and install secure tactical telephone (KY-68).

"This competition gives the lieutenants of the battalion a better insight into the job their Soldiers do on a daily basis, builds their confidence and promotes unit esprit de corps," said Maj. Ray Wood, 304th battalion operations officer.

The officers all did 14 events and they were graded. It was 1st Lt. Andrew Kim who did the best of all and earned the title Mercury Lieutenant.

"Mercury Competition is a part of battalion's officer professional development program and it focuses on physical fitness, war fighting skills, maintenance, signal and team building," said Lt. Col. Anthony Beck, commander of 304th battalion.

"It's a two-day event designed especially for officers to be tough, challenging and educational. Signal is our mission but we're Soldiers first. And we're just taking time to train in all the other tasks we need to be professional."



1st Lt. Louis Jenkins is trying to find the grid coordinates for his current location.



2nd Lt. Martha Harris is being tested on operating a secure tactical telephone.



2nd Lt. Paul Lee assembles the radio SINGARS (Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System).

Defense Security Unit protects Area I

By Cpl. Yoo, Je Hoon
KATUSA Editor

The 2nd Infantry Division has been protecting the Korean peninsula for 50 years and ever since then the 600th Defense Security Unit has been protecting 2ID garrison and its personnel.

The 600th DSU is part of the Defense Security Command which is part of the Ministry of National Defense.

The 600th DSU, comprised of five teams, is stationed in northern Gyeonggi province. The first two teams have responsibility to support security of 2ID garrison, specifically Camp Red Cloud and Camp Casey.

Protecting 2ID garrison is the first and main mission of the 600th DSU. They gather information that could

possibly harm the division, usually international terrorist organizations. For example, in the past the 600th DSU agents have caught people trying to purchase a military ID.

"International terrorist organizations come to Korea to gather intelligence of the U.S. Army," said Col. Park, Byung-joo, Cdr. of 600th DSU. "We gather intelligence and inform 2ID to take measures so the security cannot be breached," Park said.

The 600th DSU agents cooperate with the Korean National Police and National Intelligence Service to exchange or gather intelligence and support 2ID with security.

"When we know that an anti-American demonstration is going on, we inform the KNP and 2ID to enforce the security or take appropri-

ate measures," Park said.

Area I, 2ID Intelligence, the Military Police and Criminal Investigation Department are the main partners of the 600th DSU.

Dealing with incidents is another role of the 600th DSU. When Soldiers find themselves in trouble off-post, the 600th DSU acts as a mediator between 2ID and the KNP or local government.

"If an incident off-post is not properly dealt with, the facts can be embellished or be distorted, deteriorating into a social issue which leads to anti-American sentiment. A good example is the two Korean middle school girls' death. On the other hand we mediated between 2ID and the cab driver that was robbed last year came to an agreement," Park said.

In addition to providing security for 2ID garrison and personnel, the 600th DSU organizes tours for U.S. Soldiers to the Demilitarized Zone, even arranging lodging to facilitate R.O.K./U.S. friendship.

"The 600th DSU organized seven tours to the DMZ in 2005 and is planning to organize tours in 2006," Park said.

If you come across any person who threaten you, or try to buy your Pass/ID from you, or you catch somebody trying to take photographs of any U.S. Military installation, when in Uijongbu, report such activities to DSN 732-6113 or when off-post call (031)874-6113.

For Dongducheon area, call DSN 730-6113 or when off-post call (031)865-2113.

Pear Blossom Cottage council discusses family concerns

By James Cunningham
Area I Public Affairs

CAMP RED CLOUD – The Pear Blossom Advisory Council met June 8 at the Camp Red Cloud PBC for its quarterly meeting.

It is an open forum for committee members to discuss issues and concerns of the Korean, Filipino, Russian and American Army family community.

“This where spouses of U.S. Soldiers come together,” said Col. Forrest Newton, Area I commander. “The three PBCs we have here in Area I help spouses a lot. It gives them a sense of community.”

Area I is a family-member restricted region. Few facilities here cater to military families. The Camp Red Cloud, Camp Stanley and Camp Casey PBCs offer activities, classes and events geared to teach the Army way of life.

There are 323 registered family members at Camp Casey, 58 at CRC and 43 at Camp Stanley.

“Negotiations are currently underway with the City of Dongducheon for 2.2 acres of land to be returned to the

city for road widening at the front gate of Camp Casey,” said Lt. Col. Terry Hodges, Camp Casey garrison commander. “The money we receive from the city would replace the front gate like they are doing at CRC right now, and the remainder of the money would be used to upgrade the current Casey PBC, with an anticipated re-opening by the end of September.”

The CRC PBC manager, Natalia Lyons, also will have a chance to tell us what is needed, Newton said. In addition, we are looking at a complete renovation of the Stanley PBC. We will ask for input too from Kay Chong, Stanley PBC manager. We would like to close the deal with City of Uijeongbu by the end of August so we can begin work soon on these PBCs.

Furthermore, Lt. Col. William Huber, CRC garrison commander, told the PBC managers the baggers at the commissary work for him, and if they have any dependents looking for those jobs we have openings right now.

“Also, based on the last noncombatant exercise, Army and Air Force Exchange Service has begun to look at providing more clothing for depend-

ents,” Huber said, “and the commissary plans on adding more baby food items.”

Denise James, Area I Morale, Welfare and Recreation manager, advised the council members that the marketing office is working on a commercial sponsorship package so they can promote things in the area, which would help events offered by the PBCs.

“Our overarching concern is that families have ration and ID cards so they can get food for their babies,” said Tess Compton, Casey PBC manager. “And, we would like to establish a parental support position because we have so many new parents.”

Discussions also centered on spouse and children immigration issues. Toney Price, relocation readiness program manager from Army Community Service, said the Soldier has to initiate the paperwork.

Price also holds immigration classes at 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Camp Stanley Warrior Readiness Center.

An update on Women, Infants and Children Overseas program current enrollment was given for Area I: 305

families, 58 expecting mothers; 99 infants, 97 children 1 to 5 years old; 22 postpartum and 29 breast feeding.

Members of the Armed Forces, civilian employees and contractors of the Department of Defense living overseas, and family members may be eligible to participate. WIC Overseas office is located in Yongsan building 5210.

In conjunction with well being, the council members received a briefing on the roles and responsibilities of Army Family Team Building from Hee-Jung Sackett, Army Family Action Plan AFTB program manager.

“The AFTB is a volunteer-led organization with a central tenet,” Sackett said. “The AFTB will provide training and knowledge to spouses and family members to support the total Army effort, because strong families are the pillar of support behind strong Soldiers.”

An involved membership is critical to the continued success of this council, Newton said. I strongly encourage everyone to get involved, and become part of the exciting and positive progress of our total Army family community.

CRC hosts BOSS golf championship

Story and photos by
James Cunningham
Area I Public Affairs

Better Opportunities for the Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers is a group that sponsors many events throughout the year aimed at providing opportunities for Soldiers that would normally be unavailable.

“This is a great way for the Sergeants and 1st Sergeants to bring out their deserving Soldiers pay their greens and entry fees and come out as a team because this is a team event,” said Jay Underwood, recreation director of Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Camp Red Cloud. “Everyone gets to play. There is no pressure at all so the Soldier can come out here and have some fun on this nice sunny day.”

No one has to be a golf pro to play in this championship. As a matter of fact, anyone can buy free golf strokes called ‘Mulligan.’

“We sold 99 Mulligans today,” Underwood said. “A Mulligan is a free stroke. If a player has made an unlucky shot and he needs another to improve his score, then he can use his Mulligan and shoot over again.”

This championship is not designed for those that could give Tiger Woods competition.

“This event is designed for beginning golfers. As a matter of fact, we let beginners tee up in the fairway,” Underwood said.

It takes about four hours to play through CRC’s 18 hole golf course.

“This is an 18 hole event capped off with a bar-



Brig. Gen. Tom Landwermyer, KORO director, discusses the game at CRC golf course during the BOSS golf tournament June 9.

beque dinner and awards ceremony,” Underwood said.

The tournament was a success, Spc. Scott Patton from Camp Hovey made a hole in one. 1st. place came with a tied score of 53. Command Sgt. Maj. Alan Pendergast’s team and Lt. Col. William Huber’s team.

The tie was decided with a score card handicap playoff. The winner was Command Sgt. Maj. Pendergast’s team, Command Sgt. Maj. Alan Pendergast, Sgt. Maj. Terry Coy, and Command Sgt.

Maj. Ronnie Curry and Pfc. Stuart Hamilton. 2nd place went to Lt. Col. William Huber, Scott Meredith, Kim, Pok Man, and Sgt. Ron Longorio. 3rd place went to Kim, Park, Spc. Robert Straight and Nick Wiser.

Players also won awards for other golfing feats. Award for the longest drive went to Sgt. Maj. Terry Coy.

Award for the closest to the pin was given to Park. The guest of honor for the tournament was Brig. Gen. Tom Landwermyer.

Track and Field competition runs through Soldier' veins



Pfc. Amanda Merfeld



Pfc. Amanda Merfeld

Clockwise from top: Pfc. Paul Jeffcoat, 302nd BSB took gold in the 110 m hurdles June 10 at Schoonover Bowl on Camp Casey. Private Kellyn Furgivele, 302nd BSB came in at a close second.

Warrant Officer Befora Butler, HHC, 2ID, took home seven gold medals and one silver medal during her take-over in the women's events.

Soldiers proved that neither wind nor rain could pull them down in the long jump.

Sgt. First Class Su Yi, HHC, 2ID, comes in second during the grueling 5,000 m run.

Soldiers from different units gave all they had during the 100 m dash.

Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Atchley, 4th Chem Co., flies 6m, 45cm, taking gold.



Pfc. Amanda Merfeld



Pfc. Amanda Merfeld



Pfc. Amanda Merfeld



Pfc. Amanda Merfeld