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Pfc. Leigh Armstrong

## Light it up!

Soldiers from 2nd Bn., 5th FA, based in Fort Sill, Okla., traveled to Korea to conduct training on their Paladin Howitzers in support of Operation Fowl Eagle March 31-April 5. They were supported by 1st Bn., 15th FA during the training at St. Barbara Training Area. See page 3 for the full story.

## Combined patrols offer Soldiers safety during off-time

By Spc. Beth Lake  
Staff writer

**B**right lights, big city. This phrase describes a four-block area called Newtown, outside Camp Casey, where many Soldiers go for well-needed rest and relaxation during their off-duty time.

Restaurants, shops and bars line the streets. These are things that draw Soldiers to a community, said Lt. Col. David Kelly, 2nd Infantry Division provost marshal.

"I want Soldiers who are choosing Newtown as an off-duty location for relaxing, and to shop and eat, to feel safe down there," Kelly said.

This is why Kelly met with the superintendent of Gyeonggi Province and asked for his support in creating combined patrols.

Each combined patrol has an American and Korean military policeman, a Korean National Investigator and two Korean National Policemen.

The Korean MP and the Korean National Investigator serve as interpreters between the U.S. Soldiers and the Korean National Police if Soldiers are in need of assistance.

The main purpose of the patrols is to provide assistance. When Soldiers see the military police and the Korean National Police, they will know they are taken care of, Kelly said.

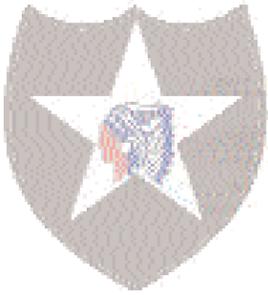
The MPs have agreements with local enter-

tainment districts such as "the Ville," Kelly said. They do not have the same agreements with the bars and establishments in Newtown.

The combined patrols will ensure that Soldiers are provided the same level of security and safety in Newtown, as they currently have in other entertainment areas.

The KNPs also have jurisdiction to deal with Korean nationals and third-country nationals, whereas U.S. MPs do not, Kelly said. If an incident occurs with a third-country national or Korean national, the KNPs can take over. If there is an incident with a U.S. Soldier, the U.S. MPs are there to handle the situation.

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**VOICE OF THE  
WARRIOR:**

Who is your  
personal hero?



*My son because I m  
a single parent and  
I ve been gone.*

Sgt. 1st Class  
Jennifer Espenshade  
HHC, 2nd CAB

*My Mom. She  
raised me after my  
dad passed away.*

Spc. Vincent Bingham  
2ID BAND



*My parents are my  
heroes.*

1st Lt. Marques Moore  
Co. D, 4-2 AVN

*Myself. I achieved  
something greater  
than my friends by  
joining the Army.*

Pfc. Hyphy Jean  
18th MEDCOM



*My daughter. She  
inspires me to push  
on.*

Pvt. Marlon Carter  
HHC, 2ID

*My Dad. He had  
nothing and raised a  
family.*

Sgt. Lee, Jae Woo  
HHC, 2ID



# Warrior 7 urges Soldiers to remain safe, aware

## Safety is key both on and off duty

By **Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall**  
2ID command sergeant major

Warriors, this month's message is quite simple. However, before proceeding, I want to acknowledge the Herculean feats you individually and collectively accomplish on a daily basis.

There is no magic phrase or series of word manipulation to share beyond an open "Thank You." The pure determination to better yourselves, better your unit, and better your Army does not go unnoticed by this headquarters. I applaud and encourage each of you to keep up the good work. Your efforts are not in vain.

I am reminded of a constant topic, as we witness nature's transition from winter to spring, which serves as the precursor to the conduct of our daily missions. The cyclic theme is Safety. Despite your duty status, "on" or "off," and the climat-

ic season, safety and safety awareness must rest at the forefront of your thought process.

Service in the U.S. Army is a thrill, but that does not mean we ignore the risks associated with the profes-

sion. Our environment, regardless of global positioning, is rampant with lethality. I urge you to maintain situational awareness, eliminate or mitigate known hazards, and practice good judgment 24/7. In no way do I imply you're not doing this already; there's always room for improvement, that's all.

Remember, everyone's a safety officer, so be involved with the solutions not the problems. Continue to provide your fellow Soldiers with world-class attention to detail. His, her or your life depends on it!

Second to None!



*"Despite your duty status, 'on' or 'off,' and the climatic season, safety and safety awareness must rest at the forefront of your thought process."*

Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall  
2ID command sergeant major

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# Fort Irwin Soldiers take part in Foal Eagle

Story and photo by  
Spc. Beth Lake  
Staff Writer

RODRIGUEZ LIVE FIRE COMPLEX, Korea – Soldiers from the 2nd Squadron, 11th Cavalry Regiment from Fort Irwin, Calif., conducted a month-long training exercise here in March and early April as part of Operation Foal Eagle.

“For a lot of us, this is our first experience in another country,” said Pvt. Brad Stanford, an M2 Bradley tank driver with Troop F, 2nd Sqn., 11th Cav. Regt.

“It was neat to go across the ocean and visit another continent to see how other people live, and see their culture,” said 2nd Lt. Zachary West, a mechanized infantry platoon leader for Troop F, 2nd Sqn., 11th Cav. Regt.

In addition to a new cultural experience, the Soldiers came to Korea with a two-part mission.

“The first portion of our operation in Korea was to draw weapons and equipment,” West said. “The goal of this operation was to inventory equipment and ship it to where it was needed in Korea.”

The Soldiers spent time conducting preventative maintenance on their vehicles and conducting live-fire exercises to make sure they are fit to fight, Stanford said.

Completing this portion of their mission went smoothly in part because of the assistance they received from the 2nd Infantry Division and 8th Army.

“The 2nd Infantry Division and the civilians from Camp Carroll were there with support for whatever we needed,” said Sgt. 1st Class Eric Bunuan, Troop F, 2nd Sqn., 11th Cav. Regt., 2nd platoon sergeant. “They had a support team on standby in the motor-pool 24 hours a day.”

The Soldiers were also pleased at how prepared



Soldiers from the 2nd Sqn., 11th Cav. Regt., based in Fort Irwin, Calif., came to Korea in March to participate in Operation Foal Eagle. They conducted exercises at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex.

things were when they arrived.

“Everything was set up for us here,” West said. “They had the accommodations and everything organized. It was pretty easy on us.”

The second part of their mission in Korea was to train in a new environment.

The Soldiers trained with their thermal equipment while in Korea, said Pfc. Nathan Willett, an M2 Bradley tank gunner for Troop F, 2nd Sqn., 11th Cav. Regt. Thermals are a form of heat vision and cause body heat to glow at night.

The cool temperatures and vegetation in Korea offer Soldiers the ability to see how thermal equipment works in an environment where it is not 110 degrees Fahrenheit all the time, like it is in California, Bunuan said.

“The training also went well because the equip-

ment the Soldiers used is in excellent shape and they had the support needed to ensure their operations ran smoothly,” Bunuan said.

Overall, being here was a good experience, said Pfc. Peng Lee, an M2 Bradley tank driver for Troop F, 2nd Sqn., 11th Cav. Regt.

Training in Korea helped develop his skills as a Soldier, Lee said. He learned more about what it takes to be an M2 Bradley driver. He also said his team learned a lot about communicating with each other.

The Soldiers headed back to Fort Irwin, taking with them the many benefits Korea offered them. They will have stories to tell their families about another culture and how other people live. They will also take with them the experience they had to sharpen their war-fighting skills in a new terrain and environment.

## Fort Sill's 2-5 FA has a blast with 1-15 FA

Story and photo by  
Pfc. Leigh Armstrong  
Staff Writer

ST. BARBARA TRAINING AREA, Korea – In order to get the training that they need, sometimes a unit has to travel halfway across the world. Soldiers from Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 214th Fires Brigade came from Fort Sill, Okla., March 31 to April 5 to train on Korean terrain, on the equip-

ment they would use here and with the units that they would be fighting alongside if they were ever called for a relief operation.

Together, with guidance and supervision from 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery from Camp Hovey, the Soldiers fired off Paladin Howitzers at St. Barbara Training Area.

One of the challenges that 2nd Bn., 5th FA Soldiers faced was the rules concerning live fires in Korea. Firing in Korea is a different experience compared to

firing Paladins in the States, as there are different regulations that must be followed since the live fire occurs near civilian land, said Spc. Victor Vasquez of 1st Bn., 15th FA.

“They had to learn the rules in a week and by the time that we got here, they knew what they were doing. They’ve needed minimal help,” Vasquez said.

One difference that 2nd Bn., 5th FA Soldiers had to learn was when and how to convoy their vehicles in Korea. Tracked vehicles can only convoy at night in Korea, which was new to many of the Soldiers in 2nd Bn., 5th FA, said Staff Sgt. James Abarta, a 2nd Bn., 5th FA Paladin team member.

For the most part, 1st Bn., 15th FA took a back seat and just watched 2nd Bn., 5th FA fire the Paladins into the Korean horizon at the distant targets, but they always stayed close in case a question on regulation came up.

The 2nd Bn., 5th FA Soldiers were able to pick up and perform well in a relatively short amount of time after arriving in Korea, Vasquez said.

“First of the fifteenth has been absolutely outstanding. They’ve given us everything that we need. They have been more than generous with support. Couldn’t ask for a better group of guys to help us out,” said 1st Lt. Jim Nemec, a 2nd Bn., 5th FA Paladin commander.

“My Soldiers are having a really good experience because some of them have never been out here to Korea, and they’re getting the chance to go to a different country and do what we do,” Abarta said.



Soldiers from 2nd Bn., 5th FA clean the barrel of a Paladin Howitzer after firing it during training in Operation Foal Eagle. The unit came from Fort Sill to participate in the exercise.

**PATROL**

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"I think it's a good idea," said Pfc. Jessica Templeton-Lynch, an MP with the 55th Military Police Company who has conducted the patrols. "It ensures the safety of Soldiers so they feel safe going out on their off-time."

Pfc. Yoon Suk Song of the 55th Military Police Company has also conducted the patrols. He said he is happy to be conducting them and feels they are creating a safe environment for U.S. Soldiers and Korean nationals.

The combined patrols have been received well by Soldiers and are rolling into their fourth weekend with no incidents, Kelly said. They will run on the weekends for an indefinite period of time.

"As long as we are down there and we show that we care and that there is cooperation between the MPs and KNP's we are potentially stemming off any threats to our U.S. Soldiers," Kelly said. "A level of safety is what I am able to provide through these patrols."

## 8th Army hosts 2007 Army in Korea AFAP conference

### IMCOM-Korea, ACS

April 22-25, Soldiers, family members, Department of Defense employees, retirees, and youths from throughout Korea will meet at the 2007 Army in Korea AFAP Conference at the Dragon Hill Lodge on Yongsan Garrison.

Participants will address issues which were developed at installation level AFAP conference that have been forwarded to the regional level conference for resolution.

This year, 23 issues from

across Korea have been elevated to the 2007 Army in Korea AFAP Conference. Issues which can not be resolved at the regional level or by Eighth Army will go forward to the Department of the Army AFAP conference which is held in the fall.

AFAP is a process that lets Soldiers, families, and DOD civilians get the word to Army leaders of what's working, what isn't and what they think will fix it. It alerts commanders and Army leaders to areas of concern that need their atten-

tion and it gives them the opportunity to put plans into place quickly toward resolving the issues.

At this year's 2007 Army in Korea AFAP conference, issues to be discussed include military clothing allowance, family dental care, commissary access, civilian and family housing, and child care issues.

To learn more about the AFAP process or to get involved in an AFAP conference in your area, contact your local Army Community Service AFAP representative.

## 2ID remembers Holocaust with special guest speaker

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson  
Area 1 Public Affairs Office

For one week each spring the nation officially recalls all those who perished more than 65 years ago in the Holocaust. This annual commemoration was established by Congress in 1979 and is known as the Days of Remembrance.

In Hebrew, Yom Hashoah literally means the Day of, or remembrance of, the Holocaust. The Holocaust, or Shoah, was the slaughter of 6 million Jews, approximately two-thirds of the pre-war European Jewish population. Killed along with the Jews were 5 million others including political dissidents, gypsies or Estonians, handicapped and other victims of Nazi persecution.

Ed Lessing, a Holocaust survivor from Holland, told his story of life before, during and after the Holocaust to Area 1 and 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers and civilians April 13 at Camp Red Cloud's Commanding General's Mess.

On Sept. 1, 1939 Germany invaded Poland, and two days after Lessing's

birthday, May 10, 1940, Germany invaded Holland.

"We were told that all the Jews were to wear armbands, could not ride the street cars, could not attend public schools and could not buy food. If the Germans wanted your apartment or house, they could take it from you," Lessing said. "The Germans were masters of life and death."

The Dutch Jews were told to prepare backpacks with warm clothing to take on the trains to Germany. However, before leaving, Lessing's grandfather, Isaac, came from Amsterdam and told them not to board the trains. He had heard rumors that the Nazis were lying to them.

"So on the night of Oct. 23, 1942, we walked out of our home for good," Lessing said. "I would be a refugee for the rest of my life, I thought. If anyone would turn in a Jew to the Nazis they would be rewarded seven dollars, so I was afraid all the time, day or night."

Lessing's mother, a telegraph operator, his father, a pianist, and two younger brothers were able to find refuge. However, no one wanted to take a 16-

year-old. Finally, his mother found a stern-looking Dutch police officer who was shielding some 30 Jews and was willing to take him. He would work at a farmhouse as a Christian stable boy.

Shortly afterward, Lessing joined a Dutch resistance group in the woods, and narrowly escaped when it was raided by German troops in December 1943.

"Another boy and I were standing behind the pine trees when we heard truck tires on the gravel and saw five German trucks," Lessing said. "The truck lights went off and the Germans started coming up the trail. We ran back to the hut to warn the others."

Lessing said they tore the blankets off of the other men, woke them up and ran out the door. There was a pre-designated spot the group was to meet in case there was ever a raid, so Lessing and his partner went there to wait.

Suddenly they heard a noise coming up the road and a person on a bike showed up. It was Lessing's mother. The other boy took her bike and went for help. Lessing and his mother walked through the woods until they found safe

haven at a farmer's home.

In May 1944 Lessing's mother was arrested and sent to a concentration camp. Lessing then began to search for his father and two younger brothers. He found them in a tiny cottage where they spent the winter begging for food.

"In the spring I saw the Canadian Army come into Holland," Lessing said. "Thank God. We had been liberated by allied forces."

Sometime later, Lessing was walking home when a truck pulled up and he heard a voice ask, 'Do you know the Lessings?' It was Lessing's mother's voice. She had returned.

"Our whole family was saved now," Lessing said.

Later, the family immigrated to the United States, where Lessing met a Dutch girl, who also had been in hiding. They soon married and went to Israel.

"In 1956 we returned to America," Lessing said. "It took more than 50 years for me to be able to tell my story. Let's be helpers, not haters. We can make a world of difference, no matter if we are black or white, Jewish, Christian or Muslim."

### In Memoriam



Courtesy Photo

**Sgt. Joshua M. Vail of Co. B, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, passed away March 28 on Camp Humphreys. Vail served his country as an aircraft electrician in the Army since June 1999. He was known throughout his company for his great attitude and for his volunteer efforts. He immersed himself into the Korean culture by learning Korean. He was known by his friends as an extraordinary Soldier. Vail was 25 years old and is survived by his mother, Keri L. Waldrop, father, Michael R. Vail, and sister Hannah Vanderwark.**

### 2ID NCO, Soldier, KATUSA of 2nd quarter board winners

The Second Infantry Division's NCO, Soldier and KATUSA of the quarter board for the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 2007 was held March 23 on Camp Casey hosted by 210th Fires Brigade.

**NCO of the Quarter**

Sgt. Kory J. Ferris, B Btry, 1-38 FA  
210th Fires Bde.

**Soldier of the Quarter**

Spc. Daniel K. Schuerch, Co. B, 58th Avn. Reg.  
2nd CAB

**KATUSA of the Quarter**

Pfc. Choi, Jin Ahn, HHS, 1-38 FA  
210th Fires Bde.

## Chapel Service Times

### Camp Red Cloud

Warrior Chapel  
**Protestant:**  
11 a.m. Sunday  
**Catholic:**  
11:30 a.m. M-F  
4 p.m. Saturday  
9 a.m. Sunday  
**KATUSA**  
7 p.m. Sunday  
**COGIC**  
12:30 p.m. Sunday

### Camp Casey

Stone Chapel  
**Protestant:**  
10 a.m. Sunday  
**KATUSA:**  
6:40 p.m. Tuesday

Memorial Chapel  
**Gospel:**  
11 a.m. Sunday

**KATUSA:**  
6:00 p.m. Tuesday

West Casey Chapel  
**KATUSA:**  
6:30 p.m. Thursday  
**Protestant:**  
10:30 a.m. Sunday  
**Catholic:**  
12 p.m. Sunday  
**LDS:**  
2 p.m. Sunday

### Camp Hovey

Hovey Chapel  
**Catholic:**  
9 a.m. Sunday  
**Protestant:**  
11 a.m. Sunday  
**KATUSA:**  
6 p.m. Tuesday

Crusader Chapel  
**Protestant:**  
11 a.m. Sunday

### Camp Stanley

**Protestant:**  
10 a.m. Sunday  
**Gospel:**  
11 a.m. Sunday  
**Catholic:**  
1 p.m. Sunday  
**KATUSA:**  
7 p.m. Tuesday

### Camp Humphreys

**Catholic:**  
11:45 a.m. M, T, T, F  
9:30 a.m. Sunday  
**Protestant:**  
10:30 a.m. Sunday

### Camp Castle

Castle Chapel  
**KATUSA:**  
6 p.m. Tuesday

### Points of Contact:

Camp Red Cloud  
732-7469  
CRC Catholic: 732-6428  
Hovey Chapel 730-5119  
Memorial Chapel  
730-2594  
West Casey: 730-3014  
Stanley: 732-5238  
Humphrey: 753-7952  
Camp Castle: 730-6889  
Orthodox worship service  
Saint Nicholas Cathedral:  
753-3153  
LDS: 730-5682  
Other services including  
bible studies and fellow-  
ships are offered in some  
chapels. Please call for  
complete schedules.



## Movies

### 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.

April 20 ... *Norbit*;  
*Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girl*  
April 21 ... *Norbit*;  
*Hannibal Rising*  
April 22 ... *Are We Done Yet?*;  
*Are We Done Yet?*;  
*Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girl*  
April 23 ... *Are We Done Yet?*  
April 24 ... *Epic Movie*  
April 25 ... *Norbit*  
April 26 ... *Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girl*  
April 27 ... *The Number 23*;  
*The Astronaut Farmer*  
April 28 ... *The Number 23*;  
*Music and Lyrics*  
April 29 ... *Perfect Stranger*;  
*Perfect Stranger*;  
*The Astronaut Farmer*  
April 30 ... *Perfect Stranger*

### Camp Red Cloud

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

April 20 ... *Are We Done Yet?*;  
*Norbit*  
April 21 ... *Alpha Dog*;  
*Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girl*  
April 22 ... *Norbit*;  
*Primeval*  
April 23 ... *Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girl*  
April 24 ... *Norbit*  
April 26 ... *Perfect Stranger*  
April 27 ... *Perfect Stranger*;  
*The Number 23*  
April 28 ... *The Number 23*;  
*The Astronaut Farmer*  
April 29 ... *The Astronaut Farmer*;  
*Music and Lyrics*  
April 30 ... *Music and Lyrics*

### Camp Hovey

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

April 20 ... *Alpha Dog*  
April 21 ... *Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girl*;  
*Are We Done Yet?*  
April 22 ... *Norbit*;  
*Code Name*  
April 23 ... *Hannibal Rising*  
April 24 ... *Are We Done Yet?*  
April 25 ... *Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girl*  
April 26 ... *Norbit*  
April 27 ... *Music and Lyrics*  
April 28 ... *The Astronaut Farmer*;  
*Perfect Stranger*  
April 29 ... *The Number 23*;  
*Music and Lyrics*  
April 30 ... *The Astronaut Farmer*

### Camp Stanley

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

April 20 ... *Norbit*  
April 21 ... *Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girl*;  
*Epic Movie*  
April 22 ... *Norbit*;  
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*The Astronaut Farmer*  
April 29 ... *The Astronaut Farmer*  
April 30 ... *Music and Lyrics*



## WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

### Free CLEP testing

The New National Testing Centers on Yongsan and Camp Casey are offering free computer-based college level examination program testing.

There are more than 34 test titles in five areas. The testing is free for all active-duty servicemembers, and available to eligible civilians for \$80 per exam. The tests are accepted as college credit at 2,900 U.S. colleges and universities.

Call University of Maryland on Yongsan at 723-4081 or Camp Casey at 730-6852 for an appointment. CLEP testing is also available at the CRC education center by calling 732-6329.

### Estate Claim

If anyone has a claim or debt against the estate of Sgt. Joshua Michael Vail contact Capt. Eduardo Rodriguez at 753-3841 or eduardo.rodriguez4@korea.army.mil.

### USAG-Humphreys Sgt. Audie Murphy Club

The USAG-Humphreys Sgt. Audie Murphy Club is looking for SAMC members who want to become active while assigned to Korea. Sgt. Morales members who are interested in becoming SAMC members are also encouraged to attend. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month. For more

information please contact Sgt. 1st Class Katherine Lawson-Hurt at 010-2259-3026.

### Off-limit establishments

Both locations for E-Z Pawn Shop (Home Boy and Home Town) outside the Camp Casey gates in Dongducheon are off-limits to all USFK military personnel until further notice due to the purchasing and resale of military equipment.

### Earn \$2,000 in the Army SMART program

The SMART program (Sergeant Major of the Army Recruiting Team) is a program in which the Army is paying a \$2,000 bonus to active duty personnel or retirees who refer an individual to enlist in the Army. They can earn \$2,000 for making a referral who enlists, completes basic training and graduates from Advanced Individual Training. Referrals must not have previously served in the Armed Forces. Referrals may not be an immediate family member.

### 232nd Army Birthday Ball

Eighth Army will host the Army's 232nd Birthday Ball in the Grand Hyatt Ballroom from 6 p.m. to midnight on June 15. The celebration will begin with the entrance of the official party, honors, guest speaker, formal entertainment, a

cake cutting ceremony, and will conclude with a DJ and dancing. Tickets are available for purchase as of April 19.

### Volunteer Unit awards

The Volunteer and Volunteer Unit of the Quarter/Year awards luncheon will be April 27 at 11:30 a.m. at Mitchell's Club on Camp Red Cloud. The price is \$8 per person. All registered volunteers eat for free.

### American Red Cross

The American Red Cross needs your help. Volunteering fits your schedule and no special skills required. Call 730-3184 to sign up.

- Lead, plan and coordinate special events, publicity, health and safety
- Teach others how to save lives through CPR
- Help the care providers in the TMC, pharmacy and dental clinic
- Volunteers are also needed for these positions: Clinic chairperson, Public Affairs chairperson caseworker, Emergency Interpreter and CPR Instructor

American Red Cross Train the Trainer CPR and First Aid instructor training will be held April 29 and May 5-6 beginning at 12 p.m. on Camp Casey. Applicants must have current CPR certification. Call 730-3184 to pre-register.

## Officials emphasize zero tolerance of sexual assault

By Carmen L. Gleason  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON – Sexual assault is a crime that is incompatible with military values and will not be tolerated within the Defense Department, the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness said April 3.

David S.C. Chu kicked off the month-long DoD observance of sexual assault prevention during a ceremony at the Women in the Military for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

“Sexual assault is devastating to the individuals it victimizes,” Chu said. “It weakens trust and creates strife within our units. It undermines the state of readiness of the armed forces as a whole.”

Sexual assault is one of the nation’s most underreported crimes. National statistics show that an assault occurs every 90 seconds. One in every six women and one in every 33 men will be the victims of rape or attempted rape in their lifetime.

“Sexual assault remains a troubling issue in America,” Chu said. “Since the military reflects the society it serves, the issue faces the Department of Defense as well.”

This year’s DoD campaign is promoting a climate of respect that encourages every servicemember to join in a cooperative effort to end sexual violence, said Kaye Whitley, director for the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office.

SAPRO is the Defense Department’s single point of accountability for sexual assault policy matters. The organization develops policy and programs to improve prevention efforts, enhance victim support and increase offender accountability by collaborating

closely with each military branch.

Whitley said the goals of this year’s campaign are three-fold: fostering awareness of the impact of sexual assault on victims, encouraging community-wide prevention, and facilitating awareness of the availability of health services to care and support victims.

To create a “climate of confidence,” the Defense Department has changed reporting options for sexual assault victims. Beginning in 2005, victims were given an option of restricted or unrestricted reporting.

When filing a restricted report, victims could receive medical care and counseling for assaults without alerting their chain of command or triggering an investigation. DoD officials attribute a 65 percent increase in reporting to this change.

In 2006 there were 756 restricted reports of sexual assault, Chu said. These were victims who might not have come forward under the old policy, he noted. After receiving initial medical treatment and counseling, Chu added, 86 of those changed their reports to unrestricted status, allowing the pursuit of those who acted against them.

DoD officials continue to focus on providing education and training for its more than 1 million active-duty servicemembers. During a worldwide conference held by the department this year, more than 350 troops were trained to be “first responders” for victims on their installations.

“We believe that the numbers of reports will continue to rise because we are changing a culture,” Whitley said. “While these numbers make an initial rise, we hope to see a leveling off and eventual elimination of assaults within the department.”



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### Making a greener future

Mike Alexander, the 21D Museum curator; Brig. Gen. Tom Landwermeyer, the 21D assistant division commander for support; Seo, Hyo Won, the vice governor of Gyeonggi Province; and Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall, the 21D command sergeant major, plant a tree during the Arbor Day ceremony held at the 21D Museum April 4.



An off-duty Soldier shows his support against sexual assault by signing the “Sexual Assault Prevention Board” during a sexual assault awareness rally held at Camp Casey April 7.

## Fires Bde. holds sexual assault prevention rally

Story and photo by  
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CAMP CASEY, Korea – Soldiers of the 210th Fires Brigade participated in a prevention of sexual assault and harassment rally at the Camp Casey Main Gate April 7.

“We’re out here handing out flyers, cards and bumper stickers to help prevent sexual assault and get the word out,” said Spc. Anthony Hannasch, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th Fires Brigade.

The rally lasted several hours, and the volunteers stopped Soldiers entering and leaving post to inform them about the effects of having an incident of sexual assault within their unit.

“We are out here because April is sexual assault prevention month and we want to help prevent it,” said Sgt. 1st Class Cleveland Bryant, the unit victim advocate for HHB, 210th Fires Brigade. “If you have sexual assault in your ranks then you have problems and this type of thing [the rally] builds morale.”

The Soldiers posted cardboard silhouettes of Soldiers with text that tells the history and facts about the nine victims of sexual assault on Camp Casey during the year. There were also posters and banners to help people understand that the prevention of sexual assault is paramount. Soldiers posted a “Prevention of Sexual Assault Support” board in which many people signed to show their support for the cause.

During the rally, there were several different types of prizes, such as meals at one of the on-post restaurants, given away to passers-by who could answer a few simple questions about sexual assault and its prevention. There was also free barbecued hot dogs and kool-aid provided to all who stopped by.

All of the Soldiers that volunteered to help get the word out about sexual assault prevention had a good time, Bryant said. They got to spread the word while listening to music and chowing down on free hot dogs and all for a good cause.

“Everytime something like this is going on I don’t mind helping out. Anything to help get the word out,” Hannasch said.

# Soldier, wife prevail despite obstacles

Story and photo by  
**Pfc. Anthony Hawkins Jr.**  
*Indianhead Editor*

**A** lot more goes into getting married than some couples may think, especially for couples coming from different cultures.

Sgt. Jeffrey Cahoon, a motor transport operator from Company B, 702nd Brigade Support Battalion, and his wife Bernadette found out just how true this is.

The Cahoons, who have been married for 13 months, went through a lot from the day they first met to the day they said "I do." Some of the unnecessary stress they endured could have been avoided had the new USFK Marriage Regulation 600-240 been enacted at the time, Jeffrey said.

"We met the day I got out of PLDC (now known as Warrior Leader Course)," he said.

Although it wasn't necessarily love at first sight, they grew on each other.

"When we first met, the first time I saw him, I told my friends, 'He looks snobby, I don't like him,'" Bernadette said. "Now look at us. I'm really blessed to have him in my life."

After seeing each other for a while, both knew their relationship was destined for much more.

"When things started getting serious, I knew this was the person I wanted to be with," he said.

"I told myself, this is the right person for me. I'm so thankful to God that He gave me the person I was asking for," Bernadette said.

## Taking the first step

Before the new USFK marriage regulation, there was no clear guidance for servicemembers wanting to marry while in Korea, so Jeffrey took the initiative and spoke with his chain of command.

"I asked if I could speak with someone about getting married, and my first sergeant told me to come into his office," he said. "He said how it was a big step and that there are a lot of things to consider. He also wanted me to speak with the chaplain."

"A few days later he saw me and gave me a report he found on cultural differences in marriages," he said. "He wanted me to read and understand what I was getting into. He took his own time to find that information for me."

Shortly afterward, Jeffrey met with the chaplain. She asked him what makes Bernadette the only person for him.

"I didn't have the best explanation," he said. "I just knew this was the right person for me."

After his meeting, and with his chaplain's blessing, Jeffrey and Bernadette went to the U.S. Embassy in Seoul with marriage paperwork in hand.

"We got married the same day we went," he said.

"It went so fast," Bernadette said. "We didn't even realize we had gotten married yet. All they had to do was stamp a paper."

As easy as it was for them to get married, the couple was not prepared for the next step in the process.

## Frustration begins

"After we got married, they gave us the paperwork to apply for a U.S. immigrant visa," Jeffrey said. "It was kind of like, 'Congratulations on your marriage, now this is what you have to do to take her to the States.'"

With an endless number of documents to get, time



**Sgt. Jeffrey Cahoon, Co. B, 702nd BSB, and his wife Bernadette were married in Korea 13 months ago, before the new USFK marriage regulation. They said they endured much stress that could have been relieved had the regulation been in place at that time.**

seemed to be running out for the couple. Since he was only on a one-year tour in Korea, Jeffrey would soon be leaving for another duty station, while still working through the immigration process.

"It's a bad feeling, knowing you've found someone you care about, and then you have that possibility that they can't come with you," he said. "It will rip your heart out of your chest."

Luckily, Jeffrey was able to take advantage of the Assignment Incentive Pay program, even though he already had orders to Fort Hood, Texas, so he could stay in Korea and finish the process.

## The waiting game

Halfway through the process, the couple hit another snag. Bernadette's 7-year-old son lives with her parents in the Philippines. In order to submit the immigration packet, they needed a copy of his birth certificate.

"We couldn't continue with the process without it, and we didn't have it," he said. "Then we had to call the family in the Philippines to mail it to us before they would restart the process. Basically, we were on hold."

Finally, after gathering all the needed documents, from medical exams to legal affidavits, they submitted their immigration packet. This was forwarded to the Department of Homeland Security, which would later assign them an investigation case number.

"That was the most stressful thing, waiting for the case number," he said. "If you don't get that, you're pretty much being told, 'We're sorry.'"

After much stress and anticipation, they finally received their case number and were given an appointment. With the interviews done and approved, all that was left was paying for the visa.

Had USFK Regulation 600-240 been in place before they were married, they would have had a much easier time, he said. Under the new regulation, servicemembers desiring to marry a non-U.S. citizen in Korea now have a guided process to follow. This allows the couple to know exactly what they need before getting married and what the next step is dur-

ing the process.

"It would have helped us know what we needed to get done and eliminated unnecessary stress," he said. "Some Soldiers don't even know what they need to get married."

Also, the servicemember's chain of command will now play a more active role in the process, including meetings with the servicemember's battalion commander or equivalent to ensure servicemembers are aware of the choice they are making.

## Adapting to a new life

Like all couples, even Jeffrey and Bernadette had to adjust to their differences.

"I was a little nervous at first," he said. "I'm 31 and she's 33. We're older, but we knew what we wanted. There's a cultural difference, but the main thing is we respect each other. You have to go into a cultural marriage open-minded."

They both agree their differences have never been a problem because of mutual respect.

"Respect is important in any relationship," Bernadette said. "Without respect, the relationship is useless. That's what my mom has always told me."

"It is a good foundation for a new couple beginning a marriage. I told him before, if you're going to marry a Filipina, you have to be ready to eat my food," she said with a laugh.

Now, 13 months and one visa later, the couple reflects back on how things could have been easier for them and look ahead to see what the future holds.

"Making sure you have the proper documentation helps take a lot of stress off," he said. "If you don't have it, you can't proceed. If you have a spouse that has been married before or has children, you need the proper papers."

The next step they have to take will bring them more than 10,000 miles to West Virginia.

"We have to use the visa within six months, or it is void," he said. "After that we can start the process for a green card."

"This is the first time I'm going to the States," she said. "I'm so happy to meet the family."

## Meet 2ID's TKD team

By Sgt. Lee, Yoon Joo  
Staff Writer

With a loud yell, a camouflaged Soldier wearing a Taekwondo uniform jumps up and within a few seconds all four wooden plates held by other Soldiers break in half, not able to resist the powerful and swift jump kick.

Taekwondo performance has been a regular part of many official 2nd Infantry Division events. Ever wondered about the performers of these great shows? They are the 2ID Taekwondo Team, the only Taekwondo demonstration team in 2ID.

The 2ID Taekwondo Team began in March 2000 by Maj. Gen. Russel L. Honore, the 2ID commanding general from 2000-2002. When Honore watched a Taekwondo performance of ROK special forces at an official event, he was so impressed that he decided to make a Taekwondo team in 2ID. He put Grandmaster Kim, Mun Ok in charge of this project, and the 2ID Taekwondo Team was born.

However, after five years, the team had to be disbanded due to a budget deficit. One year after it was disbanded, the 2ID Taekwondo Team was reactivated by the order of Maj. Gen. James A. Coggin, the current commanding general of 2ID, and made another successful debut.

"Maj. Gen. Coggin has great interest in Taekwondo, which was another reason for the reactivation of the 2ID Taekwondo Team," Grandmaster Kim said.

There have been some glorious moments for the team during the past years. Just after the team was created, in 2000, they were invited to perform in the Gyeonggi Province International Exposition opening ceremony. The team members were novices, barely knowing anything about Taekwondo.

Yet, Grandmaster Kim did not want to turn down this great chance and decided to do his best to train the Soldiers for the performance despite only having three days' preparation. The team trained very hard, eating and sleeping in the gym. Only after the performance began were Grandmaster Kim and his Soldiers able to know the training really paid off. The Soldiers pulled off an excellent performance at the ceremony, impressing the audience.

"That was the hardest and most

memorable moment for me," Grandmaster Kim said. "It was the result of great passion and efforts of our Soldiers."

In 2004, the team participated in the World Taekwondo Hanmadang, the prestigious international Taekwondo competition event held in Korea and the 2ID team placed fourth. Taekwondo teams from 36 countries participated in the event.

The 2ID Taekwondo Team is planning for more impressive achievements in the future. Grandmaster Kim is planning to expand the Taekwondo team program to be 8th Army-wide in June. They were also invited to perform at the U.S. Veteran Association opening ceremony this year. They will also participate in the annual U.S. Open Taekwondo Championship, an international Taekwondo event held in the United States. The team has participated in this event several times and received one gold medal and three silver medals in 2002, and two silver medals and one bronze medal in 2003.

Currently, the team consists of 17 U.S. Soldiers and six KATUSA Soldiers with past martial arts experience. All were selected from 2ID units through Taekwondo testing.

"Since team members are selected from their own respective units by qualifying by the test, they have great pride in themselves," said Cpl. Joo, Soo Hyung, a member of the 2ID Taekwondo Team who was selected from 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery last October. "Because there are only 23 members on the team, we spend time together more often, bringing us closer."

They spend their day time practicing, from basic movement skills to more sophisticated techniques, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The team also participates in morning physical training as PT instructors for battalion-level PT events.

"It is hard work and takes dedication to train," said Pfc. Alexander Wood, another member of the team from 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry, "but we have our team members who are always there for each other to help improve and grow."

"Besides, it is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that you would not get anywhere else," Wood added.

For more information or to join the 2ID Taekwondo Team, call the 2ID Taekwondo Team office at 730-3428 to arrange to take a test for basic Taekwondo skills.

## KATUSA – U.S. Soldier Friendship Week 2007 Schedule of Events

### Monday, April 30

6 a.m.  
CG's Run

9 a.m.  
BDE/BN Sports

### Tuesday, May 1

9 a.m.  
BDE/BN Sports

6 p.m.  
KATUSA Hall of Fame dinner

### Wednesday, May 2

9 a.m.  
Division-level  
championship games

### Thursday, May 3

9 a.m.  
Opening Ceremony  
at Schoonover Bowl

9:30 a.m.  
Martial Arts  
Demonstration

9:50 a.m.  
Dance Team

10:20 a.m.  
Relay

10:50 a.m.  
Tug of War

11:40 a.m.  
Lunch

1:10 p.m.  
Kimajun

2:10 p.m.  
Soccer

3:10 p.m.  
DDC High School Band

4 p.m.  
Awards Ceremony

### Friday, May 4

KATUSA Training holiday



Pfc. Anthony Hawkins Jr.

### Rockin' the house

State of Man frontman John Stringer sings to a packed crowd at Mitchell's Club on Camp Red Cloud April 10 as he and the rest of the band, Thomas Panza on guitar, James Beale on bass and Chris Love on drums, perform as part of their Armed Forces Entertainment tour across the Pacific.