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Pfc. Antuan Rofe

## Mount up!

Showing they are ready to fight tonight, 2nd Lt. Dang Nguyen, a tank commander in Co. C, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., and Pfc. Travis Davis, an armor crewmember, mount their M1A1 Abrams tank during Iron Focus II. The exercise is 1HBCT's method for evaluating the combat readiness and effectiveness of the unit's battalions. See page 4 for the full story.

Each year, NEO exercises test evacuation procedures and prepare USFK for an emergency, giving noncombatants...

## Peace of mind

By Pfc. Anthony Hawkins Jr.  
*Editor*

Life in the Republic of Korea requires Servicemembers to be prepared for anything. In the event of an emergency, they must not only be concerned with the safety of their fellow Servicemembers, but also the safety of those Families, civilians and other non-combatants whom they swore to protect.

To remain prepared for such an event, U.S. Forces Korea conducted the first of the year's two noncombatant evacuation operation exercises May 17-20.

The main task of the NEO exercise, called Courageous Channel, was moving noncombatant volunteers from all areas of Korea to two locations on Honshu, the main island of Japan. This task was accomplished by evacuating volunteers by both air and sea.

"The overall purpose of the exercise is to test the system of evacuating non-combatants away from the peninsula during a

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## 210th Fires Bde. changes hands

By Pfc. Anthony Hawkins Jr.  
*Editor*

CAMP CASEY, Korea – The 210th Fires Brigade bade Col. Matt Merrick farewell in a change-of-command ceremony May 31 on Indianhead Field at Camp Casey.

The brigade executive officer, Lt. Col. Michael Wright, took over as the interim commander until the new commander arrives in July. Merrick served as the brigade

commander since June 2005.

Under his leadership, the field artillery brigade was transformed into the Army's first fires brigade, said Maj. Gen. James A. Coggin, 2ID commander. Merrick was influential in maintaining a high state of readiness and training within the unit, Coggin said.

Merrick will be going to Yongsan Garrison in Seoul to become the new Combined Forces Command executive officer.



Yu, Hu Son

Maj. Gen. James A. Coggin, 2ID commander, passes the colors to Lt. Col. Michael Wright, the interim 210th Fires Bde. commander, during a change-of-command ceremony on Camp Casey May 31.



**VOICE OF THE  
WARRIOR:**

What is  
your favorite  
summertime  
activity?



*Cooking out  
and traveling.*

*Sgt. Richard Davis  
HHSC, DSTB*

*Going to the  
beach.*

*Pfc. April Balmir  
HHC, 3-2 AVN*



*I enjoy swimming.*

*Staff Sgt.  
Averell Thompson  
Btry. B, 1-15 FA*

*Going outdoors and  
playing basketball.*

*Spc. Jeffrey Ochoa  
Btry. B, 1-15 FA*



*I'm looking forward  
to visiting China and  
the U.S.*

*Sgt. Moon, Jung Jae  
WRC, STB*

*I like to rollerblade.*

*Staff Sgt. Maurice Oldham  
Division Chaplain's Office*



# No means No!

## Protect yourself from sexual assault

**By Elaine Wilson**

*Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office*

It was Friday night and, as usual, a tight-knit group of girls met outside of their college dorm to make plans. They were headed to a fraternity party, but decided last minute to meet up with some guys one of the girls knew from high school.

The girl, "Sue," had a crush on one of the guys, so she'd talked her buddies into going to their apartment. So, with stiff 1980s Aquanetted hair and too-low-cut tops, the freshmen walked the mile to the apartment, giggling all the way.

The men were, of course, thrilled to have the college girls over. They turned on the radio and popped the tops off of some beers and the group drank, laughed and flirted. Now slightly buzzed, Sue drifted off with her crush into a bedroom.

It got hot and heavy, she later said. They made out for a while and then, when Sue felt like it was getting too hot, she decided to leave the room and hang with her friends.

He, on the other hand, had different plans. He pinned her down, fondled her and tried to rape her. She said no and he ignored her. She fought him and ran out into the hall crying.

The girls left, but Sue didn't say much on the walk home. "You shouldn't have let things get that far," they told her. "It wasn't just his fault."

Although he didn't rape her, the incident scarred her. Her self-esteem dipped and her friends' words haunted her for years. "Maybe I should have dressed differently or shouldn't have led him on," she thought. "Maybe it was my fault?"

She was wrong. It had nothing to do with the way she dressed or the amount of kissing she did. The man she was with sexually assaulted her. But like thousands of other victims, Sue blamed herself. And the man walked away.

Women are taught to avoid dark alleys and dimly lit parking lots to avoid "stranger danger." But they're not taught to avoid the offenders that may be a friend, boyfriend or even a relative. Rape by a stranger can happen, but it's much more likely to be a date or acquaintance. According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, about two-thirds

of sexual assault victims in the United States knew their assailants.

It is predicted that one in seven college women will be raped before graduation, and 90 percent will know their attacker, according to the University of Texas at Austin Counseling and Mental Health Center web site.

Sexual assault is intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent, according to the U.S. Army Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program web site.

Bottom line for potential offenders is "no" means "no," whether the victim is making out with them, had sex with them in the past or is dressed provocatively.

While sexual assault can't always be avoided, there are steps you can take to prevent from becoming a victim. The Army's SAPR Program web site recommends people be assertive; be prepared, travel with a friend and stay sober; and be alert, if you sense trouble, get to a safe place as soon as possible.

Sexual assault is a criminal offense punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice as well as the federal and civilian legal systems. It is also the most under reported crime in society and in the military, according to the Army SAPR Program web site. If that trend continues, offenders will never be brought to justice. And, they will find another victim.

Nearly 20 years ago, that victim was me. I am "Sue." I have gotten past the shame of that night, but I'll never get over the fact that I just walked away shouldering the blame for someone else. I knew dozens of girls in college who had been date raped or forced to do a sexual act against their will. But, in many cases, the blame was misplaced on the victim for putting herself in a bad position or dressing a certain way. If you know someone who has been sexually assaulted, be a friend.

Visit the SAPR Program web site at [www.sexualassault.army.mil](http://www.sexualassault.army.mil), or contact your local area SARC for more information. Call the Area I SARC at 730-3494 or 011-740-0479, and the Area III SARC 753-8402 or 010-4727-0553 24 hours a day to report a sexual assault.

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# U.S., ROK Soldiers 'bridge' friendship

By Sgt. Lee, Yoon Joo

Staff writer

As a group of ROK Army engineers set up bridge pieces on the river, the U.S. high-mobility, multi-wheeled vehicles slowly rolled across and gradually sped to the other shore.

Nearly 130 U.S. and ROK Soldiers from Troop C, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, and 906th Engineer Company, 6th ROK Corps, gathered at the bank of the Hantan River, near Rodriguez Live Fire Complex, to conduct a combined river crossing exercise May 17.

"It took us some time to synchronize the training schedules with ROK units," said Lt. Col. Joe Wawro, 4th Sqn., 7th Cav. Regt. commander. "It took us almost three years."

While the ROK engineers pieced the bridge together, the U.S. Soldiers provided air and ground security. When the bridge was completed, 12 HMMWVs and two LMTVs crossed with mock rifle fire and smoke.

"We simulated with blank M-16 rounds and smoke to make it a lot more lifelike," said 2nd Lt. Daimhin Graves, a platoon leader in Troop C, 4th Sqn., 7th Cav. Regt. "We tell the Soldiers this is how we do it in the real world."

There were some safety briefings and tactical discussions with the ROK counterparts three weeks prior to the actual exercise. However, crossing the bridge required more than just preparation. It required trust in their ROK counterparts.

"There are life vests and boats prepared when crossing the river, but the most important safety factor is trust," said 1st Lt. Kevin Beasley, executive officer of Troop C, 4th Sqn., 7th Cav. Regt. "The Soldiers need to trust the ROK Soldiers that they have built a strong bridge."

In combined exercises, the language barrier is one of the biggest obstacles. Although there were six Korean Augmentees to the U.S. Army Soldiers to help out with language differences, the U.S. and ROK Soldiers were able to communicate with eye contact and body language.

"We figured that no matter what language we speak, there are some universal languages," Beasley said. "We had no trouble when the ROK Soldiers ground guided our vehicles."

Technical training was not the only part of the exercise. During lunch, the U.S. Soldiers had a Korean meal, while the ROK Soldiers had beef and noodles. Their eyes were filled with curiosity as they ate the unfamiliar food.



1st Lt. Kevin M. Beasley

U.S. Army HMMWVs from 4th Sqn., 7th Cav. Regt., roll across a temporary bridge spanning the Hantan River. The bridge was laid by the 906th Engineer Co., 6th ROK Corps as part of a combined river crossing exercise May 17.

"I have been to three combined exercises, but this is first time to trade meals during lunchtime," said Pfc. Kim, Uh Chul, 906th ROK Engineer Co. "I like the American food. I am just worried that the American Soldiers would not like ours."

His worries were unfounded as many of the American Soldiers enjoyed the meal.

The exercise successfully ended

without any accidents and with an armful of rewards: a stronger alliance and friendship.

"This combined exercise was a great chance to promote the friendship between ROK and U.S. units, as well as to improve our tactical skills," said Master Sgt. Kim, Suk Ku, the tactical vehicle maintenance noncommissioned officer for 906th ROK Engineer Co. "I am very satisfied."

## NEO

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crisis," said Air Force Lt. Col. Anthony Abernathy, the USFK escort for all sail-away volunteers. "It is giving the people involved practice in case this happens for real."

The secondary purpose of the exercise was to help instill confidence, Abernathy said.

"(We want) to ensure the system works, and to make noncombatants feel comfortable with the process to get them off the peninsula," he said.

The exercise was designed to simulate as much realism as possible while still remaining cost-effective, he said.

"We took around 40 people. In a real-world situation, there would be thousands," he said.

The sheer volume of people could be a significant stress on the system, so this is a good medium."

With a large percentage of USFK personnel only serving one-year tours in Korea, transition was an important consideration. Conducting this training on a regular basis helps to exercise and evaluate the evacuation process, he said.

Unit readiness across the peninsula is also increased through the exercise, he said.

"It shows we have a system in place that can ramp up quickly, and we can evacuate in a safe and timely manner to get noncombatants to a safer location," he said.

The NEO process began in Areas I and II as participants gathered at Collier Field House on Yongsan Garrison. There, Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment began by in-processing the evacuees.

Their role was clear: get the noncombatants on their way off the peninsula.

"It's our mission to make sure they get out of here safely," said Pvt. Robert Martinez, a combat engineer in Company E, 1st Bn., 72nd Armor Regt. "We had a lot of setup and a lot to learn, but it feels good knowing you can evacuate these people safely."

The process covered areas such as reception of noncombatant evacuees, registration within the NEO tracking system computer, and medical, spiritual and legal guidance.

After the initial in-processing, evacuees were transported to Daegu via Korea Train Express, or KTX, Korea's high-speed rail system. There, they met other participants from Areas III and IV. They were also met by Soldiers from the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, whose role in the exercise was to care for the evacuees while in Daegu and to get them to the port of Busan.

The evacuees stayed the night on Camp Walker in Daegu, then were divided into sail-away and fly-away volunteers. The fly-away volunteers flew to Yokota Air Base, Japan. The sail-away volunteers were bused to Busan, where they boarded a ferry ship to Fukuoka, Japan.

Once in Fukuoka, the evacuees were met by representatives from the 1st Marine Fighter Wing. The final leg of their trip to Japan brought them from Fukuoka to Marine Corps Air Station - Iwakuni.

The third day of the exercise was more of a break from the training for participants. The free day held several options, including trips to Miyajima Island and Hiroshima.

On Miyajima Island, participants were able to see traditional Japanese architecture and cultural sights, such as a 16th-century Buddhist temple and a five-story pagoda.

Hiroshima offered several sight-seeing attractions, most notably Peace Park. Located on the site of the Aug. 6, 1945 atomic bomb blast, Peace Park is dedicated to those who lost their lives in the war.

Families participating in the exercise welcomed the opportunity to unwind after two days of travel.

Monique Hunt and her son, Will, were two of the Family members from Area II who were able to see the sights Japan had to offer.

Will, who is only staying in Korea for the summer, said he was surprised to see how open to western culture Japanese people are.

"They were all very friendly and helpful to foreigners," he said.

Not only were U.S. Servicemembers, civilians and their Families represented, but also foreign diplomats from the U.S.'s allies.

"This is my first experience, and it gives me an idea of the evacuation concept if this were to really happen," said a third-country diplomat who wished to remain anonymous. "As diplomats, we have to think about evacuating our nationals in case of an emergency as well."

The participants also felt the experience was beneficial to both those in charge and the noncombatants.

"It's a good thing to do this exercise to work out any kinks in the system," Monique said. "Every time there is an exercise, they always look for ways to improve."

Part of the exercise was just the experience of the situation, she said. The overall mission of instilling peace of mind in the noncombatants also seemed to be a success.

"I feel confident, if ever there was a true NEO, we would get out of the country safely," she said.

# Iron Focus II puts battalions to test

By Pfc. Antuan Rofe  
1HBCT Public Affairs Office

TWIN BRIDGES TRAINING AREA, Korea – Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment and the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment participated throughout May in a three-part field exercise known as Iron Focus II.

Both battalions conducted the full spectrum of combat operations, primarily focusing on offensive operations and appointment of fires, said Lt. Col. David Major, deputy commander, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

“Everyone has different assets, and everyone has their own mission, but we don’t get to see what they contribute to the fight. All we know is that if we don’t get our job done, they don’t either,” Staff Sgt. Algie Gapling, Bradley commander, Co. E, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt.

The exercise began with 1st Bn., 15th FA Regt. going to the Twin Bridges Training Area to conduct fire support for a Republic of Korea armor brigade. Meanwhile, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt. conducting a noncombatant evacuation operation exercise at Camp Humphreys before convoying to TBTA, Major said.

While at the training area, the Soldiers played out several scenarios, in which the opposing forces, played



Pfc. Antuan Rofe

**Soldiers of 1HBCT roll on in their M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles and M1A1 Abrams tanks at Twin Bridges Training Area in May, in a convoy operations exercise during Iron Focus II.**

by several elements of the 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment and the 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, set up ambushes with infantry and simulated artillery rounds.

Many of the scenarios required the infantry Soldiers to dismount their M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles and neutralize the enemy with as little casualties as possible.

“This exercise provides a situation for the Soldiers to increase their ability to perform their job in a wartime situation,” said Maj. Todd Wasmund,

executive officer, 1st Bn., 15th FA Regt. “I want my Soldiers to take away from this exercise the value of realistic training because this is more important than anything.”

An exercise like this shows what each different unit would do in an actual wartime mission, said Pfc. Casey Bowen, combat engineer, Co. E, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt.

For the Soldiers new to the Army, this exercise was a good opportunity to see and learn the types of missions that they would be executing in a real wartime mission.

“I’ve been in Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom and have seen action both times, and the scenarios always change. So when I teach the younger guys, it’s from all of the experiences I’ve had,” Gapling said.

“I try to be a sponge and take in as much as I can because the noncommissioned officers and other Soldiers who have been to combat give the not-so-seasoned Soldiers the leg up on what we will actually be doing in combat,” Bowen said.

After more than two weeks of field time, the Soldiers returned to Camps Casey and Hovey with a better understanding of the job they will do if and when they answer the call to duty, and they will have seen how this type of training will help them during their military career, Bowen said.

“I hope that the Soldiers take away from this exercise some self confidence in themselves, in their team and in their equipment,” Major said. “All of these parts come together to help them to accomplish their mission.”

“Their experience is valuable to us because it brings perspective to what we do,” Wasmund said. “It helps to make sure that we’re doing things that are contemporary in the way that the Army has learned to fight and learned to execute the mission.”

## 1-15 FA rains down steel during Iron Focus II

By Pfc. Antuan Rofe  
1HBCT Public Affairs Office

TWIN BRIDGES TRAINING AREA, Korea – Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, put steel on targets during Iron Focus II, just like they would if they were called to conduct combat operations.

Challenged during the exercise with continuous fire missions, 1st Bn., 15th FA Regt. hit targets with pin-point accuracy at a rate that showed the ability of the unit, said Pfc. Victor Vasquez, 1st Bn., 15th FA Regt., field artillery tactical data systems analyst.

“This type of exercise shows us exactly what we are capable of doing, and it’s very exciting to see what we can actually do when everyone is working together,” Vasquez said.

“Each platoon was called on several times to conduct support of fire missions not only to test their accuracy, but to see how well the Soldiers and leaders responded to a fast-paced workload,” said Sgt. Shawn Krandall, section chief.

“This is what we train for; this is what we’re trained to do and what we get paid for,” Krandall said.

“The unit has been training and will continue to train to master their skills,” Vasquez said.

While training, the Soldiers said that they are learning a lot more than just what they would be doing on the battlefield.



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**Soldiers from 1st Bn., 15th FA Regt., fire Paladin Self-propelled Howitzers during 1HBCT’s Iron Focus II training exercise.**

“I’m trying to teach the younger guys responsibility, not just in their job and their life, but also how to properly take care of themselves and their equipment,” Krandall said.

This type of training gives both the leaders and the younger Soldiers a better understanding of their jobs. It will prepare them for war in the future and provide a better view of the workload they will have to manage effectively when duty calls,

Krandall said.

“This exercise picks up the energy in our battery and brings a lot of excitement,” Vasquez said.

“Field training is awesome. When you go back to the rear, you take the lessons learned, develop a new standing operating procedure and then come back to the field and test it again,” said Capt. Henry Opolot, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery commander, 1st Bn., 15th FA Regt.

## 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 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:

USAG-Red Cloud:  
732-7469  
CRC Catholic: 732-6428  
Hovey Chapel: 730-5119  
Memorial Chapel  
730-2594  
West Casey: 730-3014  
Stanley: 732-5238  
Humphreys: 753-7952  
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.

June 8 ... *The Reaping;*  
*Firehouse Dog*  
June 9 ... *Perfect Stranger;*  
*Reign Over Me*  
June 10 ... *Pirates of the Caribbean;*  
*Pirates of the Caribbean (6 p.m.)*  
*Perfect Stranger (9 p.m.)*  
June 11 ... *Pirates of the Caribbean*  
June 12 ... *Firehouse Dog*  
June 13 ... *Perfect Stranger*  
June 14 ... *The Reaping*  
June 15 ... *Pathfinder;*  
*Are We Done Yet?*  
June 16 ... *Blades of Glory;*  
*Are We Done Yet?*  
June 17 ... *Mr. Brooks;*  
*Mr. Brooks;*  
*Pathfinder*  
June 18 ... *Mr. Brooks*  
June 19 ... *Blades of Glory*  
June 20 ... *Are We Done Yet?*  
June 21 ... *Pathfinder*

### Camp Red Cloud

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

June 8 ... *Pirates of the Caribbean (6 p.m.);*  
*The Reaping*  
June 9 ... *Perfect Stranger;*  
*Firehouse Dog*  
June 10 ... *The Reaping;*  
*Perfect Stranger*  
June 11 ... *Perfect Stranger*  
June 12 ... *The Reaping*  
June 14 ... *Mr. Brooks*  
June 15 ... *Mr. Brooks;*  
*Pathfinder*  
June 16 ... *Blades of Glory;*  
*Are We Done Yet?*  
June 17 ... *Pathfinder;*  
*Blades of Glory*  
June 18 ... *Are We Done Yet?*  
June 19 ... *Premonition*  
June 21 ... *Ocean's Thirteen*

### Camp Hovey

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

June 8 ... *Perfect Stranger*  
June 9 ... *Firehouse Dog;*  
*Pirates of the Caribbean*  
June 10 ... *Firehouse Dog;*  
*The Reaping*  
June 11 ... *Perfect Stranger*  
June 12 ... *Pirates of the Caribbean*  
June 13 ... *The Reaping*  
June 14 ... *Shooter*  
June 15 ... *Blades of Glory*  
June 16 ... *Pathfinder;*  
*Mr. Brooks*  
June 17 ... *Are We Done Yet?;*  
*Blades of Glory*  
June 18 ... *Pathfinder*  
June 19 ... *Mr. Brooks*  
June 20 ... *Blades of Glory*  
June 21 ... *Are We Done Yet?*

### Camp Stanley

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

June 8 ... *The Reaping*  
June 9 ... *The Reaping;*  
*Firehouse Dog*  
June 10 ... *Perfect Stranger*  
June 11 ... *Firehouse Dog*  
June 13 ... *Mr. Brooks;*  
*Mr. Brooks*  
June 14 ... *Perfect Stranger*  
June 15 ... *Blades of Glory*  
June 16 ... *Pathfinder;*  
*Are We Done Yet?*  
June 17 ... *Blades of Glory*  
June 18 ... *Are We Done Yet?*  
June 20 ... *Ocean's Thirteen;*  
*Ocean's Thirteen*  
June 21 ... *Pathfinder*

## WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

### Update to Area I Incheon Bus schedule

The schedule for the free bus from Camps Casey and Red Cloud to Incheon International Airport has been updated to provide ample time for passengers arriving on the last international flight. The new schedule is below.

Departs Casey: 4 p.m.  
Arrives CRC: 5 p.m.  
Departs CRC: 5:30 p.m.  
Arrives Incheon: 6:30 - 7 p.m.  
Departs Incheon: 11 p.m.  
Arrives CRC: 1 a.m. (departs)  
Arrives Casey: 2 a.m.

### Changes in pharmacy service take effect

The 18th MEDCOM Integrated Healthcare Organization is implementing changes in pharmacy services to meet Federal Law and Joint Commission Standards. The Camp Stanley Clinic pharmacy will have significant modifications in their pharmacy services.

Pre-packed prescriptions will now be dispensed with prescriptions for chronic care medications sent electronically to 121st CSH Pharmacy. Patients may drop off hand-written prescriptions to be faxed to 121st CSH Pharmacy at the Camp Stanley Clinic Pharmacy and call

or use the internet for a refill of prescriptions. Prescriptions will be sent to the clinic within three business days.

To phone in a refill, call 737-7939.

To fill a prescription on the Internet visit prescription services at <http://www.seoul.amedd.army.mil>, and click on "Refill Internet."

### Warrant officer recruiting briefings

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command will brief on qualifications and application procedures to become U.S. Army Warrant Officers.

The briefings for Camp Red Cloud will be June 11-12 at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the CRC Education Center. Call Warrant Officer Andrea Ebanks-Joyner at 732-7229 for more details.

The briefings for Camp Casey and Camp Hovey will be June 13-15 at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the USAG Theater, Bldg. S-2437. Call Warrant Officer Steve Delgado at 730-5088 for more details.

### Finance error affects Soldiers' rent

About 700 Soldiers' pay accounts were affected by an error in the Automatic Rent Collection program that prevented the Overseas Housing Allowance from being automatically

collected, causing an increase in their pay for the month of May.

Affected Soldiers will need to pay their rent in won.

To ensure June rental payments are made, Soldiers are asked to come to the finance office disbursing window in their area from June 1-13 with a check in the amount of their rent payment.

There are no long-term problems with the Automatic Rent Collection. For more information please contact the finance office at 723-3562.

### 8th Army hosts 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 from unit points of contact.

### Female Vocalist needed for 2ID Band

The 2nd Infantry Division Band is looking for a female vocalist. Anyone can audition. Please call Staff Sgt. Mari Bemis at 732-6695 for details.

# Past comes alive for Servicemembers

By Pfc. Anthony Hawkins Jr.  
Editor

**M**orning calm. A fresh, cool breeze blows down from Bukhansan, the mountain marking the blossoming city of Seoul's northern border.

All is well in the Joseon Kingdom, as King Taejo watches the final piece of Gyeongbuk Palace being laid. With it, his main and largest palace is complete. The year is 1394.

Fast forward more than 600 years. Of the more than 330 original buildings, only about a dozen remain. The palace walls still stand, witness to the destruction of most of the complex in the Japanese invasions of 1592 and 1911. The walls also saw historic events like the assassination of Korean Empress Myeongseong by Japanese agents in 1895.

Glimpsing a piece of history, Soldiers and Airmen from across U.S. Forces Korea visited Gyeongbuk Palace, among other cultural sites, during a ROK/U.S. Friendship tour May 23 hosted by the Korean Ministry of National Defense.

Beginning in 1972, the MND cultural orientation tours offer more than 600 U.S. Servicemembers a year the chance to experience a unique side of Korean culture. According to the MND, the tours began as an expression of gratitude from the Korean people to U.S. Servicemembers in Korea.

Servicemembers toured the remaining palace buildings, including the queen's living quarters, the royal throne hall and Gyeonghoeru, an open two-story pavilion used for royal banquets which appears to be floating on a pond.

After seeing Korea's past, the tour brought them to the Namsan

Tower, recently renamed N Seoul Tower. There, they found a sweeping view of Seoul's present. The tower, built in 1975, stands 777 feet tall. Reaching 1,574 feet above sea level at the top, it is the tallest communications tower in the world.

Once the Servicemembers tasted a view of Seoul's skyline, they savored tastes of traditional Korean foods at the Korea House. The dishes, based on royal court foods of the Joseon Dynasty, have been served in Korea for more than 1,000 years. The Korea House, which consists of five main buildings, was largely inspired by the architectural design of Gyeongbuk Palace.

In the afternoon, the group of Servicemembers continued their cultural experience at the Korean Folk Village in Yongin. There, they saw traditional craft-making, as well as architecture from both agricultural and noble classes. Also, much to the delight of the Servicemembers and Korean civilians present, there was a traditional farmer's music and dance performance. Customarily performed during seasonal farming festivals, the dances are done in hopes of a good harvest.

The last cultural site on the tour was the War Memorial of Korea. The museum is dedicated to the remembrance of those who lost their lives fighting for the freedom of South Korea during the Korean War. However, it not only offers displays from the Korean War, but from many other wars in Korea's history. It serves as a reminder of Korean patriotism and sacrifice.

Servicemembers who



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**Soldiers and Airmen from USFK watch a traditional Korean farmer's music and dance performance at the Korean Folk Village in Yongin as part of the Ministry of National Defense's Cultural Orientation Tour May 23.**

were new to Korea gained much from the experience.

"It was pretty enlightening," said Pvt. Michael Militano from the 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, 501st MI Brigade, who has only been in Korea for one month. "I learned a lot about the culture, especially from the Korean Folk Village. They care a lot about their heritage, and their culture is very important."

Veterans of the Korean peninsula also found something to enjoy.

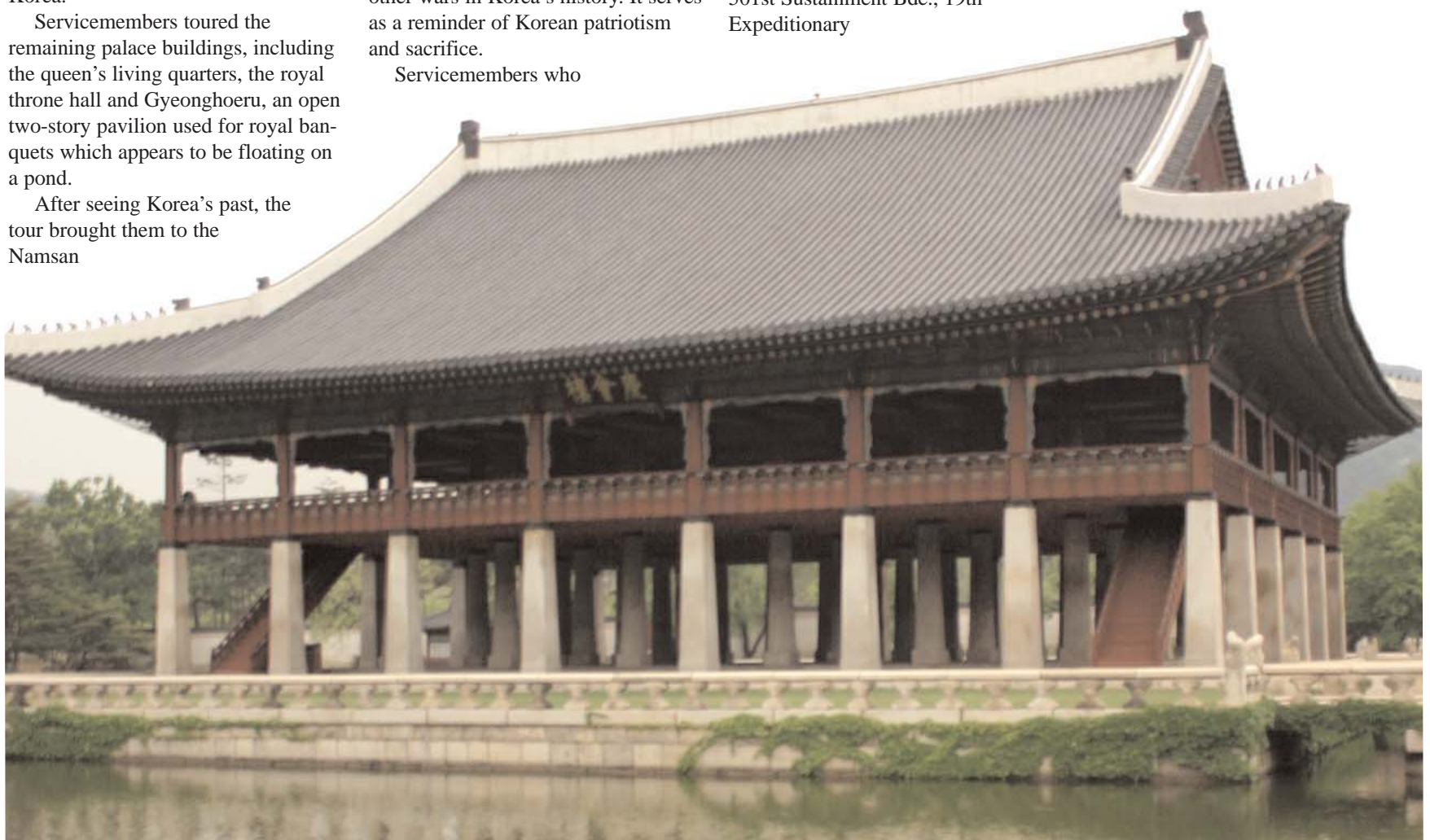
"The Korean Folk Village in Yongin was the biggest one I've been to," said Spc. Andrew Williams, from the 595th Maintenance Company, 498th Combat Service Support Bn., 501st Sustainment Bde., 19th Expeditionary

Sustainment Command.

Williams, who has been in Korea for almost two years, said the best part was the sights at the folk village, including the friendly smiles and greetings from swarms of Korean children.

"It was definitely worth coming," he said.

Whether it's standing on the site of kings and queens from centuries past, or overlooking a vast landscape of more than 23 million people and a city completely rebuilt in less than 50 years, one can't help but have a sense of awe and amazement regarding the Korean culture.



# DSTB formalizes sisterhood with local school

## 2ID Public Affairs Office

UIJEONGBU, Korea – Soldiers from Division Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division participated in a sisterhood signing June 1 with the Ganeung Elementary School in Uijeongbu.

The purpose of the signing was to establish mutual cooperation, enhance friendly relations, to further the English education program and establish cultural exchanges.

“The sisterhood signing with the Ganeung Elementary School is very important because it is making a difference in the lives of the elementary school students, and it enhances the relations between our civilian and military communities,” said Lt. Col. Les Brown, DSTB commander. “This effort also promotes the friendship between our two nations and supports the great Alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States. Additionally, it supports the 2nd Infantry Division’s Good Neighbor Program.”

The sisterhood signing formalized the DSTB’s Good Neighbor English program with the Ganeung Elementary School. During the signing, the DSTB and the school’s headmaster, Lee, Jong



Sgt. Paul Alexander

**DSTB Soldiers have been teaching English to Ganeung Elementary students since July 6, 2006. The sisterhood signing on June 1 formalized the unit’s Good Neighbor English program.**

Seong signed identical Memoranda of Agreement for Mutual Cooperation between Ganeung and DSTB. Brown and DSTB Command Sgt. Maj. Antonio Holder then presented the school with the DSTB colors and an Oxford dictionary for the library.

“The Ganeung Elementary School English program is a great opportunity that allows our Soldiers to interact with the local community of Uijeongbu, and it has a positive impact

on not only the students, but also with the Ganeung Elementary School’s faculty,” Holder said.

The relationship between Ganeung Elementary School and DSTB has been in place since July 6, 2006. Each Friday, 11 U.S. Soldiers and 11 KATUSA Soldiers are transported to the school to teach the students English and spend quality time with them.

“The Sisterhood signing makes the

relationship between the DSTB and the Ganeung Elementary School stronger,” said Capt. Lee, Hun Woo, the DSTB ROKA Staff Officer and action officer for coordinating the Sisterhood signing. “The Ganeung Elementary School greatly appreciates that U.S. Soldiers teach English to their students. The U.S. Soldiers also teach the students about American culture and it allows the students to interact with Americans.”

# Soldiers experience Korean heritage, culture

By Spc. Beth Lake  
Staff writer

You can’t see the forest for the trees. This is how Master Sgt. Gerald Carter, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division, described some Soldiers’ experiences in Korea.

Soldiers who spend all their time in Korea in their office are missing the big picture, he said. Cultural tours are important for Soldiers because they give them a chance to experience Korea, he added.

Carter was one of 39 participants on the Cultural and Industrial Tour sponsored by Gyeonggi Province May 22-23.

The cultural and industrial tours are held six times each year; three times in May and three times in October.

Soldiers from units throughout 2ID departed Camp Red Cloud for the two-day tour in which they visited the Korean Folk Village in Suwon, where visitors experience Korean life as it was during the Joseon Dynasty. They also visited the Mok Ah Buddhist Museum located in Yeosu. This museum houses many woodcarvings of Buddha and a rich history of Buddhism in Korea.

On the second day of the tour, Soldiers went to the Hwaseong Fortress, which was built during the Joseon Dynasty to surround Emperor Chongjo’s father’s tomb. Next, they traveled to the Ceramic Biennale in Icheon to make pottery. Icheon is famous for its ceramics, dating back to the Goryeo era and Joseon Dynasty. Their last stop was the Jinro factory in Icheon, where they went on a tour



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**Sgt. Joseph Sinclair and Pfc. Dustin Ivanoff, 579th Sig. Co., 702nd BSB, play on a traditional Korean see-saw at the Korean Folk Village in Suwon May 22.**

detailing how soju is made and participated in a soju tasting.

Each stop offered a unique opportunity to experience the many facets of Korean heritage.

“I really like the Korean Folk Village,” said Pfc. Kendra Parson, HHC, 2ID. “It was neat to see how they lived and the difference in the poverty levels. I would never have known how they lived until I

went to the village.”

While some Soldiers volunteered for the trip, Pvt. Cale Sandell, Co. E, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, was sent on the trip as a reward for good performance out in the field. He has been in country six months and this trip was the first time he’d seen many of the cultural aspects of Korea.

“A lot of these places I probably wouldn’t have seen if it weren’t for this trip,” Sandell said. “My favorite part was the palace with the guards cutting the bamboo.”

Some of the participants on the trip, like Carter, have seen the sites but enjoyed the tour because it gave them the opportunity to spend more time at each place.

Sgt. Jeremy Clark, HHC, 164th Air Traffic Services Group, enjoyed dining in Korean restaurants and trying a variety of traditional Korean dishes such as galbi, kimchi and kimbab.

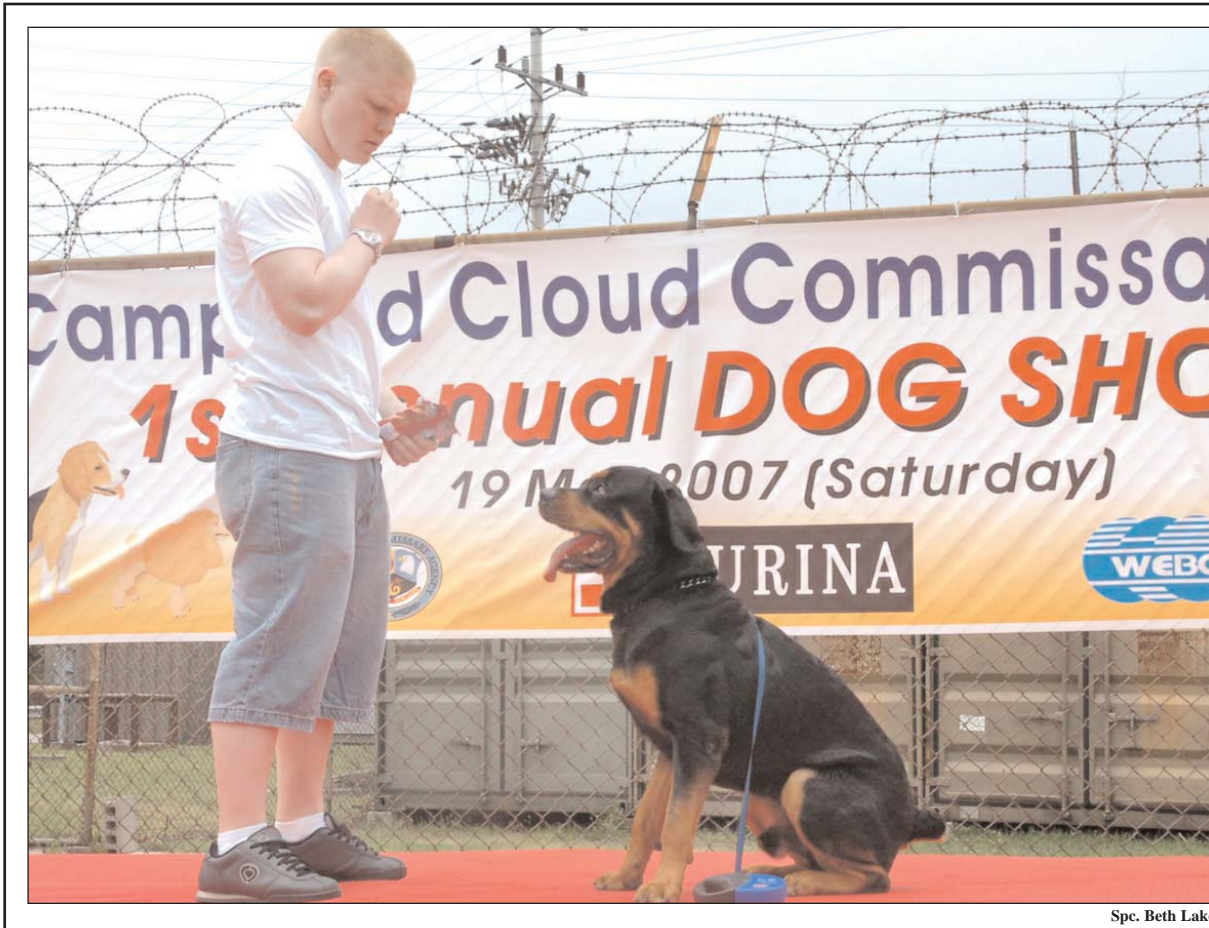
The tours also provide a path for Soldiers to immerse themselves in Korea’s culture for two days.

Parson has been in Korea six months and felt it offered her the means to see many areas of the country she had not yet had the opportunity to visit.

“I don’t get out much because I don’t know where I am going and don’t have someone to go with,” Parson said.

Carter encouraged Soldiers to experience Korea either on their own or through these trips. Soldiers have all this culture around them, he said.

“You can’t live in a country and not try to understand the people,” Clark added. “It is important to go out and get to know the people and understand their culture.”



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## Sit Ubu, sit!

Sgt. Kyle Dager, 210th FA Bde., tells his dog Kobe to stay as he places a cracker on his nose. Kobe won Best in Show at the Camp Red Cloud 1st Annual Dog Show May 19. Seven dogs, along with their owners, competed for Best in Show, Ugliest Dog and Most Talented Dog in the show, which was sponsored by the Camp Red Cloud Commissary, Webco, and Purina. Second place went to Donna Coggin and her dog Soju, and third place went to Master Sgt. Kanessa Trent, HHC, 2ID, and her dog Buddha. Also at the show were three dogs who had microchips and were available for adoption. More dog shows are planned for Yongsan Garrison in August and Osan Air Base in September.

# Memorial offers reflection on Korea's past

By Pfc. Leigh Armstrong  
Staff Writer

Two brothers spot each other across a battlefield ablaze with gunfire. They have not seen each other since the war began because they are fighting on opposing sides. They drop their weapons and embrace in the midst of the battle.

This is the inspiration for the feature statue standing just outside the entrance of the War Memorial of Korea in Seoul.

The War Memorial commemorates those Servicemembers who fought on Korean soil, and the native Korean servicemembers who served in upholding the freedom of their country in combat.

In the hall leading to the museum, there are walls inscribed with the names of Servicemembers who gave their lives in the Korean War, with a ded-

ication that also commemorates the United Nations Coalition soldiers. In another hallway appear the names of Korean servicemembers who died in the wars in which Korea has participated.

While a lot of the focus in the museum is on the Korean War, the museum itself is more of a tribute to the Korean military. Sections of the museum are devoted to other wars such as Vietnam and areas showing the Korean military participating in disaster relief.

The museum also delves into the historical battles from the early formation of Korea as a nation during the Three Kingdoms period around the 1st century A.D.

All around the museum are sculpted displays of action called dioramas, both life-sized and set to scale, of battles and different operations performed by the Korean military. One diorama showcases the differences between the Korean military during the

Korean War and the Korean military now.

Numerous vehicles used by the Korean military stand outside the museum. From jets and helicopters to tanks and trucks, the collection spans halfway around the building.

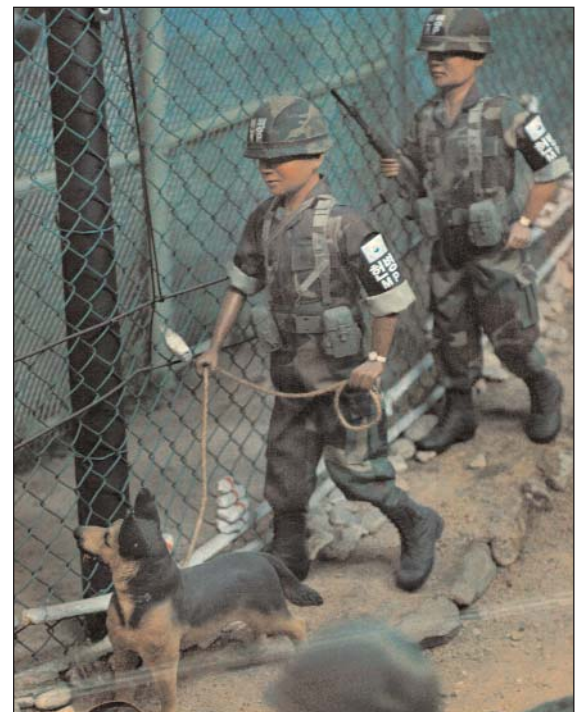
The outside of the museum is serene with long paths filled with trees and statues jutting into the sky. One of the most prominent statues is that of the brothers. Set atop a bunker, the statue is a grim reminder of the Korean War. It represents the separation of families that Korea faced during the Korean War and has been enduring to this day.

The War Memorial of Korea is located just outside of Yongsan Garrison in Seoul and is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is free to U.S. military cardholders, and costs 3,000 Won for adults and 2,000 Won for students.



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A statue in front of the War Memorial depicts Korean War-era ROK Army Soldiers and Airmen protecting Korean civilians.



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A diorama shows ROK Soldiers patrolling along the DMZ with a guard dog.