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**Maj. Gen. James A. Coggin, 2ID commander, salutes the colors with 210th Fires Bde. outgoing commander Lt. Col. Michael P. Wright (left) and incoming commander Col. Brian J. McKiernan.**

## 210th Fires Brigade gains new commander

### Col. McKiernan takes reins of artillery

#### 2ID Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY, Korea – The 210th Fires Brigade welcomed a new commander July 10 during a change-of-command ceremony at Camp Casey's Indianhead Field.

Col. Brian J. McKiernan took the reins of the brigade from Lt. Col. Michael P. Wright, who will be heading to Fort Campbell, Ky., to be the Deputy Fire Support Coordinator for the 101st Airborne Division. Wright has served as the interim brigade commander since June, when he replaced former commander Col. Matt Merrick.

McKiernan, a native of Providence, R.I., is no stranger to Warrior Country. In 1999, he served with the 2nd Infantry Division Artillery at Camp Stanley as S-3 of 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment (MLRS), and later as S-3 of 2nd Infantry Division Artillery. He later served as Theater Operations Officer of ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command.

"It is an absolute thrill to be back in the land of the Morning Calm and to be joining

the Warrior Thunder team once again," McKiernan said.

McKiernan comes to the 210th from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Prior to that, he was the Senior Fire Support Trainer at the Joint Multinational Training Center in Hohenfels, Germany, after leading TF 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division in Baghdad, Iraq in 2003.

McKiernan's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with "V" for Valor device, the Bronze Star Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Stars), the Army Staff Identification Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

## 302nd BSB tastes combat in convoy LFX

**By Pfc. Antuan Rofe**  
1HBCT Public Affairs Office

RODRIGUEZ LIVE FIRE COMPLEX – Soldiers of the 302nd Brigade Support Battalion showed their combat readiness skills during a convoy live-fire exercise on Rodriguez Live Fire Complex July 9.

"This type of exercise is the most important thing that we do," said 1st Lt. David Smart, assistant S-3, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 302nd BSB. "It trains

Soldiers for the current war on terror."

"Since many Soldiers will be deployed, this type of exercise is a good way to get the Soldiers prepared for their deployment," said Spc. Robert Caudill, special electronic device mechanic, Company B, 302nd BSB.

For many of the Soldiers, this was their first convoy live fire. Since the 302nd is a support unit, the Soldiers don't get many chances to train for riding in convoys, Smart said.

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Pfc. Antuan Rofe

**A convoy from Co. B, 302nd BSB prepare to go on the range during their convoy live-fire exercise.**





**VOICE OF THE  
WARRIOR:**

**What is most  
valuable to you?**



*Family. You can  
always count on  
them.*

*Spc. Benjamin Blythe  
Co. A, DSTB*

*God, my son, my  
Soldiers.*

*Sgt. Rich Robinson  
55th MP Co.*



*My entire family,  
especially my  
daughter.*

*Pfc. Erin Coulter  
176th Finance Bn., Det. D*



*My two daughters.  
Without them I might  
not be here.*

*Spc. Willie Smith  
176th Finance Bn., Det. D*



*Friends. Everything  
may change but good  
friends will stay.*

*Pfc. Andrew Key  
55th MP Co.*



*Family and friends.  
Without them, you  
are nothing.*

*Sgt. Bradley Bommarito  
HHSC, DSTB*



# Focus on basics

**By Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall**  
*21D command sergeant major*

**S**oldiers, Airmen and leaders serving in our Warrior, Spartan, Iron, Thunder and Talon elements:

We're globally positioned in northeast Asia and stand ready to fight tonight, if required; additionally, we serve a country's Armed Forces committed to the long war against terrorism, rogue dictatorships or nations and we must train as we will fight regardless of the low, mid or high intense environment. These truths continually remind me to focus on the basics both as a Soldier and leader. How about you?

I wake-up every morning prepared to meet, if not, exceed my service's established standards of excellence whether garrison or tactically related. Do you? If the answer is yes, I applaud you. Or do you pick and choose what policies, standards and orders to enforce or adhere-to based upon personal comfort or belief? If so, seek immediate counsel because you are a detriment to the professional growth of your

respective unit. Notice I said your unit's professional growth. It's your reputation on the line, not mine.

Common sense must prevail. The basics apply to everything, and I mean everything, we do. I challenge every Soldier, Airman and leader to master balancing garrison related activities with the same enthusiasm of honing your war-fighting skills. We serve in the big leagues, not a fast food franchise. Remember, taking short cuts and losing situational awareness is a recipe for disaster. Our enemies, both foreign and domestic, seek to exploit individual and unit weaknesses. Don't allow this to happen on your watch, the price is costly.

Continue to strive for excellence in every facet of your military service. Yes, we're going to exploit your talents because our institution's survival is dependant upon your individual and collective efforts. If my message is unclear, call me; I'll clarify the confusion.

Second to None!



*"Do you pick and choose  
what policies, standards and  
orders to enforce or adhere-to  
based upon personal comfort  
or belief?"*

*Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall  
21D command sergeant major*

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from 21D and Area I Soldiers.

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## 2ID welcomes new division chief of staff



### 2ID Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD, Korea – The 2nd Infantry division welcomed Col. Robert P. Pricone as the new division chief of staff in a patch ceremony July 16 at the Camp Red Cloud Gymnasium.

Pricone is a career infantry officer who was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Norwich University. His initial assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 2ID, where he served as a rifle platoon leader, scout platoon leader, company executive officer and company commander. Following completion of the Officer Advanced Course, Pricone was assigned to the TRADOC Test and Experimentation Command at Fort

Hood, Texas, where he served initially as the Bradley Fighting Vehicle test officer and subsequently the aide-de-camp to the commanding general.

Upon completion of his duties, Pricone was reassigned to the 2nd Bn., 41st Inf. Regt., 2nd Armored Division where he served as an infantry company commander.

Pricone's subsequent assignments include the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, the 4th Infantry Division, the U.S. European Command Headquarters, commander of 1st Bn., 15th Inf. Regt., 3ID, U.S. Army Infantry School and U.S. Army 3rd Corps chief of operations.

Before returning to the Warrior Division, Pricone commanded the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, known as the Old Guard, since June 2005.

### LFX

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"The Soldiers spent many days training and preparing for the live fire," Smart said. "We did gunner's skills test, call for fire training and communication classes before we went on the range to make sure that the Soldiers were prepared. We also spoke with many of our combat veterans to help make scenarios so that the Soldiers got the maximum amount of training."

"There were a lot of dry fires before we could get live rounds, but all of that helped us when it came down to doing the actual live fire," Caudill said.

During the live fire, the Soldiers were to identify and engage pop-up targets as the convoy was under simulated small arms fire. They also had to learn what actions to take if they were being attacked by enemy artillery fire.

"The ability to move, hit targets and communicate is one of the most important things that leaders want Soldiers to take from this," said Sgt. 1st Class Scott Beck, S-3 noncommissioned officer in charge, HHC, 302nd BSB. "I want the Soldiers to take from this exercise the experience of how to spot, engage and destroy the enemy

because combat service support jobs are engaging more of the enemy in Iraq and Afghanistan than the actual infantryman now."

"I enjoy this type of training that we're doing and since we're combat support, we never really get the chance to come out here and do something like a convoy live fire, so it feels good to be out here," Caudill said.

One of the major reasons that this type of training is so vital in today's Army is because it not only prepares Soldiers for deployment, but it also saves lives, Smart said. The only other place that can give Soldiers this type of training value is if they were actually deployed.

When the smoke and dust cleared, 302nd had completed several successful live fire runs. Their Soldiers were ready to go back to their everyday jobs, but still had a warfighting instinct brewing within. Although, they won't be back to the field for a few months, they will still be well-prepared the next time they go out and show what they've got, Smart said.

"I hope that every unit gets the chance to come out here and do this type of training because it will help save a lot of lives in Iraq or Afghanistan," Caudill said.

## Soldiers make team effort at Warrior Stakes

By Sgt. Kim, Sang Pil

Staff writer

CAMP RED CLOUD, Korea – The Warrior Stakes competition marked its second year in Division Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division June 27-29. It was held in various spots and stations around Camp Red Cloud. The competition consisted of a 4-man team ruck-sack march and numerous stations where Soldiers were tested on different warrior tasks and drills.

The first day was the ruck-sack march, where 20 teams from three companies, HHC, HHSC and Co. A, participated.

On Days two and three, the teams went through the various stations.

The warrior tasks and drills were composed of 10 stations including map reading, vehicle inspection, NBC drills, radio communication and hand grenades.

During the competition, the teams of Soldiers had to actually locate the stations using land navigation skills.

"We had a hard time finding the situation on the green mile," said Pfc. Park, Joo Hyun, Co. A, DSTB. "But the ruck-sack march was the most difficult one."

A team of Soldiers under the name of Team 'El Diablo and the Magic Men' was found on the green mile, where they said they were ready to win the competition.

"It's about unit cohesion and it tests their ability," said Spc. Scott, G2 ACE, HHC, 2ID.


One of the stations required Soldiers to read maps using contour lines.

"It allows them to understand how to use contour lines to determine the elevation from the ground by identifying the contour lines," said Sgt. 1st Class Elvira Pygatt, S4 NCOIC, HHSC, DSTB.

The award ceremony was held on July 16. Winners received engraved tomahawks stating their place and also a Certificate of Achievement for jobs well done. First and 2nd place teams also received a coin of excellence from Brig. Gen. Tom Landwermyer, assistant division commander for support.

The winning team for this year's Warrior Stakes was Team 'El Diablo and the Magic Men' of HHC, 2ID.

"I was on the team 2X last year," Scott said. "We trained harder, and we were a closer team. It felt good to win this with people that I work with everyday."



# WARRIOR

P

**ersonal Courage:** Possess the Personal Courage not to use drugs or abuse alcohol and to notify the Chain of Command of Soldiers that do.

R

**espect:** Show your Respect to the Army, your unit, fellow Soldiers, and yourself by staying drug free and drinking responsibly.

I

**ntegrity:** Stay true to the Army Values and Warrior Ethos by supporting the Army's drug and alcohol policies.

D

**uty:** Do your duty as a Soldier and stay mentally and physically tough by not using drugs or abusing alcohol.

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**xcellence:** Exhibit honorable behavior on and off duty - don't be a substance abuser!

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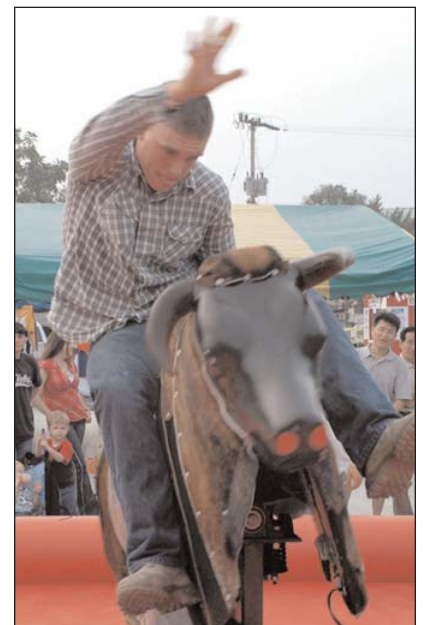
Jim Cunningham

A rider slices a pole during the Korean dynasty horseback show.



Sgt. Kim, Sang Pil

Fireworks lit up the sky at the conclusion of Area I's July 4th Block Party held at Camp Casey, July 4-8.



Sgt. Kim, Sang Pil

A Soldier holds on as the mechanical bull tries to buck him off.



Jim Cunningham

A group of children pose for a picture with Spiderman and Bugs Bunny.



Jim Cunningham

A Soldier races his remote-controlled car across the finish line.

# Area I has a *bang* of a time



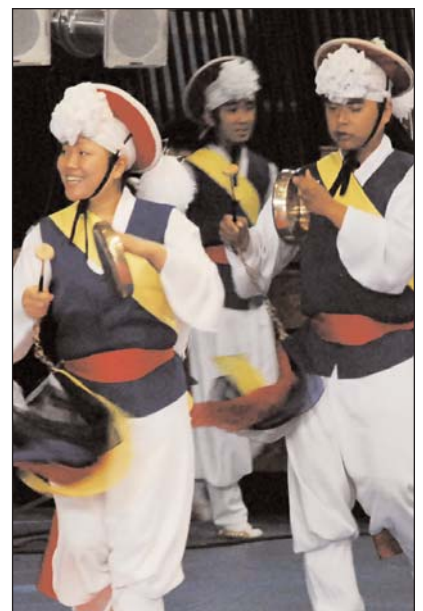
Sgt. Kim, Sang Pil

Two Soldiers compete in a taco-eating contest.



Yu, Hu Son

Rapper Lloyd Banks from G-Unit performs for fans at Camp Casey's Hanson Field House July 4.



Jim Cunningham

Dancers perform a traditional Korean Farmer's music and dance.



## 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.

July 20 ... *Bug*;  
*Disturbia*  
July 21 ... *Shrek the Third*;  
*Lucky You*  
July 22 ... *Transformers*;  
*Transformers*;  
*Bug*  
July 23 ... *Transformers*  
July 24 ... *Shrek the Third*  
July 25 ... *Fracture*  
July 26 ... *Bug*  
July 27 ... *Pirates of the Caribbean*;  
*Mr. Brooks*  
July 28 ... *Gracie*;  
*Pirates of the Caribbean*  
July 15 ... *Harry Potter, Order of the*  
*Phoenix*;  
*Harry Potter, Order of the Phoenix*;  
*Mr. Brooks*  
July 30 ... *Harry Potter, Order of the*  
*Phoenix*  
July 31 ... *Gracie*

### Camp Red Cloud

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

July 20 ... *Transformers*;  
*Bug*  
July 21 ... *Bug*;  
*The Condemned*  
July 22 ... *Shrek the Third*;  
*28 Weeks Later*  
July 23 ... *Bug*  
July 24 ... *Shooter*  
July 26 ... *Harry Potter, Order of the*  
*Phoenix*  
July 27 ... *Harry Potter, Order of the*  
*Phoenix*;  
*Mr. Brooks*  
July 28 ... *Pirates of the Caribbean*;  
*Gracie*  
July 29 ... *Pirates of the Caribbean*;  
*Mr. Brooks*  
July 30 ... *Gracie*  
July 31 ... *Pirates of the Caribbean*

### Camp Hovey

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

July 20 ... *Blades of Glory*  
July 21 ... *Bug*;  
*Transformers*  
July 22 ... *Shrek the Third*;  
*The Condemned*  
July 23 ... *Bug*  
July 24 ... *Transformers*  
July 25 ... *Bug*  
July 26 ... *Lucky You*  
July 27 ... *Gracie*  
July 28 ... *Mr. Brooks*;  
*Harry Potter, Order of the Phoenix*  
July 29 ... *Gracie*;  
*Pirates of the Caribbean*  
July 30 ... *Mr. Brooks*  
July 31 ... *Harry Potter, Order of the*  
*Phoenix*

### Camp Stanley

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

July 9-24 ... *Closed due to renovation*  
July 25 ... *Harry Potter, Order of the*  
*Phoenix*;  
*Harry Potter, Order of the Phoenix*  
July 26 ... *Blades of Glory*  
July 27 ... *Pirates of the Caribbean*;  
*Mr. Brooks*  
July 28 ... *Pirates of the Caribbean*;  
*Gracie*  
July 29 ... *Pirates of the Caribbean*  
July 30 ... *Gracie*



## WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

### CID reward

The U.S. Army CID is investigating a larceny of U.S. government property. Between May 10 and June 1, person(s) unknown, by unknown means, cut a lock to a conex located in the 7th Korean Service Corps motor pool on Camp Mobile. Subsequently, 62 camouflage screen support systems and 120 camouflage screen systems were stolen. Anyone with information pertaining to the identity of the person(s) responsible or the location of the missing property, please contact the Camp Casey CID at 730-4921/4240 or the military police desk at 730-4417.

### FSGLI debt

In an effort to assist those affected by FSGLI debt, 176th Finance Bn. released new information on what Soldiers should do.

All Soldiers with dependents were required to update DEERS by June 29. Once it is updated and the Soldier did not previously decline FSGLI for existing family members a debt will be created on the pay system. From July 1–Nov. 1 DFAS will automatically suspend each debt and the Soldier has an opportunity to submit a waiver/remission for indebtedness application.

Not later than Nov. 1 DFAS will approve or deny waivers/remissions

requests. For the requests that are denied, or for Soldiers who do not submit a request, the debt will begin collecting on Nov. 1.

Once the debt starts collecting it will show as a 'Stipend Overpayment' under the deduction column.

### ACS birthday celebrations

Army Community Service will be celebrating its birthday with three ceremonies July 24–26 in Area I.

The ceremonies will be at the Camp Red Cloud Commissary July 24, on Camp Casey in front of Building 2403 July 25 and at the Camp Stanley PX July 26. All ceremonies will be from 11 a.m.–2 p.m., and each will have a cake-cutting. Camp Casey will also have hot dogs and hamburgers, as well as booths with information about ACS programs.

### 2ID Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

The 2nd Infantry Division and Camp Red Cloud 3rd Quarter 2007 Volunteer Recognition Luncheon has been rescheduled from July 19 to Aug. 1 at Camp Casey's Warrior's Club. The luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Maj. Gen. James A. Coggin, 2ID commander, will be the guest speaker at the event.

The price for each attendee is \$10. Registered volunteers dine for free. Attendees must be in business attire or duty uniform.

Reserve your spot by July 25. For more information, contact SuJin McClintock at 730-3183 or su.mcclintock@korea.army.mil.

### Legal assistance hours changing

The Camp Casey Legal Assistance office in Maude Hall will be updating their hours of operation beginning July 31.

The time for walk-ins has changed from Thursdays to all day Tuesdays. The office will also be open during lunch hours Monday–Friday.

For more information, contact Pfc. Christina Stentiford at 730-3660.

### Camp Casey Summer Reading program

The Camp Casey Library's Summer Reading program is in full swing. Every Thursday from 10–11:30 a.m. family members are welcome to bring their children to see videos, hear stories and participate in arts and crafts.

This year's theme is 'Reach for the Sky.' Volunteers for reading and craft-making are also welcome. Call 730-6329 for more information.



## Servicemembers see Korea in a new light

More than 100 from across the pen visit ancient capital of Gyeongju

By Capt. Stacy Ouellette  
8th Army Public Affairs Office

GYEONGJU, Korea – Fourteen Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division participated in a cultural orientation tour sponsored by the Korean Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs June 27–29.

The Soldiers visited the historic city of Gyeongju, known as the ancient capital of the Old Silla Dynasty, with more than 100 other USFK Servicemembers from across the peninsula.

“I really enjoyed it,” said Sgt. 1st Class Troy Padgett, platoon sergeant for 1st Platoon, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment. “It was a chance to see a part of Korea I probably wouldn’t have seen otherwise. It’s important for us as Soldiers to understand the history and nation we are helping to preserve. Soldiers

should learn more about Korea as part of their tour here.”

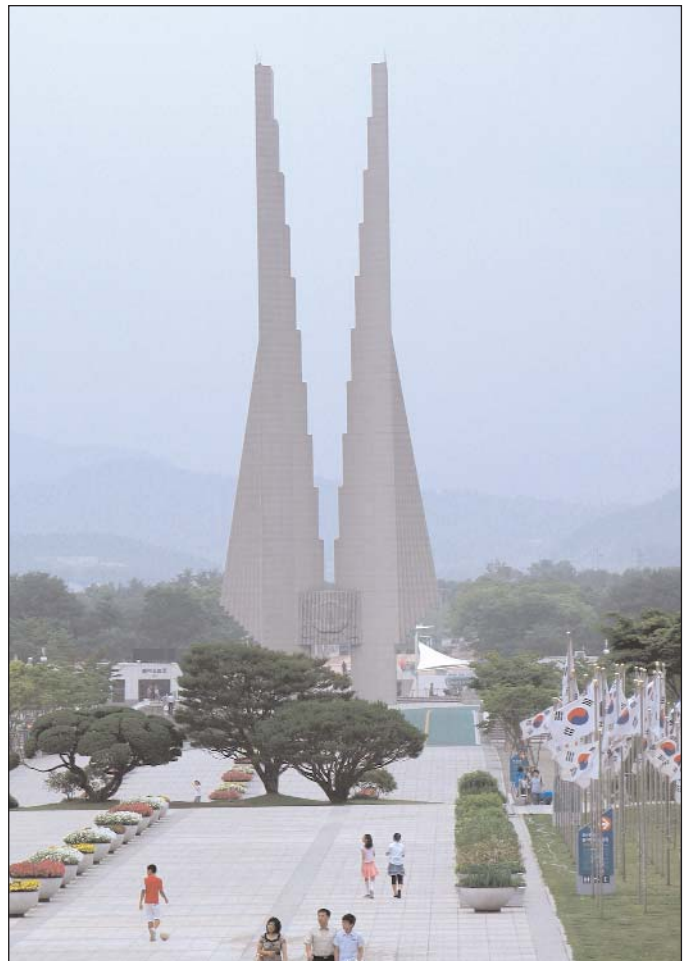
The three-day tour took attendees to various historical sites including the Cheomseongdae Observatory, the Hyundai Motor Company, the Hyundai Heavy Industry Company and Independence Hall.

One of the highlights for Padgett was touring the Hyundai shipyard and Independence Hall.

“It’s the largest in the world and it was an experience I’ve now had that many will not,” Padgett said.

“Independence Hall displayed so many aspects of the Korean history,” he said. “It was dedicated to the entire history of Korea, which was great.”

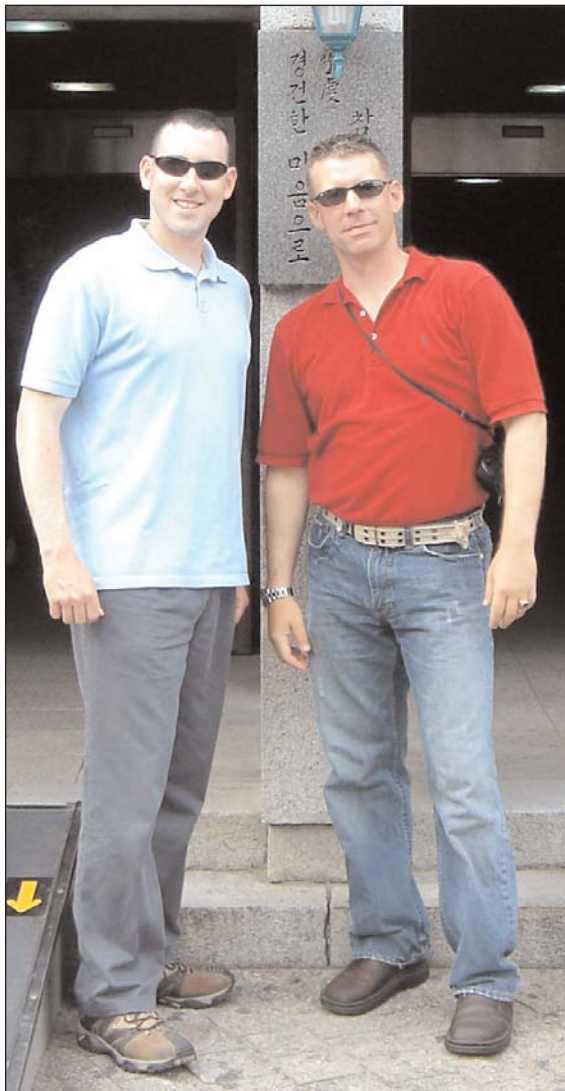
Attendees were selected by their unit commanders for having a relative who served in Korea and as a reward for service members proven to be ideal Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines in Korea.



Capt. Stacy Ouellette

The Independence Memorial Hall, which opened in 1987, contains many historic artifacts and documents related to Korea’s independence movement.

## Korean War veteran’s nephew follows his footsteps



Courtesy photo

Second Lt. Derek Parnell (right), a fire support officer for HHC, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., stands in front of a 2,000-year-old Silla Dynasty royal burial site in Gyeongju.

By Capt. Stacy Ouellette  
8th Army Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY, Korea – On December 27, 1952, Airman William Carson traveled by ship for 17 days before landing in Busan as part of the U.S. Air Force in the Korean War.

Fifty-five years later, 2nd Lt. Derek Parnell, a fire support officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry, would serve in the Republic of Korea and see the difference his uncle made.

As the nephew of a Korean War Veteran, Parnell was selected as one of 117 outstanding USFK Servicemembers to participate in a cultural orientation tour June 27–29.

“For me, it was just a great awakening of what this magnificent country can and has done and what the future can hold for the Korean people,” Parnell said. “It was a great opportunity to see the Korean culture we don’t get a chance to see much.”

The Korean Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs sponsored a three-day tour taking attendees to the historical city of Gyeongju to educate U.S. Servicemembers about the rich history, unique culture and special people of the Republic of Korea.

“I thought this tour would be a great way to revisit his history and see how it changed,” he said. “I really wanted to go back and send him some of the pictures of what Korea looks like now.”

The tour was structured to capture the “Kapshi Kapshida” spirit of “We Go Together,” which is the motto for the U.S./ROK Alliance. This tour integrated Servicemembers into the Korean lifestyle through various historical sites, Korean

delicacies, and interaction with Korean people.

“It was fascinating to me,” he said. “It was beautiful – the artwork, the details and dedication that still are applied today by the Korean people just fascinate the mind.”

Buddhism wasn’t a well-practiced religion in Lafayette, Ind., where Parnell was raised. He wasn’t truly exposed to the religion until coming to Korea. This tour provided him a chance to see the culture surrounding it and the reverence paid to it.

“The Seokguram Grotto and the Bulguksa Buddhist temple were my favorite spots because both represent the history of a nation I am serving with and for,” Parnell said.

The tour itself was filled with sights that captured so much of the ancient history of the country. It also showed where certain concepts came from and the influences other cultures had on this nation, Parnell said.

Ancient relics and culture still form bonds for visitors today, which was significant to attendees who came together from different locations across the peninsula.

“From the military standpoint, I got to interact and really gain knowledge of my counterparts,” he said. “At Casey, it’s Army all the time. It was just good to develop working relationships to understand what part they play and see what other people do on the peninsula.”

Parnell plans to encourage all Servicemembers to get out and explore Korea to truly understand why they are here.

“It’s just as important as military training to understand the people and the country that we are supporting,” he said. “By doing so, we find answers for why we are still protecting the freedom our forefathers and the Korean people fought so hard for.”



# Area I vet clinic serves Soldiers, pets

By Spc. Beth Lake  
Staff writer

Many Soldiers who pass Camp Red Cloud's veterinarian clinic, which falls under the 106th Medical Detachment might assume it exists to serve Soldiers' pets.

This is only partially true.

The 106th Medical Detachment exists as the only military veterinarian clinic for pet owners in Area I, but it also has another mission many Soldiers might not know about.

"Our primary mission is food safety and quality assurance," said Capt. Chad Black, officer in charge of 1st Squad, 106th Medical Detachment. "We ensure that your Meals-Ready-to-Eat are rotated appropriately and are wholesome in condition. We are also in the Commissary and dining facility to ensure their food storage is appropriate and that they are buying their food from approved places."

Another of the unit's responsibilities is to inspect local food produc-

tion facilities that sell food to places on post. This ensures their safety and sanitation standards meet those required in the U.S.

Equally important to food inspection is animal medicine and ensuring that public health is preserved through regular vaccinations of animals, he said.

The vet clinic divides its week between clinic days and surgery days, said Spc. Allison Meshell, animal care technician with 1 Sd., 106th Med. Det.

Clinic days are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Surgery is done on Wednesday. On clinic days clients bring their pets in for vaccinations, microchipping and sick call. Spaying and neutering, as well as dental care, are done on surgery days.

"Our typical client is the young married Soldier in Dongducheon or Uijeongbu that has a family and lives

off post," Black said.

Most of the animals the clinic sees on a regular basis are dogs and cats. However, they do see an unusual animal at times, Meshell said.

"We had an owl and a parrot that were brought in and were strays," she said. "We sent them to a bird sanctuary in Seoul."

Capt. Chad Black  
Area I veterinarian clinic OIC

Another responsibility of the vet clinic is to take care of military working dogs by providing emergency care and routine checks. They work with handlers to ensure they know how to care for the dogs in an emergency or a combat situation.

The vet clinic also takes in stray animals and puts them up for adoption after ensuring they are up to date on vaccinations, micro-chipping and spaying or neutering.

For Soldiers who are in the situation to own an animal, Black cau-

tions them to be careful about the kind of animal they procure.

"Look at some of the stray facilities in Dongducheon, Uijeongbu or here at CRC," Black said. "Millions of dogs and cats are euthanized each year. You can get a great dog from a stray facility that is a little older and has made it through the delicate puppy stage."

He also stressed the importance of proper pet care.

Pets are not allowed in the barracks, he said. Soldiers who serve in Area I are the ones in the field and on a high operational tempo. Pets need care twice a day, a requirement many Area I Soldiers can't provide, so it ends up neglected.

Soldiers who serve in Area I and want the company of an animal, but cannot have one because they live in the barracks, can volunteer at the clinic. This is a simple solution to the desire to own an animal while helping out.

Those interested in volunteering can call the clinic at 732-9091. The vet clinic is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

*"Our primary mission is food safety and quality assurance."*

# Commissaries celebrate 140 years

By Dr. Peter D. Skirbunt  
DeCA historian

FORT LEE, Va. – American military commissaries, the "supermarkets to the military" at bases in the United States and across the globe, reached their 140th anniversary July 1. On that day in 1867, the Army was authorized by Congress to begin selling food items, called "commissary" items, at cost to Soldiers of all ranks. This landmark event began the modern era of American military commissaries.

Commissaries today little resemble the warehouses that doubled as sales stores in 1867, but there are vital similarities: they still sell food items, at cost, to officers and enlisted alike, providing a savings benefit that encourages reenlistment by stretching military paychecks. They also boost morale by providing "a taste of home" to locations around the world.

In the 19th century, Army rations lacked the variety and balance necessary to maintain health. Soldiers supplemented their diets by purchasing healthful foods, such as canned fruits and vegetables, from licensed vendors known as "sutlers."

Starting in 1825, officers were allowed to buy commissary items at cost from the subsistence department, but enlisted men had to continue buying from sutlers, who sold for a profit. The result of this class division was that enlisted men paid higher prices for non-ration food items than did their officers.

During the Civil War, many Soldiers were poorly served by sutlers who overcharged or provided poor-quality goods. After the war, Congress decided that enlisted men should receive the same shopping privileges officers had already enjoyed for four decades and extended the benefit to all ranks.



(Left) A couple shops at the Ft. Myer, Va., commissary in 1943.

(Below) Staff Sgt. Alisa Cognan, 17th Ordnance Co., 6th Ordnance Bn., shops in the Camp Red Cloud, Korea commissary.



Spc. Beth Lake

At the time, no other nation provided for its enlisted men in such a fashion. The practice was wise, frugal, just and generous, as well as distinctly democratic and proudly American. At first, the stores were open to all active-duty Army personnel, and even civilians could shop at certain posts. The first stock list, in 1868, consisted of 82 items and made the sales commissaries (as they were called at that time) similar to civilian general stores of that era.

The first overseas commissaries opened in the Philippines in 1899. Retired enlisted men became fully eligible shoppers in 1914, spouses and family members were shopping by the 1930s. Recently, National Guard and Reserve personnel were authorized full-time commissary benefits.

In 1991, to improve efficiency and increase taxpayer savings, Congress and the Department of Defense created the Defense Commissary Agency by consolidating the military services' separate retail grocery operations into one organization. Since then, customer savings have increased from

20 to more than 30 percent. The agency has also opened 89 new stores and remodeled or made major renovations to over 60 existing stores. The number of items stocked by commissaries has also increased, from about 13,000 in the largest stores in 1991 to 22,500 in the biggest stores today.

Patrick B. Nixon, DeCA's director and chief executive officer, said commissaries have become increasingly important in a time of tighter budgets, repeated combat deployments, and increased use of the Guard and Reserve.

"With 140 years of experience, the people of the DECA plan to provide and continue to improve this highly valued military benefit for many years to come," he said.





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Sgt. Paul McCullough, Co. A, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt. flips Pfc. Daniel Kern, Co. E, 3rd Bn. 2nd Avn. Regt., on his back as the two battle it out during the 2007 Modern Army Combatives Summer Tapout at Camp Casey, July 7.

## Warriors fight for title at Summer Tapout

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A group of Soldiers out on patrol become engaged in an intense firefight. The exchange leads them into a building where one Soldier finds himself trapped in a room with the enemy.

"Click!"

His weapon jams. With no time to correct it and standing only a few feet from the enemy, instinct takes over. The Soldier leaps onto his opponent, using hand-to-hand combat to save his own life.

This is a situation the former Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Peter Schoomaker, had in mind when he made U.S. Army Combatives a warrior task.

It is also a situation that 68 fighters from units throughout the 2nd Infantry Division trained for as they competed in the 2007 Modern Army Combatives Tournament, Summer Tapout, July 7 at Camp Casey.

The tournament, which was the second for the year, invited any Soldier willing to step in the ring to compete.

"We run about four tournaments a year," said Sgt. Jeremy Stone, noncommissioned officer in charge of Combatives for the 2nd Infantry Division. "Two tournaments a year are for esprit de corps, which are team tourna-

ments with battalions, and we also run individual tournaments like this one."

Fighters competed in the summer tapout on wrestling mats at standard and intermediate levels. Those who made it to the finals, which were held in a ring, competed at the advanced level.

As the bracket progresses into semi-finals and finals, open hand slaps to the face are allowed, said Stone. Fighters are also allowed to kick their opponent at the advanced level except when they are down.

Many of the fighters, like Pvt. James Laknahour, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, were anxious to compete in the tournament and did so prior to taking the Combatives certification course.

Laknahour became interested in combatives as a result of his training in Taekwondo.

"I became involved in Combatives because I love martial arts," he said. "Ever since I was a kid I have taken Taekwondo."

Pfc. Michael Wright, 455th Airfield Operations Base, who came to the tournament from Camp Humphreys, competed because he loves to fight. He began competing in Combatives while in Advanced Individual Training 18 months ago.

Wright enjoys fighting as a sport but also sees the deeper importance Combatives holds for

the Army.

"I believe every Soldier should know how to defend themselves," he said. "You never know what is going to happen in any situation, here or down range. Soldiers should know combatives as a safety measure so they can take care of themselves and their buddies."

Combatives also serves as a form of cohesion and team-building in units, said Staff Sgt. Mark Weisbecker, Co. D, 2nd Bn., 2nd Aviation Regiment, who placed 3rd in the heavyweight class.

The Summer Tapout tournament gave Soldiers the opportunity to test their skills as well as build self-confidence. Combatives plays an important role in their career as a Soldier and their personal development.

For Soldiers who may be faced with a scenario where they are face-to-face with the enemy and have nothing but their hands to defend themselves with, combatives is the answer.

"Combatives instills inside Soldiers the desire and ability to close the distance," Weisbecker said. "If they have a hard mission it gives them the confidence they need to go through that doorway behind their buddies."

*Editor's note: The next combatives tournament will be held in September. Each battalion is encouraged to send at least two fighters.*

### 2007 SUMMER TAPOUT

#### Fly

1st place  
Sgt. Anthony Marcano

2nd place  
Spc. Michael Dugger

3rd place  
Pvt. Glenn Brown

#### Light

1st place  
2nd Lt. Ken Laird

2nd place  
Spc. Jason Postal

3rd place  
Sgt. 1st Class Richard Wilkins

#### Welter

1st place  
Staff Sgt. Joshua Barthel

2nd place  
Pfc. Daniel Kern

3rd place  
Sgt. Paul McCullough

#### Middle

1st place  
1st Lt. Clifton Potter

2nd place  
1st Sgt. Kenneth Guillermo

3rd place  
Spc. Dustin Crawford

#### Light Heavy

1st place  
Pfc. Danny Obrian

2nd place  
Spc. Daniel Brett

3rd place  
Sgt. Clayton Boozel

#### Heavy

1st place  
Pvt. Justin Wright

2nd place  
Spc. Leon Mealing

3rd place  
Staff Sgt. Mark Wisebecker