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## Welcome to 2ID!

### U.S. and KATUSA Warriors - Katchi Kapsida

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Welcome to "The Land of the Morning Calm" and "Warrior Country - Home of the Second Infantry Division."

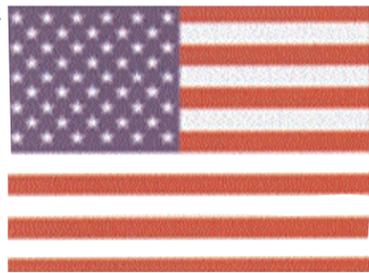
This special to the Indianhead is intended to help new Servicemembers and Korean Augmentees to the United States Army, or KATUSAs, adjust to a dramatic change in their lives. After having read this insert, save it to pass on to the new Warriors who will soon arrive.

As most Servicemembers arrive on the Korean peninsula, this experience will be a lot of firsts. This may include their first time living outside of the United States, one of their early military career tours and first time away from a lifetime of familiarities - their family and friends, favorite past-times and foods, plus their homes, which is an environment where their social norms are formed.

Though they remain in their own nation, the other changes in familiarities are true for KATUSAs. These changes result in both U.S.

Servicemembers and KATUSAs coming together to live, work, play and learn with each other.

This relationship has been ongoing since the



early stages of the Korean War, over fifty-eight years ago. This cooperation between the Republic of Korea and the United States militaries has been a strong link in bringing our nations together as the strongest among allies.

One thing that makes this relationship work so well is the commonality of language - English. As part of their selection process, all KATUSAs must have a great understanding of the English language. This will greatly determine the job they will work for their military service.

A lot of KATUSAs have studied abroad, to include the United States and understand the intricacies of western culture - for instance, American humor and sarcasm. However, due to their intensive educational system, some KATUSAs have learned English as a scholastic requirement without ever leaving Korea.

This commonality in language does not result in

complete understanding in every conversation.

One leader, curious about one of his newer KATUSAs, asked the Korean Soldier what he had done the previous holiday weekend, then sarcastically added "hope you did not get arrested." The young Korean private responded "yes, I got plenty arrested this weekend."

Several questions later and with the intervention of a more seasoned KATUSA, the leader clarified with the KATUSA that he did not get arrested but instead had gotten plenty of rest over the previous weekend. Sometimes, patience and a sense of humor are required to ensure the message sent is the message received.

As this example shows, conversations can be fun between our Warriors. Each U.S. Servicemember and KATUSA has a valuable opportunity to spend time with each other. U.S. Servicemembers and KATUSAs should ask for each others' assistance with better understanding

the others' culture, food, and places to see while they are stationed together here in Korea.

Not only will this make their tours here in Warrior Country better, but a better understanding of each others' cultures can be established and lifelong friendships can be built. Katchi Kapsida - We Go Together.

## Warrior Country - What to Expect on Arrival

Staff Writers

After a very long airline flight from halfway around the world, new Servicemembers to Warrior Country are about to enter into a whirlwind of adapting to their new 2nd Infantry Division units. They are trained in their particular jobs and ready to get to work, even while adjusting to jetlag.

Before they can meet their new co-workers, there are a few important issues that must be taken care of before they become part of the Fight Tonight ranks.

Upon exiting the plane then claiming their luggage, Servicemembers make their way through customs to the US Military Joint Reception Counter at the Incheon Airport. Here they will have their leave forms (DA 31) signed and then they will be transported to Yongsan.

After a short inprocessing session at Yongsan, 2nd Inf. Div. Soldiers will be released to the division's liaison office and provided instructions on what will occur next. They will be assigned a room at the Dragon Hill Lodge until the next morning.

The first morning, 2ID Soldiers will be transported to Camp Stanley's Warrior Readiness Center where they will inprocess with all of their records. This is a five business-day process. Refer to the division's Web site [www.2id.korea.army.mil](http://www.2id.korea.army.mil) for the required uniforms, documentation, and personal items to bring to WRC.

Upon completion of the WRC inprocessing, Sergeants, Staff Sergeants, Warrant Officers 1, Chief Warrant Officers 2 and all Lieutenants will then start the week-long Junior Leader Safety Course.

After all WRC inprocessing is completed, all 2ID Soldiers will be transported to the post where they will be assigned. Their sponsor will take them to their new units. However, again before they can become prepared to Fight Tonight, these new Soldiers will inprocess within their units, receive any specialized training requirements and then be released to their duty sections.

During their tour, Soldiers should expect to serve not only with other U.S. Soldiers but also with Korean Augmentees to the United States Army, or KATUSAs. These Korean Soldiers are valuable assets to the division. Together, U.S. Soldiers and KATUSAs will live and train together in order to build a cohesive unit, at every level, that can engage and defeat any enemy it may face.

The 2nd Inf. Div. is training-intensive and mission-focused. Throughout their tours, 2ID Warriors should expect to have their abilities tested through day-to-day activities and exercises.

Also, the division is known for its high discipline standards. Every Soldier should strive to be a good ambassador to the Republic of Korea. There are many opportunities here in Korea, from travel and education to volunteering. Each Soldier should make the most of this tour, in both their professional and personal lives.

Second to None - Fight Tonight!



**VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:**

What advice would you give to someone who is new to Korea?



*"Start with something mild. Often times, Korean food is very spicy."*

Pfc. Anthony L. Lamar,  
HHC, 2nd CAB

*"Explore Korea, especially the DMZ."*

Staff Sgt. Roland Casimiro,  
WRC, DSTB





*"Do your job and stay out of trouble."*

Sgt. 1st Class Brian Daniel,  
4th Bn., 2nd CAB

*"Use the battle buddy system."*

Maj. Mario L. Pipkin,  
HHC, DSTB





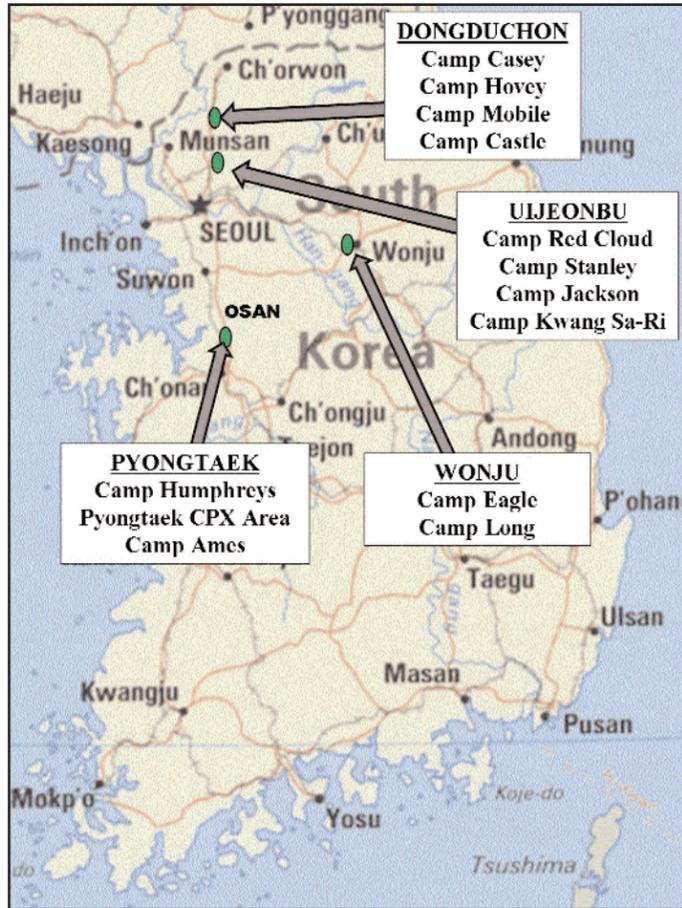
*"Stay out of off-limits areas and stay out of trouble."*

Pfc. Desire Fortune,  
WRC, DSTB

*"Pace yourself when enjoying the new country."*

Staff Sgt. Taffany Davis  
4th Bn., 2nd CAB





The main locations of the 2nd Infantry Division across the ROK

## Useful Web sites:

<p><b>2nd Infantry Division</b> <a href="http://www.2id.korea.army.mil">www.2id.korea.army.mil</a></p>	<p><b>USAG - Red Cloud</b> <a href="http://area1.korea.army.mil">area1.korea.army.mil</a></p>
<p><b>USAG - Yongsan</b> <a href="http://yongsan.korea.army.mil">yongsan.korea.army.mil</a></p>	<p><b>USAG - Humphreys</b> <a href="http://humphreys.korea.army.mil">humphreys.korea.army.mil</a></p>

## Opportunities to Excel in 2ID

**Earn a Degree:**  
Contact the local Education Center for more information on 100 percent tuition assistance.

**Compete for NCO, Soldier of the Year:**  
"I will not stop trying to find more opportunities to be a better Soldier," said 2ID Soldier of the Year, Spc. Eric Kocourek, Company D, 2nd Battalion., 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

**Volunteer in the Community:**  
"I had a really great time, so I'm not doing any hard work," said the Volunteer of the Year, Maj. Richardson Blair, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Special Troops Battalion. "That's why I like to do this."

**Improve Physical Fitness:**  
Military posts across the Republic of Korea have a number of physical fitness facilities and programs to help Soldiers stay fit to fight tonight.



Sgt. Leith Edgar

## Twelve places to visit in Korea

*You have just arrived to a country that you may have never been to before and are to spend at least one year here. It is important to do the job and accomplish the mission but it is also highly recommended to see the country in your free time. One year can be very long and dull if you keep your limits to the walls around the post. It is also a way of showing respect to the host nation appreciating the culture and heritage. These 12 places are selected for you to be able to sample some of Korea. They will be covered or have been covered more in detail in the travel commentary series, World of Travel. -Story by Cpl. Bo Park*

**1 JEJU ISLAND:** Jeju Island is a Korean version of Hawaii. Home to women, wind and stone, its distinct dialect and palm trees makes the island very unique. There are enough beaches and tourist spots to spend a full four-day weekend. Specialty foods include Jeju pork and fresh sashimi. There are MWR tours as well as many do-it-yourself packages that include flights, hotel stays and a rent-car in the market.

**2 GYEONGJU:** It is one of the most ancient cities in Korea. It used to be the capital of Shilla, one of three kingdoms in the 5th century. It still has many historic sites and the royals' tombs. Here you can still go in to see what was buried and how many servants were buried alongside their kings. Its nickname of a 'museum without the wall' will make sense to you when you see every streetlight is decorated in the traditional lantern shape and home to the biggest Buddhist temple in Korea, Bulguksa.

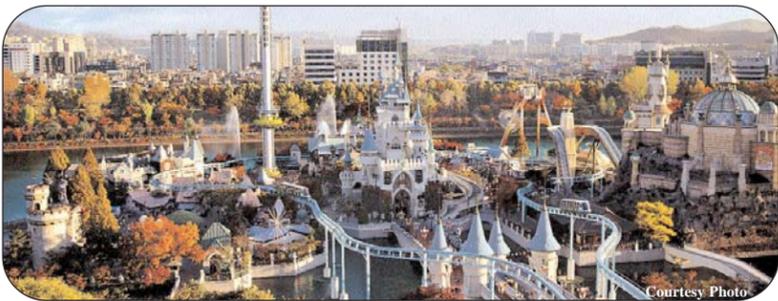


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**3 ITAEWON:** This probably won't need to make it on the list because of its natural popularity amongst American soldiers due to its location near the Yongsan Garrison. There are lots of expatriates living in the area from many different countries, so it creates a very international atmosphere which is reflected in the cafe and restaurant scenes. The market is also a popular destination for antiques and tailor-made suits. Be brave and explore the side streets to find the hidden jewels.

**4 PALACE TOURS:** Visit one or all of the palaces in Seoul. As Seoul has been the national capital for a long time, there are four main palaces remaining from the Joseon Dynasty (1392-1910); Gyeongbokgung, Changdeokgung, Changgyeonggung and Deoksugung. Palaces are worth the visit to see how the royals lived and see the beautiful Korean gardens. The palaces are iconic symbols that represent traditional Korea. Most of them offer English guided tours throughout the year.

**5 AMUSEMENT PARKS:** Amusement parks may sound out of place for Korea, but surprisingly Korea has lots of them and they are super exciting. Two main ones are Lotte World in Seoul and Everland just south of Seoul. Everland is the biggest theme park in Korea. Its size and extensive entertainment scale rival Disneyland. Lotte World hosts both outdoor and indoor theme parks and has many up-to-date rides that will make your tummy turn.



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**6 SEOUL TOWER:** Visit the top of Seoul, the most famous landmark in Seoul. It is an obligatory trip to see the birds-eye view of Seoul from 480 meters atop of Namsan Mountain. Hiking to the mountain is optional or take a cable car to get to the tower.



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**7 INSADONG:** Traditional Island of modern Seoul. This historically artsy area now welcomes many foreign tourists for souvenir shopping and traditional Korean cuisine. It is also home to art galleries and street food. The main street may look boring, but if you venture out to the side streets, you will find cozy traditional tea houses and restaurants.



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**8 DMZ:** The Demilitarized Zone of two Koreas. Visiting the DMZ and seeing it for yourself will shed some light on why you are here and what purpose you are serving. The historic importance sets in after you stand right at the divided line and face the north Korean soldiers. It's something you should do, even if you are not in the military. Some units offer complimentary trips to the DMZ, or you can do it through civilian tourist groups.

**9 TEMPLE STAY:** It's a program for people to experience the life at a Buddhist temple. It truly shows why Korea is called the land of the morning calm. Despite the early morning wake up and some uncomfortable sleep on the floor, breathing fresh air in the mountain and morning meditation clears your head and brings you a sensational Zen experience. The program is fairly religious-neutral, and includes lodging and vegetarian meals. Many Buddhist temples offer temple stay and some even in English.



Courtesy Photo

**10 YONGSAN DIGITAL COMPLEX:** The gadget central of Korea. This is where you find anything electronics related, from digital cameras to computer accessories. Many locals find price ranges for their shopping lists from the internet as a guideline, and then visit Yongsan to actually see it for real. It has hundreds of shops, so be sure to invest some time before making a purchase. However, the most up-to-date gadgets are best found in this area. Also a wide range of repair and update services are available.

**11 SOYOSAN (or any mountain):** More than two thirds of Korean's terrain is mountainous, which means everywhere you look, you will see mountains. Try to hike mountains at least once a season. Even though it may sound dull, once you begin climbing, you will learn to appreciate the wild nature in the woods, which change color every season and look even more stunning from the top. Try the nearest mountain to you (Soyosan for Cp. Casey or Dobongsan for CRC)

**12 CHEONGGYECHEON:** The stream that runs through the center of Seoul. This relatively new restoration of the stream gives a natural breath to the sky scrappers. Take a walk along the stream and venture the downtown of modern Seoul to find the most unexpected sites in a city. This is a good must-see place because many tourist attractions can be routed around the stream's path.

## Advice for the new KATUSA warriors



새미 통가  
(CW5 Sammy Tonga)준위

미 2사단 사단본부중대

"카투사뿐만 아니라 함께 일하는 미군들과도 함께 어울리고 서로를 알아가는데 힘을 써보아라. 미국의 문화를 배울 수 있으며, 서로를 이해하는데 도움이 되고 일의 능률도 오를 것이다."



게리 콜스  
(SSG Gary Coles)하사

미 2사단 사단본부중대

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도니 슈크  
(PFC Donnie Shuck)일병

미 2사단 사단본부중대

"너무 긴장하지 않았으면 좋겠다. 신병 카투사로 지낼 몇 주가 그렇게 길지 않을 것이다. 하나하나 가르쳐 주는 선임말을 잘 따르고 군인의 본분에 충실한다면 아무 문제 없을 것이다."



윌리엄 카펜터  
(PFC William Carpenter)일병

미 2사단 사단본부중대

"미군병사들과 친구가 되는 것을 두려워 하지마라. 그들이 많은 도움을 줄 것이다. 카투사로서의 역할과 자기임무에 충실한다면 그 누구도 잘못된 점을 지적하지 않을 것이다."



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전차포수병 민원홍 병장

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