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1st Tank prepares for down-range missions

Story & photo by Sgt. Scott Kim

1st HBCT Public Affairs

Being able to drive a tank through a town under fire is something few people get to experience. However, that's exactly what Soldiers from Co. D, 1-72 Armor Regiment were able to do as they conducted battle tasks and drills Jan. 12 at the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex during the five day 'Crusader Freeze' exercise.

The main focus of the training was to get Soldiers familiar with maneuvering with M1A1 Abrams and M2 Infantry Fighting Vehicles in an urban environment while still completing the missions at hand.

"Every company runs through different exercises going over their battle tasks and drills," said 2nd Lt. Michael McDonald, Co. D.

"We've been focusing on mount and maneuver operations in an urban environment along with our tactical road march."

Throughout the training Soldiers were exposed to harsh weather conditions, difficult terrain and sleep deprivation in order to prepare them for the rigors of war.

"We created stressors on Soldiers that you can't recreate in a digital environment in order to make sure that they are capable of operating in difficult circumstances and excelling," said Capt. Joseph Harrison, company commander for Co. D.

Soldiers weren't the only ones being tested as military equipment can react differently to the frigid conditions of a Korean winter.



M1A1 Abrams and M2 Infantry Fighting Vehicles from Delta Co., 1-72 Armor Regiment roll out to their objective during 'Crusader Freeze' where Soldiers conducted battle tasks and drills on Jan. 12 at the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex.

"Everything becomes harder when it gets cold," said Harrison

Skills like the ones Soldiers have learned throughout the exercise are techniques they can use in the future when they leave for different units.

"I think it's more tools to put in the tool box," said McDonald. "I think it's a great opportunity for Soldiers to learn more high-intensive close combat that they might be experiencing downrange in Iraq or Afghanistan."

While there are some Soldiers and leaders who have experience in dealing with this type of training,

for some this was a new experience.

"Some of the Soldiers have learned something new, they've all adapted really well and we're building together as a team," McDonald said.

Many Soldiers received a lot more than just training as they've learned what it takes to work as a team in order to finish the job.

"I learned that it takes a lot more work than you realize to get the job done and it takes a team, cooperation and communication to successfully complete a mission," said Pfc. Anthony Anguis, a tanker for Co. D.

Lunar New Year celebrated at Mitchell's

Story & photos by Pfc. Brian Glass

Staff Writer

For most people, we associate "New Year's" with parties, spending time with friends and Family and of course Jan 1. For the local citizens on the Korean peninsula, they have a different association with the New Year holiday. The New Year was celebrated with an event sponsored by 2nd Infantry Division that was held at Mitchell's Sports Bar and Grill on Camp Red Cloud Jan. 22.

The event was held in celebration of the Lunar New Year, which is cele-

brated separately from the solar New Year, which a majority of the world goes by.

The first day of the Lunar New Year is known as "Seollal" and is celebrated as a three day event. The Korean New Year usually falls on the second new moon after winter solace.

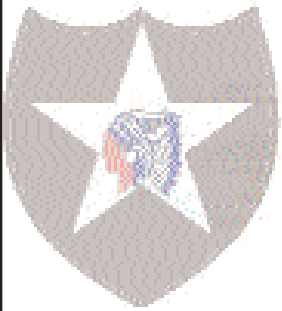
The celebration at Mitchell's offered a chance for US Soldiers and civilians to celebrate and honor the upcoming Lunar New Year with local Korean civilians and government officials.

After a handshake meet and greet, the festivities were taken to the main



Command Sgt. Maj. Peter D. Burrowes, 2ID command sergeant major, greets a Korean official during the Lunar New Year celebration at Mitchell's Sports Bar on CRC Jan. 22.

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**VOICE OF THE
WARRIOR:**

What does Black
History Month
mean to you?



*"It shows the struggle
people had to go
through."*

*Spc. Wonjuan Cruz,
HHC, DSTB*

*"It's great to celebrate the
country overcoming
serious racial
inequalities."*

*2nd Lt. Clayton Quamme,
Co. A, DSTB*



*"It's a time of
recognizing
accomplishments of
people of color."*

*Maj. Melvin Smith,
HHC, DSTB*

*"This year, it's more
meaningful because of
the new African
American president."*

*Pfc. Mark Brown,
HHC, DSTB*



*"It makes me think of all
those who fought for civil
rights"*

*Pfc. Zachary Maileoi,
HHC, 1st HBCT*

*"Remembering my
forefathers like Martin
Luther King Jr."*

*Spc. Rashad Glover,
HHC, DSTB*



BLACK HISTORY MONTH OBSERVANCE

Black History Month was started in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson as Negro History Week. Woodson chose February in honor of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass who were both born during February.

During Black History Month, we pause to celebrate Americans, black Americans, who have an outstanding record of contributing to our nation and to the defense of our nation while at the same time fighting discrimination and prejudice in the streets and in the ranks. Yet these patriotic Americans continued to maintain their dignity and their faith in America.

African Americans have a long legacy of serving America's interests. They have served the nation honorably and nobly in every war

beginning with the American Revolution when Crispus Attucks was the first person killed during the Boston Massacre in 1770.

Buffalo Soldiers and Tuskegee Airmen are clear examples of African American heroes overcoming second class citizen-

ship while answering the Call to Duty. Another unit that struggled to be treated fairly and fight for this country was the 54th Regiment of Massachusetts, whose deeds were immortalized in the movie "Glory."

During World War II, when the United States was suffering heavy casualties on multiple fronts, a call went out for volunteer riflemen to fill the ranks of the Infantry. There were so many black volunteers who stepped forward that a limit was placed on the number of them who could serve. It was feared that such large and rapid integration would compromise the cohesiveness of units. Of course, those fears proved to be unfounded. However, it wasn't until after World War II that the U.S. Armed Forces became integrated under Executive Order 9981 issued by President

Harry S. Truman. The Executive Order was the beginning of the end of segregation in the Armed Forces providing an important example of racial integration and cooperation during a time of great social upheaval.

As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., once said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." So through the years black Soldiers, with intestinal fortitude and strength, continued to persevere despite the obstacles, and were the epitome of the Army's Warrior Ethos of placing the mission first, never accepting defeat and never quitting.

Today's Army is the best trained, best led and most capable Army in history. We contin-

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Civil Rights Leader*

ue to take on the many challenges that we face today with extraordinary skill and devotion. Hundreds of thousands of Soldiers of every race, color, and creed are securing the homeland or forward deployed overseas, including here in Korea. Our Army remains the preeminent land power in the world today and will remain so primarily because of the courageous and diverse men and women who proudly wear the uniform of the U.S. Army.

Whether it is helping a sick child receive medical care in Afghanistan, building a new school in Iraq, teaching English in Korea or rescuing victims of Hurricane Katrina - our Soldiers know they are members of a team that is a stronger and better team because we fully utilize all of our Soldiers strengths and experiences.

As we celebrate Black History Month we continue to have high expectations of all Warrior Soldiers and continue to offer them the opportunity to develop, excel and succeed regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, national origin or religious background.

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Soldiers celebrate MLK birthday at luncheon

Story & photo by
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1st HBCT Public Affairs

Soldiers and civilian community members came together to honor the holiday and the man at the Martin Luther King Birthday luncheon Jan. 9, hosted by the Camp Casey Community Activity Center, at Camp Casey's Warriors Club.

The event included a poetry reading by Ms. Gloria J. Prince, a recitation of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech by Mr. Nate Greene, manager of the US Garrison - Red Cloud CAC, music by the 2nd Infantry Division Band, doorprizes, and keynote speaker Cpt. Tony Hampton, the 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry chaplain.

Sally S. Hall, Camp Casey's CAC manager, who has worked on the luncheon for the last ten years, said that every year the participation increases and there is more talent and variety at the event.

Hampton's speech focused on the adversities that Dr. King faced in his life and his work toward his dream. Hampton continued to discuss the ways in which the dream of Martin Luther King lives on.

"The dream continues because of you," he said. "The dream continues because of me."

He then addressed the crowd and asked if there were any dreamers. Members of the audience stood and said "I am a dreamer."

"Hold onto your dreams and never let them die," Hampton added.



Soldiers from Camps Casey and Hovey gather together to enjoy a meal and to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jan. 9, at Camp Casey's Warrior's Club.

His speech on Dr. King, which highlighted the impact he had on the US, received a standing ovation from the audience.

"The success of a community event is always brought by the partnership of military and civilian agencies and organizations of the community," said Hall.

The Martin Luther King Birthday luncheon was a partnership of Camps Casey and Hovey brigades and battalions, Equal Opportunity, Equal Opportunity Advisors, United Service

Organizations, Military Service Organization, LG Telecom, the local Commissary, Army and Air Force Exchange Service Car Sales, and Morale Welfare Recreation.

"I want to emphasize, the more organizations and agencies to participate and get involved in the event, we are more able to reach out to Soldiers and civilian members," said Hall.

The luncheon reminded those attending of the impact and importance that Dr. King has had.

Ms. Denise James, the director of

the US Army Garrison-Red Cloud, Family Morale Welfare Recreation, was the closing speaker at the luncheon. She described the way in which Dr. King was proud of the differences he found in the US. She added that there was strength in those differences.

The event concluded with certificates being presented to the participants and speakers of the event. Hampton received a commemorative gift for his participation as keynote speaker.

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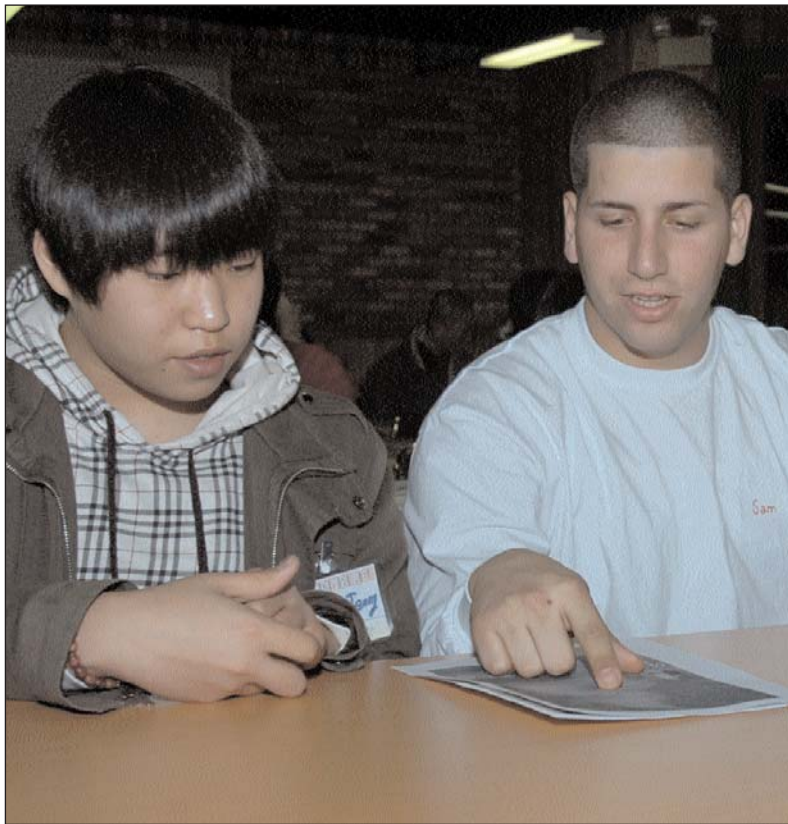


Year Of The NCO



Tune in to
"Warrior Wednesdays"
with CSM Peter D.
Burrowes,
2ID Command
Sergeant Major

Tune in every second Wednesday
of the Month,
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
on AFN The Eagle at FM 88.3/5
Listen to what CSM Burrowes has to
put out to the Division.
Send questions to : warrior.radio@yahoo.com



Sgt. Scott Kim

English Village Visit

Spc. Samuel Muniz-Hernandez, a signal support system specialist for Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1-38 Field Artillery, reads along with Heong Moo Yeol and Kim Ji-Hyun, during a English Camp seminar Dec. 9 at the Digital Conference Center at Camp Casey.

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Lunar New Year

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floor where Maj. Gen. Morgan III kicked off the event with his remarks on the lunar New Year and his outlook on 2009.

Morgan went on to say that it was a good opportunity to get together and celebrate with friends and allies during the holiday season. Who with their help have made it possible to celebrate this holiday in peace.

Morgan also brought up one good point that brings people together for New Year's celebrations.

"Nurture your friendships, never forget them," Morgan said.

Morgan closed his remarks with his outlook on what he wants to see in 2009 for the relationship between 2ID and local Korean officials.

"We've had great success. I look forward to even more success in the upcoming year," Morgan said.

The show of support and welcomed embrace of the Lunar New Year was welcomed by the Korean people who attended the event.

"It is good to see Americans learning the traditions we have here in Korea," said Pfc. Kim, Jong Wan, G-9 civil military operations.

Kim also made a point of what can be done to improve understanding of the Lunar New Year for Americans serving on the Korean peninsula.

"I think KATUSA'S should take (US) Soldiers to their homes to cele-



Local Korean officials enjoying the food provided at the Lunar New Year celebration held Jan. 22 at Mitchell's Sports Bar and Grill on CRC.

brate together," added Kim.

The hope of the event was to show unity and build on the continuing bond between US and South Korea, that objective wasn't lost on anyone at the event.

"The event demonstrates a bond and shows togetherness," said Lt. Col. Glen Tolle, CMO commander. "It strengthens the ROK, US

alliance."

Tolle went on to make to say what he sees as the thing to take away from this lunar New Year event.

"It creates a positive cycle, we do events with them and in turn they do events with us," added Tolle.

The event turned into a huge success and with the objective of continuing the relations with the local com-

munity complete, one of the guests reflected on the event and the New Year. Choi, Hong Chui, vice governor of Gyeonggi Province thanked the Soldiers of 2ID for their service to the ROK.

"The South Koreans don't forget the American sacrifice. I hope you have a wonderful stay in Korea and a happy Lunar New Year," said Choi.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Trip to Dae-Myung Vivaldi Park

MWR is sponsoring a ski trip to Dae-Myung Vivaldi Park Jan. 31.

It's the biggest resort in Korea, with 1,801 guest rooms and a world class convention center.

It is ranked number one in brand recognition and customer satisfaction in Korea.

Group lift ticket and rental equipment costs 35,000 won and 15,000 won respectively.

Sign up at any USAG-RC, CAC.

For more info contact local CAC or call DSN 732-7292.

New Saturday Post Office Hours

The Camp Casey post office hours on Saturdays and training holidays have changed from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. to the new time of 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

8th Army Bataan Memorial Qualifier 13.1 mile Road March

MWR and IMCOM are sponsoring Bataan Memorial Qualifier 13.1 mile Road March at Camp Casey's Carey Physical Fitness Center Feb. 21. The event is open to all active duty military personnel assigned to 8th Army.

The qualifying event for the 8th Army teams that will participate at the Bataan Memorial Death March is March 29 at the White Sands

Missile Range.

For more information contact your garrison sports office or IMCOM-K sports director at DSN 725-5064.

ESL Class Available

Army Community Service is offering an English as a second language class at the Casey ACS classroom.

Classes are available every Tuesday and Thursday 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Also volunteers would be appreciated for teaching Korean as a second language at ACS - Casey and Red Cloud.

For more information contact Joseph Lee at 730-3032.

Scholarship for Military Children

The Scholarships for Military Children program is celebrating its ninth year of outreach to the military community.

Each year the program, supported through the military commissary system and administered by the Fisher House Foundation, awards hundreds of scholarships to qualified seniors planning to enroll in a four-year program of studies the following fall, or to college students already enrolled in a four-year program.

The application period for 2009 opens Nov. 3, 2008 and applications

must be returned to a commissary by close of business Feb. 18, 2009.

For more information go to <http://www.militaryscholar.org> or through the link at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

Superbowl at Gateway Club

MWR is sponsoring a free breakfast buffet at Gateway Club on Feb. 2 2009. There will be a big screen TV for the PreGame at 6 a.m. and the kickoff at 8 a.m. Also, there will be door prizes in which winners will be announced every quarter.

The bar will open at 7 a.m.

Annual Aviation Birthday Ball

The Second Combat Aviation Brigade and The Morning Calm Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America will sponsor the Annual Aviation Birthday Ball on Friday, April 17, 2009 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Seoul, South Korea.

The attire is Mess Dress, Dress Blues or Class As, or Formal Civilian Dress. The event is open to all military service members and their Families.

It begins at 5:15 p.m. and the dinner begins at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$45 and for more information, contact Capt. Laura McKenna at 753-5863 or 010-5846-1581

Movies

Camp Casey

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

January 30... Bride Wars, Punisher: War Zone
January 31...Sex Drive, Bride Wars
February 1...The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, Australia
February 2...Bride Wars
February 3...No Showing
February 4... Australia
February 5...No Showing
February 6...Four Christmases, Paul Blart: Mall Cop
February 7...The Day Earth Stood Still
February 8...Delgo, Punisher: War Zone
February 9...Paul Blart: Mall Cop
February 10...No Showing

Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Fri. 7 & 9 p.m.,
Sat.- Thu. 7 p.m.

January 30...Notorious, Transporter 3
January 31...Changeling
February 1...Sex Drive
February 2...The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
February 3...Australia
February 4... No Showing
February 5...Bride Wars
February 6...Bride Wars, The Day the Earth Stood Still
February 7...Four Christmases
February 8...Punisher: War Zone
February 9...Changeling
February 10...The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
February 11... No showing

Camp Hovey

Show times: Mon.-Sun. 7 p.m.

January 30...Gran Torino
January 31...Gran Torino
February 1...Bride Wars
February 2...No Showing
February 3...Australia
February 4... No Showing
February 5...Paul Blart: Mall Cop
February 6...The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
February 7...Four Christmases
February 8...Paul Blart: Mall Cop
February 9...No Showing
February 10...The Day Earth Stood Still
February 11... No showing

Camp Stanley

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

January 30...Sex Drive, Transporter 3
January 31...Notorious, Delgo
February 1...Gran Torino
February 2...Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa
February 3...No Showing
February 4... Paul Blart: Mall Cop, Paul Blart: Mall Cop
February 5...Gran Torino
February 6...Gran Torino, Role Models
February 7...Bride Wars, Soul Men
February 8...Bride Wars
February 9...Bolt
February 10...No Showing
February 11...Taken, Taken

Camp Humphreys

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

January 30...Bride Wars
January 31...Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, Bride Wars
February 1...Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, Bride Wars
February 2...The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, Australia
February 3...The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, Australia
February 4... The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
February 5...Four Christmases
February 6...Paul Blart: Mall Cop
February 7...Delgo, Paul Blart: Mall Cop
February 8...Delgo, Paul Blart: Mall Cop
February 9...The Day Earth Stood Still

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Camp Red Cloud

Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
11:30 a.m. M-F
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:
6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Memorial Chapel
Gospel:
11 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Tuesday

West Casey Chapel

Protestant:
10:30 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
12 p.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Thursday
LDS:
2 p.m. Sunday
Jewish:
6:30 p.m. Friday

Camp Hovey

Hovey Chapel
Catholic:
9:30 a.m. Sunday
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday

Old Hovey Chapel
Bldg. 3592
Orthodox:
10 a.m 1st and 2nd
Sunday

KATUSA:

6 p.m. Tuesday
Crusader Chapel
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday

Camp Stanley

Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
Gospel:
12:30 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
11:30 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
7 p.m. Tuesday

Camp Castle

Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6 p.m. Tuesday

Camp Jackson Auditorium

KATUSA:
9 a.m. Sunday

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730-5119

Memorial Chapel:

730-2594
West Casey:
730-3014
Stanley:
732-5238
Humphreys:
753-7952
Castle: 730-6889
LDS: 730-5682

Prayer luncheon stresses Soldier support

Story & photo by
Sgt. Kim, Hyo Joong

KATUSA Editor

Many Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division converged in the Commanding General's Mess of Camp Red Cloud for a Prayer Luncheon, which was held by the Division Special Troops Battalion Chaplain's Office Jan. 14.

The Luncheon hosted a special guest, Chuck Stecker, the president and founder of "A Chosen Generation," as well as Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, 2ID commanding general and division Command Sgt. Maj. Peter Burrowes.

Stecker is a retired Army lieutenant colonel who served 23 years.

He served in Korea in the 1970s at the Demilitarized Zone, Camp Greaves and Camp Casey. He also served his Lord in local churches in various positions. While working with and founding some Christian associations, he has spoken to a lot of audiences all around the world, mainly on leadership and coaching.



Chuck Stecker, the president and founder of "A Chosen Generation", who was the guest speaker for DSTB Prayer Luncheon, delivers a speech at the CG's Mess Jan. 14.

"We could hold this event, which has been planned for a while, thanks to the Lord, who answered our prayers, and the support of 8th US Army, which sent us such a great speaker," said battalion chaplain (Capt.) Brian Oh, Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company. "I'm sure that people get some inspiration

and ideas for their lives so that they can make plans for New Years."

The introduction by Lt. Col. James Burns, DSTB commander and the invocation of Chaplain Oh were followed by Stecker's speech.

He stressed the importance of taking advantage of leaders.

"You have to take advantage of the

coaches in the Army, who have gone through everything to grow and get strong," said Stecker. "You have the right people around you who support each other."

He quoted from the Book of Judges 7:17: He said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise. Stecker insisted leaders serve as the examples to their Soldiers. He also expressed his gratitude for the Soldiers' and leaders' service to their nation.

"I'm really humble toward our Soldiers, NCOs and officers, alongside our counterparts of the Republic of Korea, securing my freedom," said Stecker. "Thanks to their selfless duty and sacrifice, my Family can rest in our home."

The audience gave him a big round of applause as he finished his speech.

"I thought it had a great message to junior Soldiers as well as senior ones," said Capt. Paul Lashley, HHC, DSTB. "It was refreshing to hear about encouragement and I would be pleased to see him talk at Camp Hovey."

In addition, Stecker made speeches for 2ID Soldiers in Camps Hovey Jan. 15 and Castle Jan. 16.

Time to remember four heroic chaplains

By Sgt. Bo Park

Staff Writer

The everyday life of Soldiers does not involve the sacrifice of life or death, but Servicemembers still strive to live by the seven Army values and execute their duties nobly. Then there are some who heroically sacrifice their lives for others and are worth being recognized and commemorated: The four chaplains.

The four chaplains who gave up their lives for Soldiers during the sinking of the *Dorchester*, the US Army Transport ship, in the waters of Greenland during World War II Feb 3, 1943. The vessel was hit by a torpedo from a German U-boat.

The four chaplains calmed the panicking Soldiers, helped the evacuation and in the end, gave up their life jackets to Soldiers. Despite their efforts to save as many as of the nine hundred passengers as possible, the majority of the people on board died in the freezing water. However, their heroism and self-sacrifice lives on today.

"These four chaplains were key to the morale of the troops prior to the deployment and during the deployment of World War II," said Chap. (Lt. Col.) Richard Spencer, Division chaplain. "It's a true story of four army chaplains who demonstrated and lived for the core Army values, especially selfless service."

The four chaplains were Rev. George Fox, Jewish Rabbi Alex Goode, Rev. Clark Poling and Father John Washington. These exemplifying figures were



An illustration of the four chaplains, Rabbi Alex Goode, Rev. George Fox, Rev. Clark Poling and Father John Washington, who sacrificed their lives for Soldiers during World War II Feb. 3, 1943.

hugely important to the US Army Chaplaincy.

"It is an important part of the history of the chaplain corps because the four chaplains draw from different faiths, but represent the Army and inspirations to a greater degree of selfless service," said Chap (Maj.) Dale Code, 2ID deputy Division chaplain.

According to Spencer, there are five dedicated Army chapels named after the four chaplains, stained glass in the Pentagon as well as a museum section dedicated to the four chaplains at the US Army Chaplain Center and School at Fort Jackson.

The upcoming prayer breakfast Feb. 3 is going to be held in commemoration of these four chaplains.

"It will be an opportunity to see and reflect on

these chaplains who actually gave up their lives for (people like) me, Soldiers," said Sgt. 1st Class Cory Carrington, Division Chaplain's Office operations NCO.

The prayer breakfast will feature scripture readings and a video about the four chaplains, which will provide spiritual guidance and leadership development for Soldiers.

Spencer has personally met both the relatives of the four chaplains and the witnesses that were on the ship at the time. He felt honored listening to their life stories of heroism and he wants Soldiers to share that during the prayer breakfast. The prayer breakfast is at CG's Mess, Camp Red Cloud, 7 a.m. Feb. 3.

A first, last flight for Talon pilot

Story & photo by
Sgt. M. Benjamin Gable
2nd CAB PAO

Three flight schools. More than 150 combat missions. An estimated 4,000 career flight hours; 700 of those in combat. Number of hours logged flying a CH-47 Chinook: 0.

That is until a recent change in Army Regulation 95-1. The provision of flight regulations affords battalion and brigade standardization officers the opportunity to fly any aircraft assigned to their respective battalions or brigades.

"As soon as I read [the regulation] I knew I wanted to fly with Richard," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Alexander Lutz, a Chinook pilot and standardization officer for the "Nightmare" battalion, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

"Richard," is Chief Warrant Officer 5 Richard Chenault, an Apache pilot and standardization officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd CAB, stationed at Camp Humphreys for the third time during his 27-year career.

Chenault participated in missions, both in peacetime and wartime, during his career with the Chinook aircraft, but never flown one. He hadn't even stepped foot in a Chinook until Thursday.

No problem.

The co-pilot for his inaugural Chinook flight was no stranger to him or the 98-foot long, 23,400 pound aircraft. Lutz has been a CH-47 Chinook pilot for more than 20 years. He also spent several years in the enlisted ranks as a crewmember, even serving with then Sgt. Richard Santos, now known as Command Sgt. Maj.



Chief Warrant Officer 5 Richard Chenault, an Apache pilot and standardization officer with HHC, 2nd CAB, flies a CH-47 Chinook helicopter for the first time, Jan. 15, at Camp Humphries. A recent revision to the Army's flight regulations allowed Chenault to pilot a Chinook for the first time in his 27-year career.

Richard Santos, command sergeant major of 2nd CAB. Lutz was also featured in a National Geographic program demonstrating the abilities of the Chinook aircraft.

Lutz and Chenault met early on during Chenault's final deployment to Korea last January. The two quickly became friends after meeting and working together for the past year.

"He contacted me and set everything up as soon as he heard about the change in regulation," said Chenault. "Without [Lutz], I don't think I would have gotten the opportunity."

Chenault and Lutz climbed into their seats in the Chinook aircraft, one that is nearly twice as large as the Apache, and after quick hands-on tutelage and cockpit familiarization, Chenault gripped the horseshoe-shaped thrust control lever and pulled his way skyward.

According to Lutz, there is a definitive difference in power between the AH-64 Apache helicopter and the CH-47 Chinook.

"This thing will take off like a

homesick angel," Lutz told Chenault through the internal headset.

Chenault grinned from ear to ear, acknowledging the legitimacy of his friend and co-pilot's adage.

After Chenault adapted to the power of the aircraft, the two were ready to roll. The friends, and their crew of four, took off to execute several missions. They practiced side-hill landings, sling-loading a block weighing five-thousand pounds and landing on top of a mountain, in this case the narrow mountain top of "Pinnacle 4."

Chenault flew his new aircraft for more than three hours, often relaying to friend and co-pilot Lutz the similarities and differences between his Apache and Lutz's Chinook. According to Lutz, Chenault had the opportunity to experience the same training in those three hours that new pilots receive during their six-week course. Lutz showed his enthusiasm throughout the flight by clapping in applause and giving his friend thumbs ups after each successful task.

Chenault then had the opportunity

to bring the Chinook back to its resting place on the runway. He landed it squarely on his target, completing his first and only flight in the aircraft.

"This was a great opportunity to fly the Chinook with my friend and I will miss working with these guys on a daily basis here."

Chenault will be missed as well.

"I will miss [his] leadership and counsel," said Col. Joseph A. Bassani, commander of 2nd CAB. "Richard was my right-hand man on issues that affected our ability to operate in one of the most demanding environments our Army has to offer. He is a true professional and friend."

Chenault won't be hanging up his flying uniform just yet, though. He is moving on to Fort Rucker, Alabama, to be an Apache instructor pilot; teaching incoming pilots all he has learned during his career.

After one year at Ft. Rucker, he will officially retire from the Army to spend more time with his Family, but continue his aviation legacy as a civilian instructor.

2ID Tax Assistance Centers set to open

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It's Tax Time! Let the 2ID Tax Assistance Center Prepare Your Taxes For Free!

Tax season is here again, and the Second Infantry Division is preparing to provide first-rate Tax Assistance services beginning Jan. 27. As in the past, Soldiers, retirees, their eligible Family members, and Department of Defense civilian employees are eligible for tax preparation services. These services will include preparation of Federal returns and most State returns. These services save individuals the cost of paying a commercial agency to prepare their taxes. All Tax Center preparers receive comprehensive tax training from Internal Revenue Service instructors.

Tax Assistance will be offered at three locations:



Camp Casey: Division Tax Assistance Center
Maude Hall, Room 241
Jan. 27 - June 15 2009
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday: 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - noon

Camp Red Cloud: Mobile Tax Assistance Center
Freeman Hall, Room 122
Beginning Feb. 10, 2009
Tuesdays: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Camp Stanley: Mobile Tax Assistance Center
ADC(S) Building
Beginning Feb. 11, 2009
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Please remember to bring your military or government ID card, Social Security card for yourself and all eligible dependents, copies of ALL W-2 and 1099 forms and any other tax-related documents, bank account routing information, and your 2007 tax return, if possible. We look forward to seeing you this tax season!

2ID honors Dr. King's legacy with observance

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Honoring the legacy of one of the most inspiring Americans in our nation, the 2nd Infantry Division held its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance at the Commanding General's Mess on Camp Red Cloud Jan. 16.

The event featured Spc. Brandon Burns, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division, reading an official proclamation signed by the president of the United States.

Staff Sgt. Leigh Brown, 2ID protocol, shared "The Meaning of Martin Luther King Jr. Day," and Maj. Vincent Mitchell, division Public Affairs Officer, presented a biographical sketch on the famous civil rights leader.

"Today we celebrate the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who came into this world 80 years ago on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia," said Mitchell. "His life was constantly in danger but it didn't matter to him because he continued to ask and answer the question; if not me, then who? If not now, then when?"

The audience was moved as video footage from King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech on Aug. 28, 1963, at the Lincoln Memorial was aired. His voice resonated throughout the historic mess as if King was there himself.

Following Mitchell's speech, Maj. Paul R. Dwigans, 2ID equal opportunity officer, introduced the keynote speaker, Chaplain (Capt.) Tony A. Hampton.

"The dreamer may have died but the dream continues," said Hampton, squadron chaplain, 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry. "Not only does the dream continue, but so does Dr. King's legacy, through the birth of the first grandchild, born into this Family a baby girl, named after her auntie,



Chaplain Capt. Tony A. Hampton, squadron chaplain, 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry, makes his speech at the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance Jan. 16 at the CG's Mess on Camp Red Cloud.

who died recently, Yolanda Renee King."

"We have witnessed our nation, the United States of America, elect a President not because of the color of his skin, but by the content of his character," Hampton continued with his voice resembling King's during the speech. "The dream continues because of you, the dream continues because of me, the dream continues because we as a people have come together and fought together."

As his speech came to a close, Hampton asked the audience a simple question.

"Do we have any dreamers among us today?" Hampton said. "I say to you today, hold on to your dream and never let them die. To Dr. King, we celebrate you and all that you have given mankind. The dream continues. Thank you and celebrate the

dream."

Following Hampton, Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, 2ID commanding general, shared his personal feelings about King and also praised the speaker.

"Tony, you were called to serve, you were called to serve your nation, you've been called to serve your fellow Soldiers," Morgan said. "Today, we called you to serve in the remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and I thank you for your service."

"The words mean so much to us and matter, about what we are, who we are and who we dream to be. I want to thank each and every one of you for allowing us to pause, remember and celebrate the legacy, the history of a great American leader."

4-7 Soldiers qualify with hand grenades at Warrior Base

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Amidst the winter's chill, the Comanche Troop Soldiers of 4th Squadron, 7th US Cavalry sharpened their hand grenade skills in a seven-lane course, at Story Live Fire Complex, Warrior Base Jan. 9.

During course, the Soldiers learned how to successfully employ hand grenades by first throwing dummy grenades in different scenarios, such as through windows or in trenches, and then moving onto throwing fragmentation grenades.

"It's important to maximize exposure to the weapons that Soldiers will come to rely on in the battlefield," said Capt. Joshua W. Fuller, the commanding officer for Comanche Troop. "The training was made better because this was a great environment for the Soldiers to work in."

The range where the event took place played a key role in the training's effectiveness for all the Soldiers involved.



Pfc. Chris McKinnon

One Soldier from the Comanche Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry propels the live fragmentation hand grenade over the barrier on Jan. 9, at Warrior Base, Story Live Fire Complex, while being supervised by the instructing NCO. The Soldiers needed to be able to throw the fragmentation grenades 25 meters by the end of the course.

"The recent upgrades and the quality of Story Live Fire Complex are felt throughout the unit," said Fuller.

Despite the vigorous conditions, the Soldiers were able to enjoy and appreciate the training that they completed.

"I thought the training was awesome," said Pvt. Bobby Whitley, a

Cavalry scout for Comanche Troop. "We had great instructors and great equipment."

The instructors for the event were the Soldiers' Non-Commissioned Officers, who provided qualified training for the course and supervised as the Soldiers threw the grenades.

"The NCO's are all previous Basic

Training hand grenade instructors," said Fuller. "That previous experience allowed them to fully supervise the Soldiers during the training event."

Their expertise made the training valuable for the Soldiers by showing them the correct and safe method of using grenades.

Whitley said that he learned how to safely and effectively throw hand grenades during the course.

The learning experience was a valuable one that will help and enhance the Soldiers' ability to perform their duties later on.

"It helps with equipment familiarization," said Fuller, regarding the training. "They come to respect what grenades can do and it is a confidence boost to throw a live grenade."

While the training was difficult, the end result is a hand grenade badge if the Soldiers qualified, requiring a 25-meter throw at the conclusion of the course.

"Every Soldier of the Comanche Troop went through the qualifying course and earned their hand grenade badge," said Fuller.