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Advanced gunnery tests Manchu METL



Pvt. Paul Holston

Manchus from 2-9th Infantry prepare to "clear" a building during urban warfare training conducted Sept. 17 as part of the battalion's month-long field exercise at the Korean Training Center.

By Master Sgt. Michael Pintagro

2nd ID Public Affairs Chief

Manchus of 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team embarked on the first major test of their combat prowess since the summer rotation season last week at the Korean Training

Center.

The month-long advanced gunnery density develops and tests individual and team skills across the entire spectrum of battalion capabilities and mission specialties.

Whereas Soldiers progress only through "Table VIII" during basic gunneries, they continue through "Table XII" in advanced exercises. Rather than con-

cluding with individual and crew-level missions, Soldiers progress through complex tasks involving coordination, synchronization and integration.

Lt. Col. Milford Beagle, the battalion commander, described the exercise as a comprehensive test of his Soldiers' capabilities. "We'll train at every echelon from individual weapons qualification to platoon collective training," he said.

Infantrymen and support Soldiers from some 20 military occupational specialties will employ more than 70 combat systems during the course of the exercise, Beagle said. Heavy infantry, armor, engineer and mortar in addition to medical and other support systems will figure prominently in the training. All told, more than 800 Soldiers will participate in the field mission.

According to Beagle, the Manchus will meet individual, crew and team level training objectives early in the process and build progressively on their accomplishments. The infantrymen and support Soldiers will progress through higher levels of proficiency, coordination and integration, achieving more sophisticated and complex objectives as the exercise wears on. The gunnery culminates in a platoon collective training mission that will test the Manchus' ability to "synchronize and harmonize all the elements we're bringing together as a team."

Beagle emphasized the value of the exercise for support as well as combat arms Soldiers. "This is big for the sustainment 'MOSES' too," he said. "They're supporting the full spectrum of operations in an austere environment using all the equipment and skills they need in a tactical environment. Every MOS out there will have a great opportunity to hone and refine their skills."

The scale of the KTC, Beagle noted, affords unique training opportunities. "At KTC, you have many training areas in close proximity," he said. "You have enough ranges to enable you to train a number of elements at the same time with no scheduling conflicts or limitations. You can train everyone at the same time without having to wait."

Junior leaders seemed as enthusiastic about the early stages of the training as their battalion commander.

"This definitely keeps us ready to roll in any given notice," he said. "There's a lot of turn-over here in Korea, so anytime a gunner leaves or rotates out to another tank and unit, we have to refresh the tank crew to make sure that they all qualify."

"This prepares us for the future," added Staff Sgt. Bryan Williams, also of C Co. "In case we are deployed, it ensures that everyone knows their roles and positions in the tank. For example, the gunner would identify the targets and to engage the targets for

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**VOICE OF THE
WARRIOR:**

**How will you
celebrate
Chuseok?**



"I'll go for a Korean dinner with my Korean friend."
Staff Sgt. Robert Hester
B Co., 304th Signal Battalion

"Eating with my wife."
Sgt. Tristan Minnis
E Co., 2-9th Infantry



"Go to my ROK LT's house and have dinner."
Spc. Nathaniel Denlinger
B Co., 304th Signal Battalion



"Visit my KATUSA battle buddy's home."
Pfc. Jessica Lewis
Warrior Readiness Company, DSTB



"Eat with my family."
Sgt. Bryant Denev
HHSC, STB

"Introduce Korean rice cake, 'songpyeon,' to American buddies."
Pfc. Tae Woong Kim
HHC, DSTB



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Chuseok: a tradition to embrace

By Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III

2nd ID Commander

As Americans we mark the culmination of our agricultural season with the celebration of Thanksgiving. We celebrate the day with family gatherings, rich feasts traditionally punctuated by turkey and pie, and, in more recent times, football in the backyard or on the television. The holiday's origins in early colonial feasts held by Pilgrims and American Indians predate the nation itself. Thanksgiving is one of our most treasured holidays.

Next weekend, Koreans throughout the peninsula will celebrate Chuseok. Like Thanksgiving, Chuseok is a treasured, almost universally observed national holiday rooted in the harvest season. Like Thanksgiving, it is centuries old and deeply entwined in the national culture. And like Thanksgiving, Chuseok is a time marked by warm family gatherings and rich feasts. Many Koreans will tell you that Chuseok is the happiest time of year for them.

Traditional Korean foods are the centerpiece of the Chuseok celebration. The highlight of the meal is the serving of songpyeon (송편), a half-moon shaped rice cake which is traditionally steamed upon pine needles. Other dishes commonly prepared include japchae (잡채), a mixed dish of vegetables and sliced beef, bulgogi and fruits. Some of our Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers will tell you that Korean pancake, more formally known as bean-duck (빈대떡), is often served as well. This delicious dish is a fried mung-bean pancake that is smothered with onions, mushrooms, carrots and maybe a little meat or seafood. Rice-wine is the traditional drink during the holiday.

The holiday is also a time when Koreans traditionally honor their ancestors. Many Koreans attribute a successful harvest to blessings bestowed by ancestors. During the holiday you may see Korean families attending to the graves of their ancestors. They take special care in trimming plants, cutting the grass and grooming the surrounding area. They always offer a respectful bow before departing the site of the grave.

As Americans often play football on Thanksgiving, Koreans have been known to enjoy tug of war, archery and Ssireom (씨름), a traditional form of wrestling. In former times, some Koreans dressed in animal costumes and went visiting. Some, disguised as cows or turtles, moved from house to house, singing, dancing and merry-making.

Another similarity with our Thanksgiving holiday is the heavy traffic preceding it. The run-up to Chuseok marks the most heavily traveled time of year on the peninsula. Koreans will be traveling to their hometowns and it may seem like everyone is in a rush. Those of you who own private vehicles will



need to be especially vigilant on the roads. Plan on longer commutes and anticipate maintenance issues which may result. You may consider a different weekend for a road trip or an alternate means of transportation if you do decide to travel.

With that in mind, many of our KATUSA Soldiers will be traveling home for the holiday. Please wish them a happy Chuseok and do everything you can to reasonably accommodate family plans. Leaders, also ensure you or subordinate leaders provide them a good safety briefing. Nothing will detract from a happy occasion like an accident, a four-hour wait for police and emergency vehicles on a heavily congested road, and/or an injury. So we must continue to follow our safety procedures.

As guests in the Republic of Korea, we should, as a matter of courtesy and respect, strive to understand the holidays and customs of our hosts. These holidays represent an import part of the Korean culture we're privileged to share. They also represent a terrific opportunity to embrace meaningful events alongside our Korean partners. The shared experience strengthens and deepens our mutual understanding and our alliance.

The Warrior Division will honor the Chuseok tradition by co-hosting a reception with our Installation Management Command partners at Mitchell's Sports Bar and Grill in honor of local and regional government officials, Good Neighbors, and ROK Military partners. This is an important event for us and goes a long way in showing our local leaders how much they mean to us.

I hope U.S. military personnel, government employees, contractors serving in the Warrior Division and their Families all participate in the fun and festivities. To our KATUSA Soldiers, colleagues in the ROK Army, friends and neighbors, I wish you a Chuseok that's "Second to None!"

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School boosts tour normalization

DOD facility to accommodate over 700 Area 1 students

By Master Sgt. Michael Pintagro

2nd ID Public Affairs Chief

The Warrior Division and U.S. personnel serving alongside 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers in Area I took a decisive step toward “tour normalization” with the announcement in August of a Department of Defense Dependents School for Camp Casey.

Subsequent meetings by DODDS, Directorate of Public Works, Directorate of Logistics, Installation Management Command-Korea, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Area I garrison officials refined plans and yielded further details.

The first phase of the construction program, scheduled for completion by the summer of 2010, will convert Bldg. 2400 on Camp Casey from a barracks into a schoolhouse for kindergarten through eighth grade. The second phase, slated for completion by the following summer, involves the renovation of the adjacent Bldg. 2409. The building will accommodate up to 400 students of the same grades.

Combined, the buildings will house an anticipated 24 general classrooms, 10 special purpose classrooms, four multi-purpose rooms, and six administrative rooms in addition to a library and cafeteria.

According to Richard C Davis, the deputy to the garrison commander at Camp Red Cloud, local construction companies will compete for the renovation contracts.

The bottom line: according to current plans, up to 324 students can begin attending grade school on Camp Casey in the fall of 2010. An additional 400 grade-school children can begin attending in the fall of 2011.

The grade school will accommodate children of military members, government employees and American contractors living in Area I. While officials-

from the involved garrisons, DODDS and supporting agencies continue to research, refine and coordinate details, the school at Casey will likely become the primary educational facility for Area I grade school students, Davis said.

Buses will transport children from other Area I camps to Casey for school activities. High school students will continue to attend civilian schools such as International Christian School and Indianhead International School in Uijongbu or the DODDS high school at Yongsan Garrison.

The school marks a milestone in the “transformation” vision outlined by such key peninsula leaders as Gen. Walter Sharp, the United States Forces Korea, and Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, the 2nd ID commander. “Tour normalization,” the effort to establish tenures of duty and quality of life throughout Korea comparable to that enjoyed by military households in other locations outside the continental United States, represents an important aspect of transformation.

“This is an important part of Gen. Sharp’s initiative to achieve tour normalization and consistency of services throughout the peninsula,” Davis said. “Gen. Morgan and the Division have also played a key role throughout the process. The plan has full Division buy-in.”

“As we move toward tour normalization the garrison is trying to put forth more initiatives to normalize family life at Camp Casey,” said Lt. Col. Richard Fromm, the Camp Casey garrison commander. “The school is an important part of that process.”

Fromm, whose installation houses a large share of the Division’s combat Soldiers, added that the new facility will increase command sponsorship opportunities and thereby diminish separations among Warrior Families. “The addition of the new school will result in fewer Family separations,” he said. “This is a key aspect of quality of life in terms of the Army Family Covenant.”

“These new schools represent a great opportunity for us to further support tour normalization,” added Lt. Col. David Hater, the Division personnel officer. “As more Families arrive it becomes all the more imperative to develop our infrastructure. The long-term plan is that command sponsored positions be increased as infrastructure improvements allow for transformation in support of tour normalization.”

The school, Hater added, represents an important step toward achieving quality of life parity throughout the peninsula.

“The quality of life for 2nd ID Soldiers will be increased to a level on par with the quality of life enjoyed by Soldiers living in areas II, III and IV, who have access to DODDS schools,” he said.

Davis noted that many military parents “have a greater comfort level with DODDS schools. There’s a sense that DODDS schools understand transition issues and military issues. They don’t have to worry about accreditation, or transition issues or putting their kids on a bus. DODDS schools understand the issues of military Families.”

Civilian schools patronized by Area I families, he added, “are very good schools – it’s not about the quality of those schools.”

According to Davis, the school proposal grew out of research and planning underway since early spring. Garrison, DODDS, IMCOM-K, DPW, DOL and MWR officials as well as representatives from other relevant agencies developed several courses of action designed to meet the needs of Area I Families. Other options considered included greater reliance on civilian institutions and existing schools in Area II as well as the establishment of a DODDS facility over a longer time frame.

Area I already houses more than 100 command sponsored Families, Davis said. Hater described command sponsorship opportunities as abundant and growing.

Play today!

Led by cheerleaders and supported by a standing ovation from the home crowd, cadet-athletes from the U.S. Military Academy take the field bearing distinctive 2nd Infantry Division “Indianhead” patches the afternoon of Sept. 19 at Michie Stadium in West Point, N.Y. The Cadets’ performance on the gridiron was, appropriately, “Second to None.” Army defeated Ball State University 24-17 before an enthusiastic crowd of 25,646 fellow cadets, alumni, Families and fans. The Army football team will honor a different active-duty division during each week of the 2009 season by wearing the organization’s patch on the upper right portion of their jerseys. The squad wore 82nd Airborne Division patches during their previous game, a 35-19 home loss to Duke. The team wore 1st Infantry Division patches during the season-opening contest against Eastern Michigan.



Courtesy U.S. Military Academy



Warrior NCO Spotlight

Sergeant sets steep standards for supply Soldiers



Story & photo by
Pfc. Robert Young

Staff writer

On a busy afternoon at the A Company, Division Special Troops Battalion supply room some new Soldiers await room keys and linen while others wait to fill out hand receipts.

"I need that counseling statement," rang out above the din. Within moments a document was produced, signed and filed away as more new Soldiers line up at the counter.

At the center of this is Staff Sgt. Erikka Pollock of the A Co. DSTB. Pollock arrived in Warrior Country from Fort Riley, Kan. last March. The native of New York City has served in the Army for eight years and presently works as a supply chief, platoon sergeant and commander of the Division color guard.

Pollock's development as a Soldier and leader did not begin with her tenure in the Warrior Division or in Korea. Rather, it began with her entry into the Army and accelerated in the crucible of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Pollock served in Iraq from 2003 to 2004 with the 541st Maintenance Battalion. As a junior NCO serving in a high-intensity, high-operation tempo environment, she saw first-hand the importance of good leadership.

"When you deploy, Soldiers have so many issues. You have to try to be a leader and a friend and you

have to cover-down to be a tight knit family." The personal, hands-on style of leadership she embraced apparently carried over into subsequent missions. It seems to motivate her Soldiers today.

"When she got here she really got to know the platoon. She challenged the Soldiers and raised morale." said Sgt. Nicole Tamangided of A Co., DSTB.

As a platoon sergeant, Pollock has each Soldier write an autobiography, set specific goals in writing and takes the time to go over these with each Soldier. She also insists that each Soldier in her platoon memorize the Soldier's Creed and the Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer.

"I like to get to know the Soldier as a person," said Pollock. She added that this is particularly important in Korea because Soldiers are often more isolated from Family and friends than in the States, making team-building essential.

Pollock places a high degree of faith in her Soldiers' ability and has high expectations for their performance.

The Soldiers seem to respond well to those high expectations.

"We're running at 400 mph in here. What I really like is that she believes in her Soldiers' ability to get things done right," said Pfc. Robert McCurdy of A Co., DSTB.

On a similar note, Cpl. Phillip McGee of A Co., DSTB said, "She has a faith in her Soldiers' ability to get things done right. She gives us the time and opportunity to do our job."

Pollock traces her leadership style to her days as a "buck private," when her first sergeant stressed the importance of the NCO's role in the development of a Soldier and insisted that enlisted leaders keep an eye out for Soldiers and their future.

"I believe that all my Soldiers will be leaders," Pollock said. "I want to make sure that they have the responsibility and understanding of an NCO."

If the responsibilities of running a supply room and a platoon were not enough, Pollock is also the commander of the 2nd Infantry Division color guard. She does not consider it so much a duty but an "honor to represent the Division." Pollock recently returned from temporary duty in Washington D.C., where the color guard participated in the 88th reunion for 2nd ID veterans. "I felt proud to represent the colors for Soldiers who had served before me," said Pollock.

"While she was gone this place was a mad house. She can multi-task really well," said Pfc. James Dennis of A Co., DSTB, who ran the supply room while the sergeant was in the capitol.

Pollock is married to Staff Sgt. Dennis Pollock, who works at the Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company operations shop and is currently putting together a packet for warrant officer school. "I think it would allow me to share my technical expertise with a wider number of Soldiers," she said.

"What really stands out is her professionalism in all aspects of the job" Tamangided said. "Her style of leadership is one that all Soldiers should try to emulate."



Staff Sgt. Erikka Pollock, a platoon sergeant with A Co., DSTB and commander of the Division color guard, reviews parade-ground movements in anticipation of an upcoming performance with Sgt. Jeffery Pels and Cpl. Allen Milton Aug. 18 at the Village Green on Camp Red Cloud.

Death Dealers pilot new Apache model

Story & photo by

Sgt. 1st Class Krishna M. Gamble

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CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — Six Death Dealer pilots got a rare opportunity the afternoon of Sept. 10. They became the first pilots in Korea to fly the newest model of the AH-64D Apache Longbow aircraft.

The four-blade, twin-engine attack helicopters play a vital role in rotary aviation operations throughout the Army. The model flown by Death Dealer pilots is the latest upgrade of the AH-64D first flown in March 1997.

“It was an amazing flight,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Daniel White of A Company, 4th Aviation (Attack) Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade. “It’s a once in a

life time opportunity to be the first to fly a new model in Korea.”

Three Block 2, Version 11 Apache aircraft arrived at Osan Air Base Sept. 9 via Air Force C-17 from Fort Hood, Texas. The aircraft were unloaded and assembled by Apache mechanics, crew chiefs and armament specialist from the Death Dealers and their sister battalion, the 602nd Aviation Support Battalion.

Three of the older aircraft, Block I, Version 6, were loaded and carried back to the U.S.

“It’s like driving a new car off the lot,” said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Wade Fox, a standardization instructor pilot with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4-2nd Aviation. “It’s exciting having new equipment and what it brings to Korea ...it’s so much more effective.”

The entire Death Dealer fleet will transition to the latest Apache model over the next few months.



Chief Warrant Officer 4 Wade Fox (left) and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Daniel White of 4-2nd Aviation prepare to fly the new model of AH-64 Apache attack helicopter Sept. 10 at Camp Humphreys.

Movies

Camp Casey

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

September 25...Hannah Montana: The Movie, The Ugly Truth
September 26...The Collector, Whiteout
September 27...Orphan, The Ugly Truth
September 28...Whiteout
September 29...No Showing
September 30...Orphan
October 1...No Showing
October 2...Cloudy with a Change of Meatballs, The Ugly Truth
October 3...Behind Enemy Lines, Cloudy with a Change of Meatballs, Funny People
October 4...Aliens in the Attic, The Hurt Locker

Camp Red Cloud

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

September 25...All about Steve, I love you Beth Cooper
September 26...The Ugly Truth
September 27...Orphan
September 28...Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince
September 29...The Ugly Truth
September 30...No Showing
October 1... Whiteout
October 2...Whiteout, Public Enemies
October 3...The Hurt Locker
October 4... Funny People
October 5... Aliens in the Attic

Camp Hovey

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

September 25...Orphan
September 26...The Ugly Truth
September 27...Whiteout
September 28...No Showing
September 29... Orphan
September 30...No Showing
October 1...Cloudy with a Change of Meatballs
October 2...Orphan
October 3...The Ugly Truth
October 4...Cloudy with a Change of Meatballs

Camp Stanley

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

September 25...The Ugly Truth, Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince
September 26...All about Steve, Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince
September 27...All about Steve
September 28...Orphan
September 29...No Showing
September 30...Cloudy with a Change of Meatballs
October 1...Public Enemies
October 2...G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra, Bruno
October 3...Whiteout, The Collector
October 4... Whiteout
October 5...I love you Beth Cooper

Camp Humphreys

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

September 25...Whiteout
September 26...UP, Whiteout
September 27...UP, Whiteout
September 28...The Ugly Truth
September 29...The Ugly Truth
September 30...Orphan
October 1...All about Steve
October 2...G-Force, All about Steve
October 3...G-Force, All about Steve
October 4...The Hangover
October 5...The Hangover
October 6...Land of the Lost
October 7...Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Camp Red Cloud

Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
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 p.m. Tuesday

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

West Casey Chapel

Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
Noon Sunday
11:45 a.m. Tues&Thurs
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Thursday
Jewish:
6:30 p.m. Friday

Camp Hovey

Hovey Chapel
Catholic:
9:30 a.m. Sunday
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6 p.m. Tuesday
Old Hovey Chapel
Orthodox:
10 a.m 3rd Sundays

Crusader Chapel

Protestant:
10:30 a.m. Sunday

Camp Stanley
Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
Gospel:
12:30 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
11:30 a.m. Sunday

Camp Castle

KATUSA:
7 p.m. Tuesday

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

Castle Chapel

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

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Warrior Band carries tune, message to 'English Village'



Sgt. Dennis Connor of the 2nd ID Band sounds off with his French horn Sept. 12 at English Village in Paju.

Story & photos by Master Sgt. Michael Pintagro
2nd ID Public Affairs Chief

Members of the 2nd Infantry Division Band carried their tune as well as a message of partnership and goodwill through a shared love of music to the northwest corner of South Korea Sept. 12 in a dynamic performance punctuated by "guest conductors" and "wandering trombones."

The Warrior Band performed before a modest but zealous audience of Korean children, parents and music enthusiasts of all ages at the "English Village" in Paju.

While morning rain and flu concerns dampened attendance they couldn't diminish the enthusiasm of a captivated audience that clapped, sang and waved throughout the hour-and-a-quarter-long performance.

The band opened with the theme from the 2002 World Cup, a song with powerful resonance throughout South Korea, before "marching in" to an up-tempo rendition of "The Saints." The upbeat circus march "Rolling Thunder" followed "The Saints" as well as the morning rains. The crowd clapped along rhythmically as the band plowed through a pair of "girl band" hits currently topping the Korean charts.

A half-dozen trombone tooters, led by Chief Warrant Officer 4 William Brazier, the band commander, conductor and driving force, infiltrated an appreciative audience during "Lassus Trombone." Spectators waved, cheered and laughed as the Division performers circulated through the auditorium without missing a note.

Brazier, an amusing emcee as well as a top-flight conductor, had other tricks up his short "Class B" sleeves. Feigning exasperation as Spc. Jon Norris unleashed a powerful and protracted drum solo, the Pennsylvanian reclined and began reading a copy of the "Indianhead." Brazier later escorted two young girls from the audience to the conductor's platform as his "replacements." The delighted girls "conducted" as the band played "Americans We." Declaring

himself unnecessary to the remainder of the performance, he strode toward the exit, eliciting more laughter from the audience.

The band members' antics kept children and the whole audience energized throughout the performance. Pvt. Lim Ji Woong spread bubbles in front of the stage, delighting children in the first few rows and prompting some to run about in hot pursuit of floating bubbles. Four band members later invited children to dance the "Electric Slide." They couldn't find any takers but proceeded with the dance anyhow.

A feature performance by the band's brass quintet also captivated young and old alike. The quintet performed its customary upbeat fare, including a zany number mimicking barnyard animal noises. The song delighted the children, who reacted to the "animal sounds" with cheers and laughter.

The performance culminated in stirring renditions of the Korean folksong "Arirang" and "Hand in Hand," the theme song of the 1988 Seoul Olympics. The audience clasped hands and waved interlocked arms as Korean Augmentation to the United States Army vocalists delivered a stirring performance.

As the curtains closed, all seemed delighted with the performance. The audience rewarded band members with enthusiastic cheers and applause.

"It was very exciting," said Sang Eak Lee, who traveled from his hometown of Seoul for the performance. "I really enjoyed the interaction with the audience. It was very impressive. Until now I never saw a performance like this in Korea."

"It was a fantastic show," Kim Ye Ri of Achim Maeul added concisely. "I loved it."

Band leaders characterized the show as successful.

"I think the band did well," said 1st Sgt. John L. Berger Jr. of Racine, Wis., the band's top enlisted man. "That was verified by the response of the audience. It wasn't a very large audience, but they were eating it up. So it was a successful mission."

"Just getting out there and showing what we do makes a big difference," added Sgt. 1st Class Antonio Bontone, the band's euphonium player.

"This gives the audience, especially the kids, a little taste of America they wouldn't otherwise have," added the Italian-born resident of Glen Cove, N.Y. "They see Americans dancing, walking, performing – the style is distinct and it's a much different experience than other people playing American music."

According to Choi Jee Woong, an English Village public relations official, the band provides valuable cultural immersion as well as language training.

"Our visitors are here to learn English," he said. "This gives them a taste of America through music as well as the spoken language. The band is like a present for us. Events like this will help us build a deeper relationship."

Brazier built the current English Village repertoire from a more modest program he inherited from his predecessor. Regular 2nd ID Band concerts at English Village began in the spring of 2007; Brazier expanded the performances to include the entire band as well as parades along the facility's chief thoroughfare.

Brazier, currently serving in his second tour as Warrior Band commander, views his Soldiers' music as a means of developing rapport with area communities.

"We're here as ambassadors of the Army and the Division," Brazier said. "Music really is an important part of their culture. They really embrace it when we play their traditional music."

The performances, he noted, also feature an educational dimension.

"Hopefully we're not only entertaining and inspiring them but also educating them at least a little," he said. Participants, he pointed out, not only benefit from immersion in an English-language event but frequently interact with band members and other Division Soldiers prior to and following concerts.

On another level, the performances are simply about music, people and fun. "The kids are jiggling back and forth and dancing – they love it," Brazier said with a smile.

"The audience really does get involved," he continued with a chuckle, recalling one performance during which a listener "actually came on stage and started singing along with the band."



Audience members wave "Hand in Hand" as Warrior Band members perform the 1988 Seoul Olympics theme song during their Sept. 12 concert at English Village.



Young audience members "conduct" as the Warrior Band plays "Americans We" during the Sept. 12 concert at English Village.



Sim Ae Rim and her 5-year-old daughter, Park Si Hyeon, keep rhythm as the Warrior Band plays Korean "girl band" numbers Sept. 12 at English Village.



Sgt. 1st Class Antonio Bontone, an euphonium player with the Warrior Band, sounds a low note Sept. 12 at English Village.

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successful gunnery.”

Soldiers likewise viewed the exercise as a valuable opportunity.

“Gunnery for us is like bread and butter,” said Spc. Eric Lubus, also of C Co. “It’s the only time we get to shoot the tank since we can’t shoot in garrison. Also we can maneuver the tanks and get proper training. We benefit a lot.”

Lubus added that the training provided him a chance to develop as a potential leader as well as a technician.

“I believe that I’m getting the proper gunner time, so that I can learn the tank and learn how to treat Soldiers in the tank,” he said. “So once I become a tank commander, I will get the chance to step up and

be in charge of my own tank and be confident that I could have my own tank and take charge of it.”

A month in the field among infantrymen and support Soldiers is unlikely to be confused with a carnival or picnic. Yet the demanding mission set and austere living conditions don’t diminish the Manchus’ motivation.

“Morale is actually very high during our gunneries,” Beagle said. “The Soldiers are doing what they joined the Army to do each and every day. Infantrymen are shooting and moving; tankers are engaging targets; mortarmen are firing their mortars.”

The battalion commander views the extensive field mission as an opportunity to forge his team as well as sharpen shooting techniques and hone combat skills.

“They’ll all be out there the whole time,” Beagle said with a smile. “When you have all your Soldiers and leaders living, eating and sleeping together for 30

days you’ll get to know each other.”

“This will be an important team-building event, particularly for junior leaders new to the battalion,” he added. “These squads and platoons will definitely coalesce. We’ll emerge from this exercise a much more cohesive team.”

No shortage of training opportunities and challenges await that cohesive team.

By the time they knock the mud from their boots, the foot-pounding 25-mile ordeal known as the “Manchu Mile” will lurk right around the proverbial corner. “Manchu Frost,” slated for December, will help prepare command and control elements to integrating battalion efforts. “Warrior Focus,” a comprehensive, externally evaluated, battalion-level training exercise encompassing everything the infantrymen learned in the last third of 2009, awaits the Manchus in January.



Pfc. Ryan Funk of C Co., 2-9th Inf., 1st HBCT, watches his sector during a tank gunnery exercise held Sept. 17 at the Rodriguez Range.

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