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## 'Slashing Sabers' keep cavalry platoons razor-sharp

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**CAMP HOVEY, South Korea** – Serving as the eyes and ears of a heavy brigade combat team is no easy task, troopers from Warrior cavalry platoons were reminded during a training exercise conducted in late September amid the mountainous terrain of Korea.

Troopers from 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team had their communications skills put to the test during Slashing Sabers, a platoon-level exercise focused on the essential tactics of the cavalry conducted during the last half of September at a local training area outside Camp Hovey.

"This training was all about getting our Soldiers out of garrison and into the field," said 1st Lt. Brian Kern, platoon leader of 1st Platoon, A Company, 1st HBCT. "We have a lot of new Soldiers in the unit so we have been focused on basic Warrior tasks and drills, practicing boarding the vehicle, setting up our assembly area – that sort of thing."

This was Kern's first time in the field with his Soldiers as a platoon leader.

"I was out during a previous field exercise but at the time wasn't that actual platoon leader," he said.

"Personally, I'm focused on how my platoon sergeant and I are interacting and communicating with each other, and making sure we are doing the right things for our team," he added.

Each platoon conducted training in a



**A medic from the Camp Casey Troop Medical Clinic shouts guidance to troopers from 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st HBCT during a "medical evacuation" conducted as part of "Slashing Sabers."**

particular "lane" throughout the day. Kern's lane started with a zone reconnaissance, a standard mission for cavalry units. The mission quickly transitioned to other training objectives.

"It was a challenge; we had to take into consideration all the actions that were going on at the same time," said Kern.

Communication among all the units proved essential to a mission success. The platoon received simulated incoming artillery rounds, suffered a "casualty" simulated through an injury card

and confronted contamination by an unknown chemical agent.

"It was real hot out there today," said Pfc. James McFarland, a cavalry scout with 1st Platoon. "I performed combat lifesaver techniques for my buddy, who had a back wound. I placed him on his side, stayed with him, and we got him evacuated out of here and over to the helicopter."

MacFarland provided initial care as the first responder, while others in his platoon called in the nine-line medical evacuation report to evacuate the

Soldier.

"It was rough," said MacFarland. "I couldn't see anything with the chemical gear on and it was real hot, but it was good training."

The lane concluded with a helicopter evacuation of the injured Soldier courtesy of the Camp Casey Troop Medical Clinic.

"We identified some things to improve upon, but it was a good exercise from the individual level on up to the platoon level," said Kern. "Next time out we'll just be that much better."

### Calling all photographers!

The 2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs office seeks the finest images of 2009 for publication in the *Indianhead*. A distinguished panel of Division PA personnel will judge submissions.

Focus, composition, color and shot selection will weigh heavily in the judges' decisions. The best shots typically highlight action, emotion, facial expressions and/or unique situations. Wide-angle shots showing "ant people," i.e. very small human characters, and posed "grip and grin" shots generally **stink!** Subjects may include anything relevant to Division missions and activities, including Warriors and/or Family members participating in training, 2nd ID programs and community events.

We'll award **first, second and third prizes** in two categories: submissions from Soldiers and submissions from Family members. Prizes include professional development materials and Warrior paraphernalia. The PA shop will also publish winning photos in a future edition of the *Indianhead*. Send all photos as JPGs no greater than 5M in size to [robert.t.young@korea.army.mil](mailto:robert.t.young@korea.army.mil). Contact Maj. Vance Fleming at [vance.fleming@korea.army.mil](mailto:vance.fleming@korea.army.mil) or **732-8882**, or Master Sgt. Michael Pintagro at [michael.pintagro@korea.army.mil](mailto:michael.pintagro@korea.army.mil) or **732-8869** for more information. Deadline for entries is **Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 26)**. We look forward to your submissions. Good luck!



**VOICE OF THE  
WARRIOR:**  
Who do you  
think will win the  
World Series and  
why?



*"The Rockies, because I'm from Colorado and it's the best state."*  
**Pvt. David Richardson**  
HHB, 6-37th FA

*"The L.A. Dodgers, because they have a good combination of pitching and hitting."*



**Pvt. Myung Jun Kim**  
HHB, 210th Fires



*"The Yankees, because they are the best."*  
**Pvt. Robert Cerra**  
HHB, 6-37th FA

*"The Detroit Tigers – that's my home state."*  
**Staff Sgt. Terrance West**  
Warrior Readiness Center



*"I'm a Marlins fan, so unfortunately I'd have to go with the Red Sox or Rockies."*



**Pvt. Kirk Irace**  
HHB, 210th Fires

*"The Cardinals. With the stability and good pitchers, I think they are a great team"*

**Cpl. Han Sol Park**  
HHB, 210th Fires



# COMMANDER'S CORNER

## Warriors, you're my 'credentials'

By **Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III**  
2nd ID Commander

I couldn't be prouder of what the 2nd Infantry Division has accomplished during my tenure as Warrior 6. The time passed all too quickly.

While I take no small pride in our increased combat readiness, our shift toward a more agile and more adaptive force, our technological innovation, and our progress toward tour normalization, the most rewarding and most enduring of our achievements is embodied in the strengthening of the alliance between our Korean hosts and the Warrior Division.

Everything we do is predicated on our partnership with the Republic of Korea, its military and its people. This vital relationship with our allies lays at the intersection of diplomacy, strategic readiness and personal rapport.

In his book "From Pusan to Panmunjom," retired ROKA Gen. Paik Sun Yup, among the most distinguished leaders in his nation's military history and a great friend of the Division, discussed the importance of trust in achieving success in combined ROK-U.S. operations.

"If the men of each army did not trust the other, neither would have the confidence to fight," he observed. "It is no easy task for human beings to trust each other, even in the course of daily living. To trust others when our lives are at stake on the battlefield is a great deal easier said than done."

I could not agree more. You see, it is all about relationships! It is the mutual trust between Koreans and Americans that makes our alliance with a valued and trusted ally strong. The way to reinforce and build that trust is to develop enduring personal and professional relationships. These relationships are fundamental not only to our military partnership but to our strategic alliance as well.

Last week, more than 500 volunteers from 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team dedicated some of their hard-earned money and even more valuable free time to improving the lives of children at a local orphanage. These Iron Team Soldiers donated more than \$1,500 and their day to make 2009 a happy and very special Chuseok for those Dongducheon-area children. In just a few hours, the Warriors reclaimed a dilapidated facility for the children, transforming rutted grounds overgrown with vegetation into a



first-rate soccer field. Afterwards, they hosted a traditional American hamburger and hotdog barbecue and provided some much-appreciated new footwear purchased with the funds they raised.

Were the Soldiers ordered to do this? No. Did they expect anything material in return? No. Did their initiative make a difference for some young people, win over at least a few skeptics and contribute to the strength of our alliance? You bet your bulgogi.

Everything we do here, whether for good or for ill, resonates with our Korean hosts. They see our partnership embodied in community engagement efforts like those of our "First Tank" volunteers, shared activities and experiences, and participation in Korean culture.

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# 'A Warrior Chuseok'

210th artillerymen, 'good neighbors' share traditional feast

By Master Sgt. Michael Pintagro

2nd ID Public Affairs Chief

Dongducheon community leaders hosted a very special Chuseok feast for "good neighbors" of the 210th Fires Brigade Sept. 25 at Hanson Gym on Camp Casey.

Around 40 Dongducheon-area volunteers affiliated with local civic organizations and clothed in the traditional hanbok served customary Korean cuisine to more than 100 Thunder Brigade Soldiers.

Dishes included such classic Korean fare as jap-chaе (a mixed dish of vegetables and sliced beef and pork), bi-bib-bap (boiled rice with assorted ingredients), eo-mook (boiled fish paste and fish cake) and teok (rice cake).

Soldiers drawn equally from the brigade's three battalions and separate battery proceeded through a buffet-style arrangement of prominently displayed dishes on folding tables while the hanbok-clad volunteers provided service, smiles and guidance as required.

Some Soldiers eagerly embraced the opportunity to participate in a Chuseok celebration. Others welcomed a respite from operational hustle and bustle in the aftermath of a challenging field mission. For many young Soldiers, the attraction of good chow proved more than sufficient.

"I liked it a lot," said Pvt. Louis Myles, a supply specialist assigned to brigade headquarters for the past two months. "This is my first time in Korea and I like to try new things. The beef dish, the noodles, the rice – everything was good."

Event organizers and the volunteers who prepared and served the feast sensed the Soldiers enjoyed the cuisine.

"The U.S. Soldiers liked almost everything, especially the jap-chaе and the rice cakes," said Kim Myung-Im, chairwoman of Dongducheon Saemaеul, a northeastern Republic of Korea civic organization, and a key organizer of the Chuseok dinner. "They really loved the rice cakes, all four varieties. They consumed the food very fast and ate a lot of things, so I'm sure they enjoyed it."

Brigade leaders envisioned the dinner as a cultural celebration and an opportunity to reinforce a vibrant relationship with the local community as well as a means of providing good local cuisine to artillerymen returning from a vigorous training mission, aptly conducted alongside ROK Army allies.

"It was a good event," said Maj. Paul Jackson, the brigade executive officer



Courtesy Photo

**Dongducheon-area volunteers serve classic Korean cuisine to hungry Warriors Sept. 25 at Camp Casey's Hanson Gym.**

and an honorary citizen of Dongducheon. "The Soldiers got a lot out of it. Many of the Soldiers who don't normally have a chance to experience Korean culture had an opportunity to experience a great Chuseok event with lots of Korean food."

Jackson described the event as the most recent initiative of an ongoing community engagement campaign spearheaded by Col. Steven A. Sliwa, the brigade commander. The brigade's partnership with the Dongducheon community, solemnized in a summer signing ceremony, finds expression in events such as unit tours and an enormously popular volunteer English language instruction program.

"Col. Sliwa believes strongly in maintaining a close relationship with the Dongducheon community," Jackson said. "This is one way to celebrate Chuseok with our partners in the community. We understand the importance of this holiday. We wish our sister ROK units, (Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army) Soldiers and our 'good neighbors' in Dongducheon a very happy Chuseok. We're doing everything we can to ensure that."

"The support of the Dongducheon community is an important and highly appreciated part of our mission,"

Jackson added, noting that most of the brigade's Family members live in the Dongducheon area. The 210th currently sponsors approximately 50 Families, a number likely to grow with increased emphasis on command sponsorship opportunities throughout 2nd ID and the peninsula.

Community leaders likewise viewed the event as an opportunity to celebrate and develop their partnership with brigade and installation personnel.

"The Dongducheon community always appreciates what the American Soldiers do," said Kim Kyung-Cha, president of the Dongducheon Volunteer Center. "After all, they're here for the security of the Korean Peninsula. So we're thankful. As for the Fires Brigade and the Camp Casey Soldiers, we're good neighbors and good friends."

"This was a very good way to get the Soldiers involved in our community," added Lee Jong-Seo, Saemaеul administrative director. "It brings everyone closer together and also demonstrates the strength of the alliance."

Yi Pok Hee, administrative director of the Dongducheon Volunteer Center, suggested those outreach efforts have made an impact. During her five years of involvement with local military-civic partnership programs she observed sig-

nificant progress. "For example, the people appreciate the Soldiers teaching English classes," she said.

"Things like that are starting to change some of the people's minds in a good way," Yi Pok Hee continued. "They see that the Soldiers are the same as the Korean people. Sometimes the Soldiers will learn Korean customs. Sometimes they're invited into Korean homes and begin to enjoy the food and the culture."

According to Kim Kyung-Cha, community leaders plan to make the Chuseok gatherings at Camp Casey annual. In the meantime, he recommended Soldiers stationed in the Dongducheon area take advantage of other local opportunities during the season and throughout their stay in Korea.

"Chuseok is a holiday of family gathering," Lee Jong-Seo added. "We appreciate that the U.S. Soldiers are apart from their country and their Families. We hope they will enjoy a happy Chuseok and enjoy good health."

"It's a good time to visit in Seoul because no one is there," he continued. "It's a good time for hiking and trekking. Soyasan (a mountain just northwest of Dongducheon) is a nice place to go – you can see all of Dongducheon and Camp Casey from there."



# Warrior NCO Spotlight

## NCO forms vital link in alliance



Story & photo by  
Pfc. Robert Young

Staff writer

Among the top priorities in the Warrior Division and throughout United States Forces Korea is the vital alliance with Republic of Korea Army counterparts. This historic partnership stands at the very center of American efforts in Korea. Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III has clearly made the alliance a centerpiece of his vision for the Warrior Division, and senior leaders from higher echelons have made it a priority throughout Korea. While high-level commanders, diplomats and State Department officials take the lead in interaction with Korean government and military officials, a small handful of enlisted leaders form an important link in the American-Korean partnership.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Adams, who serves as a brigade liaison officer for the 210th Fires Brigade, is one of those specially trained and highly dedicated noncommissioned officers. The native of Greenville, S.C., never served in such a capacity until he came to Korea. In fact, he even jokes he didn't know his job existed until his arrival.

"I had no idea an LNO existed until I got here to Korea," he said. "We play a vital role in communicating between the U.S. and Korean armies. We have a special relationship with Korea that we don't have with any other country," Adams said of his current position.

Adams, who has already served for more than two decades in the Army, assumed duties as 210th Fires LNO soon after his arrival in Korea from Hohenfels, Germany a year ago. Adam's long career includes participation in some of the defining operations of recent American military history. He served in Operation Desert Storm, conducted in 1991, as well as peacekeeping operations in Bosnia. He also participated in the early stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving in 2003-2004.

Prior to his service as an LNO, Adams worked as a fire support specialist. His formative influences were fire support NCOs and fellow "FISTERS." Adams developed his leadership style by rising through the ranks as a fire supporter, mastering his craft and developing leadership skills. During his most recent assignment as a fire support NCO, Adams worked as an observer controller. He established training sce-



**Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Adams, the 210th Fires Brigade liaison officer, conducts an after action review with his Soldiers following a training event Sept. 23 at Camp Casey. Adams, who served as a fire support NCO prior to his assignment to the 2nd Infantry Division, strives to "teach, coach and mentor" developing young Soldiers.**

narios for fire supporters. He used and further refined his philosophy of "teaching, coaching and mentoring" Soldiers.

Adams' current duty as the brigade LNO is unique and a particularly rare opportunity for an enlisted Soldier. Working out of brigade headquarters on Camp Casey, his mission is to coordinate communication between the Korean and American armies. The U.S. Army, which serves in support of the Korean army, must be able to execute missions articulated by Korean commanders.

The international mission involves not only ROK counterparts but Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers.

"A lot of credit has to go to the KATUSAs in helping us bridge the language gap. They are specialists in what they do because they have to translate a very specialized set of terms," he said.

The sergeant is in charge of 16 Soldiers in his LNO shop. A personable man and dedicated leader, Adams believes in getting to know his Soldiers and creating a supportive, family-type environment.

"I think my way of dealing with Soldiers has mellowed out over the years. I used to be very 'in-your face,' but I learned that Soldiers work better out of respect rather than fear," he said. "I also got tired of having headaches from "yelling all the time," he added with a smile.

The father of four has managed to convey a hands-on, personal, almost to the point of what he called "preachy," manner of leading Soldiers to his junior NCOs.

"This is my first time working with American Soldiers. What I can see is that the U.S. Army is all about standards. I learned how to understand the personal lives of my Soldiers in order to meet the high Army standards," said Cpl. Sol Han Park, the senior KATUSA in the LNO shop and one of Adams' key subordinate leaders. "He's like the leader of a family. It's kind of awkward to say this but he is a kind of father figure in a way."

Over his years as an NCO, Adams has changed his leadership style to one that works best for him and for his Soldiers as they seek to accomplish

missions and build the team.

"I like to try to create a family environment. A lot of these Soldiers are away from home for the first time in their lives and they miss their Families. I really stress camaraderie so that they can support each other," said Adams.

This warm, supportive environment is felt by all the Soldiers in his charge.

"Sgt. Adams is friendly and supportive. He asks about everyone's background and really gets to know you," said Pvt. Myung Joon Kim, a recent addition to the LNO shop.

"He will tell you what to do then show you what to do and give you the opportunity to execute your job by yourself. I think that it shows that he has a lot of trust in his Soldiers," said Pfc. Jason Wilkinson, another of Adams' subordinates.

"Counter-fire missions are all about communication," said Adams. Communication and support are also cornerstones of a cohesive unit. It seems only fitting that a unit whose mission is to communicate between two armies would emphasize personal communication in order to get the mission done.

## WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

### Korean musical

Members of the Republic of Korea Army Support Group are pleased to invite all Area 1 Soldiers and their Families to a Korean traditional musical 8 p.m. Oct. 29-31 at the National Theater of Korea, Haeorum Theater.

Admission is free for all USFK personnel. For more information, call 732-7802.

### Chaplains need your help

Division chaplains need volunteers to serve as piano players, organists, religious education coordinators, parish coordinators and civilian clergy. If you are interested in any of these opportunities to serve, contact your unit chaplain's office or church staff.

### IMCOM survey

Division leaders request Warriors to complete the 2009 U.S. Army Installation Management Command customer service assessment. The survey asks Soldiers' input on the quality and priority of installation services.

The feedback provided by Division personnel will help IMCOM determine how to best serve Warriors and Family members. Visit the Web site at <http://www.myarmyvoice.org> in order to complete the 15-minute survey.

### JAG education program

The Office of the Judge Advocate

General is accepting applications for the Army's funded legal education program.

Up to 25 active duty commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain may attend law school while remaining on active duty starting in fall of 2010 under the program.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14 of AR 27-1 (JAG Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility. Applicants must have two to six years of total active federal service when their legal training begins. Eligible officers interested in applying should register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test.

Applicants must send their request through command channels, including the officer's branch manager at AHRC, with a copy furnished to the OTJAG, Attn: DAJA-PT (Ms. Yvonne Caron-10th Floor), 1777 N. Kent St., Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194.

Applications must be received before Nov. 1, 2009. Early submission is recommended.

### Bicycles in the subway

Good news for cyclists: you can now bring your two-wheelers onto participating Seoul subways on Sundays and holidays.

The subway stations include the Seoul City Hall (Line 1), Seoul National University of Education (Line 2), Apgujeong (Line 3), Sadang (Line 4), Yeouido (Line 5), World Cup Stadium (Line 6), Ttukseom Resort (Line 7) and Songpa (Line 8) stations.

### Casey Legal Center hours

The Camp Casey Legal Center continues to operate under changed business hours, which took effect in the beginning of August.

Since then, legal personnel have been available by appointment only between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Walk-in customers are seen from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays. Walk-in customers and customers with appointments are seen from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays.

Powers of attorney and notarizations are available on a walk-in basis 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays.

The office is closed for lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays but remains open during lunch hours Fridays for the limited purpose of powers of attorney and notarizations. Casey Legal Center is located in Maude Hall. The office DSN phone number is 730-3660.

## Movies

### Camp Casey

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

October 9...G-Force, Jennifer's body, The Hurt Locker  
October 10...G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra, Jennifer's body  
October 11...Bandslam, A Perfect Getaway  
October 12...Jennifer's body  
October 13...No Showing  
October 14...G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra  
October 15...No Showing  
October 16...A Perfect Getaway, Surrogates  
October 17...Bandslam, Surrogates  
October 18...Bandslam, A Perfect Getaway  
October 19...A Perfect Getaway

### Camp Red Cloud

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

October 9...Orphan, The Ugly Truth  
October 10...A Perfect Getaway  
October 11...G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra  
October 12...Bandslam  
October 13...Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince  
October 14...No Showing  
October 15...Jennifer's body  
October 16...Jennifer's body, Post Grad  
October 17...Behind Enemy Lines, The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard  
October 18...Traveler's Wife  
October 19...Funny People  
October 20...The Hurt Locker

### Camp Hovey

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

October 9...Funny People  
October 10...Behind Enemy Lines, The Hurt Locker  
October 11...Jennifer's body  
October 12...No Showing  
October 13...G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra  
October 14...No Showing  
October 15...Surrogates  
October 16...G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra  
October 17...A Perfect Getaway  
October 18...Surrogates  
October 19...No Showing

### Camp Stanley

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

October 9...The Hurt Locker, The Ugly Truth  
October 10...G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra, Aliens in the Attic  
October 11...G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra  
October 12...Funny People  
October 13...No Showing  
October 14...Surrogates  
October 15...The Ugly Truth  
October 16...A Perfect Getaway, G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra  
October 17...Jennifer's body, Bandslam  
October 18...Jennifer's body  
October 19...Funny People  
October 20...No Showing

### Camp Humphreys

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

October 9...Jennifer's body  
October 10...Aliens in the Attic, Jennifer's body  
October 11...Aliens in the Attic, Jennifer's body  
October 12...A Perfect Getaway  
October 13...A Perfect Getaway  
October 14...The Time Traveler's Wife  
October 15...The Time Traveler's Wife  
October 16...Surrogates  
October 17...Bandslam, Surrogates  
October 18...Bandslam, Surrogates  
October 19...Post Grad  
October 20...Bandslam, Surrogates  
October 21...The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard

## 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. Tuesdays  
and Thursdays  
**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:**  
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

### Castle Chapel

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

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# Combined exercise tests allied artillery logistics

Story & photo by  
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Allies from the 210th Fires Brigade and Third Republic of Korea Army teamed up for a large-scale demonstration of logistical capability during a combined fires exercise conducted Sept. 22-24 just north of Camp Casey.

The biannual exercise, known by 210th artillerymen as the "TROKA CFX," tested the forces' ability to integrate critical sustainment and support assets into large-scale ROKA operations. This capability is indispensable to brigade mission success.

The brigade integrated its diverse elements, including the vast bulk of brigade personnel, and even engineer assets from the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team in order to create cache sites used, in turn, to sustain artillery batteries located throughout the area. The engineer units smoothed the hilly terrain of the two sites outside of Munsan and Chungok to enable transportation teams to off-load massive amounts of ammunition for the entrenched artillery batteries.

The formidable fire capabilities of the units' weapons systems require strong logistical support.

"Each (Multiple Launch Rocket System) is able to fire 12 rockets in 60 seconds. So you can see the importance of transportation and logistics," said Lt. Col. David Lee, commander of 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires.

The CFX trained all elements of the brigade and required them to work together in order to stockpile two battalions' worth of MLRS ammunition in order to sustain the fight. It also required vigorous and complex support from attached engineers.

"We integrate sapper elements in order to shape the battlefield. Our main effort is to ensure the survivability of the battle position but we also have to enable the maneuver element to perform their mission," said Capt.



Warriors from the 210th Fires Brigade inspect equipment as part of a logistical mission during a biannual combined fires exercise conducted alongside allied Third Republic of Korea Army personnel Sept. 23 north of Camp Casey.

Jon Trola commander of E Company, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st HBCT, a supporting engineer organization.

The addition of E Co. to the exercise paid training dividends.

"This is the first time in a while that we worked with engineering units," Lee added. "Their support enabled us to fortify these battery positions."

Since 210th Fires Soldiers worked alongside their TROKA counterparts, communication between the allied forces was of paramount importance. The integration of communication systems was necessary for the Fires brigade to receive firing orders from their Korean counterparts.

"We sent our liaison teams out on

Monday to establish digital satellite links between our systems and the ROKA's," said Maj. Donald Potoczny, 210th Fires operations officer.

Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers served as valuable mediators between the American and Korean forces.

"The importance of the KATUSAs cannot be overstated. They were absolutely necessary in translating the fire missions that we were getting from the TROKA. Without them the close coordination required for the mission would have been impossible," Lee said.

The scale of the CFX was what made this training mission remarkable.

"We don't always get to train with a

combined arms team. It lets us see what other elements bring to the fight," Lee said. "We are a small part of a big team. The majority of the batteries belong to the ROKA."

The scale and number of contributing forces, key leaders pointed out, illustrated the scope of the exercise and the enormous challenge of effectively integrating its components.

"Those trucks over there are mine," said Col. Steven Sliwa, the 210th commander. "Those pods over there are mine. Those Bradleys, well they belong to the 1-72nd. We even had Apache support from the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade for our convoy. This major training allows us to integrate all of our assets as a whole."

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They likewise hear all about instances of boorish behavior, often magnified in the telling. The good has far outweighed the bad during the last two years and throughout the history of our great alliance. I hope and sincerely believe the vast majority of the Korean people embrace this truth.

But that's no excuse for complacency. I was very pleased to see many of our Warriors participating in Chuseok events alongside Korean neighbors last week. I'd renew my charge to embrace your roles as informal cultural ambassadors and the spirit of "Katchi Kapshida." At the end of the day, we're here because

of the alliance and for the alliance. So help build our international team: conduct combined training; participate in language classes; forge friendships with ROKA counterparts and Korean neighbors; encourage your Soldiers and colleagues to savor their time in Korea and embrace its many opportunities rather than watch the calendar for a year.

I couldn't pay adequate tribute to the tireless efforts and the superb quality my staff, commanders, subordinate leaders at echelon and my Soldiers were I to fill the entire paper with names, tributes and testimonials. So let me try an anecdote to sum up my thoughts.

In Sept. 1944, German Lt. Gen. Hermann-Bernhard Ramcke accepted the inevitable and agreed to surrender his overwhelmed forces to the Americans. Before

surrendering, he asked for the credentials of Brig. Gen. Charles D.W. Canham of the 8th U.S. Infantry Division — Pathfinders. "These are my credentials," Gen. Canham replied, gesturing toward his Soldiers.

This spontaneous and understated testament to the men who helped liberate Europe from the Nazis stands among the most eloquent and touching tributes offered American Soldiers. As a former 8th ID Soldier, I leave the Republic of Korea and prepare yet again to serve in Lt. Gen. Ramcke's homeland, I clearly identify with Brig. Gen. Canham and his sentiments about his Soldiers. I'm proud to claim all of you — the Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division — as my "credentials" the Warriors of this great Division — always ready to "Fight Tonight" and truly, truly "Second to None!"

# Health menace confronts Korean community

By Capt. Taira Caldwell

2nd ID Preventive Medicine Officer

Today a health issue of growing severity confronts the Warrior community. Its symptoms don't seem severe at first, but the germs can cause severe infection if it is not treated.

What is this menace, you ask? It's methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, more commonly known as MRSA. MRSA is a potentially dangerous type of staph bacteria that can cause skin and other types of infection.

## Why is MRSA becoming such an issue in Korea?

The main reason MRSA is an issue here is because it can start with any type of open wound. An insect bite or any type of cut or scrape can become infected if the wound is not properly treated or if the individuals affected do not practice good hygiene. If an individual has a MRSA infection, he or she can spread it to others through skin-to-skin contact, sharing personal hygiene items or by coming into contact with any surface that has come into contact with the contaminated area.

The appearance of MRSA can also pose risk. After all, it often looks like a pimple or a bump. When most people see a bump or pimple on their skin, their

first inclination is to burst it and dab it with a cloth. If the "bump" includes MRSA, that is the worst thing that you can do. Once the area is burst, all its contents can infect others. Any item or surface that comes in contact with the wound becomes a source of potential infection.

So MRSA is often innocent looking but highly infectious. What are its signs and symptoms?

Most MRSA infections look like a bump or aggravated wound. The area

may be red, swollen, warm to the touch, painful, full of pus or other drainage and may be accompanied by a fever. If you suspect that you might have an MRSA skin infection you should cover the area with a bandage and contact your local health provider. It is especially important to contact your local health provider if you have a fever.

## How can I protect my family from MRSA skin infections?

• Keep cuts and scrapes clean and cov-

ered

- Encourage good hygiene such as cleaning and washing hands regularly
- Discourage sharing of personal items like towels and razors
- Wipe down equipment in the gym before and after you use it
- Know the signs and symptoms of MRSA and seek treatment early

For more information, consult the Web site at [www.cdc.gov/MRSA](http://www.cdc.gov/MRSA)



Courtesy Photo

A dangerous cluster of bacteria, commonly known as "MRSA," as viewed under a microscope.

# Dependants need 'stamp of approval' for Korean employment

By Maj. Susan Castorina

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Dependants of U.S. military servicemembers and Department of the Army civilians with valid Status of Forces Agreement A-3 visas are eligible to seek employment off-post.

Prior to beginning any off-post employment, however, individuals must apply for and receive an employment visa stamp from the Korean Immigration Service.

The opportunity and the requirements apply to dependants only. Active-duty military members are prohibited from obtaining a visa stamp to work off-post.

An employment visa stamp allows the holder to seek employment and receive compensation for his or her work without having to leave Korea and re-enter under a separate visa category. Employment visa stamps are available for eight different categories of employment, E-1 through E-8. The requirements for an employment visa vary according to the category.

Failure to obtain an employment visa stamp before accepting payment for work performed off-post may result in adverse legal and administrative sanctions. Punishment will vary based on the specific circumstances in a given case. Violations of Republic of Korea employment and immigration laws may result in serious consequences. Individuals may be required to remain in Korea until their cases are resolved, for instance. Individuals in this status are placed on "international hold." Violators are also subject to fines, visa revocation and deportation from Korea.

For illustration, take the example of a Family mem-

ber who wants to teach English off-post. Teaching English requires a category E-2 (foreign language instructor) employment visa. Generally, individuals applying for an E-2 visa must be native speakers of a country that uses the language they wish to teach. However, requirements may differ for assistant teacher positions

You should also be aware that conducting private tutoring, whether on-post or off, constitutes "owning and managing a business," not merely employment, and has different requirements.

The first step toward obtaining an E-2 employment visa to teach English is to find a Korean employer (company, agency or school) that wants to hire you. The next step would be to negotiate contract terms directly with that employer. Having an offer of employment before applying for the employment visa stamp is important because the KIS requires employers to submit documentation verifying their eligibility to hire foreign workers in the desired category.

After completing the contract negotiations, you must submit the following documents to the local immigration office:

1. Completed application for a work permit
2. Processing fee of W60,000
3. Valid passport with a SOFA (A-3) visa
4. Employment contract between you and the employer (original and one copy)
5. Diploma showing award of a bachelor's degree and/or relevant college-level education and/or work experience (original or a certified original and a copy)
6. Transcripts from college or graduate school (original in a sealed envelope)

7. A criminal background check from your last place of residence in the United States. The background check must have been conducted within the six months following the date of submission to the immigration office and requires a certificate of authenticity, which is called an "apostille;" you can contact the U.S. Embassy in Seoul for an apostille if it is not provided with the background check

8. Record of physical examination specifying the applicant is TBPE (specific drug and disease testing) and HIV negative (sealed original from a local hospital)

9. Certified copy of business registration for school/secondary school (provided by the employer)

10. Certified copy of registration for establishment/operation of educational institute (provided by the employer).

After you are successful in obtaining the E-2 employment visa stamp, you may lawfully teach English off-post. Individuals employed on the local economy, regardless of SOFA status, are subject to withholding tax under Korean income tax laws.

For further information on specific requirements for other employment categories you can refer to the Korean government Web sites or the U.S. Embassy Seoul consular Web site listed below:

[http://www.hikorea.go.kr/pt/InfoDetailR\\_en.pt](http://www.hikorea.go.kr/pt/InfoDetailR_en.pt)  
<http://seoul.immigration.go.kr/HP/IMM80/index.do>  
[www.asktheconsul.ork](http://www.asktheconsul.ork)

For addresses and contact information for the Korea Immigration Service and local immigration offices, visit [http://www.immigration.go.kr/HP/IMM80/imm\\_05/imm\\_5040.jsp](http://www.immigration.go.kr/HP/IMM80/imm_05/imm_5040.jsp)

## Casey catches 'Boogie Woogie Fiddle Country Blues'

By Master Sgt. Michael Pintagro

2nd ID Public Affairs Chief

Warriors from the 2nd Infantry Division, government and contract personnel and Family members in Area I enjoyed a rare treat usually reserved for country music fans "In America" the evening of Sept. 22 at Gateway Park on Camp Casey.

Famed "Long Haired Country Boy" Charlie Daniels and his band played a dynamic concert punctuated by CDB classics, a traditional gospel number and a robust down-home jam hastily entitled the "Beer Song" by an audience member.

Certain that "The South's Gonna Do It Again," the Tennessee native proclaimed love for the Soldier, the veteran, the country boy and the "Simple Man" throughout the hour-and-a-quarter-long performance.

A set similar to that performed for civilian audiences and familiar to three generations of country music fans left no "Uneasy Rider" as Daniels and his band of guitar, bass and keyboard players in addition to a drummer and backup singers disclosed "The Legend of Woolly Swamp" and proclaimed "What This World Needs is a Few More Rednecks."

The concert culminated in a rousing performance of his signature 1979 hit, "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," which brought most of the audience to its feet and many of the Soldiers to the stage.

Daniels signed autographs for all comers after the show, remaining until everyone in a long line of Soldiers and Family members departed satisfied.

Apparently unspoiled by his legendary career and fame, Daniels modestly deflects attention from his achievements and his gratis world tours and goes out of his way to express gratitude and appreciation for troops and their Families.

"It's an honor" to perform for Soldiers, he said before the show, noting that at 72 years of age he could recall many of the wars of the past century and felt deep appreciation for the labors and sacrifices of military members.

The group devotes a great deal of time and energy to supporting U.S. troops throughout the world. A proud veteran of three musical tours of Iraq even if only one member of his traveling band actually served in the Army, Daniels regularly performs free concerts for military audiences.

His shows feature a heavy dose of patriotic rhetoric and praise for the efforts of American forces from Kandahar to Tikrit to Camp Casey. The military performances also include "Iraq Blues," a recently improvised number offering a light-hearted description of the aspirations of a deployed Soldier.

"I've always been patriotic," Daniels said. "I've always believed in the military and everything it does for our coun-

try. There are no finer Americans than the guys wearing uniforms. You're the best we got."

The shows, he added, "are meant to entertain the U.S. military. That's the beginning and the end of it."

Five of the CDB's troop concert tours included stops in Korea, Daniels noted, "So I'm pretty familiar with the facilities, the sights and the sounds here. I've found Koreans to be among the most courteous and gracious hosts in the world. So I've particularly enjoyed playing in Korea."

An enthusiastic crowd in the hundreds – not overwhelming but not bad for a Tuesday with a whole battalion in the field – assembled on a pleasant end-of-summer evening for the concert. The show attracted diehard CDB followers, new fans and casual listeners alike.

"This is my third time seeing him," said Sgt. Jason Lykins of D Company, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team. "I'm from Kentucky and I grew up on country music. I'm glad he comes out and supports the troops like this around the world."

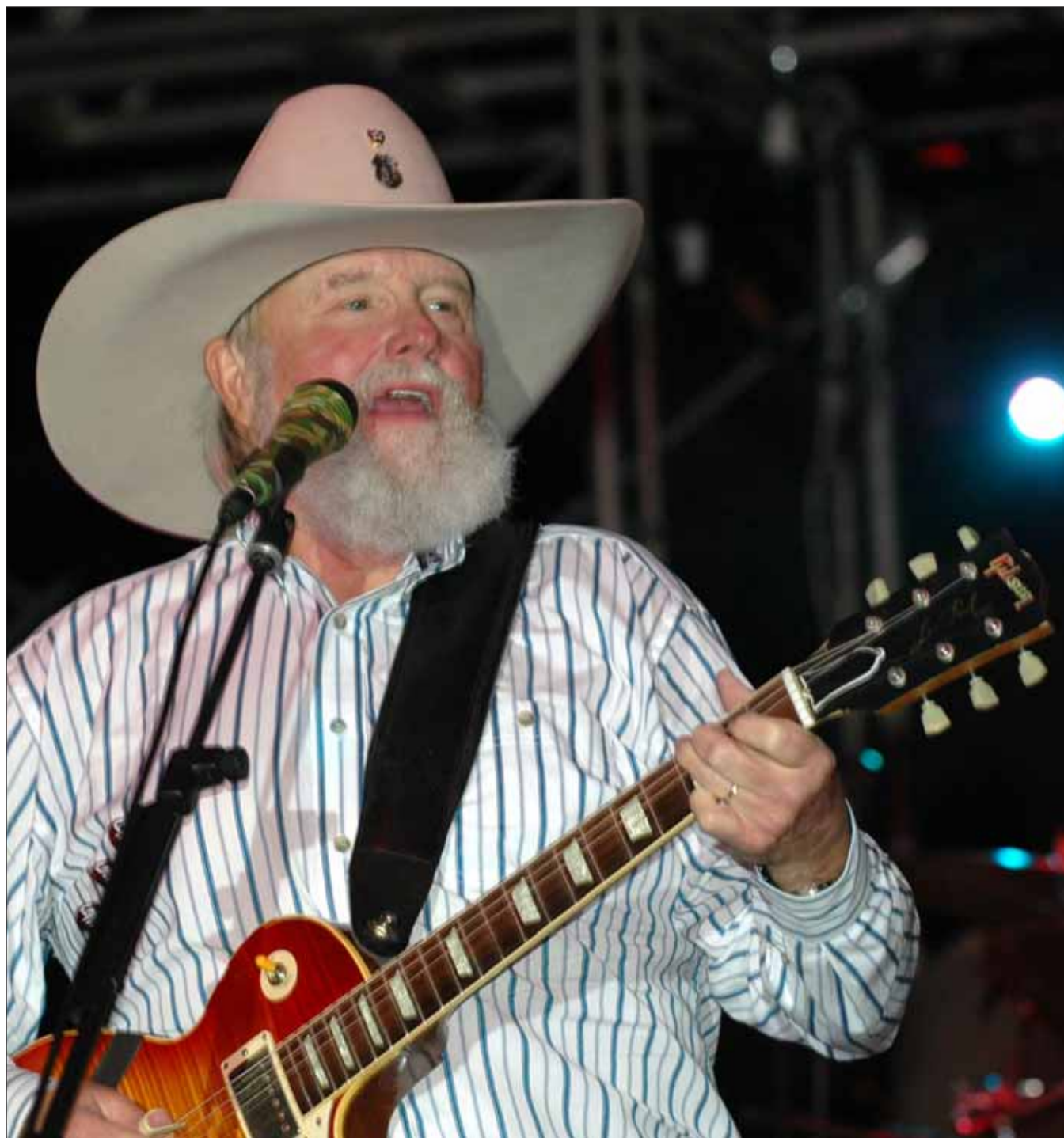
"I like how open he is about his views and his patriotism – you know exactly where he stands," added Pvt. Jamal Walker, who rode a Morale, Welfare and Recreation shuttle from Camp Red Cloud to see the show. "He really tried to please the crowd with his song selection and his comments. This is way better than a typical Tuesday night."

Warrior and support group leaders alike described the concert as a tremendous opportunity for Soldiers, civilian employees and Families throughout Area I and a great success.

"This was a really good show and just an awesome opportunity," Command Sgt. Maj. Roy Meno of 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st HBCT said after the show. "Not everyone has a chance to see Charlie Daniels, even in the States."

While young men predominated – a far from unusual circumstance on Camp Casey – a significant number of Family members and children attended the performance. The audience included a number of young children and even toddlers as well as the robust contingent of Soldiers dressed in civilian clothes, Army Combat Uniforms and even Army Physical Fitness Uniforms. One young fan sat on her father's shoulders throughout the show for a bird's eye view of the stage while another swayed to the country beat in his stroller.

"I think this whole event really reflects the success of tour normalization," said Janet Fortune, wife of 1st HBCT Command Sgt. Maj. John Fortune and a key Family Readiness Group leader. "Look at all the Families and children who came to the concert. I think this was very good for the Families and children as well as the Soldiers."



Pfc. Robert Young

Country music legend Charlie Daniels launches into a down-home jam Sept. 22 at Gateway Park on Camp Casey. A 2nd ID emblem adorns his stetson. The CDB performs free concerts for U.S. military personnel worldwide.