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1-38th FA artillerymen unleash MLRS fury



An MLRS crew from A Co., 1-38th FA, 210th Fires launches its third and final rocket to complete its live fire qualification Oct. 30 at Rocket Valley.

Story & photo by Pfc. Robert Ding

Staff writer

A weeklong training exercise culminated in a furious Multiple Launch Rocket System live fire as Warriors from 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade tested their capabilities near Rodriguez Range.

After the smoke cleared Oct. 30, each of the battalion's 18 crews emerged better trained, more familiar with their teams and their systems, and certified through Table VIII, section live fire.

The battalion's fire crews, spread over some 20 square kilometers in an area called "Rocket Valley" by the artillerymen, fired a series of missiles at targets located in an impact area roughly 15 kilometers away from the line of fire.

Leaders and command and control support Soldiers integrated the fires from a tactical operations center established in the training area. Two radar systems kept track of the rockets' trajectory and made certain that they were on target.

"The distance is a bit of a challenge, but integrating forward support and target acquisition companies in support of the crews is part of the challenge of a battalion level exercise," said Lt. Col. David Lee, the 1-38th commander. "We maintain the command and

control, sustainment and general survivability of the entire operation here."

Each crew consists of three members, a driver, a gunner, and a section chief. Table VIII qualification requires that the crew effectively executes three methods of fire control, time on target, fire when ready, and fire at command.

Operating over such a large area creates significant challenges. The dust kicked up by the movement of large tracked vehicles aggravated locals, but was remedied by a Republic of Korea Army chemical company that wetted down roadways. Coordinating fire missions through the Korean army was of vital importance and was necessary for completing the training mission.

The geography of the Korean countryside played a factor in the training exercise as well.

"In the States we usually have larger training areas to operate in, but here we're limited in the space that we have. It's not really a bad thing but it forces us to adapt to the area and to be flexible in our operations," said 1st Lt. Matt Lilley, a platoon leader with B Battery, 1-38th FA.

According to organizers and key leaders, morale remained high throughout the exercise. Soldiers, they said, were highly motivated for the exercise and particularly excited about firing live missiles.

Junior leaders characterized the training as uniquely valuable and realistic.

"I've been doing this for six years and it's been some of the best training I've had," said Sgt. Bryan Cary of A Battery, 1-38th FA. "For this environment it's very realistic. In the States we train more for what we have learned in the desert, but in Korea the tactics are very different."

"This is my first live fire at (a field training exercise) and I'm learning new commands and new fire missions. It is a lot to take in, but I'm happy to be part of the crew," said Pvt. Richard Eastburn of A Btry.

Staff Sgt. Anthony Tarry, an ammunition NCO with B Btry., said he was proud of his Soldiers. "It was a long week out in the field, but none of this could have been done without motivated Soldiers. I'm sure that they really took a lot from this exercise."

A series of dry fires conducted Oct. 26-29 preceded the live fire. The Soldiers trained on a series of preparatory tasks. Each crew qualified through Table VII in preparation for the live fire. Ammunition specialists, meanwhile, practiced loading and unloading "rocket pods" in support of the fire missions.

Support Soldiers also accomplished their full range of field missions during the training exercise, establishing living, working and eating space, maintaining security and supporting the firing crews' operations.

Each battalion within 210th Fires conducts three live fires annually in order to ensure all personnel receive adequate familiarization with their systems and comprehensive training.



**VOICE OF THE
WARRIOR:**

**What does
Veterans Day
mean to you?**



"Remembering fallen comrades and honoring them."

Spc. Juan Arriaza
HHC, 70th BSB

"It means a lot. My grandfather and uncle served, my grandfather in World War II and uncle in Vietnam."

Spc. Sean Dinnerstein
BSTB, 1st HBCT



"It is a day to give thanks to our fallen brothers and sisters in the Army and also to the ones in active-duty."

Pfc. Johnathan Ingram
HHB, 6-37th FA

"When I can reflect on my forefathers fighting in all wars and all the peace that they have brought to the nation."

Spc. Jacob Lewis
C Co., 2-9th Inf.



"It is the day to honor all the Soldiers before me and pay them the honor that they deserve."

Sgt. William Ratliff
HHC, 1st HBCT

"Taking time to reflect on our fallen brothers and accomplishments."

Cpl. Javed Ross
C Co., 2-9th Inf.



COMMANDER'S CORNER

A day for appreciation, reflection

By Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker

2nd ID Commander

We commemorated the 92nd birthday of the 2nd Infantry Division Oct. 26 in front of Freeman Hall. It was a festive occasion, replete with refreshments, congratulations and a cake cut by our oldest and youngest Soldiers. And there's nothing wrong with that. Celebrations, after all, have their place in our Army and in our Division.

Other occasions, like Veterans Day, call for reflection. Other than a lyric most of us sing on ceremonial occasions, what is the "Hell of the first World War"?

In the spring of 1918, desperate allied leaders called upon 2nd ID Soldiers to thwart a German drive toward Paris. The men fought against battle-hardened and often well-entrenched German regulars in the Battle of Belleau Wood. Filthy, tired and scared, they fought Europe's finest army to a standstill in the smoldering woods, halting the advance and setting the stage for the Chateau-Thierry campaign that followed. Those original Warriors formed one distinguished part of a broad national effort that mobilized the U.S. on a scale unseen since the Civil War.

An armistice, which took effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, mercifully ended the "Great War." The next year, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 the first commemoration of "Armistice Day" to honor the fallen of what later became known as "World War I." Armistice Day honored Great War veterans for around three and a half decades. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day was renamed to include veterans of all the nation's wars. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the former commander of all Allied Forces in the European Theater of Operations in WWII, appropriately, issued the first official "Veterans Day" proclamation in 1954.

Our Division played important roles during World War II and, of course, Korea. During World War II, Warriors of the 2nd ID participated in the invasion of Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge and the final drive through the German heartland.

The Korean Conflict proved to be another defining experience for the Division, and its legacy is very real and enduring for Warriors serving today on the peninsula. The 2nd ID was the first unit to



reach Korea directly from the United States. Clerks, technicians, supply personnel and even bandmen were famously committed to the front lines during the defense of the "Pusan Perimeter." Warriors later spearheaded the drive to the Manchurian border. The Warrior Division was the first United Nations force to enter the North Korean capital of Pyongyang. When the Chinese invasion threw back the UN lines in late 1950, our Division fought desperately to stem the communist tide. During the winter of 1950-51 and subsequent winters, Warriors endured the frozen agony on isolated hills and highlands throughout the central and northern peninsula. The summers merely substituted smoldering heat for numbing cold. Death and suffering were constant companions; their absence gave way only to loneliness, isolation and mind-numbing boredom. The Warrior Division contributed the most Soldiers and suffered the most casualties of any U.S. organization during the Korean War.

During the postwar era, Veterans Day evolved into a patriotic celebration – marked by ceremonies, parades, flags, displays, speeches and silent reverence – held in honor of all who wore the American uniform, particularly in combat.

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ADCM bids Warriors, hosts fond farewell

By Master Sgt. Michael Pintagro

2nd ID Public Affairs Chief

Warriors of the 2nd Infantry Division said goodbye to their assistant division commander for maneuver and Korean partners bid fond farewell to a distinguished colleague and “Good Neighbor” during a “patch” ceremony conducted Nov. 2 at the Village Green on Camp Red Cloud, Korea.

Brig. Gen. Walter M. Golden Jr. performed both ADC roles during his tenure with the Warrior Division from Aug. 2008 through the ceremony, serving as ADC first for support and subsequently for maneuver – with three months as both.

The outgoing ADCM departed Indian Country for the Pentagon, where he will serve as personnel officer on the Joint Staff.

An enthusiastic if chilly crowd of Division leaders, Soldiers and Family members as well as Korean military, political and civic leaders braved frigid autumn weather for the event.

An awards presentation for Golden and his wife Jo Ann preceded the farewell ceremony. Officials from Dongducheon and Gyeonggi Province, who served closely with Golden during his tenure with the Division, as well as 2nd ID and Republic of Korea Army leaders recognized the outgoing ADCM and his wife with a series of gifts and awards.

Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, the 2nd ID commanding general, presented Golden the Distinguished Service Medal during the awards ceremony. He also presented Jo Ann Golden the Dr. Mary E. Walker Award for outstanding volunteer work. Jo Ann Golden, a prominent family readiness group leader, played a key role in Family and community support activities ranging from charity drives and Chuseok celebrations to volunteer efforts at Yongsan Garrison.

The Warrior commander praised the Golden family warmly and noted their contributions to the Division and the community during the patch ceremony.

“The Golden family has touched us all in so many ways and no question their departure will create a void where they were always there to teach, coach, mentor, help and advise,” Tucker said, adding that “This does not even make mention of the countless good neighbors throughout host communities, who will be sad to lose a great friend and ally.”

Tucker, welcomed to the Division in his own ceremony Oct. 21, noted Golden’s achievements as ADCS as well as ADCM.

“He performed superbly in both roles, leaving in place a stronger systems than the ones he found,” the commander said. “Without a doubt he enhanced our war-fighting readiness, strengthened our strategic alli-



Yu Hu-Son

Brig. Gen. Walter M. Golden Jr., the outgoing 2nd ID assistant division commander for maneuver, delivers remarks during a “patch ceremony” conducted Nov. 2 at the Village Green on Camp Red Cloud, Korea.

ance and improved the quality of life for our Families. We’re better prepared to fight and win tonight because of his diligence, acumen and tactical expertise.”

The outgoing ADCM, Tucker told the audience, also contributed significantly to the strength of the U.S.-ROK alliance. Golden, he said, “strengthened the alliance through community engagement efforts. He met regularly with political, business and civic as well as military leaders. His engagement with key local leaders in Dongducheon promoted better understanding of military policies and resolve disputes between Soldiers and civilians.”

The commander described Golden as a champion for Warrior Families.

“Brig. Gen. Golden played a pivotal role in bringing our vision for tour normalization in Area I closer to realization,” he observed. “As the senior responsible officer for Camp Casey, he started and chaired a quarterly executive council bringing garrison and tenant organization leaders together to address important issues confronting Soldiers and Families. During his tenure, the number of command-sponsored Families in Area I has grown exponentially. Families residing in Area I had no greater advocate than Brig. Gen. Golden, who worked tirelessly to help them achieve the same opportunities and services available elsewhere on the peninsula.”

Golden followed his commander to the podium. Thanking Tucker and his wife Teresa for their “inspired leadership and positive example,” the outgoing ADCM offered generous praise to a series of 2nd ID and 8th

U.S. Army leaders at various echelons.

He also offered high praise to the host country and the Korean military, political and civic leaders he served alongside. “What has enriched our time in Korea,” he said, “has been our reception by the generous, kind and welcoming people of Korea.” Close friends and colleagues from the host nation, the outgoing ADCM said, “have made our tour in Korea a very special experience with lasting friendships that we will cherish forever.”

Recalling his arrival in Warrior Country, Golden placed his tenure as ADC in perspective.

“During my incoming patch ceremony 15 months ago,” he noted, “I said that as an ADC I looked forward to assisting the CG to realize his vision of being prepared to ‘Fight Tonight,’ with a Division that is known for highly disciplined, agile and adaptive units and Soldiers that are trained to standard and prepared to conduct intelligence-driven, full-spectrum, deliberate combat operations with doctrinal troop leading procedures, pre-combat checks, inspections, rehearsals, risk assessments and after action reviews; leaders in our transforming communities of excellence who care for our Soldiers, their Families and our neighbors. Jo Ann and I are exceptionally proud to have served alongside you as members of the team, contributing to this vision and taking great pride in your many, many successes.”

A reception honoring Golden followed the ceremony. Col. Terry R. Ferrell will serve as both ADCS and ADCM until the arrival of a new ADCS.

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The mass mobilization and enormous sacrifices of the Vietnam War reinforced this vision of the holiday.

Veterans Day is not exclusively about wars, causes, sacrifices and heroes of the past. Look to your left and your right. Even a cursory glance at the combat patches, Combat Infantry Badges and Combat Action Badges in our ranks suggests the wealth of operational experience within our great Division.

Many veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, along with a handful of Operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Vietnam veterans, serve in our ranks. As you read this column, Warriors wearing the Indianhead patch serve in Afghanistan and Iraq in Stryker brigade combat teams. We value their experience and judgment on the job day in and day out; we honor their dedication, courage and

sacrifice on Veterans Day.

The young Soldiers in our ranks joined an Army at war. They too deserve our appreciation and gratitude.

Mission requirements preclude us from celebrating a holiday this Veterans Day. Many of us will be preparing for Warpath III. Others will be accomplishing steady state missions. But wherever you find yourself on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, I hope you’ll devote a few moments to reflection. Ponder the fortitude, the courage, the lives and the dreams sacrificed so others could endure. Take pride in what we’ve accomplished and your achievements yet to come, but temper this pride with humility, with gratitude for the courage, endurance and sacrifice that bought us the privileges we enjoy today. Warriors, let us embrace with reverence and honor the tradition we’re privileged to build on, a tradition rich with valor, dedication to duty, selflessness and sacrifice. Let’s be grateful for our heritage, and for all our veterans that are truly “Second to None!”



Warrior NCO Spotlight

First sergeant holds Soldiers to first class standards



Story & photo by Spc. Timothy N. Oberle

2nd CAB Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea -- With hopes of one day becoming a helicopter pilot, 1st Sgt. Dwight N. Evans Jr., first sergeant of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade began his career in the U.S. Army as a CH-47 Chinook helicopter mechanic fresh out of high school. More than anything, Evans said he wanted to avoid the torture of additional schooling and hoped to obtain a skill-set that could someday translate into a civilian career. Twenty years down the road, school is back in – but Evans is now doing the teaching.

Evans quickly found he had a high aptitude in the field of aviation and spent only three months as a mechanic before being promoted to crew chief. From crew chief, Evans moved on to excel as a flight engineer and standardization instructor for the next 13 years. “I loved my job so much that I decided to continue to work on the Chinook rather than flying it,” he said.

Finally, after spending nearly 18 years working with helicopters, Evans was promoted to first sergeant and had the chance to teach other Soldiers why he was so passionate about working in aviation.

However, Evans did not limit his passion and instructional ability to aviation. During his time as a first sergeant and throughout his entire military career, Evans has been able to influence hundreds of young Soldiers’ lives by teaching them the Army values and giving them direction and purpose they might not otherwise find in the civilian world.

“No matter how busy things are, I will always take time out of my day to help young Soldiers,” he said. “My favorite part of the military is being able to impact other Soldiers’ lives.”

For Evans, impacting young Soldiers’ lives doesn’t mean babying them. With an aggressive and in-your-face leadership style, Evans has zero tolerance for those who fail to meet company standards. “I am not one to sit back and let you go,” he said. “I will tell you this is what I want, how I want it, and when I want it, and if you fail to execute I will be right up in your face.”



1st Sgt. Dwight N. Evans Jr. of the 602nd Aviation Support Battalion discusses some paperwork with Sgt. Zeth R. Strough of the 602nd ASB in Evans’ office at Camp Humphreys Oct. 17.

“I don’t want anyone in my organization who fails to represent what is good and true about the U.S. Army,” said Evans. The 38-year-old Philadelphia native believes the key to maintaining this standard rests with the Army’s NCOs. While the Army officially designated 2009 as the year of the NCO, Evans believes every year should be the year of the NCO. NCOs, he added, are the backbone of the Army and have been since the beginning.

As leaders of young Soldiers in the U.S. Army, Evans said, NCOs must continuously raise their standards and mentor young Soldiers to do what is right. NCOs need to rely on their peers in areas where they are weak and help in other things where they excel. If NCOs worked together to maintain a higher standard, he said, the Army would develop the necessary trust and confidence in NCO decision making and leadership skills.

As an NCO, Evans said, all eyes are on you and you can’t afford to send the wrong message. “The junior enlisted Soldiers are constantly watching everything you do as an NCO,” said Evans. “They know what the standards are and will think that they shouldn’t have to follow the standard if an NCO can’t.” “Once you become a sergeant you lose the right to choose the

easier wrong over the harder right,” said Evans.

Senior NCOs are held to an even higher standard, said Evans, because junior NCOs are driven by their superior’s standards. “Which means as an NCO you have to make personal sacrifices and make sure you are squared away at all times,” said Evans. “Once you get stripes you are more like a parent and have to set the bar.”

Evans knows whereof he speaks. A father of five and husband to Staff Sgt. Chantel M. Evans, a career counselor with HHC, 2nd CAB, Evans has learned a lot about mentoring Soldiers from raising his family. Raising five children while balancing a military career builds character and leadership skills, said Evans.

My wife is also a huge help with balancing the dual role as a first sergeant and father, said Evans. “With a wife that is an NCO I have someone to talk to about mentoring young Soldiers,” said Evans.

“Marrying my wife is the best decision I’ve made in my life.” Evans added. “She is my best friend and soul-mate, and I probably wouldn’t be here today without her.”

Ironically, many Soldiers learned a great deal and drew inspiration from a guy who once hated school so much he joined the military to avoid it.

Calling all photographers!

The deadline is rapidly approaching for entrants in the 2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs office photography contest. So press “send” soon.

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. Contact Maj. Vance Fleming at vance.fleming@korea.army.mil or 732-8882, or Master Sgt. Michael Pintagro at michael.pintagro@korea.army.mil or 732-8869 for more information. Deadline for submission is **Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 26)**. We look forward to your submissions. Good luck!

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

School bus schedule

Students enrolled in Yongsan Department of Defense Education Activity schools will be provided round-trip transportation free of charge beginning Nov. 9.

The school buses, which will make the round-trip circuit daily during school days, transport students from kindergarten through 12th grade from departure points located on Camp Red Cloud and Camp Casey to the Seoul American Schools located on Yongsan Garrison.

Students should arrive at the departure points at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time.

The transportation service is meant for current and newly enrolled students attending Seoul American Schools.

Sponsors requiring bus transportation for their children must bring a copy of Form 600, Student Registration, to the Seoul American School Student Transportation Office to register for bus transportation. All students must possess a school bus pass issued by the Department of Defense Education Activity Student Transportation Office in order to ride the bus.

Parents are responsible for bringing children to and picking them up from bus stops.

Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when they're

dropped off at or picked up from the bus stops.

The schedule is provided below.

For more information, call DSN 732-7359.

Camp Casey to Seoul American Schools

Leave Casey: 6:10 a.m.
Arrive SAS: 7:40 a.m.
Leave SAS: 3 p.m.
Arrive Casey: 4:30 p.m.

Camp Red Cloud to SAS

Leave CRC: 6:30 a.m.
Arrive SAS: 7:40 a.m.
Leave SAS: 3 p.m.
Arrive CRC: 4:10 p.m.

Activity bus

Leave SAS: 6 p.m.
Arrive CRC: 7:30 p.m.
Arrive Casey: 8 p.m.

Road march

The Carey Fitness center on Camp Casey will host a rucksack competition on Nov. 14.

The event is open to Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians and their Family members.

Rucksack weigh-in begins at 8:30 a.m. A rucksack/backpack weighing at least 35 pounds, a full canteen, and appropriate attire are required.

For more information, call DSN 732-6276 or 732-6927.

Holiday mail

All Army post offices are offering extended hour from Nov. 30 through Dec. 18 in order to accommodate holiday mail traffic.

In order for mail to reach loved ones by Christmas, the post office recommends mailing by the below dates.

Post office officials also recommend customers mail early and avoid the last-minute rush.

Bear in mind firearms, intoxicating liquors, switchblade knives and other sharp objects, animal parts, eggs and meat products are among the prohibited items that may not be mailed from the post office.

Space-available mail:

Nov. 30

Priority mail:

Dec. 7

Letters, first-class mail:

Dec. 7

Express mail:

Dec. 14

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.

Movies

Camp Casey

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

November 6...Julie & Julia, The Stepfather
November 7...The Stepfather, Gamer
November 8...Julie & Julia, The Final Destination
November 9...The Stepfather
November 10...No Showing
November 11...Gamer
November 12...No Showing
November 13...UP, Michael Jackson's This Is It, Inglorious Bastards
November 14...I Can Do Bad All by Myself, Michael Jackson's This Is It
November 15...Sorority Row, Extract

Camp Red Cloud

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

November 6...Where The Wild Things Are
November 7...Where The Wild Things Are, Sorority Row
November 8...I Can Do Bad All by Myself
November 9...The Final Destination
November 10...District 9
November 11...No Showing
November 12...The Stepfather
November 13...The Stepfather, Gamer
November 14...Extract
November 15...Inglorious Bastards
November 16...Sorority Row
November 17...Julie & Julia
November 18...No Showing

Camp Hovey

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

November 6...The Final Destination
November 7...Julie & Julia
November 8...The Stepfather
November 9...No Showing
November 10...The Final Destination
November 11...No Showing
November 12...Michael Jackson's This Is It
November 13...Gamer
November 14...Inglorious Bastards
November 15...Michael Jackson's This Is It
November 16...No Showing
November 17...Extract

Camp Stanley

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

November 6...The Final Destination, A Perfect Getaway
November 7...Where are the Wild Things Are, Gamer
November 8...Where are the Wild Things Are
November 9...Julie & Julia
November 10...No Showing
November 11...Michael Jackson's This Is It
November 12...The Final Destination
November 13...Extract, Gamer
November 14...The Stepfather, Inglorious Bastards
November 15...The Stepfather

Camp Humphreys

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

November 6...The Stepfather
November 7...Battle for Terra, The Stepfather
November 8...Battle for Terra, The Stepfather
November 9...Julie & Julia
November 10...Extract
November 11...Extract, Inglorious Bastards
November 12...Extract, Inglorious Bastards
November 13...I Can Do Bad All By Myself
November 14...Michael Jackson's This Is It, I Can Do Bad All By Myself
November 15...Michael Jackson's This Is It, I Can Do Bad All By Myself
November 16...Sorority Row

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
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
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
Bldg. 3592
Orthodox:
10 a.m. 3rd Sundays

Crusader Chapel

Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday
Camp Stanley
Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
Gospel:
12:30 p.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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Stanley:
732-5238
Humphreys:
753-7952
Castle:
730-6889
LDS chaplain:
010-5337-0872

'Wildcards' play for 'Competition Stakes' at TAA



Soldiers with A Co., 2-2nd Avn. link a fuel pod to a Blackhawk helicopter after cargoes and Soldiers boarded the aircraft.

By Spc. Timothy N. Oberle
2nd CAB Public Affairs

"Wildcards" of 2nd Battalion (Assault), 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Regiment trained with "Competition Stakes" on the line during an exercise conducted Oct. 25-29 at Tactical Training Assembly Area "Tom."

The weeklong competition featured all the basic tasks battalion Soldiers are expected to perform during a combat mission.

"The competition is the first opportunity for the new command teams to come out to the field and exercise platoon and company battle drills in a competitive nature," said Lt. Col. Matthew R. Lewis, the 2-2 Avn. battalion commander. "It also helps motivate the Soldiers and teams to train hard prior to coming to the field."

Warrior Division units typically have a high turnover rate, especially during the summer, said Lewis, and the competition serves as a springboard for the new commanders and Soldiers to get used to how things are done within the Division.

The battalion is divided into two categories for the competition, said Lewis. All flight companies compete in an air assault section and all support companies fall into a support category. The air assault competition includes A, B and C Companies, while the support category features D, E, F and

Headquarters Companies.

The air assault companies are graded on a fourship air assault, sling load operations, and command and control operations, said Capt. Jonathan M. Schloicka, "Bravo" Co., 2-2 Avn. commander. Each company rotates tasks with the other companies.

"One company does its air assault on a particular night, another company provides aid for the air assault with sling load operations to fuel the helicopters, and the last company provides command and control assistance during the fueling operation," said Schloicka.

According to senior leaders, the training builds toward higher echelon and even joint/combined efforts. The companies have an opportunity to work as a battalion in addition to competing, said Lewis. "The competition is also part of a combined training effort with the Republic of Korea Army as part of a bigger plan to hand over leadership to the ROKA in 2012."

"The next segment of the combined training will take place later this year and will directly involve the ROK units," he added.

The support category of the competition includes a garrison portion, during which each company is graded on various administrative functions such as a barracks inspection, office organization, an arms room inspection, review of noncombatant evacuation operation packets and each company's virtual family readiness group program, said Schloicka. "The support companies are also graded on a field

portion consisting of various Warrior skills such as react to contact, NBC attacks, combat life saving skills and radio operations."

"The competition for the support companies creates a motivating force for the Soldiers other than my wrath," Lewis said with a smile. The winner of the assault portion also gets to park their birds in the closest parking spaces and last place has to park in the cheap seats.

"I haven't decided yet, but the winning support company may get a command sponsored party," Lewis added.

"No matter what, all of the Soldiers have a good time and are able to get training that they wouldn't find on a deployment," said Lewis. "They get to practice full spectrum operations and basic field craft like setting up lodgment that they wouldn't do in the desert because it is already set up."

After a heated competition during an unusually warm autumn week the newly acclimated command teams and Soldiers that didn't win can at least take comfort in the proficiency and cohesion they achieved. But it was the "Renegades" of "Bravo" Co. who won the air assault category and "Echo" Co. that won the support category of the competition as well as battalion bragging rights.



Pvt. Matthew R. Breen of HHC, 2-2nd Avn. establishes local security after a sudden explosion. Each company's performance of basic drills and skills was graded for the competition among companies.



Pfc. Tyeasha S. Jackson and fellow HHC, 2nd Avn. Soldiers don protective gear in the aftermath of a simulated chemical attack.



Lt. Col. Matthew Lewis, the 2-2nd Avn. commander, delivers a short briefing to his Soldiers before an air assault exercise conducted Oct. 27.



Soldiers from HHC, 2-2nd Avn. practice first aid treatments during a simulated emergency situation as part of "Competition Stakes" Oct. 28.

Uijongbu kids enjoy ghoulish fun at WRC

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"Double, double toil and trouble; fire burn and cauldron bubble!"

That was representative of the ghoulish atmosphere Soldiers from the Warrior Readiness Center created for the children of Uijongbu Elementary School during a Halloween carnival held Oct. 31. More than 50 local children and parents flooded the hallways of the WRC in-processing center for the event.

Newly arriving 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers also participated in the fun, supporting the WRC cadre in their fiendishly friendly efforts.

The WRC building was transformed within several hours into mazes and misty, dimly lit rooms filled with scary sounds of witches' laughter or monsters groaning. The Soldiers of the WRC and Area 1 Better Opportunity for Single and Unaccompanied Servicemembers organization were dressed as friendly-looking monsters to give the children the essence of Halloween.

The event also provided an ideal opportunity for Soldiers serving far from home.

"I don't know what I would've done this evening if this wasn't here," said Staff Sgt. Phillip Floyd. "I live off-post and there isn't anything out there that supports our Halloween celebration."

Children from the Korean Service Corps as well as the elementary school attended the ghoulish event. This is the second year the WRC and KSC coordinator Byeong Coi hosted the event.

After the children passed through the series of mazes and filled their little buckets with candy they arrived in a room full of food. There was pizza, chicken, macaroni and cheese, cakes, fruits, chips and juices as well as traditional Korean dishes.

"The cadre of WRC, Area 1 BOSS and the employees from the KSC all came together and purchased everything themselves to put on this event," said Capt. Matthew Maimone, the WRC commander.

Flu concerns damped participation in this year's event; nonetheless, Staff Sgt. Erendira Cortez, the main organizer of the WRC Halloween event, was waist-high with hungry and enthusiastic children.

"This is great event to demonstrate cultural awareness within our community here in Uijeongbu. The children get to experience how we celebrate Halloween. They get to experience a little bit of our culture," she said.



Sgt. Seth Brown offers candy to 5-year-old Ji bin Jung of Uijongbu during the Halloween House event held by cadre of a haunted WRC Oct. 31. Area 1 BOSS volunteers and new Warriors also contributed.

Organizers added that the Halloween event fit the Division vision for tour normalization. Division leaders are also trying to encourage more Soldiers to bring their families and stay longer than a year in Korea. The philosophy at the Division has been moving progressively toward a more family friendly environment.

"This is a good event that the company can help use

to build up the (command sponsorship program) in Area 1," Floyd said.

The evening ended with games and face painting. All the children who participated left with numerous bags overflowing with treats and painted faces to stamp their attendance at the American-style Halloween bash.

Warrior Division celebrates 92nd birthday with speech, sweets

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The 2nd Infantry Division celebrated its 92nd birthday with a cake cutting ceremony held Oct. 26 at Freeman Hall on Camp Red Cloud.

Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, the Warrior Division commander, addressed the assembled crowd of about 200 Soldiers in a short speech touching on 2nd ID history and the Division's global footprint.

The commanding general outlined the history of the 2nd ID, beginning

with its activation on Oct. 26, 1917 in Beaumont France and progressing through its heroic deeds during the World Wars and the Korean War as well as more recent conflicts. He noted with pride the Division had participated in four wars and 20 battle campaigns, and could claim 36 Medal of Honor recipients in its distinguished history.

Tucker, who assumed command of the Division Oct. 21, also noted his Warriors' contribution to the security and stability of the peninsula on which they serve and to their longstanding alliance with the Republic of Korea and its military.

"It is not lost on our Korean hosts that for 59 years this dedicated and hon-

orable Division has stood beside its Korean brothers in arms" against potential aggression," Tucker said. "The 2nd ID has done this while its fellow brigades have also continued to serve with distinction in Iraq, Afghanistan and the United States. No division can boast of such legacy and global commitment."

The ceremony brought together the oldest and youngest members of the Division to symbolize the continuity of the Warriors' mission. Maj. John Parrish, the oldest member of the 2nd ID at 58, and Pfc. Steven Klodzinski, 18, of A Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, the youngest, were on hand to help cut the cake in honor of the Division's birthday.

"The cake-cutting represents the link of the past with the future, thus recognizing those Warriors who came before us and those of us who stand shoulder to shoulder from the young to the most senior today," added the general.

The 2nd ID Band closed the event with rousing renditions of the "Warrior March" and "Army Song." Afterward, a few dozen soldiers lined-up to sample the Division birthday cake.

"It feels good to be part of such a storied Division. I'm very proud of its 92-year history," said Pfc. Joe Garza of Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company, Division Special Troops Battalion. "The cake was pretty good too."