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Manchu wives join 'G.I. Jane Platoon'



Manchu wife Anne Parsons of the "G.I. Jane Platoon" conducts weapons training as part of the 2-9th Infantry "Manchu Spouse Challenge" Nov. 13 at Apache Range on Camp Casey.

Story & photos by Pfc. Robert Young

Staff writer

CAMP CASEY, South Korea – Early one drizzly November morning on Friday the 13th, 39 wives of 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team Soldiers stepped off a bus at the soccer field near Camp Casey's Carey Gym. Immediately greeted with the classic Army words of

welcome, "Hurry up, waiting on you," the wives were hustled into formation as the "G.I. Jane Platoon."

The crisp late autumn morning did not dampen the spirits of the women assembled to take part in the first "Manchu Spouse Challenge." Leaders of the 2-9th Inf. organized a day of events designed to give Soldiers' wives a chance to walk in their husbands' boots. The list of events reads like a mini-boot camp schedule. Every minute from the six o'clock formation until the end of the day was scheduled with activities that would challenge the Manchu wives' mettle.

"I have to admit it was difficult to determine what events to put in so that they are not completely drained by the end," Lt. Col. Milford H. Beagle, the 2-9th Inf. commander, said with a smile.

Manchu Soldiers shared their commander's enthusiasm for the event.

"I hope that my wife gets an understanding of what we do. I want her to see that this is not a nine-to-five job, that we have to do many different activities in order to accomplish our given mission and our day isn't done until we've met our goals," said Pfc. Jayson Weir.

The day's events ranged from morning physical fitness training, which included both tae kwon do and a modified Marine Corps combat fitness test, to weapons fire on Apache Range in addition to a night vision goggle maze and a couple road marches thrown in for good measure. The schedule would pose a daunting challenge for any Soldier. Standing on a damp cold soccer field a few hours before your normal wake-up time, it would seem impossible.

The assembled wives seemed undaunted as their motley platoon sounded-off with "G.I. Jane" at the call to attention. They were in high spirits as they marched to Carey Gym for the morning tae kwon do session and bursts of laughter punctuated each missed step.

"You do all this before breakfast," one wife asked the platoon leader, Cpl. Myong Yost. A warm smile and a nod were her only response.

"How our Soldiers perform on a daily basis depends on how much support they receive at home. We set up today's event to share with the spouse a true understanding of what their husbands do daily. We also hope to build a strong sense of community among the Manchu wives," Beagle said.

During the next session of morning PT, the wives took the Marine Corps combat fitness test. The test involved lifting a 15-pound ammunition can over the head for a one-minute period, sprinting, low crawling,

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Calling all photographers!

The **deadline for the 2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs office photo contest** is close at hand! Entrees must reach the below points of contacts by Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, Nov. 26). So submit now or forever hold your pictures.

The Division PA 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. 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.



**VOICE OF THE
WARRIOR:**
What are you
thankful for?



"I'm thankful for my son."
Spc. Anthony Pagano
C Co., 602nd Avn.



"My family."
Sgt. Josue Ruelaz
C Co., 602nd Avn.



"I'm thankful for my family and brother who is a Marine in Afghanistan."
1st Lt. Catherine Dickey
B Co., 1st BSTB



"I'm thankful for my deposit."
Pfc. Nathan Hamm
HHC, DSTB



"My battle buddies."
Pvt. Gary Wielenbeck
HHC, 2nd CAB



"Wonderful people to spend time with in Korea."
Pvt. William Richee
HHC, 2nd CAB

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Counting our blessings...

By Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker
2nd ID Commander



Traditionally we devote the Thanksgiving holiday weekend to Family gatherings, sumptuous meals and of course, football. Our forefathers established the celebration in gratitude for a harvest bounty that seems modest by contemporary standards. This is a great time for us all to reflect on our tremendous blessings as they did and give thanks for our much greater bounty.

Many of us are extremely grateful for the conclusion of a productive, highly successful and yet somewhat stressful training cycle. The conclusion of our capstone Division exercise two days ago marked the culmination of a rigorous training cycle beginning with Warpath 0 last spring and spanning more than half a year. I'm proud of everything the Division has achieved during the 2009 exercise season, which recently culminated with our Warpath III exercise.

Having only recently joined the Division, I could not be more impressed and pleased with the performance of our leaders, staffs and Soldiers.

As the tradition goes, it is always good to take time to reflect on what we are thankful for. First and foremost and like many of you, I'm thankful for my Family. My wife and children have been steadfast companions throughout a long and eventful military career that frankly hasn't been without stress and strain. Their active contributions to the organizations and communities we've served as well as the sacrifices of the Soldiers and Families we've served with inspire me to this day.

I'm thankful for the tremendous and selfless support of Warrior wives and husbands pioneering the efforts of command sponsorship in places like Dongducheon, Uijongbu and Pyeongtaek. I'm also mindful of the sacrifices of Families living apart from their Warrior in the States and elsewhere. Their love, support and commitment are crucial to the morale and welfare of our Warriors, and ultimately to the success of our mission here.

Finally, while most of us Warriors are celebrating, arguing over football, enjoying great sumptuous meals, there are others who are unhappy and I need you all to keep an eye out for the guy or gal who may feel left out at this time of the year.

So I ask and remind us all to take care and watch out for each other. If a fellow Warrior seems down

and disengaged, go out of your way to include them in an activity. Take time to listen if a buddy needs someone to talk to. If it seems serious, ask about it even if you feel a little foolish. Better to accept a 50 percent risk of feeling foolish than a 5 percent risk of catastrophe. Leave no Warrior behind!

I'm also thankful for our Korean hosts and I couldn't imagine kinder or more gracious neighbors than the people of Uijongbu, Dongducheon, Pyeongtaek and the remainder of our host towns and cities. Incidentally, I recently read that our Korean Good Neighbors treated many of our Warriors and Families to some outstanding traditional Korean fare during Chuseok, a harvest celebration analogous to our Thanksgiving.

Why not return the hospitality and reach out to Korean colleagues, friends and neighbors during our Thanksgiving weekend? Ask a Republic of Korea counterpart to dinner. Invite your KATUSA Soldiers or other Korean friends to a Family celebration, or host an office Thanksgiving gathering. Our Korean guests might enjoy some good old-fashioned American home-cooking as much as we enjoy bulgogi and bibimbop. So play host to our hosts, and introduce our neighbors to some of our wholesome cuisine and customs in the process. Such actions will continue to contribute in a small but meaningful way to our partnership and alliance.

I would also remind us all to not forget to call back to the States or where ever you call home and wish them a Happy Thanksgiving as well. In any case, enjoy a well earned respite after an intense training cycle and a very busy fall gunnery density. I hope your holiday is restful, relaxing and most of all, fun.

Teresa and I wish the best to all of you and hope your Thanksgiving is truly "Second to None!"

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4-7 Cav. troopers blaze through gunnery



Cpl. Patrick Futch peers downrange as Pvt. Thomas Scholl (middle) and Pfc. Christopher Manuel take aim during an operation designed to eliminate enemies as well as ensure local security Nov. 2 at the Korean Training Center. All the Soldiers serve with B Co., 4-7th Cav.

Story & photo by Pvt. Paul Holston

1st HBCT Public Affairs

CAMP HOVEY, South Korea — Bullets, mortars and tank rounds pummeled the woods and hills of the Korean Training Center as troopers from 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team marked the end of a major training exercise with live fire.

The troopers conducted relentless training during the last two weeks of October and the first week of November in anticipation of the culminating live fire.

The gunnery exercise covered the full spectrum of squadron operations. The troopers began with individual and team tasks, progressively accomplishing more complex missions involving higher levels of coordination.

The troopers ran through the integrated portions of the operation and support mission in several phases. They conducted walkthroughs and blank fires before progressing to live fires. Ultimately, the squadron's Soldiers conducted live fires from Bradley fighting vehicles and tanks. They also fired mortars as well as small arms during dismounted patrols.

"The purpose of the training was to train the individual Bradley crew and dismount on the fundamentals of cavalry operations," said Lt. Col. Michael J. Rosamond, the 4-7th Cav. commander. "It was about

engaging targets with gunnery platform from Bradleys, the gun truck with the '.50-cal.' and Mark 19, and qualifying individual Soldiers on their weapons and working on dismounted tactics. It is essential for us to train on these tasks in order to gain and maintain contact with the enemy."

The dismounted patrols were an important part of the training mission. The troopers called for fire in addition to engaging the "enemy" directly.

"For dismount patrols, we pull security, then begin marching. We take down targets along the way, and call for fire," said Pvt. Nigel Harrison, a cavalry scout with 2nd Platoon, A Company, 4-7th Cav.

Harrison said Korea is his first Army duty station and that he is grateful for the training given to him. He credits his noncommissioned officers and squad leader, Sgt. Scott Maxwell of the same organization, for passing on his own experiences.

The exercise was a great opportunity for small unit training and mentorship, allowing leaders to develop young Soldiers and junior Soldiers to learn from senior personnel.

NCOs said the gunnery allowed them to conduct more advanced training and take new troopers' skills to the next level.

"Brand new Soldiers pretty much just know the basics," Maxwell said. "I think it's easier to train them because they're more disciplined and are eager to learn. It's my job teach these guys what I know because many of them don't have any experience as a

cavalry scout."

"They become better Soldiers from being in this unit because it's different, and they do things here that they don't do anywhere else," said Maxwell.

According to exercise organizers, the gunnery exercise marked the culmination of an entire season of training. Maj. Jay Blakley, the squadron operations officer, said the gunnery built progressively on previous training and allowed the troopers to use all weapon systems.

"The benefit of this gunnery exercise is that it's an opportunity for scout platoons and their leadership to employ all organic weapons as well as being in a tactical environment," said Blakley.

"It's a capstone event for our Soldiers," he continued. "They have been conducting training over the last six months to prepare for this event. With the sergeant's time training, a lot of going out to the ranges to do dry runs and the change of difficulty throughout, they prepared themselves thoroughly for this gunnery exercise."

"I know the Soldiers gained confidence in their individual ability to execute their wartime tasks for the Division and for the brigade," Rosamond said. That mission, he added, "is to gain and to maintain contact with the enemy and if needed destroy the enemy using our weapons' platforms. For the first time in a long time we actually executed combined training with scouts on the ground, maneuvering separate and distinct from the Bradleys."



Warrior NCO Spotlight

CAB couple performs balancing act



Half of the award-winning NCO couple, 1st Sgt. Walter L. Taylor II of 3-2nd Avn., directs as Sgt. Lynjondria R. Kitchen helps fellow 3-2nd Avn. signal support specialist Pvt. Joseph Carlos fit his protective mask Nov. 13 at Camp Humphreys.

Story & photos by Spc. Timothy N. Oberle

2nd CAB Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea – Healthy Families and strong enlisted leadership are important pillars of Army strength in a constantly changing environment.

Appropriately, the Army chose to recognize servicemembers who raise Families while actively serving their country the same month as Veterans Day as part of “Military Family Appreciation Month.” Meanwhile, the Army continues to call attention to the efforts and achievements of its noncommissioned officers during the “Year of the NCO.”

Recognition as possessing the qualities of a superior NCO or having an exceptional Army Family is generally considered to be a tremendous honor. Recognition for both is even more unique, in fact rare. But one dual-military Family from the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade embodies all these qualities.

The Taylor Family, consisting of 1st Sgt. Walter L. Taylor II, a flight medic with C Company, 3rd General Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, and his wife, Sgt. 1st Class Leticia M. Taylor, a medic with Headquarters Support Company, 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, and their three children Maliki, Micah, and Walter III, was named Area III Family of the Year during a ceremony con-

ducted Nov. 7 at Camp Humphreys.

There are many reasons why it is difficult to raise a Family in the military and maintain a high level of excellence as an NCO. But, for most dual military Families finding time to spend together is a major problem and often is simply not possible. This problem is only aggravated when the dual military Family consists of two NCOs and they must also find time to train their young Soldiers.

The Taylors, though, through a little sacrifice and a little ingenuity, have found a way to navigate through the murky waters of a dual military schedule, finding time to spend together as a Family and at the same time impacting the lives of young Soldiers.

For starters, the Taylors often skip lunch to take tae kwon do lessons together. “It allows us to spend time together and get exercise at the same time,” Walter Taylor said.

They also make sure they sit down at the dinner table each night with their children. “Eating dinner every night helps keep our Family strong and allows us to ask our children how their day went to see if they need help with anything,” Walter Taylor said.

Time management doesn’t stop there for the Taylor family. They also find time in their busy schedules to ensure sufficient time is spent teaching their three children to stay active. “Our kids participate in cub scouts, soccer and tae kwon do,” Leticia Taylor said.

As if all that isn’t enough to keep one Family busy, both Walter and Leticia Taylor are only a few credits away from

obtaining their bachelor’s degrees in psychology through Army education programs. “It helps that we both have the same major,” Leticia Taylor said. And just for fun, Leticia Taylor volunteers at the children’s school; in fact, she was voted as the Soldier Volunteer of the Year for 2008 for Area III.

Their relationship didn’t start on the strongest footing. Both Army medics, Walter and Leticia first met at Fort Benning, Ga. but didn’t realize this until they were on a deployment in Iraq. “When we met, I was actually really mean to him,” Leticia Taylor said with a smile. “Yeah, she was pretty mean to me, but I didn’t give up,” Walter Taylor said with a laugh. “I stayed on deployment for three extra days to get her to talk to me.” When they got back to the states Leticia Taylor called up Walter

for help with her enlisted record brief and they began dating shortly after.

Patriotically married earlier this year on the 4th of July, the Taylor’s have a combined total of about 37 years of military service. “We also both grew up in military families,” said Walter Taylor. “I was a Norfolk Navy brat and she grew up in the Army.”

“We believe that the ideal military Family has to be able to adapt to all of the changes that occur on a daily basis and support each other through the tough times,” Leticia Taylor said.

“Your family has to stay positive and don’t quit during tough times, just try to prioritize and keep God in your life,” Walter Taylor added. “You have to teach your kids flexibility and at the same time complete your job up to Army standards, all while spending enough time together as a group.”

The Taylors do more than just complete their jobs to military standards. Every day they go to work with a desire to mentor Soldiers in an attempt to mold them into their future leaders. “Motivation is always the key,” said Leticia Taylor. Soldiers, she added, respond better to positive motivation techniques rather than intimidation.

“It just takes a lot of patience and understanding. As senior NCOs you know personally how trying it can be as a younger enlisted Soldier which helps the teaching process,” she said.

“You also have to be in the trenches with your Soldiers in order to get their respect,” Walter Taylor said. “When they see you interacting with them on a personal level and that you are a real person their respect and admiration for you and your position is only heightened. If you are real to them they won’t give you fake answers that they think you want to hear and you can really find out what is really going on in their lives.”



Sgt. 1st Class Leticia M. Taylor administers an H1N1 vaccination to a fellow 3rd MI Bn. medic, Staff Sgt. Stacyann A. Hayletts Nov. 13 at Camp Humphreys.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Reggie's buffet

Reggie's Club on Camp Stanley will offer a Thanksgiving buffet Nov. 26 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The menu will feature roast beef, honey glazed ham, roasted turkey, full soup and salad bar, dressing, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, hot rolls and assorted desserts with iced tea and lemonade. For more information, call DSN 732-5485.

Incoming CALL

A lessons learned integrator now serves on the Division staff. Nicholas Spade of the Center of Army Lessons Learned, located at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., works to disseminate the latest in Army doctrine, publications, and tactics, techniques and procedures. He circulates throughout Indian Country and can be reached at DSN 732-7840, 010-8070-2584 or nicholas.spade@korea.army.mil. He hopes to interact with as many Warrior as possible and invites anyone with questions or feedback to contact him.

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.

Holiday mail

All Army post offices are offering extended hours 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

Movies

Camp Casey

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

November 20...A Christmas Carol, Sorority Row
November 21...A Christmas Carol, Whiteout
November 22...Extract, Sorority Row
November 23...A Christmas Carol
November 24...No Showing
November 25...Whiteout
November 26...No Showing
November 27...Shorts, Halloween II
November 28...2012, The Informant!
November 29...All About Steve, Halloween II
November 30...2012

Camp Red Cloud

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

November 20...Michael Jackson's This Is It, Whiteout
November 21...The Informant!
November 22...All About Steve
November 23...I Can Do Bad All By Myself
November 24...Inglorious Bastards
November 25...No Showing
November 26...A Christmas Carol
November 27...A Christmas Carol, Surrogates
November 28...Zombieland
November 29...Love Happens
November 30...All About Steve
December 1...A Christmas Carol

Camp Hovey

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

November 20...Whiteout
November 21...Sorority Row
November 22...A Christmas Carol
November 23...No Showing
November 24...Inglorious Bastards
November 25...No Showing
November 26...2012
November 27...The Informant
November 28...Halloween II
November 29...2012
November 30...No Showing
December 1...A Christmas Carol

Camp Stanley

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

November 20...Sorority Row, Inglorious Bastards
November 21...Michael Jackson's This Is It, Whiteout
November 22...Michael Jackson's This Is It
November 23...I Can Do Bad All By Myself
November 24...No Showing
November 25...2012
November 26...Sorority Row
November 27...The Informant, Halloween II
November 28...A Christmas Carol, All About Steve
November 29...A Christmas Carol
November 30...Halloween II

Camp Humphreys

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

November 20...A Christmas Carol
November 21...A Christmas Carol, The Informant
November 22...A Christmas Carol, The Informant
November 23...The Informant
November 24...Zombieland
November 25...Halloween II
November 26...Halloween II
November 27...2012
November 28...Shorts, 2012
November 29...Shorts, 2012
November 30...Zombieland
December 1...A Christmas Carol, The Informant
December 2...2012

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

Camp Castle

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

Castle Chapel

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

Points of contact

USAG-Red Cloud:
732-6073/6706
CRC Catholic:
732-6016
Hovey Chapel:
730-5119
Memorial Chapel:
730-2594
West Casey:
730-3014
Stanley:
732-5238
Humphreys:
753-7952
Castle:
730-6889
LDS chaplain:
010-5337-0872

Gladiators compete with Warriors



Warriors from the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team compete in a "jousting" competition held as part of an evening event featuring the American Gladiators Nov. 5 at Carey Fitness Center on Camp Casey.

Story & photo by Pvt. Paul Holston

1st HBCT Public Affairs

CAMP HOVEY, South Korea – "Panther," "Titan," "Venom," "Wolf," "Phoenix" and "Timinator" are not new characters in an upcoming "X-Men" movie. They are the American Gladiators, and they visited Camp Casey as a part of their South Korean tour Nov. 5.

The Gladiators enjoyed an exclusive tour of Camp

Casey on an M1-Abrams tank courtesy of 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team and later competed with Soldiers in sporting events at Carey Fitness Center.

Prior to the tank ride, the Gladiators changed into the proper uniform and received a safety brief. They were able to ride in the gunner station as well as the loader station of the tanks.

Later that evening the Gladiators engaged fans throughout the Warrior Division. The Gladiators took on the Warriors in various sports events held at Carey Fitness Center. The friendly competition included

events such as air assault, joust, tug of war, dodge ball and an obstacle course as the finale of the event.

Four different teams across Camp Casey competed against the Gladiators in the various sporting events. The Soldiers apparently enjoyed their chance to interact with the celebrity athletes.

"You know, it's not every day that you hang out with cool people like that," said Pfc. Byron D. Causey of "Echo" Company, 1-72nd Armor. "It's been a lot of fun today."

Causey was among the Soldiers competing against the Gladiators at Carey Fitness Center.

The Gladiators showed a friendly side to their opponents and audience despite the competition.

"When I watched them on TV, I always wanted to do this stuff, so it's great!" Causey said.

Causey's team was ultimately announced as the winner and all participants from their team received gold medals.

For their part, the Gladiators also seemed to enjoy their venture into Warrior Country. Some even described personal ties to the military.

"The fun thing is, is that I got a brother that's joining the military, and he's training right now in the Special Forces," said "Gladiator Timinator." "It excites me even more to know that my brother is going to be a part of something so great as our military."

After the competition the Gladiators stuck around to take pictures with Soldiers and sign autographs.

"It's just an honor for us to be doing this for our troops. It's just good to know that what we're doing might improve morale. We know you guys are far from your Families. I go on these tours whenever I get a chance. If it wasn't for you guys I couldn't be an athlete, a bull rider and a singer," said "Gladiator Wolf."

"American Gladiators" is a sports-entertainment oriented TV series airing in the United States. It pits contestants against each other and celebrity "Gladiators," who appear regularly on the program. Contestants divided into male and female groups appear in a series of matches and compete for prizes. The current program is a remake of the original series, which ran from 1989-1996.

The contests are broadcast during a regular one or two-hour television show that airs in the U.S. and typically features unconventional "extreme sports." In addition to jousts and air assaults, contestants participate in such events as the "gauntlet," "earthquake," "sideswipe," "vertigo" and "the wall."

Warrior Families receive special Thanksgiving gift

By Pfc. Robert Young

Staff writer

CAMP CASEY, South Korea – In a classic example of Soldiers helping Soldiers, the Sprig of Acacia, Lodge 93 gathered the goods needed to distribute Thanksgiving Day dinner baskets to the families of 21 Soldiers in Area I. The baskets were distributed to Warrior Families Nov. 19 at the Pear Blossom Cottages on Camp Casey and Camp Red Cloud.

The Sprig of Acacia has a long tradition of outreach to not only the Army community but also the Korean communities of Warrior County. It maintains close ties with two orphanages,

My Home and Asiana, and sponsors events to raise needed funds and collected goods for these organizations. The group volunteers extensively within Warrior Country, offering support and personnel to events that benefit Soldiers.

Sgt. 1st Class Brandon Sullivan has served as president of Lodge 93 of the Sprig of Acacia since March and has kept a sharp focus on the importance of community service. The group consists of 20 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers and three civilians dedicated to giving back to the community.

"I am a firm believer in the idea that if you can help another person then you must help that person," Sullivan said.

"For this event, members contributed their time and their money to assemble the Thanksgiving dinner baskets for the deserving families. I think that they will

really appreciate them," he added.

Sgt. 1st Class Marvin Greer, another group member, said he hopes to see the Sprig of Acacia develop into a large network of community supporters and volunteers.

"I have been a member of the Sprig of Acacia for about a year," he said. "In that time, I have seen our community outreach grow and become more effective in our ability to help people. I would like to see a greater number of organizations project further into the community to reach more people next year."

Lodge 93 tapped into existing Army networks to find Families that might be in need.

"Families were selected by their section sergeant and their names were passed up through their (noncommissioned officer) support channel. This

shows the importance of NCO support and how an NCO has to know what is going on in their Soldiers' lives," said Command Sgt. Maj. Antoine Denson of the 210th Fires Brigade.

"Families and their well-being are immense sources of stress for a Soldier," he continued. "That is why a good NCO must pay attention to a Soldier's needs, especially around the holiday season. The contribution of a traditional Thanksgiving meal was a very thoughtful choice. It gives Families a taste of home when they are many thousands of miles away from home."

The Sprig of Acacia's signature event, the Scholarship Ball, is scheduled for January. The proceeds from the event will help a Department of Defense Educational Activity high school in Yongsan further his or her education.

4-2nd Soldiers fly through platoon lanes



Pfc. Shin Hyun-Kyu

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Joseph Mirales of 4-2nd Avn. decontaminates the front of the cockpit while Capt. Scott Dunkle of 4-2nd Avn. decontaminates the rear and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Douglas Schultz of 4-2 Avn. oversees their actions during platoon lane training conducted at the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex.

By Pfc. Thomas Clouse and
Pvt. Alexia Barbee

4th (Attack) Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd CAB

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea – “Death Dealers” from the 4th (Attack) Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade accomplished vital leader, Soldier, and nuclear, biological and chemical defense tasks during platoon lanes training conducted Nov. 2-6 at the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex.

Platoon lanes is one of the numerous team training events designed to test the ground forces’ and aviators’ ability to support each other during chemical warfare.

“The purpose of platoon lanes for the flight companies is to certify all platoon leaders as air mission commanders and train our junior pilots on the tactical employment of the AH64D at the platoon level,” said Capt. Curtis Unger, the B Company, 4-2nd Avn. commander. “Pilots only receive the AMC certification

after they complete a list of tasks outlined in the commander’s guide to aircrew training and unit (standard operating procedures).”

According to Unger, the training encompassed day and night missions, challenging leaders’ planning and briefing ability, judgment and knowledge.

“The platoon leaders conducted no less than four missions, consisting of both day and night operations in which they were evaluated on their judgment and ability to plan, brief, rehearse and employ their platoons at the tactical level,” he said. “Additionally, this was also a great opportunity for the platoon leaders and junior warrants to improve the efficiency of their air mission planning cells by forcing them to learn more doctrinal and aviation knowledge that would enhance their tactical and technical foundation for future operations.”

The training event included a variety of aerial training, including such tasks as “movement to contact,” “react to ambush,” “evasive maneuvers” and “seize the objective.” Ground forces also engaged in movement to contact, react to ambush and “movement under close air support.”

The Death Dealers also conducted maintenance of NBC protective gear and decontamination training as part of this event. They practiced decontamination of personnel and equipment exposed to a chemical attack.

In addition, the Soldiers learned how to identify signs from the enemy that could indicate an NBC attack was imminent. Soldiers were also tested on how well they could maintain operations and continue fighting under these austere conditions.

“This training was a good start for the (battalion),” said 2nd Lt. Philip Bucci, who instructed the NBC training. “It really helped to open our eyes on what we need to focus on and is helping us to work on future NBC exercises.”

Death Dealer line companies and Apache pilots also executed training missions using the Tactical Engagement Simulation System, while Company D completed recovery of an aircraft. Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company dressed as enemies played the role of the opposing force and planned attacks to test the response of Death Dealer ground forces.

‘Death Dealers’ enjoy ‘flight of a lifetime’ during air show

By Maj. Romeo R. Macalintal, Jr.

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CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea – Forty Soldiers received what many described as “the opportunity of a lifetime” Oct. 26-27 during the annual Seoul Air Show. They enjoyed a rare opportunity to fly in the front seat of an AH-64D Apache Longbow.

The Boeing Corporation leased an Apache aircraft from the 4th Aviation (Attack) Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade in order to demonstrate the aircraft’s unique capabilities. Boeing offered a few remaining hours to unit personnel to use as they saw fit, and Lt. Col. Kevin L. Berry, a career Apache pilot and commander of the only Apache Longbow battalion on the Korean peninsula, found it more than appropriate to reward deserving Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers with a ride they would never forget.

Retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 and Apache pilot Jack Towner, now an experimental test pilot with Boeing, took up the challenge of flying as many “Death Dealers” as weather would allow. The newly inducted “front seaters” of the battalion ranged from the mechanics who repair the aircraft and armament technicians who loaded the weapons systems to the petroleum specialists who refueled them and the flight operations personnel who track their missions, including senior NCOs, lieutenants, captains and majors who are not pilots. One Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldier said he was honored to be the only citizen of the Republic of Korea to participate in the Apache Longbow ride, a privilege usually granted to general officers or other high ranking officials.

To some, this short flight reaffirmed their desire to earn the aviator badge. Many left the flight line and promptly announced their intention to complete “flight packets.” To others, the experience confirmed the wisdom of always keeping two feet on the ground – especially after Towner demonstrated a few maneuvers to each individual. In any case, the Death Dealers, officers, NCOs and Soldiers alike, experienced a flight of a lifetime and an air show few were likely to forget.

Beware winter weather, Warriors

By Lawrence B. Bengough

2nd ID Safety Office

You really don't know if you're safe until you stop and think about it! As we slide into the season of ice and snow, now is the time to plan how to best enjoy the beautiful Republic of Korea and protect yourselves and your Families from the harsh winter weather.

Planning ahead can make your on and off duty time safer and more enjoyable. But whatever you do, don't play it too safe and deprive yourself of the opportunity to experience a wonderful Korean winter. If you prepare properly, you can have fun *and* stay safe.

Consider the little things. Whether you decide to stay at home by yourself or with your Family or venture out, you need to take inventory of your living quarters, your vehicle and your Family. Check your quarters for unsafe electrical devices. Make sure you are not "daisy chaining" electrical power strips – this can overload a circuit and cause a fire. Don't light

candles or smoke in your quarters. Candles left unattended can burn down and catch your place on fire.

Questions to ask yourself include, is your privately owned vehicle winterized with proper coolant level, with windshield wipers in good repair and fluid that won't freeze? It is always a good idea to carry an emergency kit in your vehicle. I am not suggesting that you carry a floatation device because you might drive off the road into the Han River for some reason. But carrying a first aid kit, an emergency warning device and a blanket is not a bad idea. Icy roads will cause motorists to slow down and can present a challenge as you strive to arrive safely on time at your planned destination.

Monday morning in the motor pool is a good time to winterize your Army motor vehicle. Along with the items mentioned above you are required to carry snow chains in the vehicle. The time to learn to put the snow tire chains on is not when you are stuck in a snow bank; a good time to do this is in the motor pool. Prior to leaving the motor pool during winter months you must check the road conditions. It is not uncommon in

Korea for road conditions to differ from one area to the next. You might have "green" road conditions at your departure point and "amber" conditions at your destination. Know the road conditions before you depart.

Most of us know what we should do in case of an emergency. We have phone numbers to call and we always take enough Won to make sure we can return safely to base or to our homes. But do your children know what to do in the winter months in case of an accident? Freezing weather puts children at risk during the winter months, so ensure you dress them in layers before they leave the house. Infants are best dressed in warm clothing and not wrapped in blankets. In very cold weather make sure you cover their skin. Children can suffer from hypothermia, frostbite, and frozen toes and fingers before they realize what is happening to them. Talk with your children about what could happen if they stay out in the cold too long.

Korea can be a wonderful place in the winter. If you have prepared your vehicle, checked the current road conditions and dressed properly for the weather conditions, you can have a safe and exciting time.

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a grenade toss and a race back to the starting line carrying two sand bags – activities Army wives might not do every day. The wives cheered each other on and remained upbeat as they struggled through the course.

"I run almost every day just to keep in shape, but this gave me a totally different workout. Low-crawling made me use muscles I didn't know I had," Manchu wife Amy Weir said after finishing the course.

The battalion chaplain described the event as a way to support the Manchu Family and have fun.

"The wife gets to experience the life of her husband in fun, challenging, team-building events," said Chaplain (Capt.) George Wallace. "There was a twofold purpose to this event: we wanted to build a supportive community around Army spouses within the battalion while also building a network of spouses supporting each other. The support network helps wives feel less alone when their husbands go out to the Korea Training Center for long periods of time, and it helps new wives get oriented within the community."

The wives moved on to Apache range, where they fired live rounds after receiving a basic marksmanship briefing. They moved a bit awkwardly dressed in Manchus' "battle rattle," but soon adapted to the protective gear and seemed very excited to fire weapons, many of them for the first time.

Pfc. Bryan Sandoval looked on as his wife hit the target 18 out of 20 times at the M-4 range. "I knew she would be a little bit tired but I knew she could do well," he said. "I think today gave her a better understanding of what I complain about when I'm really tired. It is easier to show somebody something than tell them."

The wives also ate like Soldiers,



Manchu wives of the "G.I. Jane Platoon" form a firing line as part of a marksmanship event conducted during the 2-9th Infantry "Manchu Spouse Challenge" Nov. 13 at Apache Range on Camp Casey.

feasting on meals, ready-to-eat.

"I am feeling good. I felt confident out here and really enjoyed firing a gun. I did feel a little of my husband's pain when we had the MREs for lunch – they take a little getting used to," said Iveth Sandoval.

After firing at the range, the tired wives still faced a formidable road march back to Manchu headquarters. The intrepid "G.I. Jane Platoon" faced the march with good humor and a sense of joy as their day of Manchu life drew to a close.

"They really came together and encouraged each other during the road march. They were all really tired, but by staying positive nobody lost heart,"

said the G.I. Jane platoon leader.

By the end of the day, despite being tired, wet and dirty, the platoon's excitement was palpable as the wives caught sight of their husbands and children waiting for them. Children scurried through the formation as the battalion commander distributed certificates acknowledging each wife's participation in the first Manchu Spouse Challenge.

This was a unique form of community building initiated by the Manchus. It was demanding but the benefits were noticeable.

"When you get to do these kinds of activities with other wives, you form a different relationship with them than if

you go to a barbecue or a potluck," said Lindsey Mosman. "It felt good to meet new people and come together as a team to overcome challenges. I know I can rely on these other wives for support since we all know what the others are going through."

Although the day started with some trepidation on the part of the Soldiers' wives, they saw each other through the challenge for the good of the Manchu Family and the community.

"I think the hardest part of the day was just getting up early," Karen King said with a smile. "Everything after that was fun. We got to work as a team and today's activities created a great sense of camaraderie."