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New commander takes reins of Iron Brigade



Maj. Gen. Michael Tucker, commander of 2nd Infantry Division, passes the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team colors to the incoming commander Col. Ross Davidson during the brigade's Change of Command Ceremony held on the Camp Casey Indianhead Field, Aug. 3. The outgoing commander is Col. Thomas Graves.

Story and photo by Sgt. Ryan Elliott

1st HBCT Public Affairs

After two years of commanding the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Col. Thomas C. Graves handed over the reins of the 'Iron' Brigade to incoming commander, Col. Ross E. Davidson Jr., during a change of command ceremony held on the Camp Casey Indianhead Field, Aug. 3.

Prominent Korean and American leadership along with friends from around the command gathered to bid Graves farewell and to welcome Davidson and his wife, Jodi, to the "Iron Team."

"If I have been successful in command, it is only because I owe thousands of great Soldiers thanks for making this great brigade successful," said Graves in his opening remarks to a field of Iron Warriors.

"The battalion commanders, brigade staff members, command sergeants major, and NCOs of this brigade have inspired me with their diligent leadership and dedication to duty. When called upon, they have

never failed and I remain forever inspired by their performance," Graves went on to say.

"I have many to thank for the blessings of command; I've been overwhelmed by the support that the Iron Team has received from the local community and our ROK allies," he continued.

Extending a warm welcome to the incoming commander, Graves said, "Ross and Jodi Davidson, welcome to Korea and the Iron Brigade. I know that you will enjoy your tenure in command; it is truly the best job in the Army."

Davidson joins the Iron Team from his most recent assignment as the operations officer of the 4th Infantry Division out of Fort Carson, Colo. He is the former squadron commander of the 1st Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division and Task Force Falcon, a combined arms maneuver task force specializing in night air assault and follow on search and attack operations to destroy terrorist networks in Iraq. He returns to the Republic of Korea after a 21 year absence, where he previously served two tours of duty on the Demilitarized Zone, to include command of Guard

Post Collier.

"It is with great humility that I return to my roots here in the Warrior Division," said Davidson. "The Soldiers standing before you, both Korean and American, represent the commitment of our respected nations to ensuring the unbreakable strength of our alliance."

In his closing remarks Davidson reaffirmed his commitment to the Iron Brigade and its mission of deterrence against aggression.

"As I take command of the Iron Brigade I affirm to my fellow warriors that I will always place the mission first; I will never accept defeat; I will never quit; I will never leave a fallen comrade. I will insure that we remain at the peak of combat readiness, and should deterrence fail, I will lead you in combat with all the skill I possess to achieve victory over those who would impose tyranny."

Click on  at www.2id.korea.army.mil to see video of the event.



VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:
Where in Korea should people visit before the end of summer?



"Soldiers should visit a water park called Caribbean Bay. It is beautiful over there and you can easily find a nice hotel."

Spc. Franz Bernard
D Co., 4-2nd Avn.

"Seoul Land, because it has one of the biggest zoos in Asia, a water park, and a science and space museum."

Spc. Damien Drake
B Co., 1-15th FA



"I recommend Haeundae which is the most popular beach in Korea. You can enjoy a variety of seafood there."

Pvt. Jun Wan-Hew
HHSC, DSTB



"Gangneung is a great place to visit. It has a beautiful beach, Gyeongpo Beach, where many people come to visit every summer season."

Pvt. Kang K.S.
HHC, 2nd CAB



"Jeju Island, it takes about a half day to travel, so on a long weekend you can spend three full days touring, exploring, and enjoying yourself."

Pfc. Reginald Garnett
HHC, 1-72th Armor



"I recommend Lotte World because it sells very delicious crispy cream donuts. It has many fun things to do."

Sgt. 1st Class Mario Williams-Reynolds
HHSC, DSTB



COMMANDER'S CORNER

A splash down on monsoon safety

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

Warriors, last week I spent a few days with your brigade and battalion commanders and command sergeants major at the 2010 2ID Commander's Conference. We talked a lot about the importance of building and maintaining strong teams within our division. A large part of the 'maintaining piece' is ensuring the safety of our Soldiers and their Families. As I look out the window today, heavy rains cascade from the sky across Camp Red Cloud and the rest of Warrior Country. A quick glance at the 10-day forecast tells me that the rainy season has yet to leave the Korean peninsula, which means monsoon safety is still an important topic to us all.

Monsoon season poses potentially serious risks to 2nd ID Soldiers, Families, and operations. The season normally runs from late June through early September. The rains have been relatively mild so far this year, but as you can see from the last couple of days, this year's monsoon season is far from over. Flash floods, landslides, and other dangerous conditions can come on quickly. It's important that we remain vigilant in our plans and preparations to guard against preventable damage to property or loss of life.

Leaders at all levels in the division should review their destructive weather plans. It's been several years since we have had severe flooding in Area I, and some things have changed in our division footprint since then to mitigate the rapid rise in water levels.

It is imperative for new commanders to ensure their unit plans are up to date and include provisions for the increased number of Families now living in Warrior Country. This may take a little time and effort, but I believe the juice is worth the squeeze. Remember, units do well those things the boss checks; and we have leaders at all echelons in our units.

Some actions leaders can take to mitigate risks:

-Carefully select field training sites. Walk the terrain; develop and brief egress plans.

-Avoid areas subject to flooding or areas already flooded; never drive through flooded roadways or attempt to cross flowing streams. Should you get mired, you could be in grave danger.

-Do not bivouac or park vehicles along streams and washes.

-When advised, evacuate immediately. Don't wait, even if it stops raining - it could still be raining upstream from your location.

As we welcome new Soldiers and Families into the division, it's important that we familiarize them to the hazards associated with monsoon season. "Under the Oak Tree" counseling is a good time to talk with new Soldiers to ensure they understand the potential risks they may face, both on and off duty.

Since the curfew has been lifted throughout the peninsula, there are new opportunities to get out and explore the beautiful Korean countryside. Warriors, this means planning for the unexpected and exercising good judgment in case the weather takes a turn for the worse. Visit the 2nd ID Web site and check the forecast before you head out for a weekend adventure. Tune in to American Forces Network while you're on the road. Any changes to Flood Condition levels or weather advisories are broadcasted on both AFN radio and television.

As summer begins to wind down and we look at the busy months ahead, many of you will want to squeeze in that last outdoor adventure before the days turn cooler and fall is upon us. I encourage you to get out and take in all that the Land of the Morning Calm has to offer. However, before you head out, take a few minutes to check the weather, plan for emergencies, and ensure your tour in Korea remains "Second to None."

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Korean class students experience traditional art form

By Pvt. Hong Sang-Woon

Staff Writer

Second Infantry Division Soldiers who have been attending the Korean language class at the Camp Casey Education Center have learned a lot since July 7. At first they learned simple things such as Korean vowels, consonants and words. But as the lessons continue, they have successfully learned how to speak short sentences that could be useful in Korea.

In order to give the Soldiers a break and to teach them about traditional Korean folk arts, the Soldiers and the teachers of the class went to Book-chon Korean-style house July 28.

When they arrived, the class was divided into two groups; the first group did folk painting on a fan while the other embroidery.

Before they started to do folk painting, the teachers served the Soldiers Korean-style tea. They taught them how to drink tea in a traditional fashion.

After tea, the teachers explained about the Korean folk paintings – which are pictures that were very popular in the time of Joseon Dynasty with each picture having a different meaning. The pictures presented were of a tiger, peony and lotus, each

meaning self protection, rich and fruitfulness respectively. Soldiers picked the picture which they wanted to paint and had the option of different colors tailored to be their own.

Pvt. Justin Griffiths of A Company 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment said, “It was fun; I liked the different art forms of Korea and the tea was delicious.”

The traditional Korean buildings were very interesting because I only get to see tall buildings near Camp Casey, he continued.

Embroidery is one of Korea’s traditional art form that uses threads to draw pictures on a piece of cloth. Sewing pictures on a cloth wasn’t easy, however. The Soldiers received assistance from the teachers.

After all the activities were done, the Soldiers held their arts high and took pictures with their masterpieces.

One Soldier expressed how satisfied she was with the tour.

Sgt. Maria Andrin of 210th Fires Brigade said, “I think this tour was very interesting and educational because I could learn about Korean native culture and art; I enjoyed it very much. The people who were teaching us were very professional and friendly.”

Warrior Division Soldiers will continue to learn Korean until the course ends on Aug. 25.



A teacher at the Book-chon Korean-style house helps Soldiers with their Korean folk painting during their tour July 28. The tour was for Soldiers taking a Korean language class at the Camp Casey Education Center.



Soldiers with 2nd Infantry Division concentrate on their embroidery projects while at the Book-chon Korean-style house tour July 28.

Click on  at www.2id.korea.army.mil to learn the Korean phrase of the week and take part in discussions.

Story within a photo



Spc. Tim Oberle

Chinook carries big load

A CH-47 Chinook, piloted by Col. James T. Barker, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade commander, and Chief Warrant Officer 5 Joseph Roberts, the senior chief warrant officer for 2nd CAB, lifts “Big Bassani,” a newly designed training sling load for the brigade, July 14. Barker and Roberts dedicated the training block to the outgoing commander of 2nd CAB, Col. Joseph A. Bassani Jr., out of respect for all of his accomplishments while on the peninsula.



Capt. Michael Ashley

In light of darkness

Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team took part in a month-long gunnery exercise conducted on the Rodriguez Range Live Fire Complex the first week of July. Soldiers practiced their individual combat readiness skills and sharpened their crewmember skills during the training. The exercise culminated on the final weekend of July with a live night fire and Table VIII qualifications, an annual requirement.

Warhorse Challenge sharpens Soldier skills

Story and photo by Spc. Tim Oberle

2nd CAB Public Affairs

Soldiers from 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade honed their warrior tasks and drills during "Warhorse Stakes," a battalion-level three-day competition, at Camp Humphreys July 13-15.

During the event, the battalion broke into teams of 10 and competed against each other for the best squad in 602nd Avn.

Each team was required to complete a six-mile ruck march in two hours, perform Humvee Egress Assistance Training, conduct a squad exercise with Engagement Skills Training equipment, undergo chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear training, perfect several Jujitsu moves of Modern Army Combatives,

and hone various other warrior skills and tasks. The exercise is part of the unit's Logistic Warrior Program, designed by the unit commander Lt. Col. Julius A. Rigole, to enhance esprit de corps as well as build the confidence of each Soldier.

"Exercises such as this one help Soldiers develop the key warrior skills and tasks to be ready to fight and survive on the battlefield," said Rigole. "We prepare during the year-long training cycle so that the Soldiers take a sense of pride and accomplishment for all of the work they have completed during sergeants time training. The exercise is conducted twice a year and upon successful completion, Soldiers receive a Logistic Warrior Certificate."

"I am really proud of the Soldiers because they have given 110 percent this week despite the hot and humid temperatures here in Korea and really seemed

eager to learn as much as they could," said 2nd Lt. Milton E. Maddox, a chemical officer with Headquarters Support Company, 602nd Avn. and the officer in charge for the exercise.

Soldiers need to keep their warrior tasks and drills honed because if they don't, they will slowly forget important steps, he added.

"In addition to the training that the Warhorse Stakes competition already tests, we would like to add a live fire and convoy section to better enhance the type of training Soldiers are getting,"

said Maddox. "Despite the room for improvement, I think the exercise this time was a big success and the Soldiers seemed to enjoy it a lot."

"We make the training into a competitive format because it better prepares Soldiers to shoot, move and communicate on the battlefield in order to survive," said Rigole. "I got the idea for the competition from the spur training program we used to conduct when I was in a U.S. Army cavalry unit."

"I have made a few adjustments to the training to make it more relevant to what is happening in the current operational environment that Soldiers find themselves in on the battlefield," he said. "Soldiers in a logistics battalion often find themselves in positions of danger when deployed because they are the least protected on the roads and this training better prepares them to deal with those conditions."

Squads that fail to accomplish all of the tasks for each event received a no-go, which helps to highlight areas of concern for future training to better enhance the Soldiers learning experience, said Maddox.

Regardless of whether the Soldiers complete each event, they still receive instruction from the cadre to help them identify their strengths and weaknesses.

"Overall the competitive nature of the event seemed to motivate the Soldiers the most," said Spc. Cory Campbell, from HSC, 602nd Avn. "I really enjoyed the competition because it gives you an incentive to try harder."

When the competition was over, Team B from HSC stood tall amongst all of the other squads in the battalion as the overall winner for the exercise and received medals from Rigole and battalion Command Sergeant Major Antoine Duchatelier Jr.



Soldiers from 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, struggle in the heat during a six-mile road march that was part of the Warhorse Challenge at Camp Humphreys July 15.

Click on  at www.2id.korea.army.mil for more photos of the event.

Secretary of Defense visits Iron Brigade Soldiers

By Pfc. Paul A. Holston

1st HBCT Public Affairs

A select group of about 300 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team Soldiers were visited by U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates July 20 on Camp Casey.

Gates was introduced to the 'Iron' Soldiers by Col. Thomas C. Graves, then 1st HBCT commander and currently 2nd Infantry Division chief of staff, before briefly speaking to the crowd.

"We are absolutely excited, honored and humbled to have the Secretary of Defense come out and spend some time with us," Graves said. "He's a man who needs no introduction; he is a great leader for our military and a great supporter of our U.S. Army."

Gates began by first thanking the Soldiers for their service and dedication while being in the military.

"Although you're far from home and not as much in the headlines as what's going on in Iraq and Afghanistan, I just want you to know that we

do appreciate you all for your sacrifices here in Korea," said Gates.

Gates then continued to speak briefly about the 60th anniversary of the Republic of Korea and U.S. alliance, as well as the different situations in Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan, before following his remarks with a question and answer session.

The 1st HBCT Soldiers asked questions like the prospect of shorter tour lengths both in Korea and in the Middle East.

Gates took the time to address the importance of many of the military policies currently in effect on the peninsula as well as around the world.

After the question and answer session, Gates gave his final remarks and support to the Soldiers by thanking them once again for their service, as well as their Families for supporting them.

"The main thing I want to do is to thank each and every one of you personally, shake your hand, take a photograph and tell you how much I appreciate the things you do," said Gates.

"I always look forward to getting

out of Washington to be able to come out and talk with Servicemembers. On behalf of the President and the American people, I'd like to look you in the eye and thank you for your service," he continued.

Concluding the visit, Gates took the

time to shake hands, and present his coin to each Soldier who attended.

Also in the area was the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, who visited with Soldiers in Camp Red Cloud July 21.



U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates speaks to more than 300 'Iron' Soldiers from 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, on Camp Casey July 20.

Yu Hu-Son

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

School physical exams

A Physical Examination Rodeo will be held for school-age children from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 14 at the U.S. Army Health Clinic on Camp Casey. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, call DSN 737-CARE (2273).

AAFES activities

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service at Casey Garrison is hosting the following Family and children's activities during August: Aug. 14, putting contest for kids; noon Aug. 21, putting contest for families; and noon Aug. 28, basketball contest for kids. For more information, call 730-4860/4867.

Kindergarten registration

The Department of Defense Education Activity is encouraging parents to enroll kindergarten-aged children for the upcoming school year. To be eligible for kindergarten this fall, children must be 5 years old by Sept. 1. To enroll a child in the military's school system, parents should have proof of the child's age (passport or birth certificate), the sponsor's orders and medical records showing the required immunization. For more information, go to <http://www.dodea.edu/parents/immunizations.cfm>

Free/reduced lunch

Parents who want to apply for free or reduced lunch for their children who will attend Casey Elementary School need to pick up an application from the Army Community Service at Camp Stanley, Bldg. T-2342; Camp Casey,

Bldg. S-2306; or Camp Red Cloud, Bldg. S-16. All completed applications must be returned to the Camp Casey location with the most current leave and earnings statements of the Soldier and working spouse to determine the children's eligibility. For more information, contact Doris Planas, Financial Readiness Program manager, at DSN 730-3142/3107.

Area I town hall event

All Area I community members in Camps Casey, Red Cloud, Stanley, Hovey, Castle and Jackson are invited to attend a town hall event 3:30-5 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Camp Casey Community Activity Center. Topics of discussion include: back to school information and Casey Elementary School Tour, newcomer information, important community events and programs information and more.

FAP lunch and learn

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program is hosting the following parenting lunch and learn sessions in support of the Army Family covenant 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Camp Casey ACS classroom: Aug. 17, Surviving the Teen years; and Aug. 31, What All Children Need. Bring your lunch and learn with ACS. For more information or to sign up, call DSN 730-3107.

Do Dream festival

The Bosandong Merchants' Association is hosting its 6th annual U.S./ROK friendship "Do Dream" festival in Dongducheon from 1-9 p.m. Aug. 28.

The festival will take place in front

of the Camp Casey main gate in the Bosandong entertainment area. Entertainment includes performances by the B-Boys, the Bosan Elementary School Traditional Folk Music team, four other local groups and the main event by Korean Jazz singer Im Hui-Suk and band group Yi Jung-Sik. There will be giveaways throughout the day.

For more information call Pae Tong-Su at DSN 730-2585.

Labor Day festival

The Camp Red Cloud, Camp Casey community will host a Labor Day "Open Post" Festival 3 p.m.-1 a.m. Sept. 3 at Camp Casey. For more information, pick up the August edition of In the Zone magazine.

Off limits update

U.S. Forces Korea Regulation 190-2 is being updated to reflect that bodies of water, barber shops and off-post medical and dental facilities, and pharmacies are no longer off limits. Garrison commanders may still place individual locations or establishments off limits. Tattoo parlors, body piercing establishments and houses of prostitution remain off-limits USFK-wide for safety health and policy reasons.

Family life resources

The 2nd Infantry Division's Chaplain Family Life Resource Center is offering Family wellness workshops, individual and marriage counseling, parenting through divorce classes and post-trauma recovery. For more information or to register, call DSN 732-7758, 730-6707 or call the chaplain directly at 010-6365-3962.

Movies

Camp Casey

Show times: Mon. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Fri. 9:30 a.m., 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.
Sat. 3:30, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.
Sun. 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.

Aug. 13 ... Aliens in the Attic; Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore; Splice
Aug. 14 ... Cats & Dogs; Jonah Hex; Splice
Aug. 15 ... The Karate Kid; Killers;
Get Him to the Greek
Aug. 16 ... Cats & Dogs
Aug. 18 ... The A-Team
Aug. 20 ... The Other Guys; The A-Team
Aug. 21 ... Toy Story 3; Jonah Hex;
The Other Guys
Aug. 22 ... The Karate Kid; Splice
Aug. 23 ... The Other Guys
Aug. 25 ... The A-Team

Camp Red Cloud



No further showings until Sept. 24 due to renovations

Camp Hovey

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

Aug. 13 ... Killers
Aug. 14 ... Splice
Aug. 15 ... Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
Aug. 17 ... Marmaduke
Aug. 19 ... The Other Guys
Aug. 20 ... Jonah Hex
Aug. 21 ... The Karate Kid
Aug. 22 ... The Other Guys
Aug. 24 ... Jonah Hex
Aug. 26 ... The Expendables

Camp Stanley

Show times: Sun., Mon. & Thu. 7 p.m.
Wed. & Sat. 7 & 9 p.m.
Fri. 9:30 a.m., 7 & 9 p.m.

Aug. 13 ... Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time; Splice
Aug. 14 ... Salt; Prince of Persia
Aug. 15 ... Salt
Aug. 16 ... Killer
Aug. 18 ... The Other Guys (2)
Aug. 19 ... The Karate Kid
Aug. 20 ... Splice; Prince of Persia
Aug. 21 ... Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore; Jonah Hex
Aug. 22 ... Cats & Dogs
Aug. 23 ... Toy Story 3
Aug. 25 ... The Expendables (2)
Aug. 26 ... The Karate Kid

Camp Humphreys

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

Aug. 13 ... Salt (2)
Aug. 14 ... Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2); Salt
Aug. 15 ... Cats & Dogs; Salt (2)
Aug. 16 ... Salt (2)
Aug. 17 ... The Karate Kid (2)
Aug. 18 ... Jonah Hex (2)
Aug. 19 ... Jonah Hex (2)
Aug. 20 ... The Other Guys (2)
Aug. 21 ... The Other Guys (2); Toy Story 3
Aug. 22 ... The Other Guys (2); Toy Story 3
Aug. 23 ... The Other Guys (2)
Aug. 24 ... Killers (2)
Aug. 25 ... The A-Team (2)
Aug. 26 ... The A-Team (2)

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

At Stone Chapel
Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
At Memorial Chapel
Gospel:
11 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Tuesday

At West Casey Chapel

Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
Noon Sunday
LDS Bible study:
7 p.m. Thursdays
Jewish:
6:30 p.m. Friday

Camp Hovey

At Hovey Chapel
Catholic:
9:30 a.m. Sunday
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Tuesday
At Old Hovey Chapel
Bldg. 3592

Orthodox:

10 a.m. 1st,3rd Sundays
At Crusader Chapel
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday

Camp Stanley

Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
Gospel:
12:30 p.m. Sunday

Camp Humphreys

At Freedom Chapel
Catholic:
9 a.m. Sunday
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday
Church of Christ:
5 p.m. Sunday

Gospel:

1 p.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
7 p.m. Tuesday

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730-3014
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730-5119
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753-7952

Take proper steps for international marriage

By Sgt. 1st Class Robert Timmons
2nd ID Public Affairs Chief

Throughout the U.S. Army's history in the Republic of Korea, American Soldiers have fallen in love and married foreign nationals only to later endure multiple frustrations when attempting to bring their spouse to the United States. Many of these frustrations stem from a lack of knowledge regarding U.S. immigration law, and most of the frustrations could have been avoided if the Soldier and his spouse were adequately prepared for the U.S. immigration process.

In response to the unique difficulties faced by Soldiers who marry non-U.S. citizens abroad, United States Forces Korea enacted USFK Regulation 600-20. This regulation is applicable to all marriages between Soldiers stationed in Korea and non-U.S. citizens.

"USFK 600-20 applies world-wide to Soldiers stationed in Korea, so you cannot, for example, avoid the international marriage process by getting married in the Philippines," said Capt. Robert Hendricks, an administrative law attorney with the 2nd Infantry Division's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. "Also, the regulation is punitive. This means that if a USFK Soldier fails to complete the international marriage process prior to marrying a foreign national, he or she may be prosecuted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice."

The regulation is intended to ensure that any marriage is legally valid and that the foreign spouse will be eligible to immigrate to the United States. "USFK 600-20 closely mirrors the U.S. immigration application, so, if a Soldier and his spouse complete the international

marriage process, the Soldier and his or her spouse should breeze through the U.S. immigration visa maze," Hendricks said.

USFK 600-240 identifies ten concrete steps that must be taken prior to marriage. These steps include the Soldier meeting with his or her battalion commander, chaplain, judge advocate, and security officer. Additionally, both the Soldier and intended spouse must receive medical examinations – the Soldier from the Troop Medical Clinic and the fiancé from a U.S. Embassy accredited medical facility.

"Furthermore, because a primary purpose of the regulation is to ensure that the foreign spouse is eligible to immigrate to the United States, it is necessary for the foreign spouse to submit a criminal background check," said Hendricks. "A criminal record or checkered background may prohibit a person from entering the United States. It is important that a Soldier know if his or her spouse will be barred from entry prior to committing to marriage."

"I think that sometimes Soldiers believe USFK 600-240 is just a tool for his or her command to prevent their intended marriage. This is a misconception. It is not uncommon for USFK Soldiers who fail to complete the international marriage process to later discover that his or her spouse is barred from the United States for medical or legal reasons. In fact, a Soldier's chain-of-command is expressly prohibited from denying a Soldier's request to marry if the Soldier complies with USFK 600-240," said Hendricks. "Rather, the regulation is intended to ensure both that a foreign spouse is eligible to immigrate to the United States and that the Soldier

understands the difficulties inherent in a marriage between persons of differing nationalities."

Fortunately, there are multiple resources available to Soldiers in Warrior Country who desire to complete the international marriage process. These resources include the 2nd ID Legal Assistance Office and Army Community Service. The 2nd ID Legal Assistance office provides both useful resources and practical legal advice to Soldiers who desire to marry non-U.S. citizens. ACS is an expert on the immigration visa process and is capable of assisting Soldiers and their spouses as they navigate through the sometimes confusing U.S. immigration process.

In order to assist Soldiers and their intended spouses successfully complete the international marriage process and ultimately immigrate to the United States, ACS hosts a quarterly International Marriage and Immigration Workshop at the Camp Casey Family Readiness Center.

The workshop is intended to educate international couples about the international marriage and U.S. immigration visa process, and foreign spouses and finances are briefed regarding cultural differences, U.S. history, and skills for living, to include American holidays and customs. Furthermore, participants learn about U.S. Immigration Form I-130, known as the Petition for Alien Resident, that must be completed and approved prior to entering the United States.

"The international marriage process and later the series of steps that need to be completed for the I-130 immigrant visa are somewhat daunting to many people," said P.J. Brockmann, Red

Cloud Garrison's Relocation Readiness Program manager, in an interview with *The Morning Call*. "Those who complete the class are better prepared to complete both processes, as well as to know where to go to get additional assistance."

"Fortunately," said Hendricks, "there is a light at the end of the tunnel. When the process is completed you will be married. I know that the international marriage process can, at first, appear like a lot of work. However, Soldiers need to remember that marriage can, at times, be a lot of work. And marriage is why the Soldier is completing the process. A marriage entered into while stationed in Korea is legally identical to a marriage entered into in California, North Carolina, or Texas. You will be husband and wife. Soldiers who would not marry in the United States should not marry in Korea. However, if the time and the person is right, USFK 600-240 ensures that the Soldier enters his or her marriage fully informed about the challenges he or she will face as an international couple and minimizes the immigration nightmares regularly encountered by dual-nationality couples."

For more information on international marriages or arrange an appointment with a legal assistance attorney, please contact the 2nd ID Legal Assistance Office at DSN 730-3660. To contact ACS or enroll in an Immigration Workshop, please call DSN 730-3107, 732-5883 or 732-7779.

(Editor's Note: This story is the first of a two-part series on international marriages and spousal abandonment. Information regarding the workshops was taken from a story written by Pfc. Jin Choi, USAG Red Cloud.)

Casey school right on schedule for new school year

By DoDDS Korea

The new Casey Elementary School established on Camp Casey was officially handed over to the Department of Defense Dependents Schools Korea District Aug. 2.

Casey, located approximately 40 miles north of Seoul, is home to the first-ever DoDDS school in Area I of Korea. The school represents clear progress in welcoming more military Families to South Korea through the United States Forces Korea tour normalization initiative.

According to DoDEA Korea officials, the kindergarten through eighth-grade school is being outfitted with books, desks, materials, sports equipment and technology in preparation for the arrival of faculty, support staff and eager students at the end of August.

The school will also offer a pre-kindergarten program called Sure Start to the children of eligible sponsors.

Casey ES is led by 20-year teaching and school administration veteran Shelly Kennedy. Kennedy has been on the ground to oversee the final stages of construction, staffing and outfitting since March.

"Casey Elementary School is a phenomenal learning environment," said Kennedy. "I can't wait to open the doors and welcome the entire commu-

nity inside to celebrate together."

School officials anticipate that all 250 available seats will be filled as the new school year begins Aug. 30. Preparations for phase II addition are already underway to accommodate an additional 250 students in time for the 2011-2012 school year.

DoDDS Korea Superintendent Dr. Irby Miller said, "Casey Elementary School is an important milestone in our partnership with USFK and installation commanders to support tour normalization efforts across the Korean peninsula."

Casey Elementary School is comprised of major renovations to building S-2400 which previously served as a barracks. The roughly \$5 million, 30,000 square-foot renovation provides state-of-the-art education facilities for military Families living in Area I. Features include modern classrooms with interactive whiteboards, a 2:1 computer-to-student ratio, cutting-edge computer and science labs, large information center, and ample parking for employees and visitors.

The school also represents environmental stewardship through the

use of sustainable design concepts to meet Leadership in Energy Efficient Design Standard Silver level requirements.

USFK and DoD schools senior officials will join the Area I community for dedication and an open house 10 a.m. Sept. 15 at the Casey Elementary School.

For more information, contact Casey Elementary School secretary Kristen Wolf at DSN 730-6444.



The finishing touches of the new Casey Elementary School, located on Camp Casey, are underway to ensure the school is ready for the new school year beginning Aug. 30.

Featured travel site:



By Sgt. 1st Class Michelle M. Johnson
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Insadong is a neighborhood rich in history, snugly located in South Korea's capital city of Seoul. It is known today for its stationery shops, art galleries and antique markets.

While it's true, you can pass nine stationery stores before you make it to the second city block along the main drag known as Insadong-gil, there are many more treasures along the tributary alleyways.

Hand-made jewelry, delicately-painted oriental fans and one-of-a-kind clothing items line the streets in bins, on the walkways and in store-fronts among the neighborhood's nearly 31-acres.

As you walk and shop, be sure to taste the locale fares in the dozens of sit-down restau-

rants along Insadong-gil, or just sample the sweet-bean walnut buns or spun honey string made while you watch.

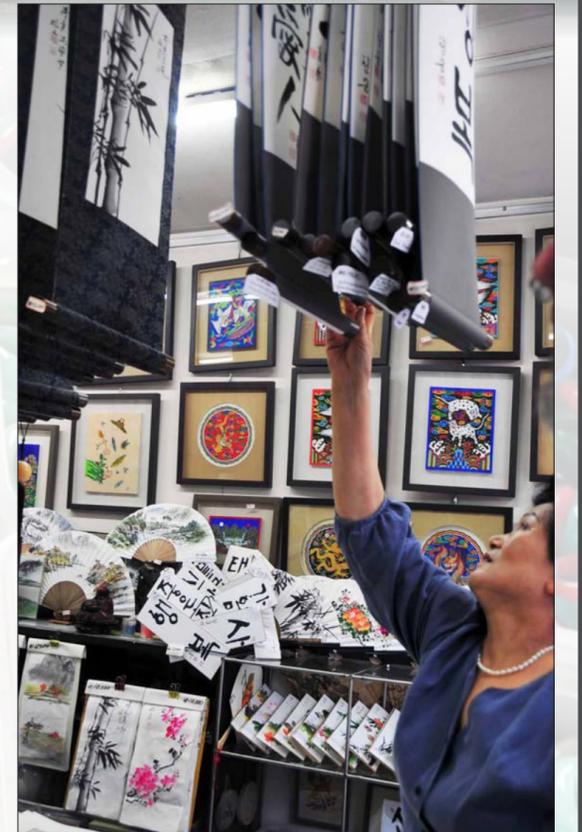
Insadong wasn't always a place to shop and dine. The area was once a place of residence for government officials. They were forced out during the Japanese occupation, leaving or selling their antique belongings quickly. This was the beginning of Insadong's history as a trading center.

After the end of the Korean War, it was a Mecca for the art and cafe culture, and tourists flocked there in the 60s giving it the name, "Mary's Alley." It gained even more popularity during the 1988 Seoul Olympics, when international visitors discovered its many boutiques, restaurants and sidewalk snack vendors.

You can get there on the Seoul Metro Subway, Line 1 by exiting at Jonggak Station.



A vendor prepares a hodu-gwa-ja, or walnut and sweet-bean bun, at one of the many Korean snack shops in Insadong.



A merchant selects a handmade brush-work screen painting to show a customer in one of the galleries in Insadong.

LEGAL ADVICE: monsoon season property damage claims

By Capt. Tessa Marmion
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Floods from the monsoon rains are the most frequently occurring natural disaster in Korea. The monsoon season runs from June to August, during which time you could be a victim of property damage from flooding and electrical short-circuiting. Luckily, you may be entitled to recover money through your local Military Claims Office for any property damage you suffer that was not due to your own negligence. In order to maximize the amount of money you can recover, you should follow these basic steps.

In the immediate aftermath of monsoon damage keep all damaged items until your claim is approved, hang up wet items to dry, and take pictures of the damage. Make a list of damaged or missing items, and have the list verified by your platoon leader, platoon sergeant, company commander, or first sergeant.

Your next step is to complete a flood claims packet at your local Military Claims Office. You have two years from the date of damage to make a claim. To make a claim, bring any evidence you may have proving (1) your ownership of the items, like sales receipts or household goods shipment lists, and (2) the damage, such as photos or military police reports. Also bring with you a writ-

ten statement from your company commander, first sergeant, platoon leader, or platoon sergeant verifying the damage or loss. If any of the items were insured, bring proof of insurance. Your local Military Claims Office will provide you with the additional documents you will need to fill out.

Protect yourself and your property during monsoon season by following these tips. Do not step or walk in standing water because standing water will conduct electricity from any exposed underground electrical lines. Turn off and unplug all electronic devices such as televisions, microwaves, computers, and stereos during major storms. Be aware that power surges usually occur after power outages once power is restored, so take care when plugging your electronics back into the outlets. During power outages, keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed to prevent food spoilage. In low-lying areas susceptible to flooding, store items off the floor. Avoid driving or parking in or near drainages and low-lying areas, where flooding is likely. And finally, take extra precautions when driving near water puddles to avoid hidden potholes or loosened manhole covers.

Your local Military Claims Office is here to help. Reach your Military Claims Office at any one of the following locations.

- Camp Red Cloud Legal Center: 732-6017
- Camp Casey Legal Center: 730-3687
- Camp Humphreys Legal Center: 753-8747



The sun never sets on the 2nd ID



Medical treatment in Abu Ghraib goes mobile

By Spc. Luisito Brooks

4th SBCT Public Affairs

ABU GHRAIB, Iraq – Not too long ago, some Iraqi children rode several hours and several miles on a donkey cart, enduring the blistering heat of summer, to get one of their younger siblings to a health treatment facility since there were no facilities near their home.

Now, a donation from 4th Stryker Brigade Combat

Team, 2nd Infantry Division “Raiders” is making it possible for health treatment facilities to come to them.

Dr. Hussain, a Ministry of Health representative for Abu Ghraib, recently accepted two mobile health clinic vehicles from the Raider Brigade.

“The purpose is to enable the Ministry of Health to serve their community with medical treatment in those hard-to-reach places,” said Capt. Timothy Bride, a project manager with the brigade’s Joint Project Management Office, and a Houston native. “Many families

travel by any means a long way to seek health treatment.”

The all-white mobile clinics are modified Ford F-450 trucks, assembled and shipped from Mexico, with two separate offices that can be accessed by pull-out stairs underneath the door.

Bride explained that from the outside, the mobile clinics almost resemble recreation vehicles.

The first office in each clinic vehicle is equipped with a new dental chair and an X-ray machine, while the second office has an examination table, which also can be used for simple surgeries, a sink, cabinets for storage and a refrigerator.

Each office has its own air conditioning unit, steam sterilizing machine for tools, overhead lights and basic equipment used to maintain the vehicle.

The total cost for the two mobile clinic vehicles was \$350,000. However, before anything was signed over to the Iraqis, U.S. Soldiers conducted a visual check on all the equipment with Hussain and a few local contractors.

“We wanted to make sure that every piece of equipment was accounted for before we signed it over to the Ministry of Health,” said Capt. Talgin Cannon, another project manager with the Joint Project Management Office.

Working through extreme heat, the Soldiers also inspected the equipment.

“We have to make sure everything is here and it works,” said Bride, wiping his brow. “Hopefully, the use of these mobile clinics will stop further deterioration of health in very remote areas.”

Hussain explained how Iraqi medical personnel would use the vehicles to reach their patients.

“These mobile clinics will be operated by a team of just a doctor, dentist and a nurse selected by the Ministry of Health for Abu Ghraib,” he said. “A team will rotate through on a schedule in order to reach the rural places.”

Cannon said missions like this contribute to the legacy of the Raider Brigade as the unit prepares to redeploy in the coming weeks.

“Who is going to remember this brigade when we leave this country?” asked Cannon, shrugging his shoulders. “The ones who will remember are the ones we helped here.”

Go to www.2id.korea.army.mil, the 2nd ID website to view other stories and photos.

Iraqi, U.S. Soldiers provide mobility for disabled child



Left: A little Iraqi girl, Fahtma, and her mother wait to receive a wheelchair at Quiamacam, a government office in Abu Ghraib, Iraq, during a joint medical engagement sponsored by 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, July 22. The 4th SBCT supported Iraqi medical personnel from the Iraqi Army and a local hospital, who took the lead for the event.



Right: Capt. Mohamed, a surgeon assigned to 6th Iraqi Army Division escorts Fahtma, a local girl who just received a new wheelchair, and her mother during a July 22 joint medical engagement sponsored by 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division at Quiamacam, a government office in Abu Ghraib Iraq. Medical personnel from the local area hospital and Soldiers assigned to 6th IA Div. took the lead for the event and provided medical care to local people.

Sgt. Phillip Valentine, 366th MPAD

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