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Engines roar at formula 1 grand prix final race



A Formula 1 race car zooms past the finish line as fans look on during the 2010 Formula 1 Korean Grand Prix final race held in Young-am city, Oct. 24.

Story and photos by Pfc. Hong Sang-Woon

Staff Writer

Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers and USO gave Servicemembers, stationed throughout the Republic of Korea, the opportunity to see the 2010 Formula 1 Korean Grand Prix final race, which was held in Young-am city, in the Jeollanam province Oct. 24.

Soldiers throughout Korea took a bus from their camps; some even travelled up to six hours to watch the race.

"I saw the ads at the train station and became interested," said Sgt. 1st Class Alan Carroll, with the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. "I had never seen a Formula 1 race, so I signed up for it. I'm more of a NASCAR race fan but I thought a Formula 1 race would be fun too."

Before the race started, the drivers drove around the race track waving to their fans. After a short while, a ceremony march, themed "green earth and Korean tradition," entertained the audience while the racers prepared to race.

Originally the race was scheduled to start at 3 p.m., but due to inclement weather, the race was delayed an hour.

With the thunderous roar of engines revving, the race began. The audience shouted joy and excitement as the cars flashed by at up to 320 km per hour, making it almost impossible for them to snap photos.

Although the race lasted a few hours, there were plenty of nail-biting moments to keep the audience entertained. Engines roared, drivers passed their opponents' cars by inches, race cars crashed and engines exploded keeping spectators on the edge of their seats.

Air Force Lt. Col. Jeffrey Paterson, with the 604th Air Support Operations Squadron out of Camp Red Cloud, brought his 8-year-old son, Luke, with him.

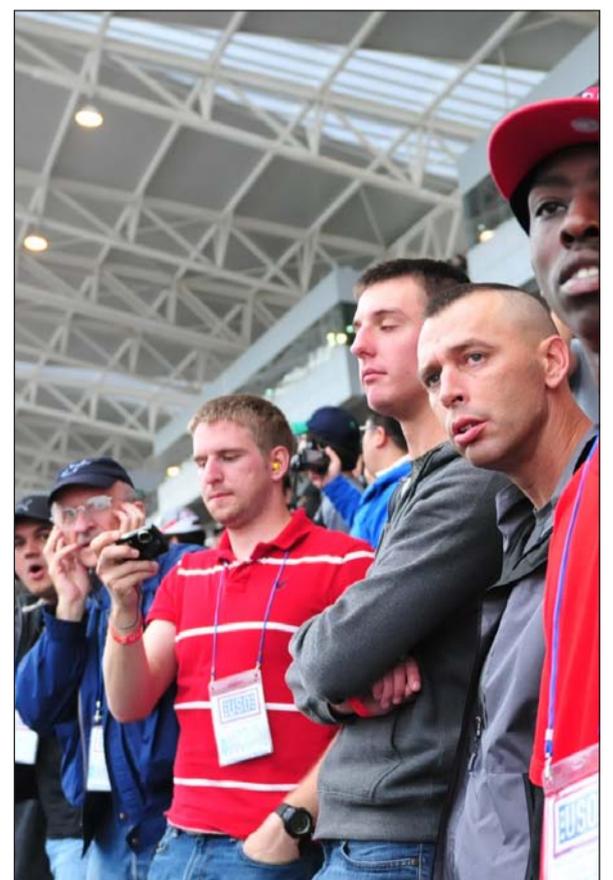
"A Soldier in my unit told me about this event and I thought it would be a great opportunity for me and my son to have a firsthand experience of a Formula 1 race," said Paterson. "The seats were better than I had expected, and my son and I really enjoyed the race."

After 55 intense laps, the race came to an end. Race car driver, Fernando Alonso Diaz from Spain, was declared the winner of the 2010 Formula 1 Korean Grand Prix.

The Soldiers left the event with satisfaction.

"It was a wonderful opportunity for me," said Maj. Daniel Larose, of A Company, Division Special Troops Battalion. "It was a great event. The seats were great, and I am satisfied because they finished the race even though it was raining. I really enjoyed it."

With the help of the BOSS program and USO, Servicemembers throughout Korea enjoyed a Sunday full of rain, food and thunderous cars as entertainment.



Servicemembers, stationed throughout the Republic of Korea, watch intently at the cars pass by during a BOSS/USO tour to the 2010 Formula 1 Korean Grand Prix final race on Oct. 24.

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



**VOICE OF THE
WARRIOR:**
What is your
favorite
Halloween candy
and costume?



"My favorite Halloween candy is candy corn and I liked my prisoner costume the best."

Pfc. Rafael Cano
A Co., 302nd BSB

"I like Milky Way chocolate the most and I used to dressed up as a power ranger on Halloween."

Pvt. Paul Thompson
HHT, 4-7th Cav.



"My favorite costume that I dressed up as was a princess and candy corn is my favorite Halloween candy."

Pfc. Jenny Roosa
HHC, 2nd CAB



"My favorite costume was when my son dressed up like a monkey with a banana on his hat and lollipops are my favorite Halloween candy."

Sgt. Aeddie Puchales
E Co., 4-2nd Avn.



"I like to dress up like the Wolfman on Halloween."

Staff Sgt. Philip Ma
4-7th Cav.



"On Halloween I like to dress up like a Soldier."

Spc. Clarissa Gaines
HHC, 1st HBCT



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Warriors make voting a rippling effect

By Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker

2nd ID Commander

Warriors, this past week I've been in our nation's capital leading the 2nd Infantry Division's delegation at the Association of the United States Army's 60th annual convention. AUSA is an organization that lobbies Congress on Soldier issues. When you think your concerns are not being heard, there are literally hundreds of thousands of members at this organization who listen to your needs and help bring your voice to the ears of those in government.

While having a powerhouse to make your case before senators is indeed a good thing – the biggest powerhouse is your individual ballot. Too often, though, Soldiers get so engrossed in completing the mission that they forget about the most tangible thing they can do for their country besides serve, and that is – vote.

As Soldiers, we have come to terms with not always getting a say in what we do or where we go, but the truth is, our "say" starts with our vote.

Electing someone to make political decisions on your behalf is just as important as your everyday mission. I urge you not to neglect it. From my perspective, not only do you have a duty to the mission and your unit, but you also must not forget your duty to cast a vote on Election Day. Voting is a hallmark of freedom and we are freedom's guardians.

The service of our predecessors and their sacrifices as well as the sacrifices of our deployed brothers and sisters is in direct support of our freedom to choose our government.

I was reminded of that this week as I was honored to be part of two respectful events which connected us serving in the 2nd Infantry Division today to those who have served before us.

The first was a short but dignified few moments at the 2nd ID memorial to Servicemembers who gave their lives on for-

eign soil during WWI. Current Warrior Division Soldiers, including our own 2nd ID Tae Kwon Do Team, as well as our friends and good neighbors from the Gyeonggi Province Office, joined to present



a wreath at the majestic memorial that stands in the shadows of the Washington Monument. Being able to show respect "To Our Dead," as the inscription reads, was truly a highlight of this trip.

The second event was nothing short of a miracle in the making. A few weeks ago, we were invited to take part in a funeral for a Soldier who died wearing the Indianhead patch on his sleeve in 1944. Staff Sgt. John Simonetti, a Queens, N.Y. native, was just 26 years old when he landed on the beach at Normandy, France. A few days later, he was killed by a German sniper. Through the chaos of war, his remains laid there in a field for more than six decades.

A French work crew uncovered his skeleton along with his "dog tags" last year.

Nieces and nephews of "Uncle Johnny" were there to see him finally interred at Arlington National Cemetery on Oct. 26.

It was my distinguished honor and pleasure to be there and share in this glorious celebration of his life. As I accepted the perfectly folded Stars and Stripes that draped this fine Soldier's casket from the hands of the amazingly professional "Old Guard" burial team member, and presented them to his next of kin, I must admit, I was a bit choked up. As I knelt and handed the flag to Staff Sgt. Simonetti's niece, I realized there were more

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SENIOR ENLISTED LEAD THE WAY...



Education helps Soldiers advance in life

By Pfc. Paek Geun-Wook

2nd CAB Public Affairs

While rising up through the ranks as a young Soldier, 1st Sgt. Brent A. Waters, watched other Soldiers go out on their weekends and spend their hard-earned money or spend their free time playing video games. He, however, decided to focus his time on something more beneficial, even though it was not the choice of preference for other young Soldiers like him at the time. He had the foresight to use his time more wisely and take advantage of the Army's free tuition assistance program to make the future brighter for himself and his Family.

Waters, currently with C Company, 4th Attack Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, joined the Army in 1996 as an infantryman. Four years later, he transitioned to aviation as an apache helicopter mechanic. He made the rank of sergeant first class in only 8 years and he reached the grade of E-8 after 13 years of military experience, when it normally takes 10 to 14 years to reach the rank of sergeant 1st class and 15 to 22 to reach master sergeant or first sergeant.

Although Waters went up the ranks rather quickly, he never could have imagined that all of his hard work and dedication would propel him to his current standing in the Army.

He put in his Officer Candidate School packet at the same time the E-8 board convened and was selected for both this year. After finishing OCS at Fort Benning, Ga., he is planning to go to flight school at Fort Rucker, Ala.

A big reason that he was chosen to be a first sergeant in such a short period and get accepted to the Army's OCS program was his level of education, which he received free of charge, by taking advantage of the Army's educational programs.

He completed his entire degree while in the Army. It took three years for him to get a degree in management from Liberty University, out of Lynchburg, Va. and he is currently working on a Masters in Business Administration.

"I took four to six courses every semester, but I was still able to do my job as a noncommissioned officer and as a father to my three children," said Waters. "A lot of Soldiers think they can't balance their jobs and work towards an education, but if they really try, it is possible. They just need to take the initiative and go to their base education centers and talk to a career coun-

selor about it."

Although there are thousands of excuses Soldiers make for not attending classes, Waters explains that it is easier to take courses than they think.

"It is actually really easy to get a college education while Soldiers serve in the Army," he said. "Hundreds of universities offer online courses for Soldiers and some of them directly work with the U.S. Army so that Soldiers can keep studying even if they move to another station. The Army pays for the tuition and offers some vouchers for books."

Waters added that taking college courses while in the military is an opportunity that Soldiers should not let go to waste.

"While in the Army, you can get an education and degree virtually for free," emphasized Waters. "I think this is something that no other military establishment offers their Soldiers in the world, but most Soldiers just don't have the drive to work towards building a better future."

Waters did want to warn Soldiers that it was not easy for him to take care of his Family while doing his job and studying for his degree, but that the hard work paid off in the end.

"Don't get me wrong, I had to sacrifice some things and work really hard to balance all of my responsibilities," said Waters.

When Waters came home from work, he would spend time with his kids for a while and then work on papers late into the night. But his hard work was made easier with support from his Family.

"I wouldn't be in my current position without my Family's support," Waters said. "A lot of times when I was studying, my kids did their homework."

The 2nd Infantry Division commander, Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, always emphasizes the importance of getting an education and encourages Soldiers to use the Warrior University program to forward their education. And as an NCO in the Army, Waters forwarded this message on to his Soldiers in an attempt to help make their futures brighter.

As an example, Waters said, "I have had a lot of Soldiers since I have been here who started getting a college education because I let them know how it will benefit them down the road. I am not saying everyone has to get a degree or go to OCS, but education will help you make a rank faster and have the knowledge to do your job better because you learn more."

For more information on Warrior University, available to Soldiers in the 2nd Infantry Division, visit your local on-post education center.

My leadership style transformation

By Command Sgt. Maj. Leeford Cain

2nd CAB

My leadership style has transformed over the last 27 years in line with my professional development and growth as a leader. As I matured, I found there are more than a few ways to motivate people to do things they wouldn't do under normal conditions, let alone during



intense and stressful situations. I shifted from being completely authoritarian as a young sergeant to being more participatory as a platoon and first sergeant. My current leadership style is more delegative with a bit of authoritarianism when required. I find that this style suits me best as a brigade command sergeant major.

I used to find it difficult to step back and give subordinate NCOs and Soldiers the opportunity to plan and execute missions with little input from me. Now I wonder if I am involved enough because we have such smart and talented Soldiers who require little oversight after receiving a mission. My greatest concerns now revolve around team building as I am confident that those same subordinate leaders will get the job done. Building and sustaining a team increases the chances of success over a period of time. I learned that during a tour of duty in Recruiting Command, where all members of the team had to perform well in order to accomplish the mission. Recruiting was the most challenging job I've ever had as a Soldier and also the place where my character was strengthened.

Now as a member of the 2nd Infantry Division, my current leadership style will contribute to the success of the Division by helping to build quality teams of Soldiers. Furthermore, I want to contribute by helping to build quality NCO leaders. My focus in this area will be about training and educating NCOs to be responsible for themselves, their Soldiers, and their equipment through the Brigade's Talon Sergeant Noncommissioned Officer Development Program.

My goal is to instill a sense of pride in being members of this great Division amongst our Soldiers.

"Second to None"

(Editor's Note: This is an ongoing column available to all Warrior Division senior enlisted advisors. Write about leadership, military life experiences, lessons learned and teach the leaders of tomorrow what you know today.)

To submit a piece for this column, e-mail the Indianhead editor at karla.pamela.elliott@korea.army.mil with your DA photo (optional.)

Talon Lounge to be open in Camp Humphreys DFAC

The Talon Dining Facility on Camp Humphreys is slated to have a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 1, to commemorate the grand opening of the Talon Lounge, located inside the DFAC. The lounge will offer Soldiers, with a meal card, free wireless internet and a comfortable place to study or just hang out.

During the ribbon cutting ceremony, Col. James T. Barker, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade commander, will cut a cake following a lunch with menu choices including lobster and steak.

The lounge will have couches and other relaxing accommodations as part of an initiative to provide Soldiers with a place to study for their Warrior University classes and provide an outlet to relax following the duty day.

The Talon Lounge will be open all week, including weekends, following the dining facility's dinner meal, and will remain open until 11 p.m. with coffee and snacks available. Soldiers without meal cards may use the lounge, however will still have to pay the regular meal price for any snacks or beverages.

6-37th FA proves to be 'On the Minute'



A Multiple Launch Rocket System from the Republic of Korea Army 5000th Field Artillery Battalion fires a rocket during a combined exercise with 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade at Rocket Valley, Oct. 14.

**Story and photo by
Cpl. Lee Hyun-Bae**

KATUSA Editor

Warriors of 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade held a weeklong training exercise with three Republic of Korea battalions, including the 5000th Field Artillery Battalion, 5th Fires Brigade as they tested the Multiple Launch Rocket System's capabilities in an area called "Rocket Valley" near Rodriguez Live Fire Complex, Oct. 14.

During the exercise U.S. Soldiers not only learned about their teams and weapons, but also the skills and sys-

tems of the ROK Army.

Both battalions' crews launched numerous rockets at targets 15 kilometers away while a radar system tracked the rockets to check if they were on target.

"Thanks to the 6-37th FA commander, Lt. Col. Dale Smith, we are having a brotherhood relationship with them," said Lt. Col. Jang Joon-Sun, the 5000th FA commander. "It was a great opportunity for both of us to train and be prepared for anything."

Jang said that the goal of the exercise was to be able to communicate effectively with 6-37th FA and together hit the targets successfully.

Each MLRS launcher team consists

of a section chief, a gunner, and a driver with each team having to carry out three methods of fire control – time on target, fire when ready, and fire on command – in order to pass the qualification test.

Staff Sgt. Max Creel, a section chief with C Battery, 6-37th FA said, "My team qualified by shooting all three missiles on target. I'm proud of my crew who followed my directions well. The environment of this training is very realistic and helped us a lot."

To hit the target successfully, good team play is necessary and to make this happen, one Soldier said there should be constant training and prepa-

ration.

"Our team play was excellent and we qualified too," said Cpl. Thomas Morris, a gunner with C Btry., 6-37th FA. "I think training with the ROK Army is good for building a tight bond (between us)."

With strong cooperation among the battalions, 6-37th FA launched 18 missiles while the 5000th FA launched 22.

"From this exercise, I found out that we have a lot of things to learn from the U.S. Army," said Warrant Officer Lee Dong-Sun of 5000th FA. "They had new gear and vehicles which increased their fighting efficiency. The more we train together, the more we learn about each other."

Not only was the firing good training in combined maneuvers, but it was also useful to indoctrinate new ROK Army privates into their units.

One of the privates said he was amazed as he watched the rockets being fired one by one.

"I was surprised by the loud sound," said Pvt. Lee Seung-Won from 5000th FA. "This is my first time watching the MLRS and it's amazing. I hope I can have another chance later."

Every U.S. and Korean Soldier played an important role during the exercise to include Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers, who enabled smooth communication between the U.S. and ROK Army partners.

"I think the translating role is very important," said Cpl. Kim Kyung-Joon from C Btry., 6-37th FA. "I'm proud that I'm taking a role in protecting the peace in the Korean Peninsula."

The 6-37th FA's combined exercise with 5000th FA was a good chance for both of them to learn about each other. The artillery unit showed solidarity and readiness which proved that they are truly "On the Minute."

Trooper recognized for excellence, distinction

Story and photo by Sgt. Ryan Elliott

1st HBCT Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Philip S. Ma received the Order of Saint Maurice for serving with excellence and distinction as a member of the 4th Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, during an award ceremony held in the unit's motor pool on Camp Hovey, Oct 21.

Col. Ross E. Davidson, the 1st HBCT commander, awarded the medal to Ma.

"This award is a sign of recognition from the Army's National Infantry Association," said Davidson to a formation of 4-7th Cav. Troopers. "It recognizes excellence in infantry endeavors."

"It's typically awarded to our noncommissioned officers who exemplify what we term the spirit of the infantry. A willingness to close with and destroy the enemy under all circumstances," Davidson added.

Ma has been with the 4-7th Cav. for nearly a year. In that time, he has taken on many leadership roles, and presented an outstanding example for his troop-

ers and peers to look up to, said Davidson.

"I was overwhelmed to even be nominated for this award," said Ma. "It is a great honor to accept an award with as rich a history as this award has."

The award was established in 1994, by the Army's National Infantry Association, to recognize infantrymen who maintain the highest standards of integrity and professional competence.

The award is rooted in antiquity dating back to A.D. 287, when St. Maurice, the leader of a Roman legion, marched in service of the Roman Empire and exemplified the bravery, commitment and excellence of the legion.

Ma said the award was a great honor.

"I believe it will allow me to be a better leader as I continue my Army career," said Ma.

"Staff Sgt. Ma has shown a willingness to lead Soldiers and prepare them for bat-

tle. And so it is with great distinction and honor that we present the Order of St. Maurice to Staff Sgt. Ma," said Davidson.



Col. Ross E. Davidson, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team commander, presents Staff Sgt. Philip Ma, of 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, the Order of St. Maurice Award at the unit's motor pool on Camp Hovey Oct. 21.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Estate claim

If anyone has a claim or outstanding debt against the estate of Pfc. Jose Christian Ruiz, lately of D Co., Forward Support Company, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, he or she should contact 1st Lt. Eric Y. Kim at eric.kim4@korea.army.mil or via cell phone 010-5325-2585.

Casey DFAC closes

The Camp Casey Main Dining Facility, Bldg. S-2151, will close its doors temporarily due to renovations Oct. 29 and is slated to reopen March 1, 2011.

Haunted House

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Community Recreation Division and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers are teaming up to for a Spooky Hallow Haunted Barracks Oct. 28-30 at Camp Mobile. The free haunted barracks located in Bldg. 2666 will be open 6-8 p.m. on Oct. 28 and 6-10:30 p.m. on Oct. 29-30. Children 13 years of age or younger must be accompanied by an adult and will receive free treats. For more information, call DSN 732- 9190 or 010-3184-3503.

Family Halloween fun

The Camp Casey Library, Community Activity Center, Arts and Crafts, and Child, Youth and School Services are sponsoring Family Halloween Fun with free snacks and games at 3 p.m. Oct. 30 in the Camp Casey CAC. Trick-or-treat will follow in the barracks of B and C Companies, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment. For more information, call DSN 730-4853.

Costume contest

The Camp Casey Commissary will hold a Halloween costume contest 3-4 p.m., Oct. 30. Prizes include three shopping sprees and treats for all participants. For more information, call DSN 730-4451.

Dental assistant training

The 618th Dental Company and Area I American Red Cross are sponsoring a free Dental Assistant Training course. Six applicants will be selected. Applications are now available at the Camp Casey Red Cross building. For more information, call Jana Fullmer at DSN 730-3246/3184.

Disaster preparedness courses

The Area I American Red Cross at is offering disaster preparedness courses 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Nov. 3-5 in the Camp Casey Community Activity Center. The courses include *fulfilling our mission* and *shelter operations*, on Nov. 3; *mass casualty* on Nov. 4 and *psychological first aid* and *international humanitarian law* on Nov. 5. The courses are free. For more information, call DSN 732-6160.

Resiliency training

Resiliency training for Family readiness support assistants and Family readiness group leaders is being offered 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Camp Casey Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 2403. Resiliency training offers a systematic approach to prepare you, your Family members, friends, and co-workers for the mental challenges that might be confronted throughout life. It covers what Soldiers may experience "downrange" and at home, what spouses

may experience back "at the home-front," and how to enhance your ability to overcome those challenges and adversity. For more information or to sign up, call DSN 732-7779.

Family appreciation lunch

The Camp Red Cloud Pear Blossom Family Outreach Center and the Division Special Troops Battalion Family Readiness Group will be hosting a military Family appreciation celebration at the CRC Pear Blossom noon-2 p.m. Nov.18. There will be a guest speaker, a luncheon, raffles and presents. For more information, call DSN 732-7168.

Clinic reaches capacity

The United States Army Health Clinic on Camp Casey has reached its capacity for primary care patients. The clinic will only be authorized to see active-duty Servicemembers and their dependents if they are command sponsored. All other personnel to include retirees, non-command sponsored dependents and Department of Defense civilians will need to seek primary care at Korean Hospitals. The TRICARE liaison in the Health Clinic can assist those with questions. For more information contact 2nd Lt. David Preczewski at DSN 730-4314.

AER changes forms

The Army Emergency Relief will no longer use DA Form 1103 to process AER loan requests. The new forms are: AER Form 700, the application for AER financial assistance and AER Form 600, the commander's referral program. For more information call Doris Planas at DSN 730-3142.

Movies

Camp Casey

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

Oct. 29: Red/Vampires Suck
Oct. 30: Nanny McPhee Returns/Red (2)
Oct. 31: Nanny McPhee Returns/The Switch Lottery Ticket
Nov. 1: Red
Nov. 3: Lottery Ticket
Nov. 5: Hereafter (2)
Nov. 6: Nanny McPhee Returns/Hereafter (2)
Nov. 7: Going the Distance/Machete
Nov. 8: Hereafter
Nov. 10: Going the Distance

Camp Red Cloud



No showings until further notice due to renovations

Camp Hovey

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

Oct. 29: Vampires Suck
Oct. 30: Lottery Ticket
Oct. 31: Red
Nov. 2: The Last Exorcism
Nov. 4: Hereafter
Nov. 5: Takers
Nov. 6: The Expendables
Nov. 7: Hereafter
Nov. 9: The Expendables
Nov. 11: Paranormal Activity 2

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.

Oct. 29: Vampires Suck/Lottery Ticket
Oct. 30: Secretariat/Eat Pray Love
Oct. 31: Secretariat
Nov. 1: Vampires Suck
Nov. 3: Hereafter (2)
Nov. 4: Takers
Nov. 5: The Last Exorcism/The Expendables
Nov. 6: Red/The Last Exorcism
Nov. 7: Red
Nov. 8: Takers
Nov. 10: Paranormal Activity 2 (2)
Nov. 11: The Expendables

Camp Humphreys

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

Oct. 29: The Secret Life of Bees/Red (2)
Oct. 30: Nanny McPhee Returns/Red (2)
Oct. 31: Nanny McPhee Returns/Red (2)

November schedule currently not available

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
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
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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Camp Stanley:

732-5238

Camp Humphreys:

753-7952

46 CAB Soldiers choose to remain 'Army Strong'

Story and photo by Cpl. Tim Oberle
2nd CAB Public Affairs

Re-enlisting in the U.S. Army is a decision that all Soldiers must contemplate during their military tenure. That decision is compounded recently by the necessity of multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. Not only do these deployments put the Soldiers in harm's way, but they also require them to be away from friends and Family for extended periods of time.

Despite this bleak and seemingly no-win situation for a Soldier to undergo, 43 Soldiers from the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade recently decided to disregard these negatives and instead chose to extend their military careers during a mass re-enlistment ceremony at the 4th Attack Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd CAB hangar at Camp Humphreys Oct. 1.

Positives like defending the country's freedom, helping to eradicate the world of terrorism and to show the world that America doesn't quit, drove these Soldiers to put aside their own safety and time with their Family to be a part of something bigger, said one Soldier who re-enlisted during the ceremony.

At the ceremony, Col. James T. Barker, 2nd CAB commander, emphasized the importance of maintaining a ready fighting force with experienced Soldiers to secure the country's freedom.

"It says a lot about the character of a Soldier to not only enlist, but re-enlist in the Army knowing full well that we are a nation at war," said Barker.

Command Sgt. Maj. Leeford Cain, 2nd CAB senior enlisted advisor, reiterated the same sentiment by stating that, "the Soldiers re-enlisting today are tomorrow's senior leaders for the Army and that is something very special and I am honored to be a part of it."

"It makes me especially proud because almost all of them had the courage to re-enlist while we are engaged in combat operations in two theaters simultaneously. It takes a special person to commit their life to the military profession knowing that one could be called on to make

the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our great nation," he added.

Whether it is the economy or patriotism, there are many reasons why Soldiers decide to stay in the military.

"These Soldiers who decided to stay in the Army today are wise because they realize that the military offers a very generous pay and benefits package and the ability to retire in 20 years with health care for life. This is especially important due to the rising cost of health care for civilians," added Barker.

One of the driving forces that lead the way to assist these 43 Talon Soldiers to re-enlist was Sgt. 1st Class Shantel Evans, the 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd CAB retention counselor, who recently won the 2nd Infantry Division Retention Counselor of the Year and the 8th Army Retention Counselor of the Year awards.

Following the ceremony, those in attendance shook hands with Barker and Cain for photo opportunities and had cake and punch.



Col. James T. Barker, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade commander, swears in 43 Soldiers from the brigade during a mass re-enlistment ceremony at the 4-2nd Avn. hangar in Camp Humphreys Oct. 1.

LEGAL ADVICE: The Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act

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Stop me if you've heard this one before: A Soldier, a Sailor, and a Marine walk into a bar. Which one do you think has a credit card interest rate below 6 percent? Hopefully they all do, but if not, there's a law that says they can. It's called the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act or SCRA. What if you have been paying a whopping 15, 20, or 30 percent on your credit card since before you came onto active duty? Thanks to the SCRA, the creditor is required to lower that interest rate, effective from the day you entered active duty. So if you had the debt since before you came in the Army five years ago, the company is required to refund you the amount you overpaid in interest throughout those five years.

There are some exceptions, however. The law only covers debts that you incurred before you came onto active duty. So if you got a new loan last week and you are just realizing you got ripped off, the SCRA cannot help you. It also does not cover federally guaranteed student loans, so if Uncle Sam is charging you 8 percent on that student loan from your college days, you just have to pay it.

Although giving Soldiers a lower interest rate might sound like a new idea, the SCRA was actually created in 1940, when it was known as the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act. It started out during World War II, back when the United States was relying heavily on the draft, and a lot of Soldiers were (not so willingly) called to active duty. Many of these Soldiers took a pay cut when they left their civilian jobs to fight for freedom, and it seemed unfair to legislators that Soldiers should suffer financially while serving their country honorably. Congress finally caught on that it's an especially difficult job defending the free world. Sometimes you might be on a month-long field exercise with no communication with the outside world. Maybe you only get your mail six weeks after it is sent from the U.S. You're even forced to eat MRE's! And back when Soldiers were fighting wars without the benefits of cell phones and e-mail, overseas communication was even more difficult. Throw a pay cut on top of the whole thing, and the average Soldier had big problems. So the law was enacted, and the Soldier finally caught a break.

The SCRA now offers additional special protections to Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen. Aside from lowering your pre-service loans and credit card interest rates to 6 percent, it can also help you if somebody tries to sue you while you are on active duty. The SCRA requires civil courts, but not criminal courts, to grant active-duty Servicemembers a 90-day extension for court hearings upon the Servicemember's request. If the court refuses to grant the 90-day extension, or enters a ruling against you because you could not attend the court hearing due to your military duties, then the SCRA allows you to undo the court's decision in some situations.

A court can refuse to give you an extension past the 90 days, but the judge is required to appoint an attorney to represent your interests at the hearing if you are not present.

But can the law really help in those inconvenient situations where you suddenly have an unscheduled permanent change of station move right in the middle of a civilian rental lease? Yes, it can. If you have to cancel a rental lease due to military orders or because you are called to active duty, your landlord must excuse you from the remainder of the lease, without charging you a penalty. The same applies for cell phone contracts and car leases. The law even helps you in some foreclosure cases. And if you owe the Internal Revenue Service money while you are on active duty, guess what? The SCRA can help you there, too.

By now you're probably wondering, "What do I have to do to put this law to work for me?" The law does not assert itself automatically. A court or a creditor is not going to know that you are on active duty unless you tell them. In most cases, a simple letter and a copy of your military orders is all that is required to assert the protections and benefits of the SCRA. However, if you transition from the military or you have a change in status from active duty to reserve duty, you are obligated to inform your creditors immediately. You can visit your local legal center to pick up a handout on the SCRA with an example of a letter you can write to your creditors. If you have further questions or need help making the SCRA work for you, contact your local on-post legal center.

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VOTE

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than a hundred sets of eyes looking on – none of whom had ever seen this person in the flesh, but they loved him none-the-less. His spirit and memory have grown with the decades through shared stories and pictures. To see the impact this one young man made on the future of so many people rendered me speechless.

Being part of this American family's moment of closure made me so proud to now wear the patch that he once wore. It also reminded me of my responsibility to keep the voices of the Soldiers who've gone before echoing in the halls of Congress. Voting is the least I can do to keep his memory and the memory of the others who've died defending freedom alive. I will do this with passion and I hope you will too.

Living in Korea, we have to go through an extra step each year and register with our state to vote via absentee ballot. We have tried to make the process as simple as possible for you. Every unit has a Voting Assistance Officer to help you navigate the process. There's also the Federal Voting Assistance Program to support this effort. You can get more information at <http://www.fvap.gov>

Soldiers, you must take advantage of these resources. Your vote is often your only chance to make a direct impact on the civilian leadership of our country. The votes cast by Congress and the decisions made by the civilian leaders in the Department of Defense can be directly affected by one vote.

If the life of one young Soldier can make a ripple that is felt 66 years later, then the voices of the nearly 12,000 Soldiers in the Warrior Division today can certainly make the streets of Washington, D.C., take notice to the needs of Soldiers and their Families.

Your voice and your vote are and always will be "Second to None!"

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Osan Air Show gets flying results

Soldiers assigned to the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade display UH-60 Blackhawk, AH-64 Apache and CH-47 Chinook helicopters during the Osan Air Show Oct. 9-10 at Osan Air Base. During the two-day event, visitors were able to tour the helicopters. The crews also conducted a few flight runs around the flight line.

Find Time for Fitness

How can you find time to exercise when your life is already filled with the responsibilities of work, children, a home and volunteering? This can be a real challenge, but it is worth making the effort. Regular exercise will help you stay healthy, and it can improve your ability to work at a steady, efficient pace, and work more safely. It can even make it easier to cope with all the responsibilities which fill your days and evenings. If you are having trouble fitting in the traditional morning run or a stop at the gym after work, it's time to get creative about exercise.

Consider these ideas:

- **Come up with your own time of day for exercise.** You could consider getting up earlier. Exercising first thing in the morning works well for many people. On the other hand, you might not be able to work out in the early morning when you are busy getting the children off to school. So perhaps you could go for a long walk after supper each night. Watching the late-night news while riding an exercise bike for a half-hour is another option.
- **Walk or take a hike to work.** If you live too far away, walk to a bus stop a mile away instead of the one in your neighborhood. Or walk instead of drive to your area park-and-ride location. Do this several times a week, and just take your own vehicle once or twice a week so you can do shopping and other errands on the way home.
- **Exercise on your lunch break.** Some workplaces have workout facilities in the plant or nearby. But even a walk around the grounds is good exercise.
- **Do stretching exercises at your work station before you start work and when you take a break.** These exercises can keep you flexible and prevent muscle strains.
- **Carry your walking shoes or other workout gear in your vehicle.** Then you won't be able to use the excuse of not having the right clothing with you.
- **Make exercise a regular part of your social life.** Instead of meeting your buddies for a drink, get together at the tennis court. When a friend drops in to visit, go for a walk around the neighborhood instead of sitting down at the kitchen table with the coffee pot.
- **Make exercise a central part of your family life too.** Shoot some baskets in the back yard with your children instead of slouching in front of the TV together.
- **Plan ahead for active weekends and vacations.** If you are driving to another city on the weekend or across the country on your vacation, you can take some active breaks. A lunch break could include a short hike at a scenic stop near the highway. Take the opportunity to learn a new sport while you are on vacation.

In order to get into the habit of exercising regularly, you need to make it a priority. It has to be right up there with your work and other responsibilities in terms of importance. Your dedication will pay off because exercise can help you cope with all aspects of your life.

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The sun never sets on the 2nd ID



4th 'Raider' Brigade, 2nd ID uncases colors

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JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. - For most of the members of the 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division - the "Raiders" - who stood on Watkins Field Oct. 7, it wasn't the first uncasing ceremony. They were veterans of previous deployments.

However for all the Soldiers on the field that day, it would probably be their last uncasing ceremony for a deployment to Iraq.

The last combat brigade to leave Iraq prior to President Obama's Aug. 31 deadline, the end of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the return of the Raider Brigade to Joint Base Lewis-McChord marks the homecoming of the last of the installation's three Stryker brigades.

The uncasing of the brigade's colors served as the symbolic end of the unit's deployment, a deployment where change was the norm and the flexibility of the Stryker brigade was tested.

"The story of the Raider Brigade in Iraq is a special one from beginning to end," said Maj. Gen. John D. Johnson, commanding general of I Corps, during his speech at the ceremony.

More than 2,800 of the brigade's 4,000 Soldiers had been on at least one previous deployment, with roughly 2,000 members of the brigade having served with the unit during the Raiders' previous deployment to Iraq from April 2007 to July 2008.

The previous deployment, during the period in Iraq's recent history known as "The Surge," had been hard-fought - the brigade lost 38 men - but left the Soldiers of 4th Brigade experienced and battle-tested.

After being accelerated in their deployment cycle by nine months, the 4th Brigade, under the leadership of Col. John Norris and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Huggins, returned to Iraq in early September 2009, assuming responsibility for western Baghdad including the Abu Ghraib Qada, north to the city of Taji and, later expanding to Tarmiyah.

"[We took over] some of the most complex and troublesome areas of Iraq and directly on two of the main avenues that extremists use to build their horrible vehicle-borne IEDs and transport them to attack the government and population of Baghdad," Johnson said. "These were trouble spots that were famous even in Saddam's time, and had continued to be trouble for U.S. forces and the new Iraqi government. And this is exactly where the story gets interesting."

Knowing that the March 7 Iraqi National Elections would be key in determining the future of the Iraqi people, the brigade set to work - partnering with Iraqi Army, Federal Police, local police, Iraqi governmental officials and local civic leaders to ensure a safe and secure democratic process.

The brigade established numerous training exercises and programs aimed at bolstering the Iraqi Security Forces' capabilities including basic to advanced rifle marksmanship training, traffic control point procedures, equipment maintenance classes and sensitive site exploitation training.

To bring their Iraqi partners to the forefront with the latest communication, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance methods and technology, 4th Brigade helped construct several joint operations centers, or JOCs, where U.S. and Iraqi Soldiers could work side-by-side to share the latest information and intelligence from the ground.

Standing in the Forward Operating Base Constitution JOC on Election Day, Norris and his counterpart from the 6th Iraqi Army were able to monitor the situation on the ground at Baghdad polling sites throughout the day.

"The JOC was instrumental in ensuring that Iraqi and U.S. forces were synchronized, updated on each others' activities and allowed us to quickly and effectively maneuver ISR assets at the request of our partners," Norris said reflecting on the

overall impact of the election.

"The Iraqi people voted for change, they voted against sectarianism, and they voted for responsible governance," he said.

Post-election, the Raiders' mission continued to focus on partnership, with a special emphasis on improving Iraq's civil capacity, agribusinesses and economic infrastructure.

Joining forces with two embedded provincial reconstruction teams, USAID, the Army Corps of Engineers, Iraqi ministries and numerous local government and tribal leaders, the brigade completed 83 projects costing a total of \$14.5 million.

"The Raiders created civil capacity where none previously existed," Norris said. "This is their legacy."

The 4th Brigade also transferred five joint security stations to the government of Iraq, downsized two additional stations, and fixed, cleaned and turned in two brigades worth of equipment for redistribution to other units in Iraq, Afghanistan and the U.S.

But even while the sun was setting on the last days of the Raiders' deployment, they faced one final mission that placed them on the national stage.

While the Iraqi democratic process was still ongoing, a new government being seated and the Aug. 31 deadline of 50,000 U.S. troops remaining in Iraq fast approaching, 4th Brigade was ordered to conduct their redeployment via a tactical road march in mid-August from their bases in west Baghdad to the Kuwaiti border.

Driving out of Iraq in their Strykers, rather than packing everything up and flying, kept the Raiders on the ground and mission-capable longer, allowing the U.S. commander in Iraq additional combat flexibility closer to the deadline.

In what came to be known as "The Last Patrol" 2,000 4th Brigade Soldiers on 320 Strykers drove 360 miles to Kuwait in the blazing August heat to help meet the deadline.

"It secured the brigade's legacy," Norris said. "More importantly, it brought an honorable and symbolic closure to Operation Iraqi Freedom for the Soldiers and the nation."

Yet the brigade commander was quick to remind the audience that the accomplishment of the brigade did not come without sacrifice. He said 36 Soldiers were wounded during the deployment, including three serious injuries.

Among those was Spc. Andrew Toppin, a member of the military police platoon assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade. Toppin lost his right leg, suffered severe damage to his left leg and received burns to his face and arm, when the vehicle he was driving was struck by an explosively

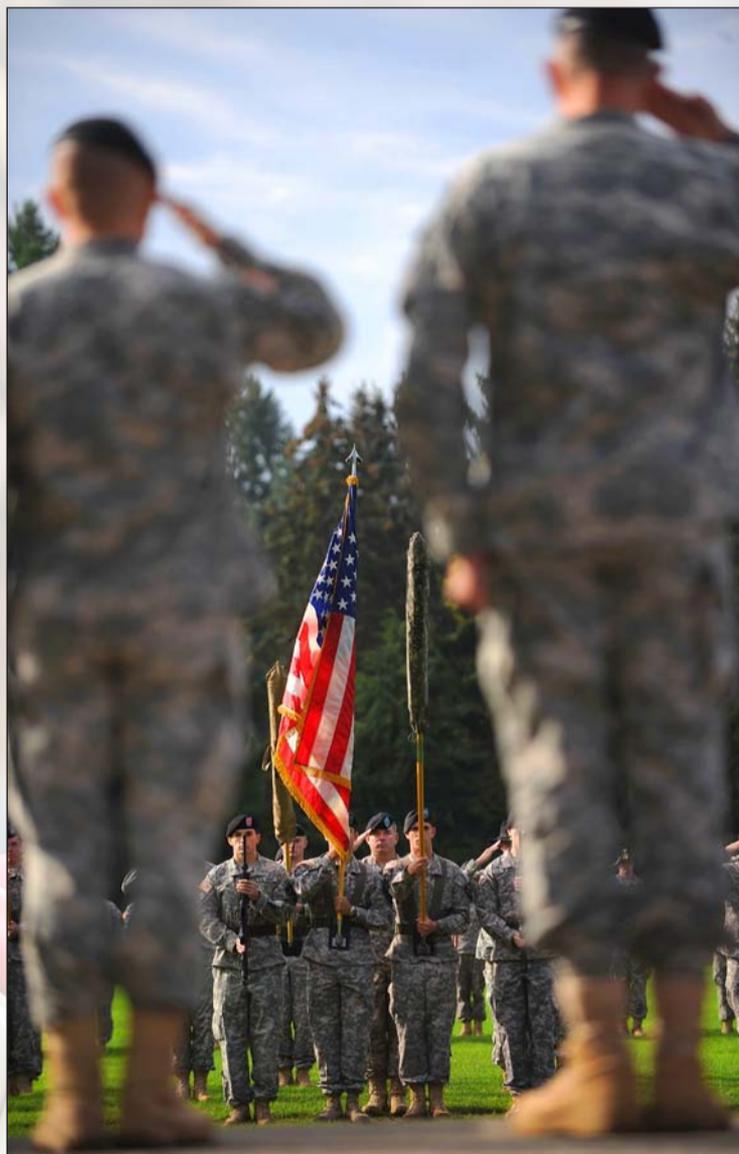
formed projectile. Despite his injuries, Toppin managed to bring the vehicle safely to a stop.

"Incredible - sure," Norris said. "But more incredible was that only a few short months after evacuation and well before our return, with the support of his young Army wife, he would participate in a triathlon on a prosthetic leg, crutches and a steel harness on his left leg. Talk about a source of inspiration!"

Norris explained that despite being accelerated by 10 months, despite having their operational environment changed and then later expanded, and despite deploying with vacancies in some staff and leadership positions, the diligence and commitment of the Soldiers in the brigade helped achieve a level of success that others might have seen as impossible.

Johnson echoed a similar statement, telling the Raiders that their legacy would live on, well into the future.

"Years from now when young Soldiers and fellow citizens are talking about Operation Iraqi Freedom, and they come to the part about how it all came together in the end, you'll be able to say 'I was there - I was a Raider in 4-2.'" Johnson said. "And we made it happen, we made a difference. And that is all you will have to say."



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Col. John Norris, left, and Maj. Gen. John Johnson, I Corps commander, salute during the 4th Bde., 2nd ID colors uncasing ceremony Oct. 7 on Watkins Field in Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.