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1st Lt. James S. Bellendir, 6-52nd ADA

The Avenger Weapon System engages a Remote Piloted Vehicle-Target with a Stinger missile during a live-fire exercise 6-52nd ADA conducted in a complex on Daecheon Beach Nov. 13-20. The system is a gyro-stabilized weapons platform that can engage any aerial target within 6 km.

## 6-52nd ADA lights up the skies of Daecheon Beach

By Pfc. Hong Sang-Woon

Broadcaster

It was a good day, one Soldier said, as aerial targets were engaged during a live-fire exercise off the South Korean coast.

The air and sea space are clear for the only U.S.

Army short-range air defense Avenger battery in Korea to conduct this live-fire exercise, said Lt. Col. Kerrye Glass, the senior range safety officer with the 2nd Infantry Division Air and Missile Defense Section.

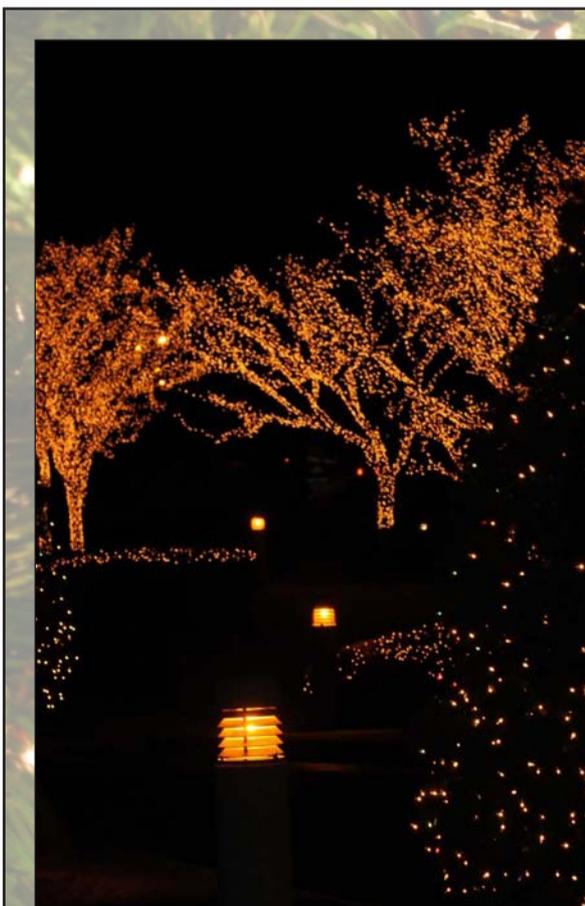
Glass also lauded the efforts of Capt. John Kim, E Battery, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment commander, and Sgt. 1st Class Gregory

Veals in preparing the unit for the exercise.

Avenger crews from E Btry., 6-52nd ADA spent Nov. 13-20 at the Chulmae Live Fire Complex in Daecheon Beach firing at targets with various weapons during their semi-annual gunnery exercise.

The unit's battalion commander said he was

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'Tis the season to be jolly...



Left: Trees light up the night on Camp Red Cloud during a tree-lighting ceremony Dec. 7. Above: Children from a local Uijeongbu school sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" during the ceremony. Right: Staff Sgt. James Richmond, with the 2nd Infantry Division band, plays the euphonium to entertain guests before the ceremony commenced.



Photos by Yu Hu-Son, 2nd ID Public Affairs



**VOICE OF THE  
WARRIOR:**  
What will you  
do during the  
holidays?



*"Over the holidays I will explore Korea a little bit, relax and get ready to go back to work."*

**Pfc. Damien Resendez**  
HHC, 602nd Avn.

*"Me and my battle buddies are going to have a big dinner together."*

**Pfc. John Maneri**  
HHC, 1st HBCT



*"I will be spending my time with my wife who is visiting Korea for two weeks."*

**Capt. Jason Knapp**  
B Co., DSTB

*"My plan for the holidays is to tour Korea and learn more about the different culture here."*

**Pfc. Marla Lester**  
HHC, 4-2nd Avn.



*"I'm going to just talk to my mom and dad."*

**Pfc. Kimberly Poff**  
HHC, 1st HBCT

*"I will be spending my time with friends."*

**Sgt. Thomas Pierpont**  
C Co., DSTB



# COMMANDER'S CORNER

*Make a difference this holiday season*

By Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker

2nd ID Commander

Warriors, the holiday season is upon us once again! I look at this special time as an opportunity to enjoy the friends and Family around us and reflect on the year that has passed. I also look at it as the season of giving – a time when we just can't help but feel a little more warmth in our hearts and little more generous in spirit.

It's the perfect time of year to make a difference in someone else's life or "pay it forward" as they say. A small act of kindness can have a big impact for a soul in need of a little cheer around this time of year. We often do this for others in our Families back in the States, but many Warriors are separated from their loved ones as they serve their Nation here on "Freedom's Last Frontier."

Fortunately, in Warrior Country each of you has nearly 8,000 "Family" members living and working alongside you right here in the Republic of Korea. Add to that our Korean friends and neighbors that treat us like Family and you have quite a clan with whom to celebrate this joyous season. Trust me; there is no other country in the world who loves Americans more than the people of South Korea. That's one of the great things about the Army and serving here in Korea. Very few outside of our profession have the privilege of experiencing the strong bonds that are forged through our collective sacrifice and selfless service to the Nation.

Now, not every Soldier is aware of the close-knit Family that is waiting to welcome them in for a hot meal or an evening of fellowship. Some of our new Warriors, away from home for the first time,

may need us "old-timers" to extend a hand and show them the way. This may include our new Families, perhaps young spouses and children who are figuring out how to



get through this first holiday in the Land of the Morning Calm. Before you "break contact" for Christmas or New Year's, take a look to your left and right in formation; think about who in your platoon or company might need a little extra Warrior cheer to get by this year.

There are many opportunities to make a difference for our Korean neighbors, as well. Next Sunday, December 19th, Soldiers and Family members have been invited to adopt a needy child from a less fortunate family in Uijeongbu at Mitchell's Club on Camp Red Cloud. Your units can also adopt an orphan on Christmas Eve at the Warrior's Club on Camp Casey. Many companies and battalions within the Division have special events planned with local charities, shelters or schools. If you don't know about one, ask your Chaplain, the unit BOSS rep or your chain of command.

We all have a great deal to be thankful for this holiday season and Teresa and I are especially thankful to be part of the Warrior Division Family. We wish you a safe and happy holiday season that's "Second to None."

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## Gyeonggi officials, Soldiers tour together

By Pfc. Hong Sang-Woon

Broadcaster

Gyeonggi Province officials and 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers toured the Songam Stars Valley Observatory, camps Casey and Red Cloud Nov. 23 as part of the Gyeonggi and 2nd ID Friendship Program.

The Korea officials arrived at Camp Red Cloud in the morning and visited the 2nd ID museum where they followed the curator as he explained the history of the Division.

"It was an eye opening tour; it wasn't the usual exhibits I see in museums," said Kim Ki-Jun, a Gyeonggi Province official who works for the North Korea/South Korea cooperation section. "I had never gone inside a U.S. military camp before in my life. And I was impressed by the 2nd ID museum curator's story."

After the museum tour, they went to the Camp Casey Warrior Club to have lunch, where they met with Soldiers.

After eating together, they went to the Close Combat Tactical Training center where Soldiers normally do simulation training. At the facility, Soldiers can do several simulations such as Humvee, M1A1 tank and squad leader simulations. The officials got a chance to do all three simulations.

Kim said the simulation training exceeded his expectations.

"I knew the U.S. military had powerful firepower but it was better than I had expected," he said.

Their next destination was the Songam Stars Valley Observatory in the city of Paju. Soldiers and the officials took a lift to the mountain where the telescopes are located.

"People from my unit told me about this tour and I thought it would be interesting," said Spc. Stephen Adams of F Battery, 333rd Field Artillery. "I didn't even know this place existed before I heard about the tour. There aren't too many tours that take you to a place like this. I enjoyed the scenery from the mountain and it was a good chance to interact with the Korean people."

At the observatory, the tour guide spoke about the sun and then gave Soldiers and the government officials a chance to look at the sun through a sun-filter attached telescope. After that, they all went to the main observatory where they took turns viewing space through the main telescope.

Pvt. Irving Huerta of 210th Fires Brigade said, "I was curious about the observatory and I wanted to meet some Koreans in person. I had a lot of fun especially when I could see the sun with a telescope. I have never done that before."

## Soldiers teach local children English

Story and photo by Cpl. Lee Hyun-Bae

KATUSA Editor

Thirty-two students from 11 elementary schools throughout Dongducheon and Soldiers from 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team took part in the 10th Good Neighbor English Camp Nov. 30-Dec. 3.

"These small special guests took part in the camp to improve their English writing and speaking skills," said Kim Hyon-Sok, a 2nd Infantry Division public affairs representative.

On the first day of camp, students arrived at the Camp Casey United Service Organizations building in the morning to meet with 1st HBCT Soldiers already waiting to welcome the students. Soldiers and students split into groups and got to know one another.

Each group played several games to break the ice. Some played maze games while other groups worked on word-search puzzles.

"I've never done this kind of volunteer work before and I always wanted to participate," said Pfc. Patrick Viana from Company A, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment. "Students were very shy and nervous at first, but later we got to know each other well and found we had things in common."

During lunch time, the groups ate at the dining facility where some kids were surprised by variety of foods while others were surprised by the taste of the food, which they were not used to.

"I couldn't say a word to U.S. Soldiers at first, but now it's so fun talking with them," said Paek Seung-Hyun, a 5th grader from Dong-bo Elementary School. "I visited Camp Casey many times before, but I never had an experience like this."

Soldiers and students did several activities throughout the four days. They toured the Troop Medical Clinic, a couple of motorpools, the Close Combat Technical Training center and the Dongducheon Peace Museum. They also bowled and hiked Soyo Mountain together.

"Korean kids are fun and energetic," said Pfc. Matthew Baxley from D Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment. "I taught kids many useful terms that we use. I also learned Korean culture from them."

On the last day, Warrior Division Soldiers and the students ate lunch at the Gateway Club and watched a movie. Then they took an hour reviewing what they had studied during the English Camp.

At 5 p.m., the children's parents and the mayor of Dongducheon city came to Camp Casey to see the graduation ceremony, and to congratulate the students.

"We have been doing this program since 2006, and we provided chances to students in Dongducheon to improve their English skills by communicating with U.S. Soldiers," said Oh Sae-Chang, the Dongducheon city mayor. "This program received fervent responses from kids' parents and it also helps the relationship between Korea and U.S. We are going to improve this program, so more students can have the benefits of a better education system."



**Pfc. Jacob Perez from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment introduces himself to English Camp students at the Camp Casey United Service Organizations building on Nov. 30.**

## Bell visits 4-7th Cav. junior leaders



**Retired Gen. B.B. Bell, a former United States Forces Korea commander, speaks at a junior leader professional development class for 4-7th Cav., 1st HBCT, on Camp Hovey Dec. 3.**

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Bunn

1st HBCT Public Affairs

Retired Gen. B.B. Bell, former United States Forces Korea commander, was a guest speaker during an "Under the Oak Tree Counseling" professional development class for junior leaders of 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, at their headquarters on Camp Hovey, Dec. 3.

Under the Oak Tree Counseling is used to help mitigate possible risks and hazards associated with being in unfamiliar places, and helps leaders get to know their Soldiers while teaching them how to behave appropriately.

Bell began the discussion emphasizing the importance of the military's role in the Republic of Korea and making sure the junior leaders understood why they were stationed here.

"This is the most strategic outpost for the United States in the world today," he said. "It's not all about North Korea. This area of the world is the number one economic entity for trade with the U.S. When you add up Japan, China and Korea, nowhere else in the world comes close to our dependency on this area for economic activity."

Bell said he wants Soldiers stationed in South Korea to realize how important it is for them to represent the U.S. in a positive manner.

"Your principal mission is to be a ready military force day to day," said Bell. "But you are also supposed to be good ambassadors for America."

Bell added that we remain on the peninsula because we are welcomed and wanted. But it is up to us as U.S. ambassadors to maintain that good relationship with the Korean people. That is why Under the Oak Tree Counselings are important to give to junior Soldiers.

As Bell reminisced about his 39 years in the Army, he told the junior leaders how safety counseling was usually given by the first sergeants and platoon sergeants during company formations.

To get first line supervisors more involved with their Soldiers, he started having his squad leaders and team leaders sit down with their Soldiers and ask them what they were doing and where they were going during their time off, he said. A verbal contract between the two helped the young Soldier follow through with good behavior.

"It's about talking and having candid agreements with each other about behavior, not about standards only," said Bell, "but about how people behave and what you expect in terms of behavior as a leader."

Command Sgt. Maj. Albert T. Washington Jr., the 4-7th Cav. senior enlisted advisor said, having Bell as a guest speaker was beneficial to his junior leaders.

"Bell brought his past experiences and meshed them with what is going on in today's Army," Washington said. "He was right to the point when telling these Soldiers why they were here and what is expected of them as junior leaders."

On a final note, Bell left the junior leaders with unyielding praise.

"I am very proud and appreciate your commitment to this organization, to the heraldry of the Army and to your nation," Bell said.



Pfc. Hong Sang-Woon, Broadcaster

**A Soldier with 6-52nd ADA taking part in Table VIII and X qualifications loads an Avenger Weapon System at the Chulmae Live Fire Complex Nov. 18.**

## CHULMAE

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pleased at the success of the exercise.

“It is great to see our air defenders execute such realistic training for their wartime mission,” said 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment commander, Lt. Col. Dale Smith. “I am proud of the hard work and coordination that went into planning a training event of this magnitude. The hard work paid off as this training event turned out to be highly successful and valuable to the Soldiers of E Battery, 6-52nd ADA.”

During the exercise, the 6-52nd ADA Soldiers engaged aerial targets with M3P .50-caliber machine guns and Stinger anti-aircraft missiles as part of Table VIII and X qualifications. The unit also held equal opportunity, operational security, suicide prevention, and chemical, biological, radioactive, and nuclear training.

The officer in charge of the range said the training was necessary to help hone the unit’s ability to provide quality air defense artillery support to the Warrior Division.

“This will help Soldiers be able to defend against short range aerial attacks, to track and destroy air breathing threats in support of the 210th Fires’ mission, as well as improve combat readiness,” said 1st Lt. Andrew Baum of the 6-52nd ADA.

Republic of Korea Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force personnel were critical in the safety of this training by clearing the sea within the surface danger zone near the firing area to prevent collateral damage to civilian water craft.

With all of the crews now completely certified, they are ready to ‘Fight Tonight’ as air defenders, Baum said.

“The NCOs and the Soldiers worked long hours to make this to happen,” said Baum.

# Manchus shake Chipori Range



**An M1A1 Abrams tank from the 2-9th Inf., 1st HBCT shoots rounds down range at Chipori Range Complex as part of their Table VIII Gunnery training Nov. 28.**

Story and photo by Sgt. Ryan Elliott

1st HBCT Public Affairs

The sound of roaring guns rocked Chipori Range, a Republic of Korea Army training ground, as “Manchus” from the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team conducted gunnery training Nov. 28.

The roughly two-monthlong gunnery training was developed to help sharpen individual as well as team skills for the nearly 800 Manchus, said Maj. Toma Kim, the 2-9th Inf. battalion executive officer.

He described the exercise as a thorough opportunity to test and develop the effectiveness of the Manchu’s war-fighting capabilities.

“We train at every level from individual weapons qualification, all the way up to platoon collective training,” Kim said. “These exercises give our Soldiers the opportunity to get out there and get hands on, and that

experience is very important.”

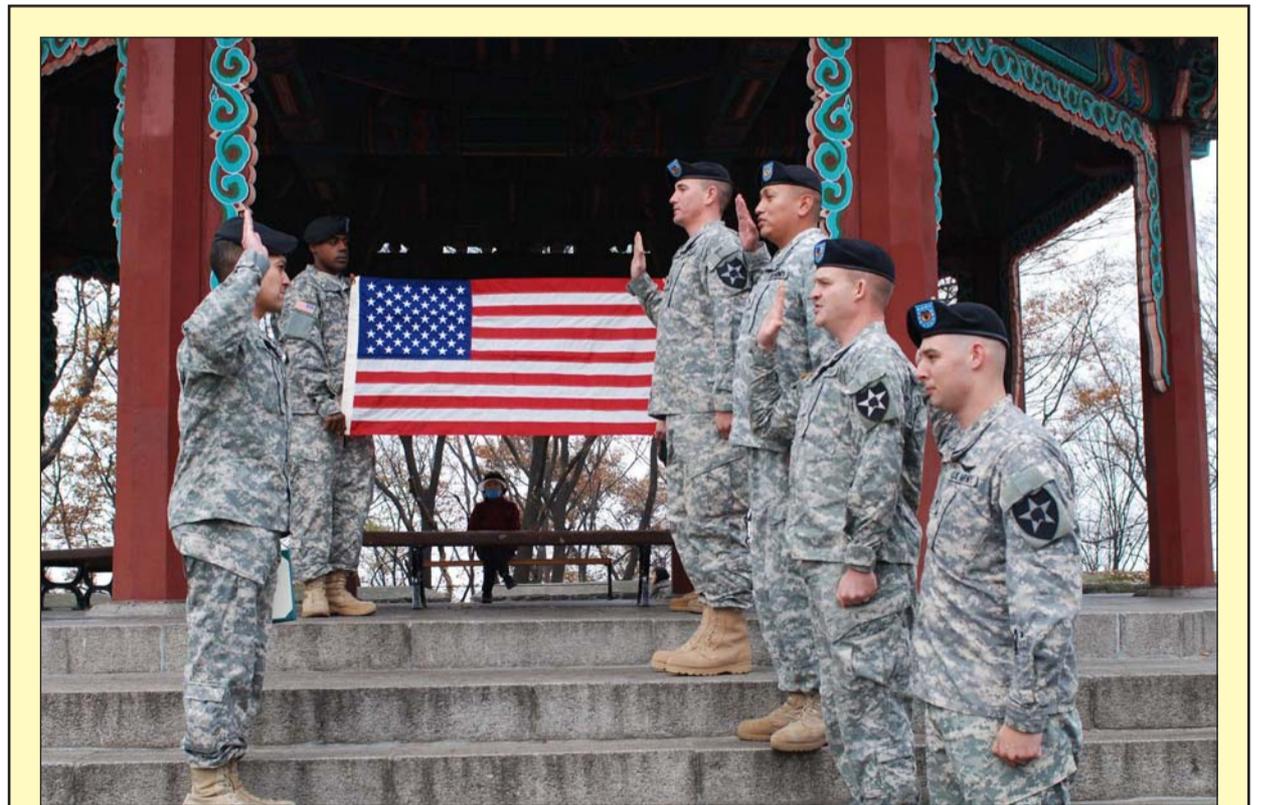
The Manchus are a flexible unit and bring a lot to the fight because of their diversity of military occupational specialties, Kim added.

The Manchus were able to stay motivated and accomplish their missions despite a cold winter chill, a Soldier said.

“My Soldiers have been very motivated throughout this training,” said 1st Sgt. Eugene Sweet, of D Company, 2-9th Inf., which took center stage during the training. “It’s been pretty cold some days but my Soldiers have been going out there and getting it done. This training is invaluable and is truly making us a lethal force.”

After the training, Kim was impressed by the battalion’s accomplishments.

“I believe this training has been a great success,” Kim said. “Every goal we had coming into it, we have met or exceeded; our Soldiers have performed greatly and accomplished every task given to them, and this training has enabled us to ‘Keep Up the Fire.’”



Cpl. Paek Geun-Wook, 2nd CAB Public Affairs

## Talon Soldiers re-up

**Capt. Dario Perez-Birriel, executive officer of B Company, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, administers the oath of re-enlistment to four 2nd CAB Soldiers at the Seoul Tower Nov. 17. The trip to Seoul Tower was part of an ongoing initiative by the 2nd CAB Retention Office to make the ceremony more memorable for those Soldiers choosing to stay “Army Strong” while in the Talon Brigade.**

## WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

### Budgeting Class

The Financial Readiness Program will conduct a budgeting after-hours class 6-8 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Camp Casey Army Community Service classroom, Bldg. 2317. For more information or to register, call DSN 732-7779.

### Newcomer's Orientation

The bi-monthly Newcomer's Orientation will not be held at 9 a.m. Dec. 14 at the Casey Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 2403. For further information or to pre-register for the next orientation, call DSN 732-7779.

### CYSS coed basketball

Registration deadline for the Child and Youth School Services' youth sports coed basketball has been extended to Dec. 17. The fee is \$40 and each child must have a current sports physical. Visit the nearest CYSS Office or Parent Central on Camp Casey for more information or call DSN 730-3628 or 732-8902.

### CRC, Casey b-ball tryouts

Basketball tryouts for the Camp Red Cloud post-level men's senior (33 years and older) team will be held 10 a.m.-noon Dec. 18-19 at the Red Cloud Physical Fitness Center. Tryouts for the Camp Casey post-level men's senior team will be held 1-3 p.m., Dec. 18-19 at the Camp Casey Hanson Field House. Tryouts are open to all military, Defense Department civilians and Family members stationed in the Camp Red Cloud, Camp Casey-Hovey areas respectively. For more information, call DSN 732-6309 or 730-2322.

### Adopt a needy child event

Individual Soldiers and Family Members from within the Area I Community are invited to adopt a needy child from a less fortunate family in Uijeongbu. Go to the Camp Red Cloud Mitchell's Club for a special Christmas Brunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 19. There is limited seating and reservations are required. Tickets include a full holiday buffet, a magic show and a free gift from Santa. To reserve your seat, call DSN 732-8189/8363.

### Adopt an Orphan Program

Units are encouraged to spend Christmas Eve at the Camp Casey Warrior's Club and make an orphan happy. Only the first 25 units who register are eligible to participate. A Christmas buffet, special appearance by Santa and a professional magic show will highlight the evening. The buffet and magic show will be open to the community at 6 p.m. Dec. 24. For more information or to register, call DSN 732-9464/6760.

### Cowboys Cheerleaders

The Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders will perform a variety show at the Camp Casey Carey Fitness Center at 7 p.m. Dec. 25. Two buses will depart from the Camp Red Cloud bus terminal and one bus from the Camp Stanley bus terminal going to the show at 4:30 p.m. At roughly 9:45 p.m., returning buses will depart for camps Red Cloud and Stanley.

### Off-post housing brief

All military and Department of Defense personnel seeking housing on

the economy are required to attend the Off-Post Housing briefing prior to making off-post housing arrangements at the Camp Red Cloud Community One Stop, Bldg. 267, and at the Camp Casey housing office conference room on the 2nd floor inside Maude Hall, Bldg. 2440, 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. Off-post housing documentation will be provided during the briefings. For more information, call DSN 732-6779.

### Patriot Express shuttle

All military personnel, dependents and civilians with official travel orders who are on PCS, ETS or TDY status and have been manifested for the Patriot Express may take the Area I Patriot Express shuttle. The shuttle runs every Tuesday and Thursday with signup sheets located at the camps Casey and Red Cloud travel offices.

The shuttle arrives at the Camp Casey Lodge, Bldg. 2626, at 1 a.m. and departs at 1:30 a.m. It arrives to the Camp Red Cloud Lodge, Bldg. 322, at 2:30 a.m. and departs at 2:45 a.m. The estimated time of arrival to Osan Air Base is 4:30 a.m.

### Actors/Producers wanted

Would you like to be in pictures? Or do you have a special skill at shooting and producing video? The 2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office is currently looking for Soldiers willing to appear in videos and behind the camera. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Johnson at DSN 732-8015.

## 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.

Dec. 10: Tangled/Case 39  
Dec. 11: Tangled/Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps; My Soul to Take  
Dec. 12: Secretariat/Case 39/My Soul to Take  
Dec. 13: Easy A  
Dec. 15: My Soul to Take  
Dec. 17: The Tourist/Life As We Know It  
Dec. 18: Legends of the Guardians/The Tourist/Life As We Know It  
Dec. 19: The Social Network/Red  
Dec. 20: The Tourist  
Dec. 22: The Social Network

### Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Mon.-Sun. 7 p.m.  
Fri. 7 & 9 p.m.

Dec. 10: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows/My Soul to Take  
Dec. 11: Case 39  
Dec. 12: My Soul to Take  
Dec. 13: Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps  
Dec. 14: Resident Evil: Afterlife  
Dec. 16: Paranormal Activity 2  
Dec. 17: Life As We Know It/Paranormal Activity 2  
Dec. 18: The Social Network  
Dec. 19: Life As We Know It  
Dec. 20: Devil  
Dec. 21: Going the Distance  
Dec. 23: The Tourist

### Camp Hovey

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

Dec. 10: The Town  
Dec. 11: Case 39  
Dec. 12: Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps  
Dec. 14: My Soul to Take  
Dec. 16: The Tourist  
Dec. 17: Case 39  
Dec. 18: My Soul to Take  
Dec. 19: The Tourist  
Dec. 21: The Social Network  
Dec. 23: The Chronicles of Narnia 3

### 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.

Dec. 10: Case 39/Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps  
Dec. 11: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows/My Soul to Take  
Dec. 12: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows  
Dec. 13: Easy A  
Dec. 15: The Tourist (2)  
Dec. 16: Case 39  
Dec. 17: Secretariat/My Soul to Take  
Dec. 18: Life As We Know It/Case 39  
Dec. 19: The Social Network  
Dec. 20: Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps  
Dec. 22: The Chronicles of Narnia 3 (2)  
Dec. 23: Life As We Know It

### Camp Humphreys

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

Dec. 10: Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (2)  
Dec. 11: Tangled (2)/Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps  
Dec. 12: Tangled/Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (2)  
Dec. 13: My Soul to Take (2)  
Dec. 14: My Soul to Take (2)  
Dec. 15: Case 39 (2)  
Dec. 16: Case 39 (2)  
Dec. 17: The Tourist (2)  
Dec. 18: You Again/The Tourist (2)  
Dec. 19: You Again/The Tourist (2)  
Dec. 20: Life As We Know It (2)  
Dec. 21: Life As We Know It (2)  
Dec. 22: The Social Network (2)  
Dec. 23: The Social Network (2)

## CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

### Camp Red Cloud

#### Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

\*6 p.m. Dec. 24

\*10 p.m. Dec. 31

#### Catholic:

9 a.m. Sunday

\*9 a.m. & noon Dec. 25

\*9 a.m. & noon Jan. 1

#### 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

\*9:30 p.m. Dec. 31

### 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

\*6 p.m. Dec. 24

#### 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

\*7 p.m. Dec. 24

#### Gospel:

12:30 p.m. Sunday

\*10 p.m. Dec. 31

### 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

### Points of contact

#### Camp Red Cloud:

732-6073/6706

#### Memorial Chapel:

730-2594

#### West Casey:

730-3014

#### Hovey Chapel:

730-5119

#### Camp Stanley:

732-5238

#### Camp Humphreys:

753-7952

\* Special holiday services

## Casey School Happenings

### Weather hotline

Casey school now has a dedicated phone line to an answering machine which will announce any school closures or delays due to weather or security conditions. The weather conditions and school closures hotline is 031-869-6481. When calling this number, listen to the announcement and do not leave a message so that others may call in and listen to the announcement as well.

Parents should become familiarized with the three road condition options. They are:

- **Condition One:** School is open as per usual with the regular daily schedule.
- **Condition Two:** School is delayed 2 hours – meaning all buses will run their schedule two hours later than usual. No hot lunch service will be provided on those days so you will need to pack a lunch for your children on school delay days. School will end at the regular time, all classes will be on a reduced schedule.

- **Condition Three:** School is closed for the day.

### Homework Club

The Camp Casey Elementary School has kicked off the Homework Club to provide assistance on homework and academic areas to struggling students.

Students will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:45-4:30 p.m., except on no school days.

The school is looking for volunteer Soldiers from all Area I units who have strong reading, math and communication skills to provide support for the students. The program is during the regular duty day and volunteers are expected to arrive at the school between 2:30-2:45 p.m. because instruction time will begin promptly at 3 p.m. and go until 4:30 p.m.

Soldiers interested in volunteering can contact Melissa Silva at [Melissa.silva@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:Melissa.silva@pac.dodea.edu) or call DSN 730-6444 and leave a message.

### Winter recess

The school will be closed Dec. 20-31 for winter recess. Classes will resume Jan. 3.

## Division chefs dish out competitive spirit

By Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Johnson  
2nd ID Public Affairs

Twenty food-service Soldiers from dining facilities all over Warrior Country were sent to Camp Red Cloud's Commanding General's Mess for two-and-a-half weeks of advanced culinary training to see if they had the skills to join the 2nd ID Culinary Team.

The team's head chef,

Staff Sgt. Geoffrey Blanchette, who cooks for the Division commanding general, took them back to the basics for three days, teaching them the fundamentals of sanitation, sautéing and proper temperature before kicking it up a notch for two more weeks.

"I was very happy with the Soldiers the DFACs sent me. They all had a love for culinary," Blanchette said.

He added that drive and a desire for the art of cooking are more important ingredients than pure talent.

The competition for the eight remaining spots on the team culminated in a day-long three-course meal taste test. Division leaders and their spouses voted on their

favorite dishes.

"I don't even know how to describe it," said Division Chief of Staff Col. Thomas Graves, after tasting one of the candidate's dishes. "It's wonderful."

But, Blanchette says the flavor wasn't quite there when the Soldiers first arrived at his kitchen.

"When we first started, I had each of them plate up a meal to see what they knew. Mostly, it was a hodge-podge of food just slopped down on the plate, with few flavors and the flavors they did have were way too salty. Nothing matched and the dishes weren't nutritionally balanced."

Blanchette's team taught the competitors how to make a meal that is nutritiously balanced, pleasing to the eye and tasty. He wants all the Soldiers, even the ones who don't make it on the team to continue training with him when they can so they can take what they've learned back to their dining facilities.

"We want to raise the bar as far as Army food goes," said Blanchette.

Not all the candidates were novices. Spc. Adam Herman, who cooks for 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment Crusader Restaurant on Camp Casey, says he's been cooking for 16 years.

"It's my love; it's my passion," he said. But, with a menu of soy-glazed salmon salad, duck and lobster poached dumplings and seared duck with plum sauce, he doesn't think he'd have too many eager Soldiers on the line asking for seconds. "They want their chili-mac and beef-braised noodles," he added.

Blanchette says even those recipes can be turned into advanced cuisine.

"You can take a simple recipe and make it outstanding by changing the style of cooking. Start by using a hot pan then, add your oil, butter and then garlic. It's how you cook it, not what you cook that makes a difference," he said.

A major portion of any formal competition includes presentation.

"You eat with your eyes first," said Blanchette.

So, he also had each Soldier create display dishes which were judged on portion size, nutritional and esthetic balance and originality. Training - which he says - will go a long way when the Soldiers go back on the line.

"If you increase the presentation standards of the food you serve, it will improve the perception of the dining facility," Blanchette added.

He said each of the competitors have learned a lot during the intensive cooking "boot camp."

"They can go back to their DFACs with true training - the ability to keep a Soldier safe and healthy," he said.

The winners will join the team when they compete in the Army-wide culinary competition at Ft. Lee, Va., in March.



## USFK commander introduces new Command Sponsorship system

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - The top U.S. commander in South Korea has introduced a new policy prioritizing what positions qualify for highly sought-after command sponsorships for Family members.

Army Gen. Walter L. "Skip" Sharp, commander of U.S. Forces Korea, announced the new system this week to control the flow of command-sponsored military Families to ensure infrastructure improvements underway are prepared to accommodate them, he explained in his "Sharp Point" blog.

The policy reflects the huge popularity of tour normalization in South Korea, said Air Force Lt. Col. Angela Billings, the command's deputy public affairs officer.

With full tour normalization, assignments to South Korea will be more like assignments to Germany, Japan or other overseas installations. Single Servicemembers typically will serve two-year tours, and troops who bring their Families will stay for three years.

"We were overwhelmingly successful with our tour normalization efforts and had the wait list to show it," Billings said. "With over 900 on the wait list, the commander wanted a better, more transparent way for Servicemembers and their Families to make decisions affecting their lives."

The new policy is designed to reduce uncertainty for these Families as the command works to expand command-sponsorship opportunities as quickly as possible, she said.

U.S. Forces Korea currently can accommodate just 4,600 Families, but Sharp hopes to allow as many of the estimated 14,000 married troops currently in South Korea to bring their Families as more housing, schools and other facilities become available. He promised in his blog message to pursue the funding and infrastructure initiatives needed to expand command sponsorships as quickly as possible.

"Because of the great quality of life and a desire for Families to remain together at a time when many have been separated, more and more Servicemembers want to come to Korea and more and more Families want to accompany them," Sharp said in his command blog. "I appreciate your continued patience during this transition as we implement the revised [command-sponsorship program] policy on our way to full tour normalization in Korea."

"We simply had to take a more deliberate, graduated approach" to command sponsorships for the near term, Billings said. "The commander was clear: He didn't want to take on more than the infrastructure and facilities could manage in order to keep the quality of life for the Families who are here at an acceptable level."

Under the new policy, top priority for command sponsorships will go to Servicemembers assigned to key billets considered so vital to the mission that they mandate 24-month tours, regardless of whether the Servicemembers bring their Families, Sharp said.

U.S. Forces Korea established a new second-priority category for troops assigned to military jobs determined to provide commanders the greatest benefit when served in 24- and 36-month tours. These positions typically will be key leadership positions that require lengthy pre- or post-arrival training or certifi-

cations, or jobs involving low density and hard-to-fill skill sets, Sharp explained. Unit commanders will recommend what positions qualify for "Priority 2" status, subject to component commander approval, and they will vary by service, location and unit, he said.

The new policy gives commanders flexibility in filling the remaining "Priority 3" positions. Factors likely to be considered are recent deployments, consecutive overseas tours, dual military or single military Family status and junior Servicemember opportunities, Sharp said.

He noted that Navy and Marine Corps command sponsorship opportunities are aligned to specific positions, which are centrally managed by their respective service centers and are based on available allocations by location.

Commanders in South Korea will conduct town hall meetings and commander's calls over the next 10 days to explain the revised policy, answer questions and provide detailed information about the three command-sponsorship priority categories, Sharp said.

In addition, he has directed the chain of command to contact all Servicemembers already on a waiting list for command sponsorship to explain how the new policy affects them and options available to them and their Families.

Since Sharp took command of U.S. Forces Korea in 2008, he has advocated longer tours to benefit U.S. military Families, cut down on moves and reduce disruption within the command.

The vast majority of U.S. troops in South Korea historically have served one-year, unaccompanied tours, so the normalization policy is ushering in big changes.



Donna Winzenried peers over her glasses at the menu description of a dish created by one of the chefs competing for a spot on the 2nd Infantry Division Culinary Team during a taste-testing at the Commanding General's Mess, Nov. 23.

## Pear Blossom Family Outreach Center Schedule

### Camp Casey

Manager: Lindsay Ejnik  
DSN: 730-3837

- Dec. 10 all day:** Samsung Children's Museum
- Dec. 13 2-5 p.m.:** Ornament making, tree decorating
- Dec. 15 10:30 a.m.-noon:** Sealed-strength Christmas party
- Dec. 17 11 a.m.-1 p.m.:** Christmas luau potluck
- Dec. 20 2-5 p.m.:** Christmas movie with hot chocolate
- Dec. 23 1-2 p.m.:** Smoothie activity
- Dec. 30 1-2 p.m.:** Pizza making

### Camp Red Cloud

Manager: Natalia Levchenko  
DSN: 732-7168

- Dec. 13 2-4 p.m.:** Christmas arts & crafts: ornaments
- Dec. 14 1-3 p.m.:** Parenting class
- Dec. 15, 22 11 a.m.-noon:** Knitting circle
- Dec. 15 1-2 p.m.:** Stress Management class
- Dec. 16, 17 10 a.m.-4 p.m.:** Baking cookies for Soldiers
- Dec. 20 1-4 p.m.:** Christmas movie with popcorn
- Dec. 21 11 a.m.-2 p.m.:** Spanish speaking class
- Dec. 22 2-4 p.m.:** Christmas Pear Blossom Party
- Dec. 30 2-5 p.m.:** Ice skating trip

### Camp Stanley

Manager: Kati Groseclose  
DSN: 732-5400

- Dec. 10 5 p.m.:** Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Stanley Chapel
- Dec. 16 10:30 a.m.-noon:** Knitting project
- Dec. 17 10:30-1 p.m.:** Complete knitting project
- Dec. 21 all day:** Family holiday baking day
- Dec. 22 noon-5 p.m.:** Christmas dessert potluck & tea

**Dec. 2, 9, 15, 23-31:**  
**CLOSED!**

## WARRIOR DIVISION CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING



Photos by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Bunn, 1st HBCT Public Affairs

The 210th Fires Brigade leadership serve Soldiers and their Families a Thanksgiving dinner at the Thunder Inn dining facility on Camp Casey Nov. 25. Dining facilities throughout Warrior Country served traditional Thanksgiving dinners to their Soldiers.



Brig. Gen. Charles L. Taylor, 2nd Infantry Division assistant division commander for maneuver, enjoys a Thanksgiving meal with Soldiers from 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st HBCT at the Iron Horse dining facility on Camp Casey Nov. 25.



First Sgt. James Stewart of F Company, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team carves the turkey while serving Soldiers at a dining facility on Thanksgiving Day at Camp Casey Nov. 25.

## Thunder Inn wins DFAC competition

By 2nd Lt. Laura A. Dinkelacker

70th BSB, 210th Fires

The Thunder Inn put the “give” in Thanksgiving by serving a bountiful meal amidst an intricately crafted holiday atmosphere to more than 960 hungry guests.

For that hard work, the Thunder Inn, a 210th Fires Brigade dining facility, was recently granted the “2nd Infantry Division Best Decorated Dining Facility” award.

The criteria for the award consisted of six categories, including theme and spirit, personnel attitude and appearance, display and dining area, decorated cakes and pastries, center pieces and individual displays, and ice carvings. Contestant DFACs could earn up to 10 points per category

with a perfect score of 60. The Thunder Inn scored 59 out of 60 points.

In addition, Thunder Inn was selected as the Installation Management Command, U.S. Army Garrison, Red Cloud/Area I, “Thanksgiving Day Best Dining Facility Competition” winner for 2011.

Master Sgt. Keith A. Russ, the 210th Fires Brigade food service advisor, said the most time consuming but impressive display was the gingerbread house.

“Its detail was, perhaps, matched only by the wide array of cakes interspersed throughout the dining area,” he added. “The dessert themes varied, from promoting Warrior University to honoring the 2010 Super Bowl Champion – New Orleans Saints.”



Courtesy of 210th Fires

The Thunder Inn, a 210th Fires Brigade dining facility, was recently granted the “2nd Infantry Division Best Decorated Dining Facility” award during the Thanksgiving holiday.