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Exercise focuses on defending South Korea

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Michael Garrett

2ID Public Affairs

A Soldier with the 2nd Infantry Division raced through the dimly lit maze of DRASH tents that made up the Division Main Headquarters. He carried vital information that could change the battle for a group of 1st Brigade Combat Team Soldiers that were pinned down by enemy fire.

After his message was relayed to the troops on the ground, they prepared for an incoming chemical attack and fell back to cover.

Before the enemy was able to carry out the chemical attack, an AH-64 Apache from the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade roared over the tree line, and provided close air support for the pinned down Iron Brigade Soldiers.

With the enemy threat eliminated, the Soldiers were able to continue their mission and linked up with members of the Republic of Korea's 101st Regiment that provided security for a group of 48th Chemical Brigade Soldiers who were cleaning up the remnants of an enemy chemical attack.

The Soldier back in DMAIN returned to his post after hearing the simulated troops on the ground were able to carry on with their mission.

From Oct. 30 through Nov. 10, the 2nd ID conducted Warpath III, a simulation-based exercise to test the division's mission command strategies and procedures. The scenario drew heavily on defending the Republic of Korea against the threat of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons.

The division's 1st BCT, 2nd CAB and 210th Fires Brigade were joined by the 48th Chemical Brigade out of Fort Hood, Texas; the 23rd and 110th Chemical Battalions, and 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd ID, out of Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Wash.; and the 130th Engineer and 8th Military Police Brigades from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Adding elements from Eighth Army and the ROK army made the event a multi-echelon, multi-national training exercise.

"In my 29 years in the Army, I've never experienced an exercise as complex as this one," said Maj. Gen. Edward C. Cardon, the 2nd ID commander.

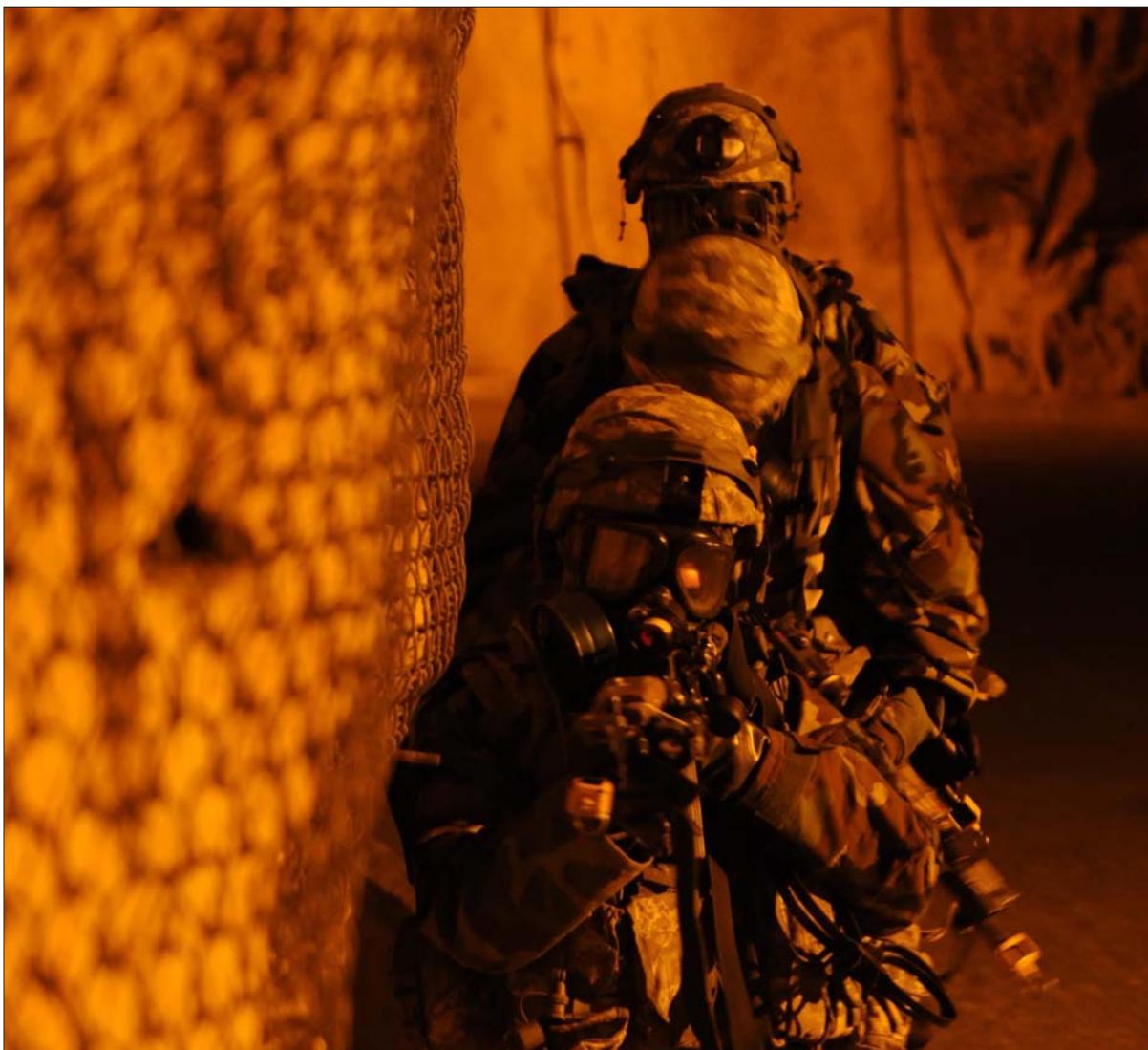
"No other division in the Army is training for combined, full-spectrum operations like this," said Lt. Gen. John D. Johnson, the commander for Eighth Army. "The amount of coordination required to work a joint, combined, complex environment against a hybrid threat is tremendous and the division excelled in all aspects."

The level of cooperation between the ROK-U.S. Alliance is a key element in deterring aggression on the peninsula.

"The provocations over the past year have once again demonstrated the danger to the Alliance, and our role is to be ready for whatever may come in the future," said Cardon. "We know North Korea has chemical and biological weapons, and has conducted nuclear testing. As the Army's only permanently forward stationed division, this is very real threat we must prepare for, and this training has been very valuable in improving our readiness under these conditions."

One of the key players in preparing for that threat was the 48th Chem. Bde., who used the event to train as many Soldiers as they could.

"This training event was very important for us," said



Staff Sgt. Antwaun J. Parrish

Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division pull security during a simulated underground chemical facility clearance operation Nov. 8 on Camp Stanley.

Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Graham, the brigade's top enlisted Soldier. "Everyone from the brigade commander and sergeant major, down to the Soldier working in the decontamination room benefited from this training. We put every collective task from our Mission Essential Task List into this training, with the exception of putting rounds down range."

As the only tactical chemical brigade in the Army, the 48th also had an element in Fort Hood taking part in the exercise. With Soldiers on either side of the world working around the clock, Graham said the division's motto of "fight tonight" resonated throughout his entire brigade.

The 1st BCT was able to train a new group of Soldiers during the exercise, introducing the "fight tonight" mentality to a whole new generation of 2nd ID Warriors.

"After the summer influx of Soldiers into the brigade combat team, the exercise was the perfect vehicle to train new brigade and battalion staffs to come together as an organization in a command post environment," said Lt. Col. Paul A. Henley, the brigade's deputy commanding officer. "It was an amazing thing to witness the positive transformation of our unit staffs into responsive and effective warfighters."

The 2nd CAB was also able to improve their responsiveness during the exercise.

"We started the last exercise with a few growing pains, but by the time we began Warpath III, the processes improved to the point where everything became

very systematic, allowing us the opportunity to execute with superior combat power," said Sgt. Maj. Tony Dawson, the operations sergeant major for the brigade. "As we learn and train more on the Tactical Airspace Integration System and the Air Defense Airspace Management Cell's capabilities, it will certainly be a combat multiplier for us."

One of the most important combat multipliers for the exercise was the 210th FiB. The brigade was able to coordinate with both U.S. and ROK forces during the exercise to provide Soldiers freedom of maneuver throughout the battle space.

"We were able to practice providing critical and timely fires in support of not only divisional units, but our ROK counterparts as well," said Maj. Carl Warren, the plans officer for the brigade.

The division commander stressed the importance of the coordination between ROK and U.S. forces, because eventually the division will be at the center of a turning point in history.

"On November 8, 1989, I was a company commander in Germany, and my unit was providing security along the Berlin Wall," said Cardon. "On November 9, 1989, the wall came down; the world changed forever and it was a peaceful transition. On September 11, 2001, the world changed forever again, but this time it was a violent transition. The mission we are doing here is very important, because someday the world is going to change again, and while we hope for another peaceful transition, we have to be prepared for anything."

SPECIAL TO THE INDIANHEAD: HOLIDAY MESSAGE

USFK Commander sends seasons greetings to troops

By Gen. James D. Thurman

United States Forces Korea

To all of our dedicated Servicemembers, Civilians, and Family members -- happy holidays. Your hard work and dedication maintains the armistice, deterring aggression against the Republic of Korea and contributes to stability throughout Northeast Asia. Your efforts are what make the ROK – U.S. Alliance the strongest in the world. The American and Korean people are grateful for the sacrifices you are making to defend freedom on the Korean Peninsula.

We are all part of a tremendous team. Our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines,

and Department of Defense Civilians work closely with our ROK counterparts throughout the year. We have all learned how gracious the Korean people are, and how special this country is. Take time over the holidays to explore this great land and learn about its great people. While doing so, give our hosts an opportunity to better know who we are as Americans. Remember, when you are out exploring Korea you are goodwill ambassadors for the United States and the American people. Represent us well.

It is never easy to be away from home and family during the holidays, especially when it may be your first time. Some of you are fortunate to have your families here with you. For those that do, please

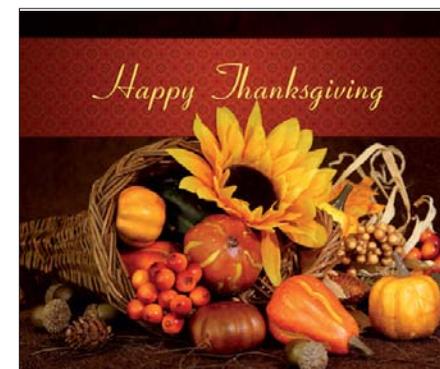
take time to open your homes to those fellow servicemembers who are not able to be with their loved ones. All of us, regardless of branch of service, we are part of the USFK family. We follow in the footsteps of the generations of Americans who have defended freedom, served the nation far from home, and looked after those they served with.

Take advantage of the upcoming training holidays and half-day schedule to rest, relax, and refit. Spend quality time with your family, travel, and celebrate the holidays. Find the time to recharge your batteries, but always be ready to "Fight Tonight."

Thank you for your service to our nation. Your hard work and dedication

continue to strengthen our already tremendous alliance.

Dee and I wish all of you a joyous holiday season and a very happy new year.



SPECIAL TO THE INDIANHEAD: SPOUSES' COLUMN

Osan, reasonably priced items in one convenient location

Story by Kelley Scrocca

Warrior Country Spouse

For those new to Korea or those who have not ventured outside the Ville in Dongducheon, if you are looking for holiday gifts to send back to the U.S., or just want some reasonably priced items in one convenient location, then you really need to check out Osan Air Force Base for some of the best shopping in Korea.

The biggest and best selection of knock-off purses is found in Osan. There are tons of purse shops, but some are better than others both in quality and price. Purse shopping in Osan will lead you into basements with trick doors to squeeze through and into attics or run-down apartments. The door to the store will be locked and the purses in the window will be cheap and dusty. Pull on the door and wait to be let in. Only after you express an interest in a "name brand" will access to the good stuff be granted. In general, avoid the shops on the main drag. Quality is lower and prices are higher. My favorite shops are Osan Bag Shop, located down the alley immediately to the right after exiting the gate, and New York Bags located on the street to the right after crossing the main street at the crosswalk. Shop around before you buy. Once you've been in five or six

places you will clearly see the difference in selection and quality. Remember the name and location of bags you like since it's easy to forget how to get back to your favorites once you decide to buy.

There is a large selection of mink blanket sellers in Osan as well. Prices are pretty uniform from store to store, but selection of colors can vary greatly. USA Blanket has a huge downstairs with a large variety to choose from. Take a right off the main drag before the McDonalds. Prices are \$15 for a couch size blanket, \$20 for full and \$30 for king. I have bought these as gifts and have always received rave reviews.

There is also one large ceramic shop right across from USA Blanket that sells celadon in virtually every shape and design. The prices are affordable ranging from \$5 for a small vase to over \$100 for larger items. They even have lamps for \$50 which are very unique. They have a large storage area in the basement if you don't see what you are looking for upstairs, and they wrap all items very well which makes for easy shipping.

Sports jersey stores are also abundant here covering American baseball, football and basketball. Prices are usually about \$20 for a jersey; add another \$10 for customization.

There are also many other items in Osan to choose from including carved statutes and figurines, scarves,

socks, luggage, hiking gear and many tailors who can custom make clothing and jackets or fix or alter your existing items.

All shops give prices in U.S. dollars and take only cash. Always negotiate on price; this works best if you are buying multiple items from the same seller. Remember though, 2nd ID and USFK have strict rules forbidding black-marketing. Buying gifts for friends and family is fine, but don't try to send back multiple identical items for resale. This is a clear violation of USFK policy and will land you in serious trouble.

Driving to and from Osan can be extremely slow and frustrating. For a better option, check out the on-post bus that goes to Osan. The bus schedule will generally give you a good three to four hours shopping time and will get you there and back quickly with much less stress. Grab a cab from the Osan AFB bus station and tell them you want to go to the shopping gate. Happy holidays and happy shopping!

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My Korea, My Life

A brief insight into Soldiers, Civilians and Family members in Warrior Country

My name: Staff Sgt. Alice Renetta McGhee

My job: I am an assistant Master Resilience Instructor for the 2nd Infantry Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team that consists of more than 4,500 Soldiers.

I am responsible for advising commanders and primary staff on issues related to Comprehensive Soldier Fitness and Resilience Training.

I am additionally responsible for training incoming Soldiers at the Warrior Readiness Center located on Camp Stanley.

My childhood ambition: I wanted to follow in my father's footsteps and become a teacher.

My first job: My first job was working at a Church's Chicken, fast food, during my junior and senior high school years.

My soundtrack: "Each Tear" by Mary J. Blige.

My last purchase: I bought some bags of chocolate for the gate guards.

I think they are rarely shown how much we appreciate them. This was my way of thanking them for what they do.

My alarm clock: I set my clock for 5:15 a.m. every morning. There's nothing like counting my blessings early in the morning while enjoying a fresh cup of coffee.

My fondest memory: Before my father passed in 2005,



I promised him I would come back into the service and finish what I started. He said that he was proud of me.

My retreat: Going to the park and just reflecting upon my day, and thinking how I can make it even better the next day.

My perfect day: Is when I have completed teaching the MRT skills. I like seeing that I have made a positive impact on someone's life.

My indulgence: When my husband smokes fresh-off-

the-grill southern style barbecue ribs.

My wildest dream: I would like to come into a lot of money and create jobs.

My hobbies: Watching horror movies and reading romance novels.

My proudest moment: When my son told me he was following in footsteps and joining the Armed Forces.

My favorite music: Mary J. Blige, Will Downings, Keisha Cole, and jazz.

My inspiration: God, my husband, and my son. In spite of all of life's challenges, there is nothing like family.

My Korea, My Life: Living in Korea had always been my dream. I finally made that dream a reality 18 years ago. I love the culture, food, and the people.

Working with Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers is a rewarding experience. They truly are awesome Soldiers.

Honestly, I would not have traded this opportunity for any others in the world.

Would you like your own My Life, My Korea published in an upcoming Indianhead issue? Send in your answers to the same questions in this article to: 2id.PAO.submissions@korea.army.mil. Be sure to include an appropriate photograph with your submission.

Dancing to the beat of a cultural drum



Photo by Kevin Jackson

A performer from the mask dance drama, or Yangju Byeolsandaenori, moves around the plaza to the rhythm of the music before the mask dance show. The more than 200-year-old mask dance drama is held on important holidays such as Chuseok. Designated as Important Intangible Cultural Property No. 2 in 1964, the dance continues with its tradition to this day.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Road conditions

When road conditions are RED, post shuttles and inter-post shuttles that operate between the installations, as well as the Incheon International Airport shuttle continue to run unless the service is temporarily suspended by senior U.S. Army leaders.

These contract bus drivers have extensive professional drivers training and certification to safely operate a vehicle during adverse weather conditions.

Senior Army leaders will not permit anyone to drive in road conditions that could potentially put drivers and their passengers in danger.

Off Limits

Club Joy in Toko-ri, right outside Camp Hovey, was placed off-limits to USFK personnel. Other clubs off limits in Area I are the Geo-Shi-Gi Karaoke Club in Bosan-dong, Dongducheon, and the Yong Ju Gol Turkey Farms in the Western Corridor.

Curfew

The off-installation curfew is in effect from 12:01 a.m. until 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 3 a.m. - 5 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and observed U.S. holidays.

Servicemembers must either be on a U.S. military installation, off post in private lodging, or in their place of lodging if TDY with lodging not on a military installation for the evening.

This may include a hotel room, but it does not include other areas of the hotel such as the lounge, bar, casino, pool or lobby.

Travel during curfew hours directly to and from a military installation is authorized for official duty.

For more information contact your chain-of-command or visit <http://www.usfk.mil/usfk/command-policy> under the general order regarding off-installation curfew tab.

Holiday dinner special

Area I clubs are offering a complete holiday dinner for eight for \$89 through December.

The take-out dinner includes a whole turkey, gravy, corn bread dressing, candied yams, buttered corn, green beans, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls and choice of desert.

For an additional \$10 it will include a three-pound smoked ham. Orders must be placed at least three days before the required date. For more information and to place an order call Mitchell's Club at 732-8191, the Warrior's Club at 730-2193 or Reggie's at 732-5485.

Camp Stanley Swimming Pool

The Camp Stanley Swimming Pool will be closed from Oct. 1 until March 1,

2012 for major renovations to the pool and building. Normal hours of operation will resume thereafter. For more information call 010-3147-1700.

Thrift Store donations

Donations to the new thrift store that will open on Camp Red Cloud, at a date still to be determined, may be made in advance of that opening on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at bldg. 14, which is near the post exchange.

The store has a Facebook page, which can be searched for under "Second to None Thrift Store." For more information call 010-2325-9757.

School meal price increase

The price of a full-paid meal at Department of Defense Dependent Schools has increased by 50 cents.

Meals at Casey Elementary School are now \$2.55. Meals at Casey Middle School and Yongsan High School are now \$2.70.

Students who qualify for free or reduced price meals will not be impacted. The current reduced-meal price is 40 cents. For more information contact your local school.

Federal benefits

Open Season is the time of year when Servicemembers have the opportunity to make decisions about their benefits under the Federal Flexible Spending Account Program.

It is recommended members evaluate their current enrollment status in the Program. Open season is from Nov. 14 - Dec. 12. For more information visit <https://www.abc.army.mil/index.htm>

Camp Mobile ACAP appointments

The Area I Army Career & Alumni Program Center at Camp Mobile now requires all Soldiers to make appointments in advance by calling 730-4033, or by registering on the ACAP Express website at www.acapexpress.army.mil.

Finance hours

The Camp Casey Finance Office located in bldg. 2440 is open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., and closed for Sergeants Time training on Thursday.

The Camp Stanley Finance Office located in bldg. 2245 is open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; closed Thursday.

The Camp Red Cloud Finance Office located in bldg. 267 is open 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Fridays.

Exchange hours

The Camp Stanley Exchange is now operating on holiday hours of 9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. through Dec. 24.

For more information call 732-555.

Camp Hovey Post Office

The Camp Hovey Post Office, bldg. 3808, will remain closed until Jan. 15, 2012. Until then, customers should use Camp Casey's post office in bldg. 3001. Its hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thursday from 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturday and training holidays, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 730-4767.

Chapel service times

The Camp Red Cloud Chapel hosts a Catholic service Sundays at 9 a.m. A Protestant service follows at 11 a.m. A COGIC service starts at 12:30 p.m., and a KATUSA service begins at 7 p.m. For more information call 732-6073 / 6706.

The Camp Casey Stone Chapel hosts a Protestant service Sundays at 10 a.m. and a KATUSA service at 6:00 p.m.

The Camp Casey Memorial Chapel hosts a Gospel service at 11 a.m. and their KATUSA service begins at 6:30 p.m.

The West Casey Chapel hosts a Protestant service Sundays at 9:30 a.m. The West Casey Chapel also hosts a Catholic service that starts at 11:30 a.m., an LDS Worship service that starts at 4 p.m., and an LDS Bible study Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. and a Korean Protestant service at 10:30 a.m. For more information contact the Memorial chapel at 730-2594 or the West Casey Chapel at 730-3014.

The Camp Hovey Chapel hosts a Catholic service Sundays at 9:30 a.m., and is followed by the Protestant service at 4 p.m. The KATUSA service is held Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

The Old Hovey Chapel hosts an Orthodox service every first and third Sundays of the month at 10 a.m., and the Crusader Chapel hosts their Protestant service Sunday at 11 a.m. For more information call 730-5119.

The Camp Stanley Chapel hosts a Protestant service each Sunday at 10 a.m., and a Gospel service every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. For more information call 732-5238.

The Camp Humphreys Freedom Chapel hosts a Catholic service Sundays at 9 a.m., followed by a Protestant service at 11 a.m., then a Gospel service at 1 p.m., and will have a Church of Christ service at 5 p.m.

The Freedom Chapel will also hold a KATUSA service Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For more information call 753-7952.

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Movies

Prices: \$5 for first run movies, \$4.50 for regular releases. Children 12 and under: be \$2.50 and \$2.25 respectively. Find the full list of movies online at: <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reeltime/theatres/reeltime-landing.htm>

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.

Closed until further notice

Camp Red Cloud

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

- Nov. 25: Towers Heist / Straw Dogs
- Nov. 26: Puss in Boots
- Nov. 27: Dolphin Tale
- Nov. 28: Abduction
- Nov. 29: Killer Elite
- Dec. 1: Straw Dogs
- Dec. 2: Killer Elite / Drive
- Dec. 3: Abduction
- Dec. 4: Dolphin Tale
- Dec. 5: 50 / 50
- Dec. 6: Dream House
- Dec. 8: The Twilight Saga

Camp Hovey

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

- Nov. 25: Straw Dogs
- Nov. 26: Colombiana
- Nov. 27: Jack and Jill
- Nov. 28: Jack and Jill
- Nov. 29: Killer Elite
- Nov. 30: Dolphin Tale
- Dec. 1: The Twilight Saga
- Dec. 2: Killer Elite
- Dec. 3: Happy Feet Two
- Dec. 4: The Twilight Saga
- Dec. 5: The Twilight Saga
- Dec. 6: Dream House

Camp Stanley

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

- Nov. 25: Contagion / Killer Elite
- Nov. 26: Tower Heist (2)
- Nov. 27: Tower Heist
- Nov. 28: The Help
- Nov. 30: The Twilight Saga (2)
- Dec. 1: Dolphin Tale
- Dec. 2: Abduction / Killer Elite
- Dec. 3: Jack and Jill (2)
- Dec. 4: Jack and Jill
- Dec. 5: Straw Dogs
- Dec. 7: Hugo (2)
- Dec. 8: Abduction

Camp Humphreys

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

- Nov. 25: Jack and Jill
- Nov. 26: Jack and Jill / The Heist
- Nov. 27: Jack and Jill / The Heist
- Nov. 28: Killer Elite
- Nov. 29: Killer Elite
- Nov. 30: Abduction



VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:

What is your favorite
Thanksgiving Day food?



"I like home-made macaroni and cheese."

Staff Sgt. Jerice M. Boston
HSC, HHBN

"I enjoy freshly made potatoes the most."

Master Sgt. Mitchell Jones
B Co., HHBN



"Pumpkin pie is my absolute favorite."

Pfc. Diana Vivanco
HSC, HHBN



"I enjoy dressing the most."

Pfc. Katie Mclendon
HSC, HHBN



"I like home-made butter rolls."

Sgt. Jeffrey Thomas
C Co., 2nd CAB



"Fried turkey is my favorite food."

Capt. David Amadu
HHC, 2nd CAB



COMMANDER'S CORNER

A WARRIOR THANKSGIVING

By Maj. Gen. Edward C. Cardon

2nd ID Commander

With a tremendously successful Warpath series of exercises behind us, I have spent some time reflecting on what we have accomplished together. So, as we head into the holiday season, I would like to share with you what I am most grateful for this Thanksgiving.

First, I am thankful for the truly outstanding teamwork that went into the Warpath exercises. I know there were a lot of extra hours put in by many people that gave us the margin of excellence. Your hard work was noticed both by the senior leaders here in Korea and those that visited during the exercises.

Lieutenant General Johnson, General Thurman and our Army Chief of Staff, General Odierno, all participated in the After Action Review. I am proud of our efforts which have led to a better collective understanding of our missions. We know we can command and control a wide range of mission sets and tasks and generate options in support of the Alliance.

I am also extremely thankful for all the great 2nd Infantry Division Warriors who work hard every day to make this division "Second to None." Your service to our nation and our Army is part of a long history of contributions to build and maintain a strong U.S. - ROK Alliance - one that has stood against a formidable enemy for more than 60 years. Soldiers and leaders are what make this division ready to "Fight Tonight." The 2ID mission here is vital not only to the Alliance, but across the region. More importantly, our presence is critical to ensuring peace on the peninsula now and in the future. We should be proud of our mark on history.

**"Soldiers and leaders
are what make this
Division ready to
'Fight Tonight' ...**

**Maj. Gen.
Edward C. Cardon**

I want to share with you the expressions of gratefulness I receive nearly every day from our Korean partners and friends. They understand the importance of 2ID here on the peninsula and it is



your hard work, dedication and professionalism that makes this possible. These Korean leaders are thankful for your service and the shared sacrifices of our Families.

As we gather to enjoy this holiday, we should be mindful that the first Thanksgiving was proclaimed by President Lincoln in the middle of the American Civil War. Even in the worst of times, the nation took time to express thanks for what it had, for what it stood for, and for what it was fighting to preserve. I encourage you to take a few minutes to read President Lincoln's proclamation. [Editor's note: A copy of President Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation can be found on page 7 of the Indianhead.]

Finally, I am thankful for my Family and friends, as well as my extended Warrior family. That is how we must view the Soldiers and teams with whom we serve here in Korea - as an extended family, bonded through hardship and shared experiences. Like a family, we must look out for and take care of one another.

Warrior Division Soldiers should always support each other and ensure we continue to represent the best of our Army and of America - always mindful that we are guests of our gracious Korean hosts.

Just as our Korean friends shared Chuseok with us a few months ago, take the time to share your Thanksgiving with your Korean neighbors. Learning about each other's traditions and culture only increases our understanding of one another, makes us closer, and strengthens the Alliance.

Happy Thanksgiving Warriors, Second to None!

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Nightmare Battalion fires it up on range

Story and photos by
Cpl. Tim Oberle

2nd CAB Public Affairs

The 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, also known as the "Nightmare Battalion," conducted door-gunnery qualifications Nov. 5 at Bisung Range, near Yangpyeong, South Korea.

"We conducted our door gunnery qualifications at Bisung Range with the M-240 machine gun for our nonrated

crew members," said Capt. Travis Owen, the A Co., 3-2 GSAB commander. "We have an annual requirement to qualify and we have an additional gunnery every six months for currency purposes."

"Originally the exercise was supposed to include both UH-60 Black Hawks and CH-47 Chinooks however the weather prevented the Chinooks from qualifying," said Joon Kwon, an aviation operations specialist from Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 3rd GSAB and the operations non-commissioned officer in charge for the range qualifications.

"The qualifications are mostly about familiarization with the weapons sys-

tem," said Kwon, "because it helps prepare us for war, so that when you do go down range you know how to utilize the weapon system," added Kwon.

"To fulfill the brigade's full spectrum training regimen we have a responsibility at the company level to provide fully manned and combat capable qualified crews in order to be ready to fight tonight," said Owen. "This type of training is also important because soldiers need to be on their toes and ready to engage the enemy."

While on the range, A Co. had support from some of the Nightmare Battalion brethren using the Bambi Bucket, a large bucket filled with water and slung from a helicopter that is then dropped on a fire.

"The guys from B Co. 3-2 provided us with great support with the Bambi Bucket because one of the dangers of going to range is the potential for fire," said Owen. "After our first round of firing, a fire actually did start and within ten minutes they were off the ground and had the fire extinguished."

"All of the Soldiers were highly motivated throughout the exercise because we usually conduct the gunnery at Multi-purpose Range Complex and the setting at Bisung is much different," said Kwon.

"Overall the aviators and crew members did a fantastic job qualifying," said Owen. "Day to day we escort VIP's so the guys were really excited to get out here on the range for some action."



A CH-47 Chinook from B Co., 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd CAB puts out a fire at Bisung Range Nov. 5 using the Bambi Bucket, a large bucket filled with water and slung from the helicopter, then dropped on a fire. It is used most often by fire-fighting crews to extinguish forest fires.



A UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter from the 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, hovers over the range during door gunnery qualifications Nov. 5 at Bisung Range near Yangpyeong, South Korea.



A UH-60 Black Hawk A UH-60 Blackhawk from A Co., 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd CAB heads out to qualify Nov. 5 on Bisung Range near Yangpyeong, South Korea with news reporter Gail McCabe from Soldiers Radio and Television on board.

Talon Brigade first in Army to field new protective equipment

Story and Photo by
Cpl. Tim Oberle

2nd CAB Public Affairs

From the days of the American Revolution to the current conflict in Afghanistan the protective equipment issued to U.S. Soldiers and employed on the battlefield has improved exponentially. Throughout this evolution there has been one mainstay – ensuring maximum protection for Soldiers with the best technologies available.

The U.S. Army's most recent push to better equip and protect their Soldiers took place in October when aviators and crew members from the 2nd Combat Aviation "Talon" Brigade, became the first Army unit to field the new Joint Protective Aircrew Ensemble equipment.

"The 2nd ID and specifically 2nd CAB were chosen to be the first to don the new equipment from a priority list at the Department of the Army-level that considers the magnitude of the chemical threat from the surrounding environment," said David Weems, the 2nd ID force modernization officer.

While chemical attacks remain a constant threat from terrorist attacks all around the globe, Col. James T. Barker, commander of 2nd CAB, agrees that South Korea is an excellent location to field the equipment first due to the threat level.

"With one of the world's largest chemical weapons arsenals just across the border [North Korea], the importance of having the best equipment available to protect our Soldiers and aviators cannot be understated," said Barker. "The addition of this new equipment increases the "Talon" Brigade's ability to respond

to a chemical or biological attack and provides our Soldiers with the necessary tools to fight and survive under extremely demanding battlefield conditions."

The Divisions leaders agree with Barker and said the equipment will not only help 2nd CAB, but will improve the division as a whole.

"The equipment substantially improves 2nd ID's ability to 'fight tonight' because we are using equipment right now that is recommended for aviation crews," Weems said. "While the suit is not technically a deterrent, it still remains valuable for us as an enabler, providing the ability to fight in a contaminated environment four hours longer than the previous suits. So that no matter what the enemy throws at us we are ready to fight."

Not only does the suit improve the length of time that Soldiers can stay in the fight during a chemical attack, but includes several other improvements on its predecessor the Modified Protective Chemical Undergarment.

"The new Joint Protective Aircrew Ensemble equipment protects aircrew members from chemical and biological attacks and improves on the old design by using a one piece suit and a new material makeup increasing the suit's versatility," said Gary Weathers, one of the combat developers for the suit.

"The design of this suit is different from the previous protective gear because it is one piece and has an inner leg and cuff, which interfaces with their current chemical boots and gloves," said Weathers. "The one piece improves upon the former design in that it allows pilots and aircrew to operate in limited space without worry of snagging the equipment and thereby rendering it useless.



Spc. Hubert Widener, a UH-60 Black Hawk mechanic from Company B, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, stationed at Camp Humphreys, puts on the new Joint Protective Aircrew equipment Oct. 29 during a "Train the Trainer" course to teach aircrew members how to instruct others on the proper wear of the suit.

The other major improvement from the old equipment is these suits are flame resistant, which is almost a necessity for aircrew members."

For Barker, the equipment not only improves upon his brigade's existing equipment, but also reinforces the commitment that the Department of the Army and eighth Army leadership have shown in keeping his Soldiers protected from harm's way.

"For the U.S. military to serve as an effective deterrent and maintain peace here on the Korean Peninsula, three criteria must be in place – intelligent and effective leadership, hard working and vigilant Soldiers, and top notch equipment," said Barker. "From the initial de-

ployment here during the Korean War.

The eighth U.S. Army has met all three and this new equipment only enhances our ability to continue to improve upon the third requirement."

As for being the first unit in the Army to field the equipment, Barker is ready to lead the way, but also knows that the change is necessary here in Korea.

"As a unit, we are honored to be the first to field the Joint Protective Aircrew Ensemble equipment," Barker said. "But if you think about the overwhelming chemical threat that we face here in Korea every day it makes sense that our Soldiers should lead the way in Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear equipment."

SMA Chandler rewards Soldiers for their hard work and determination



Photo By Cpl. Tim Oberle

The U.S. Army's top enlisted Soldier, Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III, held a town hall meeting Nov. 8 at the Camp Humphreys Super Gym to talk to Soldiers about how changes in the operational Army could affect them. Following the town hall meeting, Chandler passed out coins to about 50 Soldiers from Camp Humphreys for all of their hard work and dedication to the Army.

70th BSB bridges the gap, trains ROK



Pfc. Leif Anderson a medic with the 70th Brigade Support Battalion, treats a simulated sniper casualty, Pvt. Anthony Stewart, during a gap crossing operations exercise.



Sgt. Robert Mero from the 70th Brigade Support Battalion, instructs Soldiers from the Republic of Korea Army on the proper use of a Load Handling System, Compatible Water Tank Rack, during a gap crossing operations exercise.

Story and photo by Maj. John Webb

70th Brigade Support Battalion

The “Blacksmiths” of 70th Brigade Support Battalion took maximum advantage of Warpath III to conduct live, virtual and constructive training which was integrated with combined field training with Republic of Korea Army Soldiers.

The 70th BSB conducted a

field training exercise in conjunction with Warpath III at Camp Stanley, where they nested Warfighters’ Simulation training with live execution of selected missions.

One mission involved 70th BSB conducting a gap crossing. To facilitate live gap crossing training, 70th BSB used the facilities at Camp Stanley to replicate an Armored Vehicle Launched Bridge section and ribbon bridge, and involved planning by the battalion staff,

Blue Force Tracker mapping and routing, movement tracking and tactical convoy operations involving Soldiers from the battalion commander to the private.

This training also integrated medical training with treatment of simulated casualties at the Role 2 Battalion Aid Station.

“Gap crossing training was exciting training that provided comfort to our junior drivers and built their confidence to operate large vehicles in a narrow area,” said Capt. Evelyn Aguilera, commander of 70th BSB’s Distribution Company.

The Blacksmiths also partnered with the ROK army’s 28th Supply and Transportation Battalion for a vehicle rodeo designed to test and evaluate operators’ vehicle knowledge, maintenance and operating

skills. Additionally, over the course of two days, ROK Soldiers and officers received orientation and completed the up-armored Humvee driving course.

“It was great to interact with our ROK allies to show them some of our vehicle capabilities and also participate in friendly competition designed to build cohesion,” said Staff Sgt. Todd King, a motor vehicle operator from 70th BSB’s Distribution Company.

To further support the ROK-U.S. Alliance, ROKA Soldiers stayed overnight at Camp Stanley and participated in morale building events with the 70th BSB Soldiers. ROK army Soldiers also enjoyed meals prepared from the Army’s Mobile Kitchen Trailer.

“This was my first time

working with a foreign military and it gave me a great opportunity to share my MOS [military occupational specialty] with the ROK army,” said Pfc. Mackenson Vil, a motor vehicle operator from 70th BSB’s Distribution Co.

At the conclusion of the Blacksmith Rodeo and Warpath III, the 70th BSB decided to pull off one more mission.

They jumped their tactical operations to Camp Castle and executed refuel on the move operations.

“At the end of this field training, both Soldiers and leaders of the Blacksmith Battalion were proud to conduct this demanding exercise, but even more proud of efforts which strengthened the ROK-U.S. Alliance at the company and battalion levels,” said Lt. Col. Eric Jackson,

Veterans get boost as Obama signs tax credits into law

By Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone C. Marshall Jr.

American Forces Press Service

President Barack Obama delivered a clear message Nov. 21 when he signed two new tax credits into law to increase the hiring of military veterans and wounded warriors.

“For businesses out there, if you are hiring, hire a veteran,” he said. “It’s the right thing to do for you, it’s the right thing to do for them, and it’s the right thing to do for our economy.”

In August, Obama called on Congress to enact tax credits, included in the American Jobs Act, that will help to get unemployed veterans back to work.

“While we’ve added more than 350,000 private-sector jobs over the last three months, we’ve got 850,000 veterans who can’t find work,” the president said. “And even though the overall unemployment rate came down just a little bit last month, unemployment for veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan continued to rise.”

Obama said “that isn’t right,” and he lauded veterans as the “best that America has to offer.”

“They are some of the most highly trained, highly

educated, highly skilled workers that we have,” he said. “If they can save lives on the battlefield, then they can save a life in an ambulance.

“If they can manage convoys moving tons of equipment over dangerous terrain,” he continued, “they can manage a company’s supply chain. If they can track millions of dollars of assets in Iraq, they can balance the books of any company here in the United States.”

Obama noted the United States has benefited “enormously” from veteran’s service abroad and would benefit greatly from their service at home.

“And that’s why, under my direction, the federal government has already hired more than 120,000 veterans,” he said.

Obama praised First Lady Michelle Obama and Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, for their efforts in the “Joining Forces” campaign, which has secured pledges from private-sector companies to hire 135,000 more veterans and military spouses.

“Today, we’re giving those businesses just one more reason to give veterans a job,” he said.

The president also credited Congress for the legislation.

“Today, because Democrats and Republicans came

together, I’m proud to sign those proposals into law,” he said. “And I urge every business owner out there who’s hiring to hire a veteran right away.”

Obama pledged continued support to the nation’s veterans and wounded warriors.

“So to our veterans, know that we will stand with you as long as it takes for you to find a job,” he said. “And to our businesses, let me say again, if you are hiring, hire a veteran.”

The Returning Heroes Tax Credit provides businesses that hire unemployed veterans with a credit of up to \$5,600 per veteran, and the Wounded Warriors Tax Credit offers a credit of \$9,600 per veteran for businesses that hire veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Under the Recovery Act, employers who hired certain unemployed veterans were eligible for a tax credit of up to 40 percent of the first \$6,000 of wages, for a maximum credit of \$2,400 for veterans who had been unemployed at least four weeks. This credit expired at the end of 2010. For employers who hire veterans unemployed for longer than six months, a new credit of 40 percent of the first \$14,000 of wages, up to \$5,600, will be applied.

Fighting cold weather injuries

Story by
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During the winter season Soldiers must be ready to “fight tonight” in spite of bitter cold conditions.

Cold weather injuries remain a major threat to individual health and unit performance during training and operations. Soldiers able to fight in the cold have a distinct advantage on the battlefield.

“Preventing cold weather injuries is especially important in the Army because it helps maintain combat power,” said Lawrence B. Bengough, the tactical safety manager of 2nd Infantry Division.

Two of the most common cold weather injuries are frostbite and hypothermia, said Bengough.

The Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center, in Maryland, reported 306 cold weather injuries among active and reserve Soldiers during the 2010-11 cold weather seasons, of which 162 were frostbite and 38 were hypothermia.

Frostbite is caused due to exposure

to below-freezing temperatures which freezes skin, fingers, ears and facial parts. Exposure of skin to metal, super cold fuel, wind-chill, and tight clothing, particularly boots can also develop into frostbite.

To prevent frostbite, Soldiers should wear their uniforms correctly, keep their clothing dry and wear clothing in layers.

Hypothermia is caused from prolonged cold exposure and core body-heat loss. It may even occur at temperatures above freezing, especially when a person’s skin or clothing is wet.

“There are many other cold weather injuries such as chilblain, trench foot, dehydration, snow blindness and carbon monoxide poisoning, but all of them can be prevented by correct wear of uniforms and through preventive actions,” said Bengough.

Some of the common symptoms of cold weather injuries include swollen and red skin with rash-like appearances, shivering, drowsiness, confusion, lack of coordination, numbness in affected areas, tingling, blistered, pale and yellowish waxy-looking skin, as well as frozen tissue that feels wooden to the touch.



“Leaders must ensure Soldiers receive adequate food, water, rest, training on wearing the appropriate cold weather clothing and keeping them dry. And avoiding the use of alcohol and tobacco,” said Bengough. “Soldiers must wear their uniforms correctly, always keeping them dry and wearing them in layers.”

“Soldiers must also use the buddy system to monitor performance and health and report to the unit medical officer with signs of symptoms of cold weather injuries,” said Bengough. “Fully

utilizing the Extended Cold Weather Clothing System included in TA50s can also help. Noncommissioned officers and leaders must make sure Soldiers are fully complemented and know how to wear their gear.”

The Combat Readiness Safety Center website features winter driving tips and strategies for ice removal in work areas.

Soldiers can visit <https://safety.army.mil/> for more tips and information or contact the Division Safety Office at DSN 732-7032.



Army Safety

The safety and well-being of every Soldier is vital to keeping our Army the most decisive land force in the world. Since fiscal year 2005, our Army has continually reduced preventable accidents and losses: a feat unprecedented in our 236-year history during a time of war and absolutely critical to maintaining our readiness for the Nation. We commend each of you for your hard work and diligence in making safety a top-priority.

Moving forward into fiscal year 2012, our focus must remain on keeping our Soldiers safe on-duty, but our primary safety focus should be preventing losses off-duty. Our Leaders and Soldiers have done an amazing job in keeping one another safe on the job, especially given the demands placed on our force in garrison and in theater. Off duty, however, we continue to struggle with losses resulting from indiscipline and high risk behavior – particularly on our Nation’s roadways and specifically accidents involving speed, failure to wear personal protective equipment or seat belts, and driving under the influence. In fiscal year 2011 alone, motorcycle fatalities increased 21 percent, and accidents in privately owned vehicles continue to claim far too many of our Soldiers lives every year.

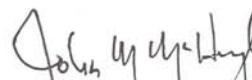
Army Leaders, at all levels, must get back to the basics of enforcing standards and reaffirming the principle that Soldiers have a duty and an obligation to stay safe 24/7, on and off duty. We must ensure the example we set is morally and ethically right – when Leaders fail to maintain the standard or lack discipline themselves, they set a climate of tolerance for risky behavior in their subordinates. This is unacceptable in today’s Army. Our Soldiers deserve better from the Leaders they trust.

This year, we ask that you look inward – at your personal leadership and within your formations – to find areas you can improve upon for safety. Communicate your expectations clearly to your subordinates and uphold Army standards and discipline personally and consistently.

We are getting better as an Army, and by working together to do what we know is right, we will keep even more Soldiers safe in the year ahead. Thank you for striving every day to keep our Army safe. Together, we are The Strength of the Nation!


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 Raymond T. Odierno
 General, United States Army
 Chief of Staff


 John M. McHugh
 Secretary of the Army

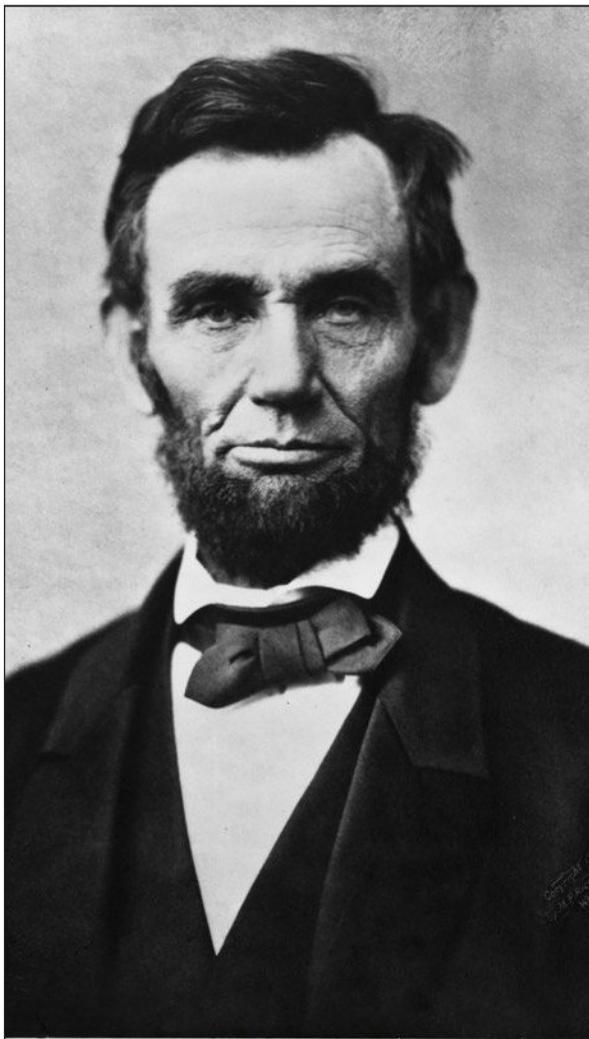
Warrior country holiday events



Staff Sgt. Annette B. Andrews

The 2nd Infantry Division celebrates the holiday season by conducting Tree Lighting Ceremonies in Area I from Dec. 5 - 7. Times for official tree lighting ceremonies are as follows: Camp Red Cloud Dec 5 at 5:30 p.m., Camp Casey Dec. 6 at 5 p.m., and Camp Stanley Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. The 2nd ID band is scheduled to perform at a holiday concert Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Uijeongbu Arts Center.

President Lincoln's Thanksgiving proclamation



President Abraham Lincoln was born in Harding County, Ky. on Feb. 12, 1809. He was elected president of the United States on March 4, 1861 and served until his death on April 15, 1865.

The following is President Abraham Lincoln's proclamation which set the precedent for America's national day of Thanksgiving, Oct. 3, 1863, Washington D.C.

Prior to this, each state scheduled its own Thanksgiving holiday at different times, primarily in New England and other Northern states. In the midst of Civil War, the document below set apart the last Thursday of Novem-

ber "as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise."

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.

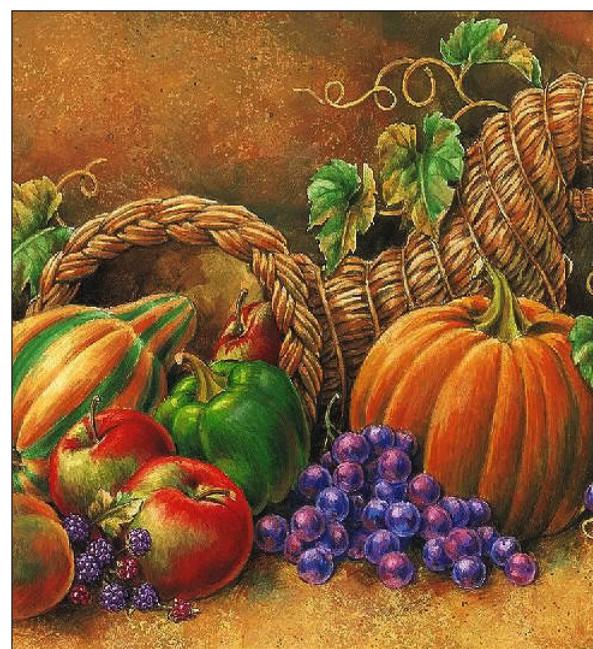
The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in

the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln



The cornucopia, or horn of plenty, is a symbol of abundance and nourishment. It is commonly depicted as a large horn-shaped container filled with fruits and vegetables. The cornucopia originates in classical antiquity and is often associated with Thanksgiving.

Talon Families stay connected through USO



Sgt. Everal Christian, from Headquarters and Headquarters Co. personnel office, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade and his wife Spc. Tieasha Christian, an information management specialist with HHC, 2nd CAB read the book "Cat in the Hat" by Dr. Seuss Oct. 25 at the HHC, 2nd CAB headquarters building at Camp Humphreys. The Camp Humphreys USO sponsors the United Through Reading program and will send a recording of the Christians reading the book along with the actual paperback copy to the children, back in states. The Christian's three children stay with their grandparents in South Haven, Miss., while their parents are stationed overseas.

Story and photo by Pvt. Byunghoon Ahn

2nd CAB Public Affairs

The Camp Humphreys USO reached out to the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade Oct. 25 through the United Through Reading program at the Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

The United Through Reading program records unaccompanied Soldiers reading their children's favorite books and then sends the recording along with the book back to the children in the U.S.

"The United Through Reading organization began providing these services for Soldiers that were deployed in combat zones like Afghanistan and Iraq, but are now branching out everywhere that Soldiers are away from their children," said Ana Rodriguez Carrerra, program coordinator for the Camp Humphreys USO. "A lot of troops here in Korea are unaccompanied and a year is a long time to be separated from your children, so being able to provide them

with this service is really special."

For the 2nd CAB Soldiers who participated, the chance to send something educational and personal back to their children, with the holidays right around the corner, was really special.

"I thought it was an absolutely wonderful event especially with the holidays coming and children missing their parents even more," said Spc. Angela Renollet, from the HHC, 2nd CAB personnel office in. "In addition to sending a DVD back home, the USO is also going to send a copy of the book so they can read along and look at the pictures. This will make it a great present for Christmas."

"Not many people know about the program," said Carrerra, "But we really want that to change. The program is free and we will come out to your unit to save you the trouble. Individual Soldiers who want to participate can also walk into the USO any time during our business hours and we will take care of them."

Units interested in participating in the program should contact the Camp Humphreys USO at DSN 753-6281.



Staff Sgt. Antwaun J. Parrish
Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division enter a simulated chemical facility during a full spectrum chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosives exercise Nov. 8 on Camp Stanley.



Staff Sgt. Antwaun J. Parrish
Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division secure a tunnel leading into a simulated chemical facility during a full spectrum chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosives exercise. Once 2nd ID Soldiers secured the facility, specialized chemical teams were able to conduct a chemical sweep detecting any chemical agents present.

Chemical brigades sweep facilities

Warrior country Soldiers provide security

Story by
Cpl. Chang, Han him

Staff Writer

Like a late autumn breeze – cold and brisk – Soldiers wearing the Indianhead patch, as if it were a warrior’s shield, whipped through the simulated underground facility and dominated the enemy combatants. As they left the tunnel which simulated the facility, they secured all possible threats; only then did other troops with different patches and different equipment enter the picture.

2nd Infantry Division Soldiers assigned to 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, and 2nd Battalion (Assault), 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade took part in a full spectrum chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive exercise “Operation Saber Strike II” on Camp Stanley, Nov. 8. They collaborated with their Korean counterparts, Republic of Korea’s 24th Chemical Special Mission Unit. U.S. Soldiers from the 23rd Chemical Battalion and the 110th Chemical Battalion, 48th Chemical Brigade from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., flew over to participate in this exercise which was designed “to detect and identify any agents to protect our Soldiers and the people of South Korea.”

“Our mission is to conduct initial clearance to the facility and maintain overall securities for the preced-

ing units during the exercise,” said Capt. Brian Boyles, C Troop commander from 4-7 CAV. “Exercise involving air vehicles is new to my troop, but we trained ourselves as much as we can. It is a challenging mission but I am also very excited about how this mission will go today.”

The mission started on Camp Mobile as 2-2 AVN provided air transportation for the troops to Camp Stanley. As soon as they were dismounted, the Soldiers met with ROK 24th SPMU and marched up Camp Stanley’s steep hill to the operation area. Then cavalry Soldiers wearing full Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear carefully penetrated the entrance and removed opposing forces. The warrior country Soldiers provided security as specialized chemical teams entered the wooden plank rooms that simulated chemical labs.

The mission was successfully completed as the chemical battalions troops checked their NBC detection equipment to determine what, if any, chemicals remained inside the facilities.

“This is the first time for our battalion to participate in a division full spectrum exercise,” said Lt. Col. Daryl Hood, 110th Chem. Bn. commander. “CBRNE Response Team 2C (CRT2C), one of 110th Chem. Bn.’s twelve chemical response teams, is here to support and facilitate 2ID for better preparation to protect this peninsula. As a team our goal is to integrate and train together. Through this exercise we were able to demonstrate our capabilities and gain experience of partnering with our ROK Soldiers.”



Cpl. Chang, Han him
Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division take a knee during Operation Saber Strike II, a multi-unit collaboration among CBRN response units Nov. 8 on Camp Stanley.



Spc. Nathan M. Sosebee
Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division pull security during Operation Saber Strike II. 2ID Soldiers with ROK 24th SPMV Soldiers charged Camp Stanley’s steep hill to gain control and remove the opposing forces.