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THE YEAR IN REVIEW



LEADER'S CORNER:

A NEW PARADIGM FOR PEACE AND SECURITY: FIRST US-ROK COMBINED DIVISION

MAJ. GEN. THOMAS S. VANDAL
COMMAND SGT. MAJ. ANDREW J. SPANO

The New Year has arrived, and traditionally it's a time for making resolutions about things one can do better. With this year, 2015 immediately brings with it new promises and possibilities for the storied Warrior Division as they prepare to write a new chapter in the books of U.S. history.

Prevent Conflict:

The 2nd Infantry Division is establishing a new organizational paradigm for the Republic of Korea-U.S. armies. They are combining forces with the establishment of a Combined Division and are preparing to emerge as a more decisive expeditionary force with collective capabilities for a robust combined deterrence and defense posture.

"The goal of this unification is to cultivate adaptive capabilities to deter and defeat future provocations," said Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal, commanding general of the 2nd Inf. Div. "Together we will strengthen the Alliance and enhance the defense of the ROK."

Shape relationship with allies:

After nearly a half-century here on the Korean Peninsula, the 2nd Inf. Div. has established itself as a premier cornerstone of peace, security and stability in the region.

Officers, noncommissioned officers and units will be attached to the Division, allowing interoperability between the ROK and U.S. forces as well as planning for mission requirements; thus capitalizing on the strengths of both armies. Approximately



(Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Vincent Abril, 2nd CAB Public Affairs Office)

30 officers will begin integration as early as mid January. The Division and ROK armies are committed to collectively building on its already strong and historic Alliance.

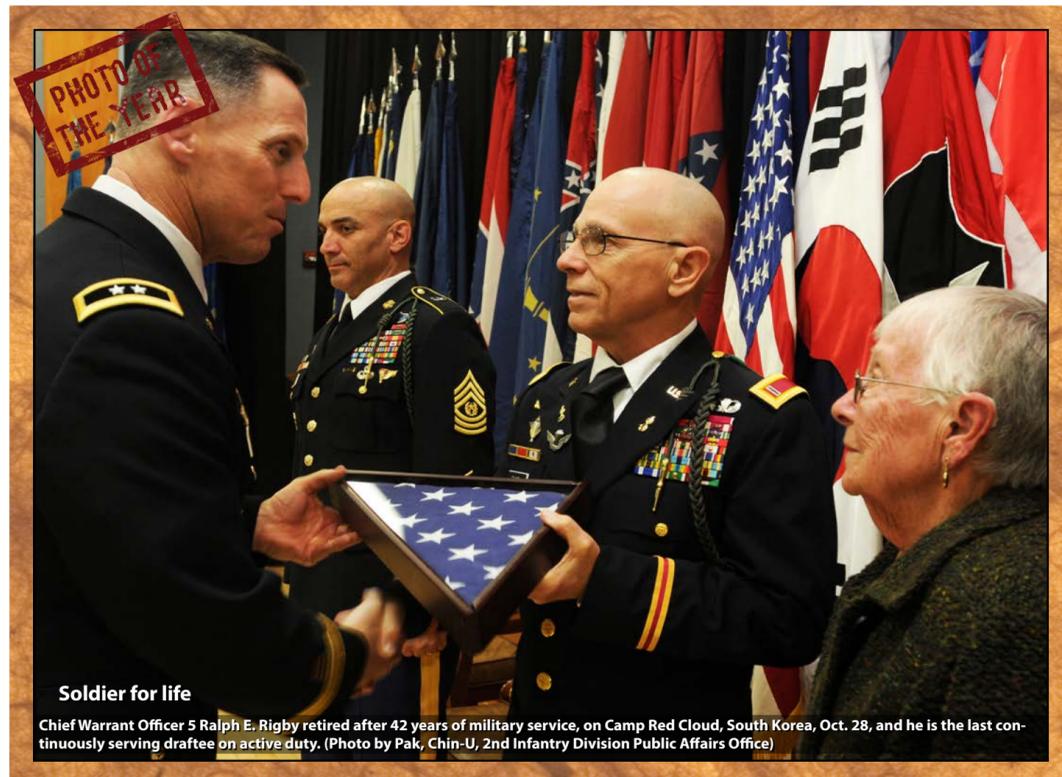
Win:

Although the 2nd Inf. Div. has had Korean Augmentation to the United States soldiers in their formations since 1950, the concept of a Combined Division is an evolutionary step for the ROK-U.S. Alliance. "This union is a game changer," said Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew J. Spano. "The way you defeat big problems is with big skill-rich teams. Together, side by side, we will enhance our depth, versatility, readiness and capability to fight and win tonight."

The collaboration is unprecedented and a true testament of the strength of the ROK-US Alliance, building on its already strong and historic presence and partnership.

"The 2nd Inf. Div and our ROK allies have been a vital component of the Korean Peninsula and its security and the strength of our Army is our Soldiers," said Vandal. "Going forward I ask that as we develop this future force - you welcome our new warriors with open arms and get after the business of training and preparing to deter aggression on the peninsula under one flag."

Happy New Year, Warriors,
Katchi Kapshida!
Fight Tonight!



Soldier for life

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Ralph E. Rigby retired after 42 years of military service, on Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, Oct. 28, and he is the last continuously serving draftee on active duty. (Photo by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office)

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2nd Infantry Division Prepares for Combined Division

The 2nd Infantry "Warrior" Division is entering a significant phase in its 100-year history. Since 1950, 2ID Soldiers have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with their Republic of Korea allies on Freedom's Frontier keeping the peninsula secure against an aggressive and oppressive North Korean regime. The Division is constantly seeking ways to further improve its readiness and strengthen the historic alliance it shares with the Republic of Korea.

In the next two years, as part of the Land Partnership Plan - an agreement made between the U.S. and ROK governments - the 2nd Inf. Div. will relocate further south on the Korean peninsula to Pyeongtak. To commemorate this move, the Division participated in a groundbreaking ceremony this past April for its future headquarters at Camp Humphreys.



Photo by Cpl. Song, Gun-woo, 210th FAB PAO



"The Combined Division will be the first of its kind in the U.S. Army's history. U.S. and Korean Soldiers will literally operate under one flag with one unified effort."

- Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal -



2nd Infantry Division Run



Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division conducted a division run on Camp Casey, South Korea, Oct. 23. The 2nd Inf. Div. is proud to serve and protect its nation and remain ready to "Fight Tonight" to defend the Republic of Korea and the U.S. (Photos by Cpl. Baek, Seong Hyeon and Pfc. Kim, Kyung-gu, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)

2nd Infantry Division Annual Ball 2014



Maj. Gen. Thomas Vandal, commanding general, 2nd Infantry Division, and Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano, senior enlisted leader, 2nd Inf. Div., hosted the 2nd Inf. Div. Annual Ball at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Seoul, South Korea, Oct. 23. Soldiers, family members and civilians celebrated the Divisions' 97th Birthday with speeches, dinner and dancing. (Photos by Pak, Chin U and Cpl. Baek, Seong Hyeon, 2nd. Inf. Div. PAO)



Warrior Transition Week



Warrior Transition Week is an annual, week-long event, held during the permanent change of station season, that introduces newly arrived leaders to the 2nd Infantry Division, Area I and the Korean Peninsula. (Photos by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)





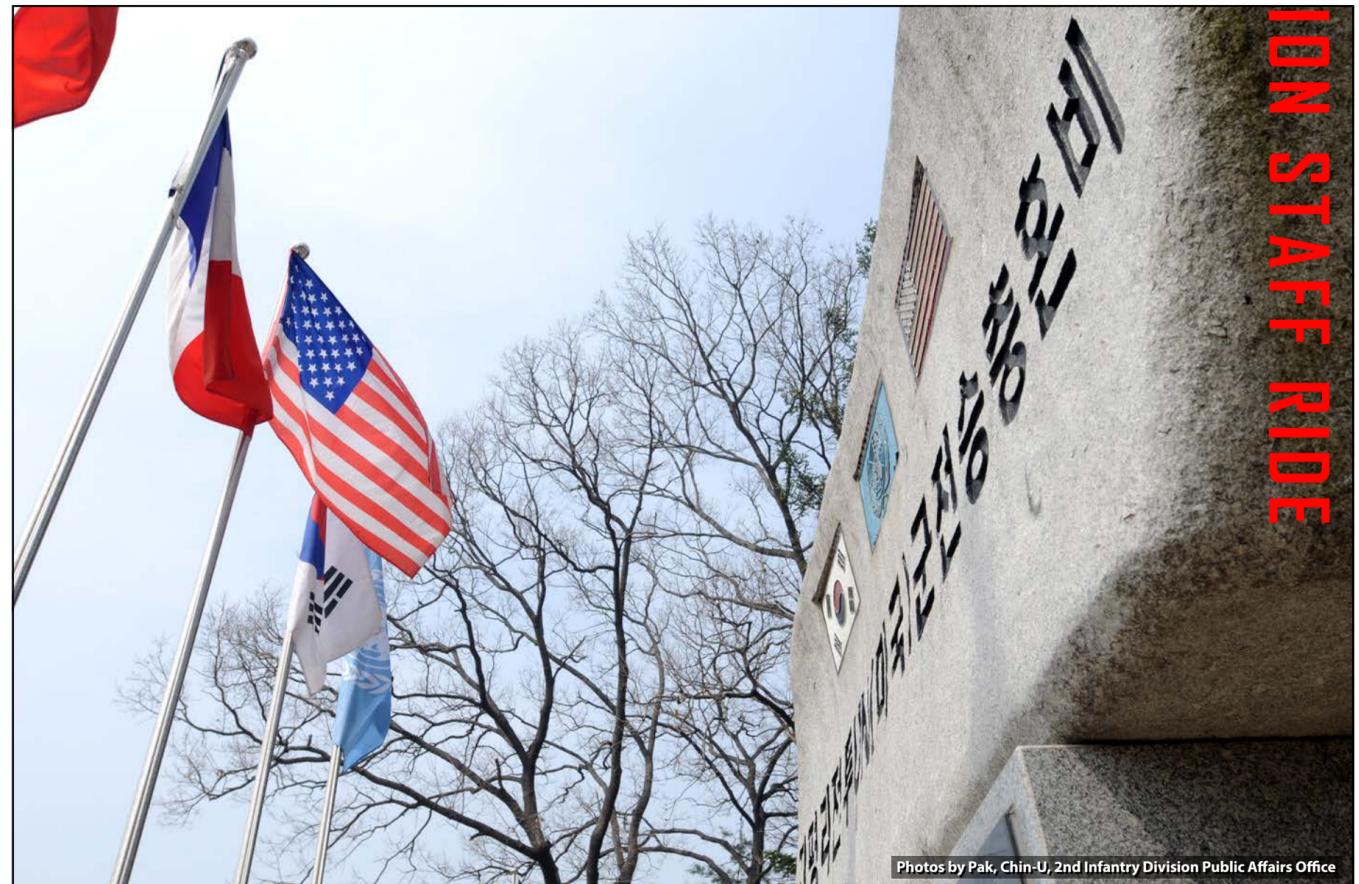
Training and Serving Army **STRONG**



Second Infantry Division leaders participated in a staff ride March 28 at Chipyeong-ni to commemorate a decisive Korean War battle that took place there Feb. 13-15, 1951 between the U.S. 23rd Infantry Regiment and the Chinese People's Volunteer Army. Noted as "one of the greatest regimental defense actions in military history," the famed Battle of Chipyeong-ni was the first major defeat for the Chinese army and proved to be the turning point of the Korean War.



2ND INFANTRY DIVISION STAFF RIDE



Photos by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office



Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division volunteered to participate in a Uijeongbu area clean-up activity organized as part of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program to strengthen the Alliance with Uijeongbu citizens and 2nd Inf. Div. Soldiers in the Uijeongbu, South Korea, Oct. 22. (Photo by Pfc. Kim, Kyung-gu, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)

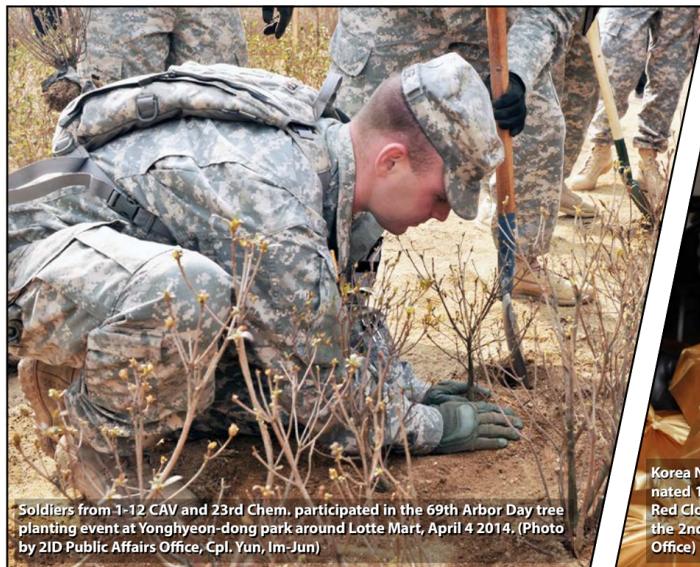


Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division distributed more than 5,000 charcoal blocks to support 24 impoverished households of Dongducheon, South Korea, in preparation for the upcoming winter, Nov. 19. (Photo by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs)

2ID Soldiers make difference in Community



A Soldier from 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, made radish kimchi during the 2014 Kimchi Charity event Nov. 21, in Dongducheon, South Korea. (Photo by Cpl. Song Gun-Woo, 210th FAB PAO)



Soldiers from 1-12 CAV and 23rd Chem. participated in the 69th Arbor Day tree planting event at Yonghyeon-dong park around Lotte Mart, April 4 2014. (Photo by 2ID Public Affairs Office, Cpl. Yun, Im-Jun)



Korea National People to People International Yangju Chapter and the Association of U.S. Army, donated 10 boxes of apples to the 2nd Infantry Division in celebration of Thanksgiving Day on Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, Nov. 26. The donation of goodwill strengthens the Alliance with Soldiers of the 2nd Inf. Div. and the local community. (Photo by Pfc. Choi-Yu gang, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)



(Photos by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)



WARRIOR FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division kicked off July in true Warrior fashion with the celebration of the 38th Annual 2ID Warrior Friendship Week on Camp Casey, South Korea. WFW commenced with a three-mile Division run and a competitive 5K run, led by Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal, commanding general of the 2nd Infantry Division, and Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew J. Spano, senior enlisted leader for the division, followed by three days of competitive sports. The overall winner for WFW was the 210th Field Artillery Brigade and the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team as the runner up.



210TH SOLDIERS WIN COMPETITION



Soldiers from 2nd Infantry Division participated in 2nd Infantry Division Best Warrior Competition at Camp Casey, South Korea, April 7-11. The competition included a written exam, water survival test, combat focused fitness test, land navigation, foot march, live fire, and day stakes course. "This competition has been very competitive," said Sgt. Alex Garcia, a multiple launch rocket system operator from Weslaco, Texas, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th FA Bde. "The purpose behind this competition is honing our fundamental skills. So it really tests your physical endurance, your mental strength and overall stamina." (Photos by Sgt. Kwon Yong-joon and Spc. Jacqueline Dowland, 1ABCT PAO)

SOLDIERS EARN THEIR WINGS



Soldiers from around the Korean Peninsula had the rare opportunity to attempt one of the toughest schools the Army has to offer and earn the coveted Air Assault wings on Camp Hovey, South Korea, Sept. 9-20. On day zero, 277 Soldiers began the training, but by the end of the two-week course only 206 were wearing the Air Assault badge above their U.S. Army nameplate.

"The purpose of air assault training is to prepare the students to conduct missions and operations with both aircraft and infantry, so they can do medical rescue operations, move equipment and insert troops into remote or hard to access locations with the helicopters," said Staff Sgt. Micah Young, Air Assault instructor, Company B, Warrior Training Center, and native of Boise, Idaho. "The opportunity to teach this course in Korea is great for the Soldiers stationed here so they can learn these valuable skills. It also gives them a lot of motivation to train at one of the most advanced schools in the U.S. Army."

Photo by Pfc. Kim, Kyung-Gu, 2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office



EIB CHALLENGES

For five days, troops tested their Infantry skills by sprinting through lanes, reacting to direct fire, performing first aid, donning their protective masks, performing functions checks on numerous weapons and a host of other Soldiering skills. Out of the 524 Soldiers who started the training for the Expert Infantry Badge at Camp Casey, South Korea, Oct. 19-23, only 94 left with the badge on their chest. Out of the 94 Soldiers who left with the badge two of them were female South Korean Soldiers. They were not only the first South Korean female Soldiers to earn the badge but the first female Soldier for both U.S. and South Korea. "It doesn't matter if you are a female or male, the standard is the standard," said Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew J. Spano, 2nd Infantry Division leader. "This training has provided both of these warriors the skills to be more lethal on the battlefield." (Photos by Pak, Chin U, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)

EFMB CANDIDATES ENDURE TOUGH TRAINING



With two weeks of training and testing ahead of them, more than 80 medical Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division stood ready to earn the coveted Expert Field Medical Badge less than 15 miles from the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone on Camp Casey, South Korea, Nov. 14-24.

But when graduation day arrived, only 10 remained and were pinned with the EFMB on their uniforms. The EFMB is regarded as one of the toughest badges to earn in the U.S. Army and is considered the crowning achievement for the military medical community.

"This process is not an easy feat," said Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew J. Spano, senior enlisted leader of the 2nd Inf. Div. and the guest speaker at the graduation ceremony. "It is difficult, but it has to be. We want our medical personnel to be trained to higher standards, so our Soldiers know if they were to ever fall on the battlefield, they have a greater chance of survival because our medics are life savers."

Photo by Pfc. Choi, Yu-Gang, 2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office

GUNNERY



“The mission is to deter aggression in South Korea and maintain the peace on the peninsula.”

Lt. Col. Matthew Ketchum,
6-17 Cav Commander

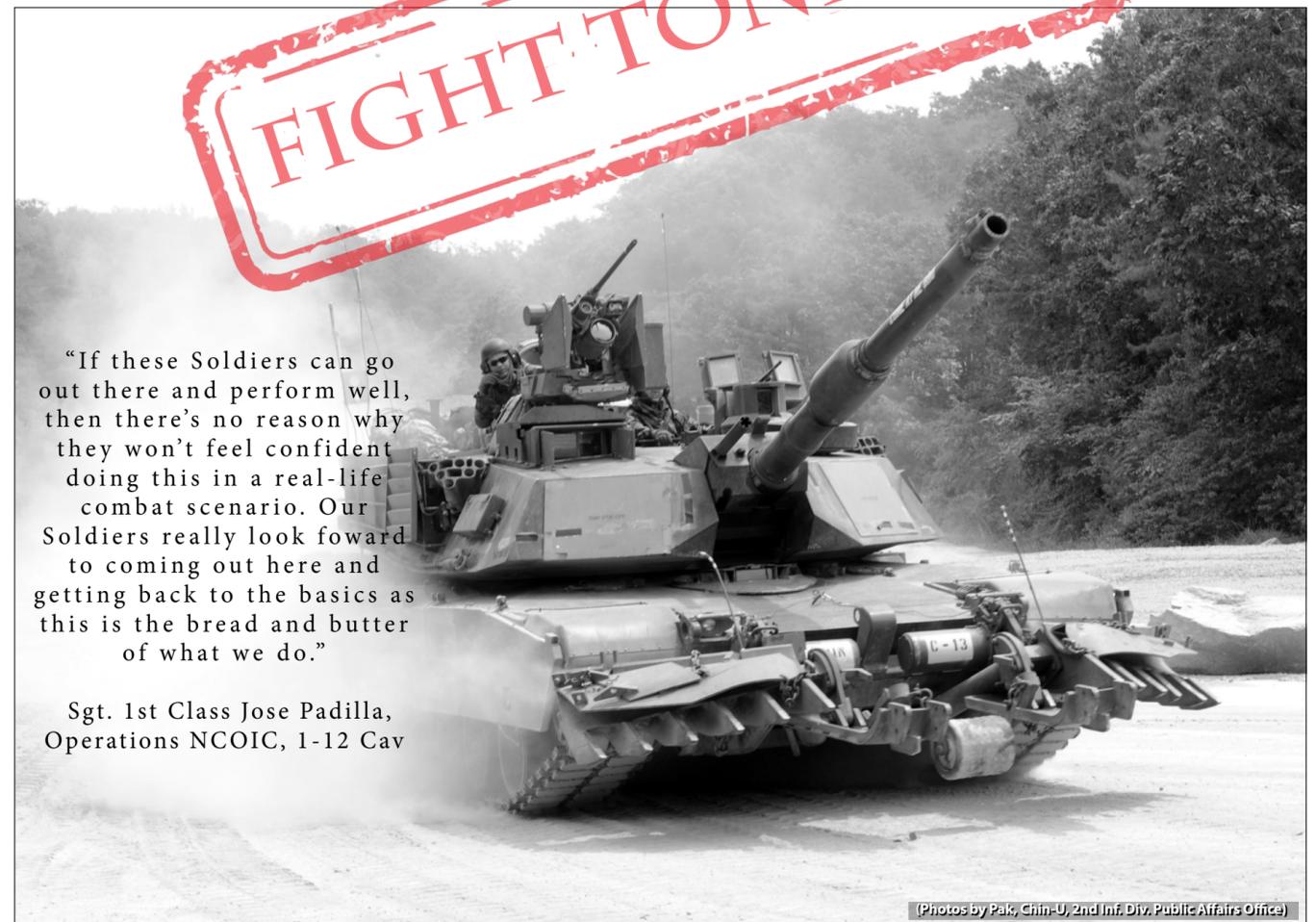
FIGHT TONIGHT



(Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Vincent Abril, 2nd CAB Public Affairs Office)



FIGHT TONIGHT



“If these Soldiers can go out there and perform well, then there’s no reason why they won’t feel confident doing this in a real-life combat scenario. Our Soldiers really look forward to coming out here and getting back to the basics as this is the bread and butter of what we do.”

Sgt. 1st Class Jose Padilla,
Operations NCOIC, 1-12 Cav

(Photos by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)

NON COMBATANT EVACUATION EXERCISE



Families, U.S. military personnel and civilians from Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, participated in Courageous Channel on Camp Red Cloud, Oct. 2. Courageous Channel is a noncombatant evacuation operation which enables U.S. military dependents, non-emergency essential civilians and contractors to walk through the process that would be used in the event of an evacuation. (Photo by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)

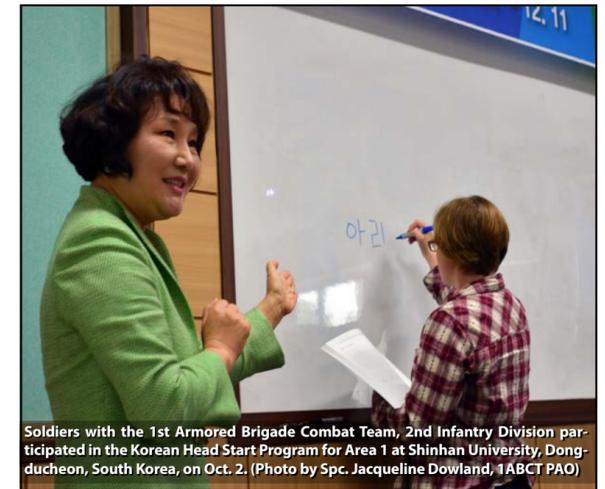
2ID Commemorates the 239th U.S. Army Birthday



The 2nd Infantry Division Command Team joined Soldiers during a cake-cutting ceremony in celebration of the 239th Army Birthday at the CG's Mess at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, June 11. (Photo by Master Sgt. Jason Baker, 2nd Inf. Div. G-7)



Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment out of Fort Hood Texas played basketball at Camp Stanley, South Korea Nov. 27. The troops are here on a nine-month rotation to South Korea. (Photo by Spc. Jacqueline Dowland, 1ABCT PAO)



Soldiers with the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division participated in the Korean Head Start Program for Area 1 at Shinhan University, Dongducheon, South Korea, on Oct. 2. (Photo by Spc. Jacqueline Dowland, 1ABCT PAO)

FUN AND MORE IN KOREA



Newly arrived Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, participated in the Korean Head Start Program hosted by Kyungmin College in Uijeongbu, South Korea, Oct. 15. (Photo by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)



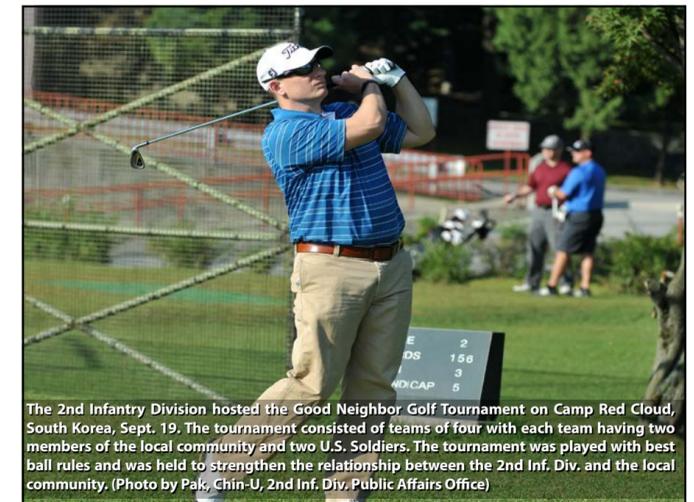
The Area 1 Annual Intramural Flag Football League was held to build camaraderie and morale among Soldiers in Area 1. (Photo by Sgt. Lee, Dong Hyun, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)



Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division participated in Spoken Word/Poetry Night hosted by the 2nd Inf. Div. Equal Opportunity Office at Mitchell's Community Club on July 17. (Photo by Cpl. Baek Seong Hyeon, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)



Soldiers from 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, competed in the 8th Wang-bang International Mountain Bike Race October 19, in Dongducheon, South Korea. Over 2000 people participated in the 35km race. (Photo by Cpl. Song Gun-woo, 210th Field Artillery Brigade Public Affairs)



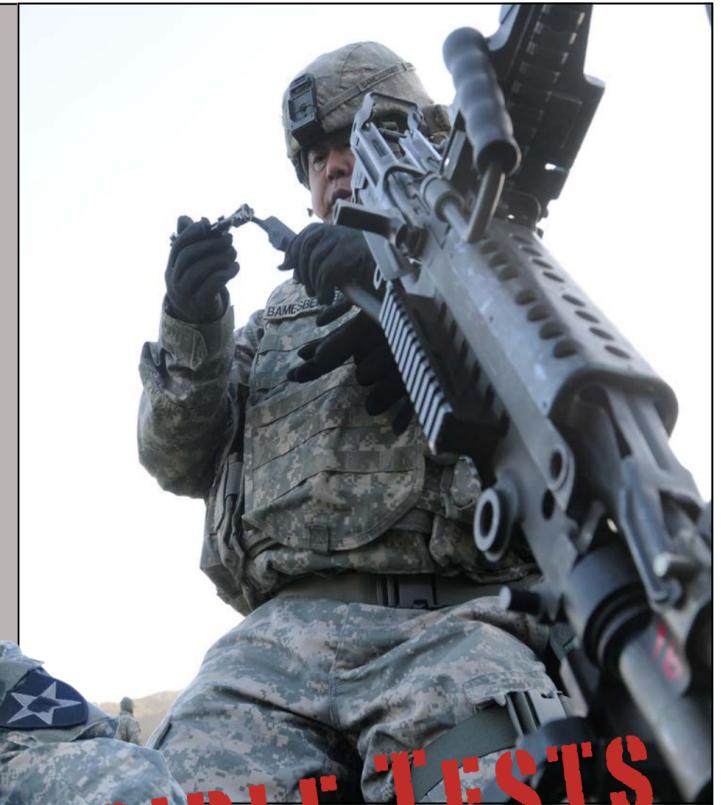
The 2nd Infantry Division hosted the Good Neighbor Golf Tournament on Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, Sept. 19. The tournament consisted of teams of four with each team having two members of the local community and two U.S. Soldiers. The tournament was played with best ball rules and was held to strengthen the relationship between the 2nd Inf. Div. and the local community. (Photo by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)



Family



(Photos by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)



**WARRIOR CRUCIBLE TESTS
LEADER PROFICIENCY**



Leaders from 2nd Infantry Division competed during the Warrior Crucible Dec. 2 at Camp Casey, South Korea, to build leader cohesion and demonstrate leader proficiency in Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills. The 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team received accolades from the Division Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal for winning first place during the competition. (Photos by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)