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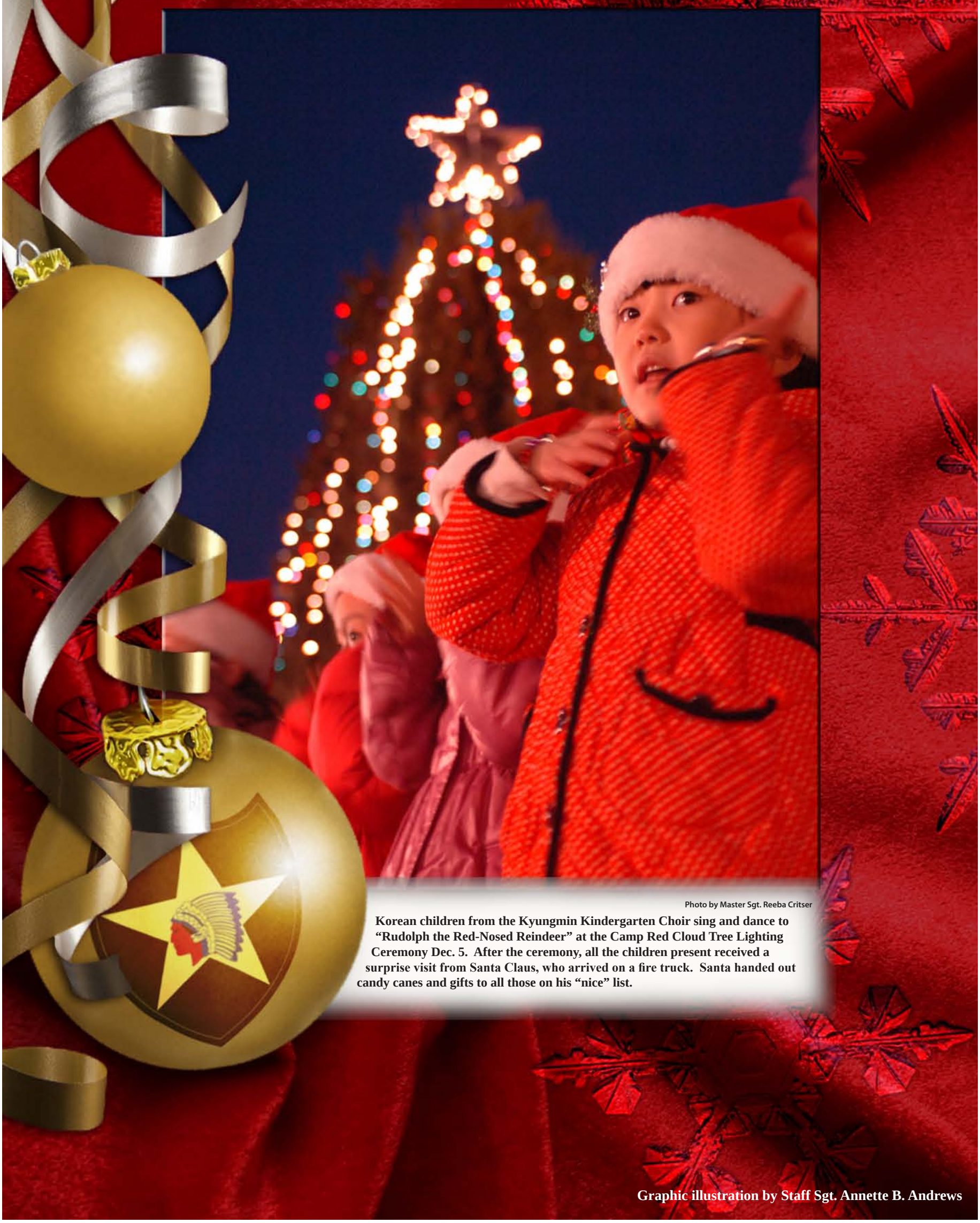

Photo by Master Sgt. Reeba Critser

Korean children from the Kyungmin Kindergarten Choir sing and dance to "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" at the Camp Red Cloud Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 5. After the ceremony, all the children present received a surprise visit from Santa Claus, who arrived on a fire truck. Santa handed out candy canes and gifts to all those on his "nice" list.

Graphic illustration by Staff Sgt. Annette B. Andrews

VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:

What did you always want for Christmas but never got?

"I've always wanted to snowboard on Christmas Day."

Spc. Roberto Rosales
HSC, HHBN

"My whole family together in one house."

Spc. Michael Schuemann
HSC, HHBN

"A remote control car."

Pv2 Philip Wilkins
HSC, HHBN

"A New pair of work boots"

Pv2 Christopher Trembler
552 Signal Co., 41st Signal Battalion

"Red Ryder BB gun."

Pfc. Zach McGregor
Co., A 1-15th FA

"A Go-Kart

Pfc. Ricardo Zambrano
Co., A 1-15th FA

UNDER THE OAK TREE

SEASON OF THE WARRIOR

By Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Eyer
Division Command Sergeant Major

As the holidays approach, along come the stresses of holiday planning and preparation. We, as a military force, work especially hard when it comes to these festivities. Wherever we are in the world we try to make it feel like home. However like all operations the planning is half the fun; done right it will make for a safe and enjoyable experience. It does not matter if it's just you and the kids or if the whole Family is coming over.

The right preparation is a must. This is where you become the logistical expert, from getting to your home, to the food you are eating and the drinks you are serving; then getting everyone home safely. Send strip maps out with your phone numbers included. Have a plan for weather, because extra Family members are nice to have around, but not for a week at a time. Ensure you have as much non-alcoholic drinks as you have alcoholic beverages and plenty of drinks for the kids.

You might want to do a dry run to the hospital or clinic that will be open on the day of your holiday party, because for some unknown reason Family likes to get hurt at the wrong time. And ensure everyone is safe to drive home or better still have a taxi company on speed dial.

For our single Soldiers you must be just as prepared. Many of you will travel great distances to either get home or visit friends. Again planning is the key. Just like any military mission, a good plan with PCC/PCI and rehearsals will be the key to a successful holiday.

I ask you all to be alert to changes in your battle buddies and Family members during the holiday season. For the holiday season can be a stressful time, especially if this is their first time away from home for the holidays.

I ask leaders to pay particular attention to what and where your Soldiers are.

We have had a successful year. However to continue to be successful we must continue to be vigilant both on and off duty. Take extra time with your Soldiers during "under the oak tree counseling," and stay in touch with battle buddies who are on leave.

Get out of the barracks, take advantage of the BOSS trips, go skiing, ice skating and the discount at the Dragon Hill Lodge. Get out and enjoy this wonderful culture. And lastly, have a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year.
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No cookies for these 'Girl Scouts'

Story and photos by
Sgt. 1st Class John D. Brown
1BCT Public Affairs

On the last Tuesday in November, before the sun could reach over the horizon to bring temperatures above the freezing mark, 109 Soldiers from across the 1st Brigade Combat Team, prepared to embark on one of the toughest challenges of their military career.

Over four days, these Soldiers, from the lowest ranking private to a brigadier general, would share one goal. That goal was to become a member of the Order of the Spur.

The Order of the Spur is a cavalry tradition that dates back to the earliest days of mounted cavalry. When a new trooper was assigned to a cavalry unit, the tail of his horse was shaved to quickly identify the Soldier as a novice in need of extensive training in order to become proficient in their new career field.

The new troopers, commonly referred to as "Shaved Tails," were expected to demonstrate the physical strength, mental agility, stamina, and leadership skills required to be worthy of wearing spurs.

Today, units like the 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, keep that tradition alive by hosting semi-annual "Spur Rides" to honor the Cavalry tradition, and promote esprit de corps.

So on that cold November morning, as cadre from 4th Sqdn., 7th CAV, surveyed the crop of potential Shaved Tails, two faces stood out from the crowd.

Of the 109 Soldiers who volunteered to accept the challenge the Spur Ride offered, only two were female.

Spc. Nixaliz Vasquez, a 31-year-old transportation specialist attached to 4th Sqdn., 7th CAV, and Capt. Nerea M. Cal was a Black Hawk pilot serving in the 1BCT Brigade Aviation Element.

"I knew we'd be a minority . . . given that it's a cavalry squadron . . .but generally in my career field I've been one of a very few, if not the only, female," remarked Cal.

In order to successfully complete the 4th Sqdn., 7th CAV, Spur Ride, Soldiers had to score 270 out of 300 on the Army Physical Fitness Test on Day 1, complete a 4-mile run in under 36 minutes on Day 2, successfully pass a history exam over cavalry history, and then complete a gauntlet of cavalry specific tasks along a nearly 18-mile road course while carrying a 45-pound pack within a 12-hour window that began the evening of Day 3 and ended the morning of Day 4.

For Vasquez and Cal, the APFT posed little challenge. "I find myself to be physically fit . . . I was told the Spur Ride would be challenging when I first got here and I wanted to see," said Vasquez.

Boasting near perfect scores at the end of Day 1, both Vasquez and Cal were confident going into Day 2, but Mother Nature wanted to ensure that the 4-mile run was no cakewalk.

As the "Shaved Tails" gathered in the pre-dawn hours of day two, a mix of rain and snow began falling as the Soldiers prepared to begin the second phase of their quest for spurs.

On this day, however, Mother Nature would lose the battle as both Cal and Vasquez crossed the finish line with several minutes to spare.

Capt. Nerea M. Cal (right), 1st Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, prepares to lead her team through the final phase of the "Spur Ride" as night falls on Day 3.

"I took it as a challenge and I'm never one to back down from a challenge," said Cal.

The next step was the history exam. Having not attended formal scout training, Vasquez and Cal had to prepare for the exam like college students cramming for finals. Though not easy, both Soldiers passed the exam with little difficulty.

Next it was time for the biggest challenge. Under the veil of night, Dec. 1, the weary Shaved Tails that remained in contention gathered near the 4th Sqdn., 7th CAV motor pool; divided into teams and began preparing for the trek that lay ahead.

Cal said that, "the Spur Ride shows you that people have strengths and weaknesses . . . to succeed you have to leverage the skills of your team, regardless of rank or background, from the lowest private to the team leader."

With the mandatory packing list strapped to their backs, Vasquez and Cal joined their respective teams and began that 18-mile road march back and forth across Camps Casey and Hovey, along the way they completed a series of six tasks which included the disassembly and reassembly of the Bradley Fighting Vehicle's 25mm machine gun, reacting to direct and indirect fire, and properly calling for artillery support.

Vasquez says, "It's the hardest thing I've ever done, I've never rucked so much – I had to ruck 12 miles years ago, but nothing like this."

After four days of rigorous physical training, limited rest, and a series of mental challenges, the troopers of 4th Sqdn., 7th CAV, welcomed 52 new members into the Order of the Spur, including Vasquez and Cal.

"It's important to continue to challenge yourself physically, mentally, and professionally, "added Cal,

"I've passed up on opportunities in the past and I regret it . . . you learn a lot about yourself . . . I think it [Spur Ride] is more of a daunting concept than an insurmountable challenge," concluded Vasquez.

Nation observes 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor

The USS Arizona burns and sinks following the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Dec. 7, 1941. In the background are the battleships USS West Virginia (left) and USS Tennessee, both damaged during the attack.

Army News Story
Compiled by J.D. Leipold

Seventy years ago on Dec. 7, 1941, at 7:55 a.m., more than 350 Japanese fighters, bombers and torpedo planes from six aircraft carriers roared across the Hawaiian sky and began unleashing their deadly payloads.

As ships of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor and planes of the Army Air Force at Hickam Field on the main island of Oahu, Hawaii, began exploding and burning, Sailors, Soldiers, Marines and Airmen ran for their weapons or helped the wounded to safety.

In less than two hours Japanese Imperial forces had killed more than 2,400 Americans and left another 1,282 wounded. That 110-minute attack also resulted in the award of 15 Medals of Honor, 51 Navy Crosses, 53 Silver Stars, four Navy and Marine Corps Medals, one Distinguished Service Medal and three Bronze Stars.

The next day, as the country lay in shock, President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress to declare war on Japan with his famous "day of infamy" speech, officially bringing America into World War II. Four years would pass until the globe was at peace again.

Seven decades following the attack, President Barack Obama proclaimed Dec. 7 as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day encouraging businesses, local governments, groups and individuals to fly the American flag at half-staff.

"We honor the more than 3,500 Americans killed or wounded during that deadly attack and pay tribute to the heroes whose courage ensured our nation would recover from this vicious blow," Obama wrote in the proclamation.

"Their tenacity helped define the Greatest Generation and their valor fortified all who served during World War II. As a nation, we look to Dec. 7, 1941, to draw strength from the example set by these patriots and to honor all who have sacrificed for our freedoms," the proclamation states.

In a later statement issued by the White House press secretary, Obama drew a parallel to today's service members.

"And, as today's wars in Iraq and Afghanistan come to an end and we welcome home our 9/11 Generation, we resolve to always take care of our troops, veterans and military families as well as they've taken care of us," he said.

Warhorse Battalion trains to maintain

Photos by Spc. Peter Adams

A Soldier from the 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, carries a casualty to safety while reacting to contact during the battalions Combat Patrol Qualification course Nov. 1-14 at Warrior Base. Soldiers train extensively in preparation for the qualification lanes.

Story by
By Staff Sgt. Vincent Abril
2nd CAB Public Affairs

Aviation support Soldiers spent 14 days alongside the "Warhorse Battalion," who together conducted combat patrol qualifications at Warrior Base near Panmunjom, South Korea.

Pfc. Flor Gonzalez of the 602nd ASB, 2nd CAB, mans the turret of her tactical vehicle during combat patrol qualifications Nov. 1-14 at Warrior Base near Panmunjom, South Korea. Soldiers of the battalion receive vital training covering many warrior tasks and battle drills.

During the exercise Soldiers from 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, trained with Soldiers from Company E, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd CAB, on a variety of essential tasks related to conducting convoy operations.

This included reacting to and identifying improvised explosive devices, reacting to contact, convoy troop leading procedures, individual battle drills, as well as securing and cordoning an area.

"We put our Soldiers out on a convoy live-fire testing them on all of the individual crew level tasks they would encounter if they were to go out and conduct actual combat patrols," said Maj. Robert T. Hoffman, executive officer of 602nd ASB and officer in charge of the exercise.

The training also included virtual and simulated scenarios including the Humvee Egress Trainer Assessment and Virtual Battle-Space Two, a videogame-like simulator, which required Soldiers to react to operational situations they might face during a real combat patrol.

"The Soldiers performed admirably and worked together as a team. You could see the light bulb come on during training and how they understood the importance of all the training they received," said Hoffman.

The virtual classroom experience lead up to the live-fire portion that provided the Soldiers with the necessary know-how to succeed during the actual qualifications.

"Our training was based on a crawl, walk, run method. Starting with the crawl phase during the electronic simulator, better preparing the Soldiers for the scenarios they would face during the qualification phase," Hoffman said.

During the two-week training and qualifications event, the battalion also held an M16, M240 crew served weapon and M249 squad automatic weapons range to ensure Soldiers were qualified prior to taking on the CPQ lanes.

"I think our Soldiers did a great job and to see the leadership aspect come out of them during the live-fire scenarios was great," said 1st Lt. LeRae Brown, fuel and water platoon leader for Company A, 602nd ASB, and convoy commander during the CPQ's.

The combat patrol qualifications were part of the 2nd Infantry Division's vision to help prepare all its Soldiers to be more tactically motivated using lessons learned from Iraq and Afghanistan.

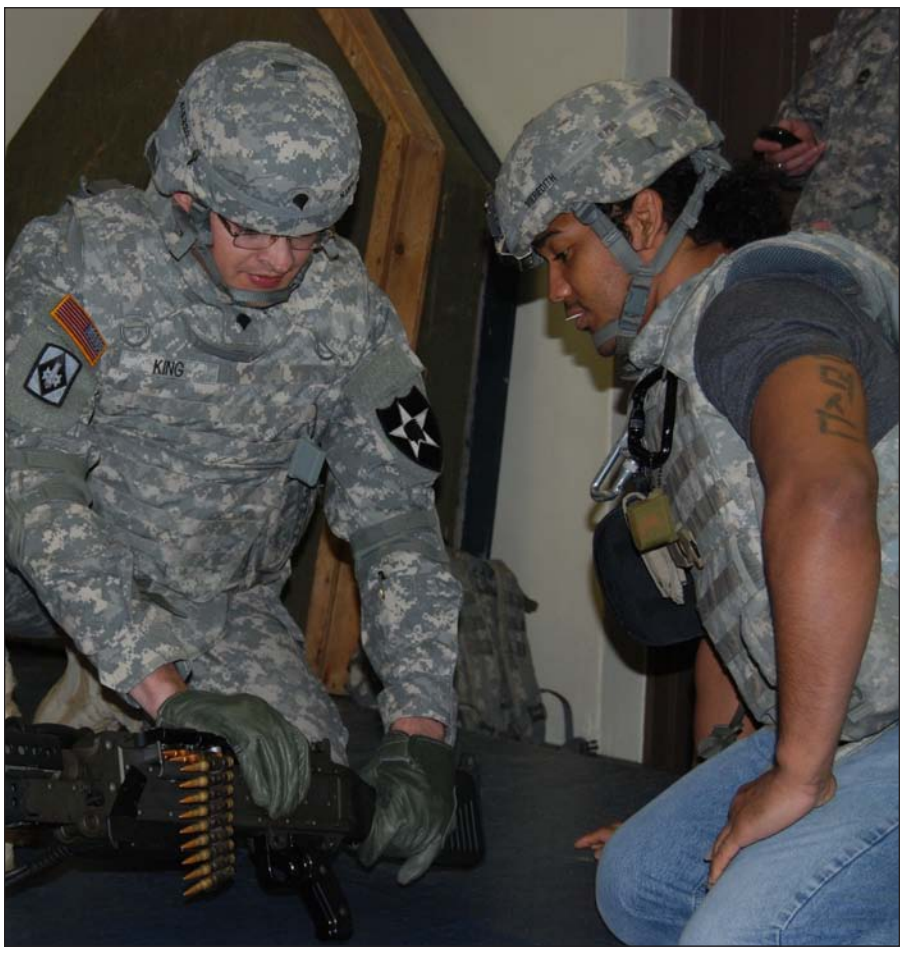
'Death Dealer' Soldiers keep watch over Warrior Country

Photo By Cpl. Tim Oberle

An AH-64 Apache Longbow from the 4th Attack Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, takes off from an assembly area near Wonju, South Korea, during a field training exercise Dec. 5-9. The "Death Dealer" Soldiers train for chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear attacks and patrols the skies during the week-long exercise. The battalion's pilots also flew on reconnaissance routes around the Korean Peninsula. These regular exercises maintain the sharp senses of seasoned Warriors and hones their new Soldiers' skills.

Sports personalities Soldier up

Jeff Hammond, Fox Sports NASCAR announcer; Jay Glazer, Fox Sports NFL announcer, and Ben Henderson, Ultimate Fighting Championship fighter, pose for a photo after going through the HEAT trainer simulator with B Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, Nov. 23.



Ben Henderson, Ultimate Fighting Championship fighter, is taught how to use a weapon during a simulated EST turkey shoot with Soldiers Nov. 23.

Story and photo by
Staff Sgt. Kenneth G. Pawlak
1BCT Public Affairs

Fox Sports broadcasters and Ultimate Fighting Championship fighter Ben Henderson visited Camps Casey and Hovey to boost morale and participate in training with Soldiers Nov. 23. Fox Sports also filmed footage of the visit to use during the Detroit Lions vs. Green Bay Packers football game on Thanksgiving Day.

"So many troops throughout the world are fighting for our freedom, we [Fox Sports] wanted to make sure the troops in South Korea were not forgotten," said Jay Glazer, Fox Sports NFL announcer and host of the Glazer's Edge.

While on the camps, the Fox personalities spent time in the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer; "fired" on the Equipment Simulation Trainer for a simulated turkey hunt with the M240B machine gun; watched a Tae Kwon Do demonstration with students from Casey Elementary School; were some of the first visitors to South Korea to witness the technological advancements of the new Bradley Fighting Vehicle; and finished the day with an autograph session at the post exchange.

"I was very impressed with the opportunity to experience training that you can see the benefits of," said Jeff Hammond, Fox Sports NASCAR announcer. "The [HEAT] training allows the troops reactions to become second nature to them so it does not become a panic situation.

"It's like in a pit stop, when you get a pit stop down pat it all happens because of natural reactions," said Hammond.

"It was great to show the guys our perspective of training and have the broadcasters experience the training that we [Soldiers] go through," said Spc. Matthew Valloni, a scout with B Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

Experiencing the training with the Soldiers was one way to boost morale and give back to the Soldiers.

"By coming over, it gave me an opportunity to see firsthand what the Soldiers are going through," said Hammond. "I know how blessed I am to live in the U.S.A. and to have these men and women taking care of business."

Modern Army Combatives Program spreads like wildfire

Story by Cpl. Tim Oberle
and Pvt. Ahn Byung-Hoon
2nd CAB Public Affairs

The world of Mixed Martial Arts exploded onto the American television landscape during the early 1990's with the advent of a new mainstream sporting event called the Ultimate Fighting Championship.

Around this same time, leaders from Fort Benning, Ga., began to take notice of the sport's superiority over other forms of hand-to-hand combat. Finally in 1995, the fighting styles effectiveness coupled with the need for an Army-wide unified hand-to-hand combat fighting style, led to the creation of the Army's own form of mixed martial arts called the Modern Army Combatives Program.

Since its beginnings at Fort Benning, MACP has spread like wildfire across the rest of the Army and most recently took root at U.S. Army Garrisons across the Korean Peninsula.

"The Modern Army Combatives Program started in 1995 with Sergeant First Class Matt Larsen at Fort Benning and spread throughout the Army," said Staff Sgt. Anthony J. Wikstrom, the host of the tournament from the 498th Combat Service Support Battalion at Camp Carroll. "There are fights at major bases all around the globe and we are trying to mirror what the rest of the Army is doing."

Since the sport's induction here in Korea, the Camp Carroll Fitness Center has played host to the peninsula-wide MACP tournaments and the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, MACP team from Camp Humphreys has taken the overall team championship in the last two tournaments with the most recent win during a tournament Nov. 11-13.

On the first day of the three-day event, competitors weighed-in to determine their weight class. Competitors then engaged in three rounds of fighting.

"You have to beat your opponent on the ground to make it to the finals and to do that it requires all aspects of fighting and a well-rounded fighter," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael A. Craig, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd CAB. "To be a well-rounded fighter, you need to close the distance, gain dominant position, and finish the fight."

At the completion of the tournament, judges presented trophies to the best individual competitors and the best overall team. There was a sense of déjà vu when the 2nd CAB MACP team walked away from the tournament with the top honors.

"We went in with fewer fighters this time than we did in August, but our Soldiers really came through and placed, giving us the lead going into the final rounds," said Craig. "I think that the win just puts the icing on the cake because our Soldiers work so hard in training."

Soldiers stationed at Camp Humphreys interested in joining the 2nd CAB MACP team can stop in at the Camp Humphreys Super Gym for more information.

"We take people, from all the units, with any type of experience," said Capt. Nicholas A. Lucchetti, from HHC, 2nd CAB. "Anyone can come down to learn how to defend oneself and combatives can really help one gain confidence and it is one of the best types of physical training you can get."

Photo by Pvt. Ahn Byung-hoon

Two Soldiers compete Nov. 12 during a Modern Army Combatives Tournament at Camp Carroll, South Korea. The MACP was developed during the 1990's at Fort Benning, Ga., and has since spread through the Army like wildfire.

Continuing effort to prevent sexual harassment

Story by
Master Sgt. Michelle M. Johnson
2nd ID Public Affairs

Brigadier General Charles Taylor, 2nd Infantry Division assistant commander for maneuver, will take the lead as the senior officer on the Area I Sexual Assault Review Board, starting immediately.

The board is responsible for reviewing open sexual assault cases and making recommendations to the chain of command on the next steps for victims and offenders.

The move is part of what the division commander says is a continuing effort to prevent sexual harassment and assault.

"Ninety-nine point nine percent of our Soldiers are doing the right thing, but even one case of sexual misconduct is one too many. Sexual misconduct breaks trust, is absolutely against our values as professional Soldiers, and can have a significant impact on the alliance and our ability to accomplish our mission," said Edward C. Cardon, the 2nd Infantry Division commanding general.

Previously, the board post was held by the garrison commander. But, most of the Soldiers involved in cases – whether they be victims, responders, perpetrators or their leaders – belong to the tenant units.

Taylor said having someone in this position on the committee will lead to better accountability by the chain of command.

"As a general officer in their chain of command, I have the needed connection to the Soldiers and leaders involved and will ensure the board's recommendations are followed-up through the chain of command," said Taylor.

Taylor has already received briefings from Dan Silvia, the Area I sexual assault response coordinator and plans to begin reviewing cases along with the rest of the board next month.

"I'm concerned with the question, 'are we doing things right; are we doing the right things; what are we missing?' We've added CCTV in the barracks, we've trained Soldiers. Are these the appropriate measures to take and how can we measure their effectiveness? As a member of the board I can bring all this data together and ensure we are doing what should be done to prevent these heinous acts," said Taylor.

Cardon sees Taylor's addition to the review board as part of a continuous effort against sexual assault and harassment in his division; prevention, response and review are the hallmarks of the plan.

The mission began days after Cardon took command, when he halted all operations for a full day so experts could conduct awareness and response training for all of the division's 9,000 uniformed personnel.

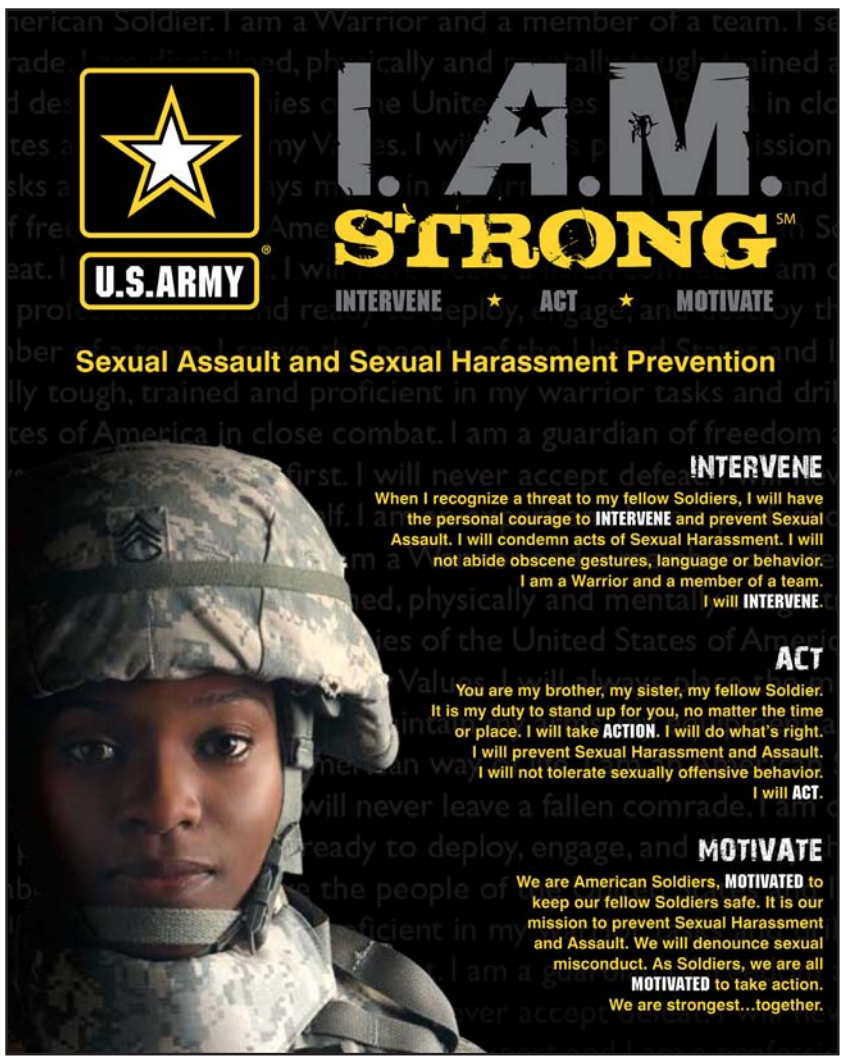
The division has also reached out to local Korean women's organization in Dongducheon City, the Korean National Police and local civilian leaders to discuss the issues, help educate Soldiers, coordinate joint law enforcement patrols of entertainment districts and help identify "at risk" Soldiers who may be drinking too much to prevent incidents from ever occurring.

Beginning mid-December, each class of newly-arrived Soldiers at the Warrior Readiness Center will receive Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program training to help reinforce Army Values and emphasize the division's zero-tolerance policy on sexual assault and harassment.

The division's Responsible, Educated, Alcohol-Limiting Warriors committee is also focusing on creative training tools like the interactive play "Sex Signals" and the speaker's program "Can I Kiss You," which all Soldiers were required to attend in November, as ways to bring awareness to the issue and prevent assaults.

Taylor sees his position on the SARB as a means to synergize all efforts to ensure they are synchronized and coordinated across the Division.

"We're looking at what happened in each case, how we can prevent another incident and reviewing policies, procedures and regulations that could be tweaked to prevent these cases," said Taylor, "This is an Army priority and it's our obligation."



I. A.M. STRONG is the Army's campaign to combat sexual assaults by engaging all Soldiers in preventing sexual assaults before they occur.

Grounded by our shared belief in the Army values, we are a band of brothers and sisters, placing mission first, never accepting defeat, never quitting and never leaving a fallen comrade. Our interdependence and shared respect among comrades frames who we are as a team and an Army – team that finds sexual assault reprehensible and beyond toleration. Those who commit assaults hurt a member of our team and wound our Army. This criminal act is cowardly and damaging to the very moral fiber that gives our Army its innermost strength.

As Soldiers and proud members of our team, we are duty bound to Intervene, Act, and Motivate (I. A.M,) others to stop sexual assaults and the sexually offensive language and gestures that create an environment friendly to this abuse.

Novelist speaks about dating scene

The author of the book, *Can I Kiss You?*, Mike Domitrz, talks to Soldiers in Warrior Country Nov. 22-23 about sexual assault awareness.

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

The annual Warrior Speaker Program kicked off here in Warrior Country with acclaimed novelist and public speaker Mike Domitrz spoke to Soldiers Nov. 21-23 on Warrior Country installations about sexual assault awareness and the realities of intimacy in the current dating scene.

During the hour-long presentation Domitrz connected with Soldiers by inviting them up on stage for an interactive portion that kept the audience clamoring for more.

From there Domitrz introduced the audience to clever ways of approaching the anxiety and uneasiness of dating in a culture where you need to ask before you act.

"How will you know when it is the right time to make your move?" asked Domitrz. "Will it make you look like a loser if you ask to kiss your partner?"

"You simply can't rely on body language anymore because it is unreliable even when you have known a person for a long time," said Domitrz. "Even married people misread body language, so the only way you can really know for sure is to ask."

Throughout the afternoon the main point that Domitrz wanted to drive home was that it is better to ask than to get in trouble for sexual assault.

"If someone is really attracted to you than they will appreciate the respectful gesture," said Domitrz, "and you will walk away from it feeling better because you will know the intimate feelings were mutual."

Following the presentation Domitrz allowed the Soldiers to ask questions and handed out prizes to those in attendance including shirts and bracelets.

Soldiers celebrate education week

Pfc. Maricris Celas Cosejo, from the 348th Quartermaster Company, 194th Combat Support Supply Battalion, studies at the Camp Humphreys Education Center Nov. 16 for an aviation maintenance course at Central Texas College.

Story and photo by
By Staff Sgt. Vincent Abril
2nd CAB Public Affairs

The Camp Humphreys Education center celebrated Army Education Week Nov. 14 -18 at Camp Humphreys highlighting Soldiers and their educational achievements while serving their country full time.

"I spent six years going to school part time and working full time with no clear path and finally decided to enroll in the Reserve Officer Training Corps program," said keynote speaker, Lt. Col George Ferido, deputy brigade commander of the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, as he offered words of inspiration to current and potential students seeking a higher education.

Ferido also reminded Soldiers of the vast amount of educational resources available to them while serving on active duty.

"Servicemembers are blessed with great educational opportunities sponsored and paid for by the Department of Defense that encourage you to get a degree," Ferido said. "As a Soldier, you should take full advantage of this while you can."

During the week Soldiers spoke of the hardships and experiences they had endured while pursuing a degree and serving their country full time.

"It's a struggle seeking education, but through dedication and perseverance Soldiers can accomplish their goals," said Spc. Jamie Sasse of Company A, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

The Camp Humphreys Education Center offered briefings during the week on educational programs and opportunities available to Soldiers that show an interest, but motivation seemed to be an over arching theme.

"The main message we want to share is that anything is possible," said Beverly Suenaga, the education service officer of the Camp Humphreys Education Center.

Katchi Kapshida

Story By William Eric Davis
Professor, Daejin University

For the past few years, Daejin University and the U.S. Army have been meeting up for hiking trips, museum visits, temple tours and bowling sponsored by the Gyonggi-do Office of Military and Government Cooperation Division.

These meetings have helped to spawn a new attitude among the students, According to Professor Yang Kyoon Won, Chairman of the Daejin University English Department.

"We are now seeing our students travel to America on exchange programs on a regular basis," he said. "This is a very exciting time for our university. We currently have students at universities in Missouri and Kentucky and we're expanding our global reach. We're very excited to see our students succeed in English-only environments. And we think our partnership with the Gyonggi-do Office of Military and Government Cooperation Division has helped to boost our program to an even higher level."

Students had a chance to visit the Camp Red Cloud 2nd Infantry Division Museum, bowl and eat pizza with their American counterparts on their most recent outing in a place that one student from Daejin University, Nam Yejee, described as "Little America."

"I had a great time," said Park Mirae, a student. "The Soldiers are very kind to us. And they're just nice people."

Concerts on the Village Green offered Koreans and Americans a chance to share in a universal language, music, which has been known to bring people together.

"It's a great opportunity to meet with native speakers and we had fun listening to some really good musicians, both Korean and American. There was also a B-boy dance team that performed, and so I think the American people got to see some very talented Korean performers," said Cho So Yeon, a regular at CRC's summer concert series.

Students also made friends with Americans during hiking tours along the fence-line near North Korea.

"I really found out that the American Soldiers are not so different than us," said Kim Soon Mee. "Getting to know them helps us speak English with more confidence. And for them, spending time with us I think makes them feel bonds of friendship and less of a feeling of homesickness."

Kim is now beginning a one-year internship as a Korean language and culture guide at Camp Stanley.

"If it hadn't been for MGCD friendship program, I would have never gotten this opportunity," she said.

Strong Bonds Program promotes healthy relationships

Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division, 1st Brigade Combat Team, participate in the Strong Bonds Program retreat Oct. 27-29 at the Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul.

Story and photo by
Staff Sgt. Kenneth G. Pawlak

Looking for love in all the wrong places could be avoided with assistance from the Strong Bonds program that helps Soldiers build healthier friendships and relationships.

1st Brigade Combat Team Soldiers met at the Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul for a Strong Bonds retreat, Oct. 27-29, and received "tools" for starting and maintaining better connections.

"Strong Bonds is a unit-based, chaplain-led program, which assists commanders in building individual resiliency by strengthening the Army Family," said Sgt. Stephen Fassett, chaplain assistant, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion. "A strong Soldier is a strong Army."

Soldiers are taught a deeper understanding of relationships and what to explore when looking for a partner.

Spc. Andrew Hudson, Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, is a Soldier that invested his time at the retreat to learn how to improve his personal life.

"I went expecting to learn about relationships and build stronger bonds amongst my peers," said Hudson. "It was more than just a chance to get away but an opportunity to learn more in depth about finding a partner."

One of the perks to attending the retreat was Soldiers received a workbook called "How to Avoid Falling for a Jerk," not only a visual aid, but something solid to refer to as they improve their communication skills.

This program teaches Soldiers how to make good relationship choices through the use of a Relationship Attachment Model, RAM.

"RAM teaches Soldiers to get to know their partner, develop trust, ways to rely on someone, form a commitment, and properly express themselves physically and emotionally," said Fassett.

"We teach single Soldiers how to be better prepared to get into a healthy marriage so that there is less stress in that marriage," said Fassett.

The RAM conceptualizes the five bonding links; know, trust, rely, commit, and touch, which make up the closeness and connection in a relationship, according to "How to Avoid Falling for a Jerk."

"By using the RAM scale, I learned skills for building and maintaining a relationship," said Hudson. "I gained knowledge to make a more informed decision about relationships."

Besides gaining knowledge about building healthy relationships, the retreat was an opportunity for the Soldiers to relax for the weekend.

"Soldiers enjoy the retreats because the retreats take the Soldiers out of the 'madness' of their busy schedules and training which allows them to relax and open their minds," said Fassett.

Soldiers were given the time off from their company to go into Seoul for the retreat.

"I enjoyed the retreat and recommend this to every single Soldier. It will help in picking the right partner which will hopefully lead to marriage," said Hudson.

Season's Greetings

from South Korea

Camp Casey *Camp Hovey* *Camp Red Cloud* *Camp Stanley* *Camp Humphreys*

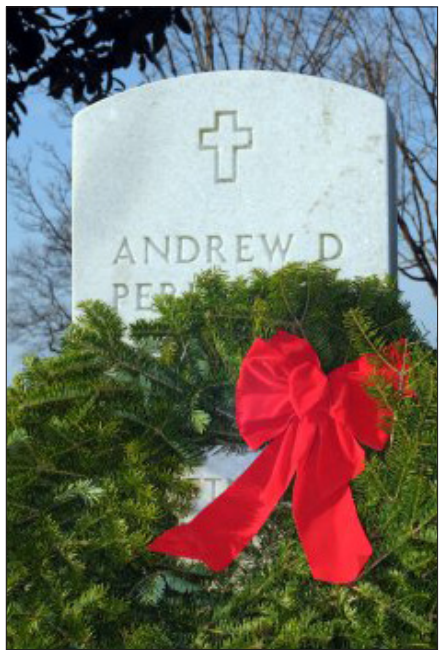
Special to the Indianhead: Remembrance

Holidays bring thoughts of gratitude for selfless service

Army News Service

Spc. Tyler Ahrens, a military policeman from the 488th Military Police Company, Maine Army National Guard, renders a hand salute Dec. 10 after laying a wreath upon a grave at Arlington National Cemetery. Ahrens has attended the wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetry six times and has been asked to escort Sir Stanley A. Wojtusik for the past two years. Wojusik is a World War II veteran who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and who now serves as member of the board of trustees for Wreaths Across America.

A young boy places a wreath upon a grave of a fallen Soldier at Arlington National Cemetary Dec. 10,



This year, about 85,000 wreaths made their way from Maine to Arlington National Cemetary. Donations were made by both Americans and from wreath manufacturer Morrill Worcester, of the Worcester Wreath Company. Worcester began laying wreaths at the cemetery in 1992.

Story by C. Todd Lopez

Army News Service

As part of a tradition now 20 years old, thousands of volunteers showed up early morning at Arlington National Cemetery to place wreaths at the gravestones of those buried there.

This year, about 85,000 wreaths made their way from Maine to the cemetery -- donations from both Americans and from wreath manufacturer Morrill Worcester, of the Worcester Wreath Company. Worcester began laying wreaths at the cemetery in 1992.

Thousands of volunteers, including civilians from Virginia, Maryland and Maine as well as other parts of the country, along with service members, and young people from scouting and cadet programs, gathered in the Memorial Amphitheater at the cemetery before placing the wreaths.

Speaking to the crowd were both Morrill and wife Karen Worcester -- founders of the "Wreaths Across America" program. Volunteers from the program brought wreaths to Arlington and 740 other cemeteries this year. Also speaking were Kathryn A. Condon, executive director, Army National Cemeteries Program, and Wayne Hanson, chairman of the board for Wreaths Across America.

Hanson said the wreaths were a "thank you for the service and sacrifice" of those buried in the cemetery.

After Hanson's words, the crowd poured into the cemetery and volunteers gathered around the several tractor trailers that had carried the wreaths down the east coast from Maine. When the doors opened, volunteers passed boxes of wreaths out to the waiting crowds, who quickly distributed the wreaths among eager hands to place on grave sites.

Special to the Indianhead: Spouses' Column

Make it a Christmas adventure to remember

Story by Kelley Scrocca

Warrior Country Spouse

Christmas is fast approaching for us here in Korea. Luckily, Christmas is a holiday that many Koreans share with us as well, so there are sights, sounds and events that we can take part in to get a bit of that Christmas feeling. Only 25 percent of the Korean population is Christian, so although Christmas is an official holiday it is not one of Korea's largest holiday celebrations. Exchanging gifts is common in Korean, although often fewer gifts are given than we may be used to in the U.S. and money is a common gift to exchange. Lights, a tree, decorations, caroling and even Santa are also common parts of Christmas in Korea.

Unfortunately Christmas in Korea also means a holiday spent without most of the Family and traditions many of us are used to taking part in. Missing traditions that happen every year, not having that Christmas meal or thoughts of grandparents at home missing out on Christmas spent with a young grandchild can easily lead to sad thoughts during this holiday season and perhaps some frustration about having to be in a foreign country. Here are a few suggestions to help cope with some of these feelings:

1. Find or create your own special events to celebrate with the family and Friends you do have in Korea. Take advantage of events on post and seek out events off-post that interest you. This could include holiday concerts, sightseeing in Seoul to look at light displays or making reservations for dinner or plans to cook, perhaps even a pot-luck with others bringing favorite dishes that are part of their traditional Family meal.

2. Arrange time to call or Skype with your Family when they will be together celebrating. They would love to hear from you and if you Skype they can see you too. You could arrange to open their gifts while talking and they can pass "you" around to all in attendance. Although clearly not the same as being there, this can be quite uplifting for everyone on both ends and reiterates the importance of Family during the holiday season. Keep in mind the time difference, this will allow you to open your presents on Christmas morning while those back in the States are still enjoying Christmas Eve.

3. Save the gifts and cards you receive to open on Christmas. Sure you may be saving your gifts to open, but it's also nice to save the cards you receive to open later as well. This way, if you are feeling low and focused on being half a world away on Christmas Day you can open the cards and see all the people who are thinking of you.

4. Think of all the hassles you get to miss out on! This could be the drama and stress involved in Family get-togethers or general holiday nightmares like holiday office parties, travel troubles and delays or the joys (or horrors) of holiday shopping to include fights over parking, inconsiderate crowds and out-of-stock items.

5. Remember and celebrate the reasons why you are here. For those of us here with our Soldier spouse remember that we made the choice to come to Korea to be with him or her. When we made that choice we knew that we were setting off on an adventure, which would include missing events and holidays with people back home. Despite that knowledge, we opted to travel to a foreign land to live and spend time with our immediate family and the ones we love the most. Cherish them this holiday season. Be thankful you made the choice you did and don't let nostalgic thoughts of being home take away from what you do have right here in Korea.

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My Korea, My Life

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

My name: Sgt. Jorge G. Gomez

My job: I am a 91A, an M1A1 Abrams Tank Maintainer with Company E, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

My childhood ambition: When I was a child my father would take me to race tracks to watch muscle cars drag race. I always wondered what it was like behind the wheel of one of those machines.

My soundtrack: I listen to a little bit of everything but I would have to say Linkin Park's album Hybrid Theory.

My last purchase: Of course Call of Duty Modern Warfare 3. But if you asked about my most expensive purchase, my 2011 Dodge Nitro Shock. I love the color, Detonator Yellow.

My alarm clock: It's a Korean song I can't understand, but the title is "Daddy's Morning Call."

My fondest Memory: Like any father, it was the birth of my kids, but aside from that, my vacation in the Philippines would be my fondest memory.

My retreat: Relaxing on the beach of Puerto Guerria. The most beautiful place I ever saw.

My perfect day: Getting up early, going to Englishtown Raceway Park, and watching my dad race down the track.

My indulgence: Chips A'hoy cookies, a glass a milk and Reddi whip cream.

My wildest dream: To own a Ford GT40.

My Hobbies: Anything that involves cars or trucks racing, paintball and PS3.

My biggest challenge: My biggest challenge was losing weight to re-enlist. I used to be 250 pounds at one time and lost 20 pounds in two weeks just to re-enlist. I never worked out so hard in my life.

My proudest moment: The proudest I have ever been was the day my son and daughter were born. I was so proud of my wife.

My favorite music: I like everything, but If I had to choose it would be Hardbass music.

My inspiration: At one point and time I did it for my mom and dad. I was the oldest and hoped that being in the Army would make them proud of me. Now I do it for my mom, dad and my Family. I hope to give them a better life just like everyone wants for the Family.

My Korea, My Life: Korea is my life; it's where everything started. I came here at the age of 21; I was single and no kids. Now I'm 25, I'm married and have two kids. My tour really didn't go as planned but I can't complain. If I didn't volunteer to serve in the Land of the Morning Calm, I wouldn't have all the things I have now. My Family, friends that will last a life time, and plenty of stories to tell my grandkids. My Korea, My Life.

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.

Infantrymen send season's greetings

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Photo from www.olive-drab.com

Dressed in parkas, Missouri infantrymen pose for a New Year's greeting. The Soldiers were with the 19th Infantry Regiment, Kumsong front, South Korea. The photo was taken on Dec. 14, 1951.

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.

Camp Red Cloud DFACs

Kilborne DFAC is offering reduced rate meals for dependents of E-4's and below. Meal prices are as follows: breakfast $1.95, lunch and dinner $3.65, brunch $4.20, supper $4.95, and holiday meals are $5.95.

Kilbourne DFAC will be closed: Dec. 16-18, and will be open for brunch and supper on Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 30-31. Hours of operation for Christmas Day are breakfast 7-8 a.m., lunch 12-2 p.m., and dinner 4-5 p.m.

CG's Mess will be closed Dec. 23-26 and Dec. 30-31, and will be open for brunch and supper on Dec. 16-18.

All other days not specified will operate under normal buisness hours.

Passports and VISA photos

Passport and VISA photos will be available for anyone stationed in Area I starting January at the FMWR marketing office located in bldg. T-25 on Camp Red Cloud.

Photos will cost $10 and are processed same day. For more information call DSN 732-6274 or 9531.

Holiday dinner special

Area I clubs are offering a complete holiday dinner that serves 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.

Beware of spam

Some postal customers are receiving emails referencing a package delivery. These emails contain a link that when opened installs a malicious virus that can steal information from your personal computer.

Simply delete the message without taking any further action. The Postal Inspection Service is working to resolve the issue and shut down the malicious program. For more information call 1-800-275-8777.

Thrift Store donations

Donations to the Camp Red Cloud Second to None Thrift Shop may be made on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at bldg. 14, which is near the post exchange.

Donation times correspond with their hours of operation.

The store has a Facebook page, which can be searched for under "Second to None Thrift Store." For more information call 010-8060-0570 or email Second2NoneThriftStore@gmail.com.

Military identification cards

Photocopying of U.S. government identification is a violation of Title 18, U.S. Code Part I, Chapter 33, Section 701.

It is recommended that military and Department of Defense personnel provide a state drivers license or other form of photo identification to be photocopied if an establishment insists on a photocopy of a traveler's identification.

This does not apply to medical establishments or government agencies who may require a photocopy for official government or medical business.

Should you witness activity that may be criminal or terrorist in nature, contact the Pentagon Forces Protection Agency at DSN 703-692-2729.

Hospital tours

Tours of the St. Mary's and Dongguk University Hospital are scheduled for Dec. 19, Jan. 16, and Jan. 20. Buses are scheduled to depart the Camp Casey Clinic at 1 p.m.

Sign up at the Camp Casey Health Clinic or Casey Army Community Services Center. For more information call DSN 730-4332 or DSN 730-3107.

Holiday worship schedule

The Camp Casey Memorial Chapel hosts a Protestant Candlelight Service Dec. 24 at 6 p.m., and a Gospel New Year's Eve Service Dec. 31 at 10 p.m.

The Camp Stanley Chapel hosts a Protestant Christmas Eve Candlelight Services Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

The Camp Hovey Chapel hosts a Protestant Christmas Day Service Dec. 25 at 4 p.m.

The Camp Red Cloud Chapel hosts a Protestant Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Dec. 24 at 6 p.m., a Catholic Christmas Eve Mass Dec. 24 at 10 p.m., a Catholic Christmas Day Mass Dec. 25 at 9 a.m., a combine Protestant Service Dec. 25 at 11 a.m., and a COGIC New Year's Eve Service Dec. 31 at 10 p.m.

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/reeltimetheatres/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.

Dec. 16: 50/50 / Real Steel
Dec. 17: The Ides of March / Drive
Dec. 18: 50/50 / Moneyball
Dec. 19: Arthur Christmas
Dec. 21: Moneyball
Dec. 23: New Year's Eve (2)
Dec. 24: New Year's Eve / The Thing
Dec. 25: Johnny English / Paranormal Activity
Dec. 26: New Year's Eve
Dec. 28: The Three Musketeers
Dec. 30: Foot Loose / Sherlock Homes

Camp Red Cloud

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

Dec. 16: Hugo / The Thing
Dec. 17: The Ides of March
Dec. 18: Johnny English
Dec. 19: Real Steel
Dec. 20: Shark Night
Dec. 22: Arthur Christmas
Dec. 23: Alvin and The Chipmunks / The Thing
Dec. 24: The Three Musketeers
Dec. 25: Johnny English
Dec. 26: Paranormal Activity
Dec. 27: Foot Loose
Dec. 29: New Year's Eve
Dec. 30: New Year's Eve / In Time

Camp Hovey

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

Dec. 16: Drive
Dec. 17: Real Steel
Dec. 18: The Ides of March
Dec. 20: The Thing
Dec. 22: New Year's Eve
Dec. 23: The Thing
Dec. 24: Johnny English
Dec. 25: New Year's Eve
Dec. 27: Shark Night
Dec. 29: Sherlock Holmes
Dec. 30: Shark Night
Dec. 31: Paranormal Activity

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.

Dec. 16: Real Steel / The Ides of March
Dec. 17: Hugo (2)
Dec. 18: Hugo
Dec. 19: Drive
Dec. 21: New Year's Eve (2)
Dec. 22: 50/50
Dec. 23: Shark Night / The Thing
Dec. 24: Johnny English / The Thing
Dec. 25: Arthur Christmas
Dec. 26: Shark Night
Dec. 28: Sherlock Holmes (2)
Dec. 29: The Ides of March

Camp Humphreys

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

Dec. 16: The Ides of March (2)
Dec. 17: Arthur Christmas / The Ides of March
Dec. 18: Arthur Christmas / Moneyball
Dec. 19: Moneyball
Dec. 20: The Thing
Dec. 21: The Thing
Dec. 22: Shark Night
Dec. 23: New Year's Eve
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대화형 성범죄 예방 프로그램 "Can I Kiss You"

(위) 지난 11월 23일 캠프 호비 (Camp Hovey)에 위치한 호비 짐 (Hovey Gym)에서 열린 대화형 성범죄 예방 프로그램 '캔 아이 키스 유' 중 마이크 도미트리즈(Mike Domitrz) 초대강사가 제 1 전투여단 장병들에게 연설을 하고 있다.
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지난 11월 23일 캠프 호비 (Camp Hovey)에 위치한 호비 짐 (Hovey Gym)에서 미 2사단 리얼 워리어 스피커 프로그램 (2nd Infantry Division R.E.A.L. Warrior Speaker Program)의 일환으로 "Can I Kiss You" 프로그램이 진행되었다. 이 날 총 1100명에 이르는 제1전투여단 장병들이 참석했으며 이 프로그램은 미 육군 가치에 살고 있는 장병들에게 책임있고, 교육적이고, 술이 근절된 삶을 독려하기 위해 기획되었다.

"Can I Kiss You" 프로그램은 미 2사단 장병들에게 성범죄 예방교육을 목표로 진행되었다. 이 프로그램의 초청강사로 초빙된 마이크 도미트리즈(Mike Domitrz)는 수년째 성범죄 예방교육 프로그램을 다양한 청중들에게 전달해 왔다. 그는 현재까지 많은 중학교, 고등학교, 대학교 학생들과 군인들에게 이 주제에 대해 연설해왔다.

도미트리즈는 흥미 진진하고 열린 토론 형태의 연설을 이용해 장병들이 주제에 대해 좀 더 깊이 이해하고 개인적인 감정이 실릴 수 있도록 진행했다. 그가 자신의 여동생 또한 성폭행 피해자라고 밝혔을 때 1000명 이상 참여한 호비 짐이 침묵에 잠길 정도로 청중들은 그의 연설에 집중했다. 그는 "미 2사단 사단 군종목사인 앤드류 로랜스(LTC Andrew Lawrence) 중령으로부터 미 2사단 장병들에게 연설할 수 있도록 초대 받았고 나라를 지키는 장병들에게 내 이야기를 들려줄 수 있다는 것을 영광으로 생각한다"고 말했다.

그는 연설의 첫 시작을 이 문제에 대한 다양한 질문과 대답에 응한 이에게 티셔츠를 던져 주는 등 군중들의 호응을 이끌어내며 시작했다. 마이크는 먼저 일반적인 남자의 관점에서 술 취한 남녀의 상황을 제시하고, 그 상황에 대한 열린 질의 응답을 받았다. 그리고 똑같은 상황을 성폭행 피해자 가족의 입장에서 해석하고 설명했다. 마이크는 다양한 연설 테크닉과 상황극 지원자들을 이용해 이성에게 먼저 의향을 물어보는 것의 중요성과 술이 배제된 행동의 중요성을 강조했다.

2-9 보병대대 E중대 소속 조셉 피에로(PFC Joseph Fiero) 일병은 "아주 흥미로웠고 이해하기도 쉬웠다"고 말하고 "오래된 옛 속담 중에 사람들에게 잘 해주면 그들의 후원과 이해를 얻을 수 있고 그 반대로 행동하면 아무 것도 얻을 수 없다는 말이 있듯이, 이번 연설은 청중의 이해를 높이고 상황을 설명하는데 아주 적절했다"고 덧붙였다.

한편 로랜스 중령은 "이 프로그램의 기획 의도는 미 육군의 가치와 리얼 워리어 프로그램을 꾸준히 강조하기 위함이다"고 말하고 "이번 프로그램에 참가한 장병들이 이 시간을 즐기고 많이 배워가는 소중한 기회가 되길 바란다. 머리로만 배워가는 것만이 아닌 행동으로 옮기는 미 2사단 장병들이 되길 바란다"고 덧붙였다.

210 포병여단 소속 바비 맥지(SSG Bobby McGee) 하사는 "오늘 이 연설은 아주 에너지가 넘쳤고 통찰력이 있었으며 열띤 토론 방식이었다"고 말하고 "특히 똑같은 상황을 다른 면에서 보는 연설법은 매우 인상적이었다"고 덧붙였다.

이번 워리어 스피커 프로그램은 11월 21일부터 23일까지 이틀 동안 캠프 레드 클라우드 (Camp Red Cloud), 군산 미 공군 부대 (K16 Air Base), 캠프 험프리 (Camp Humphreys)와 캠프 호비에서 진행되었으며 총 6300여명의 미 2사단 장병들이 참여하였다.

<기사 및 사진 _ 이병 김명인 / 미 2사단 공보실>

제 602 항공지원대대, 전투정찰훈련을 진행하다

지난 11월 1일부터 14일까지 대한민국 판문점 근처 워리어 베이스 (Warrior Base)에서 열린 전투정찰훈련 중 "워호스 대대 (Warhorse Battalion)"라고도 알려져 있는 제 602 항공지원대대 제 2 항공여단의 플로 곤잘레스(PFC Flor Gonzales) 일병이 대기하고 있다.

지난 11월 1일부터 14일까지 "워호스 대대 (Warhorse Battalion)"라고도 알려져 있는 제 2 항공여단 제 602 항공지원대대는 대한민국 판문점 근처 워리어 베이스 (Warrior Base)에서 전투정찰훈련을 진행했다. 이 훈련은 미 2사단 작전부사단장인 찰스 L. 테일러(BG Charles L. Taylor) 준장이 이라크와 아프가니스탄에서의 경험의 토대로 사단내 장병들에게 동기부여를 하려는 계획의 일부다.

14일 간의 훈련 동안 제 2 항공여단 제 602 항공지원대대 장병들은 급조된 폭발물 식별, 호송부대 접촉, 각개전투와 영역 차단 등 호송작전들과 관련된 다양한 주요 임무에 대해 훈련을 받았다.

제 602 항공지원대대의 선임장교이자 이번 훈련의 책임장교인 로버트 T. 호프만(MAJ Robert T. Hoffman) 소령은 "우리는 장병들이 실제로 전투정찰을 수행할 때 접할 수 있는 모든 상황들에 대해 시험했다"고 말했다.

이번 훈련은 장병들이 실제 전투정찰 중 겪을 수 있는 상황에 대비하기 위해 가상 훈련도 함께 실시하였다.

가상 훈련부터 실제 훈련까지의 모든 훈련은 장병들이 실제 상황에서 필요한 노하우와 경험을 쌓는데 큰 도움을 주었다.

호프만 소령은 "이번 훈련은 포복, 보행, 구보에 기초했는데 장병들은 차례대로 실제 상황에서 나타날 수 있는 모든 상황에 대해 훈련 받았다"고 말했다.

또한 2주간의 훈련 동안 제 602 항공지원대대는 전투정찰훈련 전에 M-16, M-240, M-249 사격을 통해 장병들이 훈련 전 기본적인 준비가 되어 있도록 했다. 그리고 그 성과는 훈련 중 한 눈에 드러났다.

제 602 항공지원대대 A 중대의 르레 브라운(1LT LeRae Brown) 중위는 "병사들은 훌륭하게 임무를 수행했고 한 팀으로써 협동력도 발휘했다"고 말하고 "또한 자신들이 받는 훈련의 중요성과 의미도 파악했다. 자신이 무엇을 하고 있는지 정확히 안다는 것은 굉장히 중요한 일이다"고 덧붙였다.

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사진 _ 피터 아담스(PFC Peter Adams) 일병 / 제 602 항공지원대대 공보실
번역 _ 일병 노진환 / 미 2사단 공보실>

인디언헤드가 만난 사람들 "기억에 남는 크리스마스는?"

2-9 보병대대 E 중대
행정/PC 운용병 병장 주상호

저한테 있어서 가장 기억에 남는 크리스마스는 제가 어렸을 때 있었던 일 입니다. 제가 초등학생 때까지는 산타클로스가 실제로 존재한다고 믿었었습니다. 그래서 아침마다 일어날 때면 항상 머리맡에 있는 산타클로스의 선물부터 찾곤 했습니다. 제가 중학생이 되고 부터 산타클로스가 현실에 존재하지 않는다고 깨달았을 때는 더 이상 제 머리맡에는 선물이 없었습니다. 그래서 어느 크리스마스 날 제가 어머니한테 왜 선물을 주지 않았냐며 화냈던 기억이 납니다. 지금 생각해보면 참 유치한 일로 화를 낸 것이지만 어렸을 때의 마음으로는 많이 서운했었나 봅니다. 산타클로스가 실제로 존재하지 않더라도 산타클로스가 있다고 믿는 어릴 때의 꿈이 정말 그립습니다.

2-9 보병대대 E 중대
보급병 상병 김용재

2009년 크리스마스였습니다. 당시 대학교 1학년이었고 내년 OT때하는 밴드부 공연을 위해서 연습을 하고 있었습니다. 크리스마스 이브에 있었던 연습 도중에 동기들끼리 할 것 없는 사람들은 심심한데 술을 먹으러 가자라고 의견이 나와서 집에서 쉬고 있던 동기들도 불러 다 같이 왕십리로 술을 먹으러 갔습니다.

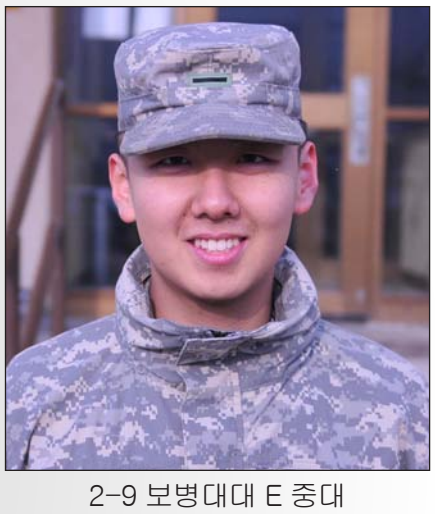
모인 사람 모두 커플이 아니다 보니 진짜로 술만 먹었는데 동기 몇 명이 크리스마스가 되는 것을 보지 못하고 기억을 잃고 쓰러져 택시를 타고 집으로 가는 것이었습니다. 하지만 저는 크리스마스가 되는 것을 보고 나서 집으로 실려갔으며 쓰러진 사람은 쓰러진 모습이 사진에 찍혀서 미니홈피에 개제가 되는 굴욕을 맛 보기도 했습니다.

2-9 보병대대 E 중대
행정/PC 운용병 일병 이승욱

저의 가장 기억에 남는 크리스마스는 부모님이 저 몰래 미국에 저를 보러 방문하셨던 적입니다. 제가 외국에 오랫동안 유학생활을 하면서 부모님이랑 오랫동안 떨어져 있어서 생일이나 각종 명절 때 같이 시간을 보낼 수가 없었습니다.

여느 크리스마스 때처럼 가족이랑 못 지내고 혼자서 지내야 된다는 생각을 하며 한 방울 눈물을 흘리던 찰나에 크리스마스 당일 날 부모님께 전화가 오셔서 미국에 도착하셨다고 하셨습니다. 그 땐 정말 너무 기뻤고 가장 오랫동안 기억에 남는 선물이 되었습니다.

정말 오랜만에 가족이랑 같이 보내는 크리스마스에 감사하고 부모님께 감사하고 항상 기억에 남는 추억을 남겨주신 것에 정말 감사합니다.



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공구보급병 이병 황동찬

자대 전입한지도 어느 덧 한 달 반 정도가 되어갑니다. 논산 입대를 시작으로 캠프 케이시에 오기까지 수 많은 일들과 훈련을 겪으며, 많은 깨달음과 배움의 시간을 가졌습니다. 선임들 그리고 동기들과 즐거운 시간을 가질 때도, 또 힘들 때도 있었지만, 모든 일 하나하나가 저에게는 소중한 기억이 될 것입니다. 처음에 인터뷰 주제를 받았을 때는 당황스러웠습니다. 그동안 저에게 있었던 약 20번의 크리스마스에 대한 기억이 없었기 때문입니다. 그저 평범하게 집에 있거나 가족끼리 시간을 보냈던 것 같습니다. 거기에는 지금까지 제가 모태솔로인 것이 한 몫 했는지도 모르겠습니다. 하지만 저는 후회하지 않습니다. 저는 가족들을 너무나 사랑하고, 지금도 늦지 않았다고 생각하기 때문입니다.

폭스 스포츠 관계자들, 미 2사단의 훈련을 경험하다

지난 11월 23일 추수감사절에 열리는 디트로이트 라이온스 (Detroit Lions) 대 그린 베이 패커스 (Green Bay Packers) 경기에 쓰일 장면 촬영과 장병들의 사기 증진 및 훈련 참여를 위해 캠프 케이시 (Camp Casey)와 캠프 호비 (Camp Hovey)를 방문한 얼티메이트 파이팅 챔피언십 (Ultimate Fighting Championship) 선수인 벤 헨더슨(Ben Henderson)이 미 2사단 장병에게 M240B 기관총을 다루는 법을 배우고 있다.

지난 11월 23일 추수감사절에 열리는 디트로이트 라이온스 (Detroit Lions) 대 그린 베이 패커스 (Green Bay Packers) 경기에 쓰일 장면 촬영과 장병들의 사기 증진 및 훈련 참여를 위해 폭스 뉴스 방송인들과 얼티메이트 파이팅 챔피언십 (Ultimate Fighting Championship) 선수인 벤 헨더슨(Ben Henderson)이 캠프 케이시 (Camp Casey)와 캠프 호비 (Camp Hovey)를 방문했다.

폭스 스포츠 미국 프로 미식축구 해설자이자 글레이저스 엣지 (Glazer's Edge)의 주최자인 제이 글레이저(Jay Glazer)는 "전 세계의 많은 미군들이 자유를 위해 싸우고 있다"고 말하고 "폭스 스포츠는 대한민국에도 그런 이들이 있다는 것이 잊혀지지 않도록 확실히 하고 싶었다"고 덧붙였다.

캠프 케이시와 캠프 호비에 머무르는 동안 폭스 뉴스 관계자들은 가상 훈련 센터에서 M240B 기관총을 쏴보고 케이시 초등학교의 학생들과 태권도 시범을 구경했다. 그들은 대한민국에서 새로운 브래들리 장갑차의 기술적 진보를 목격한 첫 증인들 중 하나고 군 매점에서 사인회를 열며 일정을 마무리 했다.

폭스 스포츠 나스카 해설자인 제프 해몬드(Jeff Hammond)는 "가시적인 성과를 얻을 수 있는 훈련을 경험할 수 있는 기회를 얻었다는 것에 감사한다"고 말하고 "훈련을 몸에 익혀 자연스럽게 해야 한다. 피트 스톱에서 타이어 교체는 전부 자연 반응으로 이루어진다"고 덧붙였다.

제 1전투여단 4-7 기갑대대 B 부대 수색병인 매튜 발로니(SPC Matthew Valloni) 상병은 "폭스 뉴스 관계자들에게 미 2사단의 관점과 장병들이 겪는 훈련들을 보여 줄 수 있어서 뜻 깊었다"고 말했다.
장병들과 함께 경험하고 훈련 받는 것은 그들의 사기를 증진시키는 방법 중 하나다.

해몬드는 "결과적으로 이번 기회는 나로써 장병들이 어떤 훈련을 겪는지 알 수 있는 계기가 되었다"고 말하고 "나는 미국에서 산다는 것과 국방의 의무를 다하는 이런 장병들이 있다는 것이 얼마나 축복받은 것인지 다시 한 번 깨달았다"고 덧붙였다.

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번역 _ 일병 노진환, 이병 윤선용 / 미 2사단 공보실>

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2-9 보병대대 E 중대 선임병장 병장 정호원

인- 자기소개를 부탁드립니다.
정- 1988년 대구에서 태어나 울산에서 자랐습니다. 선임병장이 되기 전에는 PLL 섹션에서 일을 하였습니다. 대학은 와세다 대학 경영학과 3학년을 마치고 입대를 하였습니다. 늦게 군대에 들어왔으나 카투사라는 특별한 경험을 할 수 있었기에 후회는 없습니다.

인- 부대소개를 부탁드립니다.
정- 저희 부대는 302 여단지원대대 E중대입니다. 명목상으론 302 여단지원대대 소속이나 2/9 보병대대에 지원 중대로 소속 되어 있습니다. 2/9의 모든 훈련과 스케줄을 함께 합니다. 중대 내 전투병은 없고 본부소대 정비소대 수송소대로 이뤄져 있습니다. 모든 중대원들은 부대 생활을 통해서 2-9의 자부심을 가지고 군 생활을 하고 있습니다.

인- 가장 기억에 남는 일은?
정- 군 생활 중 기억에 남는 일이 있다면 만추 마일입니다. 세 번의 만추 마일을 하였으나 그 중에서도 이병 때의 만추마일은 한 겨울의 행군이라 너무나도 힘들었던 기억이 납니다. 마지막 한 시간은 정말 발바닥의 감각 없이 깡으로 걸었습니다. 제 한계를 느낄 수 있었던 순간이었습니다.

인- 가장 기억에 남는 미군은?
정- 가장 기억에 남는 미군은 병장이 되기 전 섹션 NCOIC였던 SGT Caiche입니다. 카투사를 항상 배려해주고 친해지려고 노력을 하는 것이 보였습니다. 섹션 분위기도 좋게 만들고 일이 힘들어도 사병들이 불만을 가지지 않게 노력했습니다. 일과 후에는 외출을 하여 밥도 많이 사주었습니다. 현재는 제대를 하고 미국에 돌아갔으나 제대 후 기회가 되면 꼭 다시 한번 보고 싶습니다.

인- 전역 후 계획은?
정- 전역 후에는 대학을 졸업하고 취직을 할 예정입니다. 국내 혹은 국외로 여행도 많이 다녀볼 예정입니다.

인- 군 생활을 하면서 아쉬운 것이 있다면?
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영찬이에게

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