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Pacific Victors,

This was my first exercise with you and I am incredibly impressed with your dedication, commitment, and selfless service. You have proven that you are true warriors and the best our Nation has to offer. Your sacrifice for our country, as well as the Republic of Korea, has strengthened the Alliance and once again proven our partnership and friendship with the Koreans.

Rest assured – this exercise was tremendously successful because of you. Your actions helped maintain the peace and stability in this region while also showing we are ready to “Fight Tonight” and defend the Korean people from North Korea.

I know how hard each of you worked, and I sincerely appreciate it. No matter what your MOS is and whether you are new to the Army or a Commander, each of you were critical to our success. You should be proud of what you accomplished and I want you to remember that you are part of the greatest team in the world – the United States Army.

I want you to enjoy your time off because you've earned some recovery time to reset. Take some time to see this beautiful country and understand the gracious culture we help defend so you know you are making a difference while you serve here. I hope you will take some time to do a little sightseeing and explore the rich culture of Korea.

I am truly honored to be your Commanding General; I could not ask to be part of a better team or group of Soldiers. Because of everything you do for us day in and day out, Eighth Army is Strong...and Getting Stronger!

Pacific Victors!

THOMAS S. VANDAL
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