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## Lombardo Field takes Pacwide out to ballgame one last time



Members of Joint Task Force team pose for a group photo shortly after they beat the American Legions in the final game of the 2017 Pacwide Softball Tournament, Men's open division, May 29, at Lombardo Field. — U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Lee, Seung-hoon

**By Cpl. Park, Min-je  
USAG Yongsan Public Affairs**

USAG YONGSAN, South Korea - Soldiers, civilians, retirees and their dependents from all across the Pacific region who were interested in playing softball came together Memorial Day weekend for the 27th Annual Pacwide Men's & Women's Softball Tournament, May 25 to 29, at Lombardo Field, U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan.

The tournament was an opportunity for Army community members all over the Pacific region to unify and enjoy themselves. "I really loved the moment when all teams from Asia, China, Hawaii, U.S. and players from around the globe come together to enjoy the games," said Timothy Higgs, recreation chief at USAG Yongsan's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

This year's tournament was special in that it would be the last time it took place in

Seoul. The softball tournament started in the Philippines in the early 1970s. At that time it was called the San Miguel Softball Tournament. USAG Yongsan then took over the tournament and had hosted it every year since 1991, when the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines resulted in restricted travel to the area.

The event kicked off with home-run derby, May 25, where approximately 30 people showed off their softball skills, hitting as hard as they could.

Following the opening ceremony May 26, more than 180 games were played all day and night for four days. A total of 38 teams participated in the tournament, divided into three groups: the men's open, men's intramural, and women's open. The tournament implemented double elimination to reduce the chances of strong teams being terminated early.

Even though some of the players had flown a long way from overseas, they did not lose their willingness to play. They



Staff Sgt. Garrett Gapp, a member of the Joint Task Force team, swings during the final match of the 2017 Pacwide Softball Tournament, Men's open division, May 29, at Lombardo Field. JTF beat American Legion by 10 points, 19 to 9. — U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Park, Min-je

displayed great sportsmanship overall, abiding by the rules and showing teamwork, playing their hardest.

"I really loved playing in Yongsan. I played as hard as I could, and had a great experience," said Staff Sgt. Preston G. Griffin, a member of the Joint Task Force team from Japan.

Shortly after all the games completed, the awardees of each division were announced at the award ceremony. The awardees were presented with a plaque. The JTF team, winner of the Men's open tournament, was announced the overall champions, beating the former champion American Region.

Higgs said his heart was sad and heavy, having been around for several of the 27 years of Pacwide at USAG Yongsan. A new era in Pacwide would start next year at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys because of transformation and the

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## Relay for Life passes life-saving torch to cancer survivors, caregivers

By Liz Pyon

USAG Yongsan Public Affairs

**USAG YONGSAN, South Korea** - There was nothing combative in the mood at Seoul American High School's Falcon Field May 20 as hundreds gathered to walk, run, dance or even hula in a show of solidarity in the battle against cancer. But make no mistake – every volunteer, participant and child were present to fight the disease that affects 1 in 3 women and 1 in 2 men in the U.S. at least once in their lifetime.

This annual event where cancer survivors, caregivers and supporters get together to walk around a track for 24 hours non-stop every year in more than 5,000 locations around the world is called Relay for Life. Spanning more than 20 countries, the event even exists in the virtual world, making Relay for Life one of the most successful fund-raisers for cancer research and education. Its mission is to raise funds to improve cancer survival, decrease the incidence of cancer, and improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their caretakers.

Throughout the 24-hour period, more than 200 walkers, dancers and runners came to the field at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, donning their cancer fighting colors of purple and white, the symbols and colors of their respective fraternities and sororities, or athletic clothing and hats to keep out the sun. This year's event was coordinated by Dominique Marie Roberts of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, in partnership with the American Cancer Society.

More than a dozen sponsors, including international fraternities and sororities, set up stands or "campsites" along the perimeter of the football field as part of their fund-raiser, selling food, drinks and games, and promoting cancer awareness. There were bouncy castles for children to play. Music blared from massive speakers with DJs spinning everything from hip hop to 80s pop. Supporters danced the night away as walkers proceeded to loop around and around, symbolizing the ongoing fight against cancer.

Some like Capt. Victoria L. McDonald from Camp Casey, 138 Field Artillery Battalion, located two hours north of USAG Yongsan, came alone to participate in Relay for Life. "This is the best so far," she said, having relayed in Germany and Fort Hood, Texas. Events like Zumba and line dancing made the event more interesting and fun. Her record is 12 hours, taking only short bathroom breaks and eating slowly while walking. Armed with a backpack full of nutrition and a fitness tracker, she would exceed 50,000 steps easily.

Others like Sgt. Joedon Amara-Bangali of U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, located two hours south, teamed up with other individuals to take turns walking throughout the night, symbolizing the ongoing fight against cancer.

"Do you mind if I walk?" he answered, when asked about his experience thus far. As part of a four-man group, he was approaching the end of his one-hour shift, at which point he would tag in



The 2017 Relay for Life takes place May 20 at USAG Yongsan, Falcon Field. – Courtesy photo by USAG Yongsan Public Affairs Office

his buddy, and so forth, until morning. Amara-Bangali is on a 9-month rotational assignment with the 101st Brigade Support Battalion. "So many people are devastated by cancer. I am lucky, but I have friends I can support," he said.

The event met few environmental challenges, with temperatures ranging from the low 60s to the mid-70s throughout the hazy day. Some participants with respiratory sensitivities work masks as the air quality index hovered between 80 and 150. The sun began its descent at around 7 p.m., and the crowd continued to wax and wane heading toward the Luminaria Ceremony at 9 p.m.

*"The Luminaria Ceremony lit up the words "hope" and "cure"*

*with bags decorated in honor of those fighting and/or lost in the battle against cancer. "Darkness is symbolic of the fear that a patient feels when diagnosed. After sunset, we light Luminarias to remember those we have lost, to celebrate cancer survivors, and to show those affected by cancer that they are not alone." - Relay for Life, American Cancer Society*

"It was a terrific reminder of the reason we all participated in the event. I have always thought this part of the



Nicole Brown, a volunteer at the Luminaria booth, collects donations of \$10 for a Luminaria bag, which donors then decorate in memory of someone lost to or fighting cancer. The bags spelled out the words "cure" and "hope" at the ceremony which began at 9 p.m. – Courtesy photo by USAG Yongsan Public Affairs Office

event was a great way for everyone to remember those we have lost to cancer and the continued need for advancement in education, screening, and treatment," said Relay for Life participant Capt. Aaron Fielden. Fielden had been in Korea for less than a year as a medical professional at the Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital. He brought friends to the cancer-fighting battle field, clocking in more than 1300 laps in 24 hours, in addition to countless hot dogs, drinks and snacks between his three young children, wife and him.

For one of the main speakers of the event, Heather Peet, Relay for Life was a promise she made to someone she loved and lost to cancer. Her team, "Relay For Dre," in honor of her friend Andrea Engle, became the event's top team, and Peet also became the top participant at USAG Yongsan, raising a combined total of more than \$6,000.

"I promised Andrea I would do this, and I am hell bent on keeping my promises," she wrote on her Facebook page, "Andrea kicking cancer to the curb." Engle died Nov. 17, 2016. Her Facebook page chronicles an exhaustive battle with ovarian cancer, which she lost while still in her prime. Engle was 45 years old.

The final lap took place at 8:55 a.m., followed by the closing ceremony, which wrapped up the event, recognized volunteers, and served as a reminder that Relay for Life will continue until the battle against cancer is won.

"Relay for Life is a relay for love. And love is too powerful to die," Peet wrote in her tribute to Engle. "It lingers and surrounds us, it comforts us and holds us." Between the pledges, sales proceeds and other donations at USAG Yongsan, the event raised more than \$23,000 as of May 29, 2017.

There is probably a running track somewhere in the world right now where cancer survivors, caregivers and supporters have come together to carry the torch of love, hope and a cure. The effort to kick cancer to the curb continues.▲



## Area I holds Employee Appreciation and Recognition ceremony



At the Hanson Field House on Camp Casey in Dongducheon May 25, U.S. Army Garrison Red Cloud and Area I holds its Garrison Employee Appreciation and Recognition ceremony. During the ceremony, more than 130 garrison personnel were recognized individually for the quality of their performance, length of service, or both. Recognition included, variously, medals, certificates, and commemorative coins. Presenting the awards were Col. Brandon D. Newton, commander, USAG Red Cloud and Area I, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael L. Berry, the garrison's senior enlisted leader, Lt. Col. Jon R. Gardner, commander, USAG Casey, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jason R. Copeland, the USAG Casey garrison's senior enlisted leader. — U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Lee Jin-woo

# Area I Commander's Cup Standings

*Following are Commander's Cup standings through the end of March*

Large Units

Medium Units

Small Units

PLACE	UNIT	POINTS
1	A, HHBN	2565
2	HSC, HHBN	2525
3	55 MP CO	1910
4	580 FSC	1775
5	B, HHBN	1680
6	C, HHBN	1420
7	46 TRANS	1165
8	E, 6-52 ADA	905
9	HHB, 210 FA	695

PLACE	UNIT	POINTS
1	HHC, USAG AREA I	2130
2	61 MAINT	1530
3	4 CHEM/CBRN	1355
4	62 CHEM/CBRN	1265
5	579 FSC, 6-37 FA	1170
6	HHB, 1-38 FA	1010
7	61 CHEM/CBRN	940
8	HHB, 6-37 FA	795
9	HHC, 70 BSB	745
10	B, 1-38 FA	690
11	A, 70 BSB	475
12	HHT, 1-7 CAV	50

PLACE	UNIT	POINTS
1	8 ARMY NCOA	2025
2	275 SIG	1700
3	501 CHEM/CBRN	1532
4	HHD, 23 CHEM	1365
5	629 MCAS	1143
6	560 MCGA	996
7	579 SIG	785
8		780
9	A, 6-37 FA	750
10	618 DENTAL	730
11	403 LRC CRC	725
12	A, 1-38 FA	700
13	D DET, 176 FIN (FMSU)	675
14	B, 6-37 FA	660
15	607 WEATHER SQDN	605
16	17 ORD CO	600
17	65 MED	575
18	524 MI COA	565
19	604 ASOS	525
20	21 MP DET	525
21	B, 70 BSB	375
22	602 DET	375
23	106 MED DET	375
24	C, 6-37 FA	50
25	403 AFSB	50
26	19 AG (Postal)	0



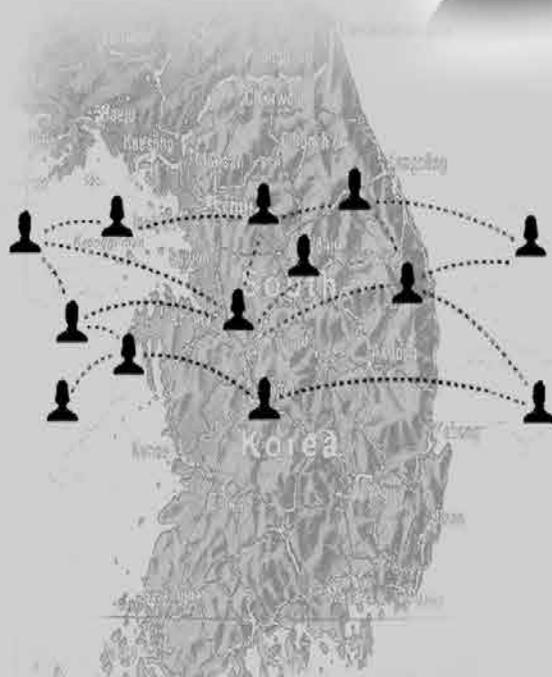
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## Area I bids farewell to Maj. Nicole Jackson

At the Gateway Club on Camp Casey in Dongducheon June 1, U.S. Army Garrison Red Cloud and Area I holds a farewell luncheon for Maj. Nicole L. Jackson, who since last July has served as Chief of Operations in the garrison's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. Drew A. Turinski (left), director of DPTMS, presented Jackson a plaque in recognition of her service. The plaque was among several gifts given Jackson by members of the garrison. In addition, Jackson was presented commemorative "commander's coins" by each of two Area I senior leaders, Col. Brandon D. Newton, commander, USAG Red Cloud and Area I, and Lt. Col. Jon R. Gardner, commander, USAG Casey. Jackson moves to a new assignment at Fort Belvoir, Va. — U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Miguel A. Pena



## Area I KATUSAs receive awards for dedicated service



On Camp Red Cloud in Uijeongbu May. 31, Area I senior enlisted leaders present awards to several KATUSAs – South Korean Soldiers assigned to the U.S. Army – who are nearing the end of their military service. The awards, for dedicated service to the KATUSA program, were made to Sgt. Jun Dong-min, Sgt. Ryoo Seung-gul, and Sgt. Song Si-woo, all of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison Red Cloud. Each received a certificate of appreciation, a framed map of Camp Red Cloud, a lapel button bearing the legend "Honorable Service KATUSA," and two commemorative medallions, one from USAG Red Cloud and Area I, the other from USAG Casey. Presenting the awards were Command Sgt. Maj. Michael L. Berry, USAG Red Cloud and Area I's senior enlisted leader, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jason R. Copeland, USAG Casey's senior enlisted leader. — U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Lee Jin-woo



## Falcon Seniors close out school year

**By Jessie Gardner  
Seoul American High School**

USAG YONGSAN, South Korea - As senior year terminates and high school careers come to a close, graduation is both a monumental and sentimental time for the 130 members of Seoul American High School's senior class.

"It is a really big milestone for kids," said Senior Class secretary Weston Graves.

Walking across the stage not only allows seniors to receive diplomas, but also represents the beginning of their new lives as they walk across the stage, shake Principal Williams' hand, and listen to guest speakers. Graduation is a time to remember and enjoy many of the students' final moments with one another.

"As a military brat myself, I know the importance of creating meaningful memories being so far away from home," said Senior Class sponsor June Wilkins. "Each year, it is important we make sure those memories happen for the kids."

The ceremony is sure to be a momentous occasion for everyone involved, including families.

"Graduation symbolizes growing up and leaving the nest," said Senior Class treasurer Jennifer Mitchell.

Emotions will be high, as class members will separate from one another to attend various schools or begin careers.

"We are moving on from the consistency of middle and high school, into what lies in front of us," said Senior Class president Amy Arnold. "The future is unpredictable. Graduation is the last thing we are sure of, making the moment even more emotional, memorable, and anticipated."

Walking across the stage and receiving a diploma is a monumental occasion in a young person's life. On the morning of June 10, the class of 2017 will take their diplomas, leave their high school careers behind, and embark into the future. ▴



Prom Court. Prom King: Deandre Metcalf, Prom Queen: Chai Rellosa. Prom Prince: AJ Ancheta, Prom Princess: Hannah Pak – Courtesy photo by David Muse, Seoul American High School



(Right to left) Sojung Park, Rachel Lee, Carol Lee, Jin Jung, Grace Kye and Jacob Silva – Courtesy photo by Seoul American High School



Justin Wayne White receives a Naval Academy Scholarship with the Eighth Army Deputy Commanding General - Operations, Brig. Gen. Thomas C. Graves. – Courtesy photo by Seoul American High School



Willie Grandison is cheered on by his high school friends during the match between the Falcons and Osan, Nov. 12, 2016, at Falcon Gym. –Courtesy photo by Seoul American High School





## Area II makes big impact in Army Emergency Relief

By Staff Sgt. David Chapman  
USAG Yongsan Public Affairs

USAG YONGSAN, South Korea - The 2017 Army Emergency Relief campaign came to a close with a special ceremony May 24, at the U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, Army Community Services building, honoring those who were successful collecting donations from their units.

The program provides no interest or fee based loans to service members who find themselves in a financial hardship.

"AER is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to 'Helping the Army Take Care of its Own.' AER financial assistance is conducted within the Army structure by mission commanders and garrison commanders through AER Sections located at U.S. Army installations worldwide," according to the AER website.

As a highlight for this year's closing ceremony retired Army Lt. Gen. Raymond V. Mason, Director of AER visited Korea to thank the representatives who sacrificed their time during the campaign, collecting donations for the organization.

"This was a great closing ceremony for this year's campaign and success across Korea with an increase of 340% from last year," said Mason. "It's magnificent and the individual unit coordinators make that happen with the support of their leadership."

One of those units that made a big impact during this year's campaign, with more than 1,000% increase from last year, was the Headquarters and

Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan. The effort was spearheaded by 1st Sgt. Emmanuel Lawer, HHC USAG Yongsan first sergeant.

"I have been an advocate for AER for a long time, so when the tasking came down and no one else could do it, I took it upon myself," said Lawer. "You have to be passionate and go to each directorate. You can't just send an email. People will delete those. You have to go in and tell them the AER story."

As one of the successful coordinators this year, the secret to being successful is not only believing in the organization, but also experiencing the good they do.

"I have actually used AER myself and I have taken over 20 Soldiers that needed help there as well," said Lawer. "If you don't know about the program you can't be a good advocate for it. You have to know details and have personal experience to be excited about something."

For Lawer, trying to get face-to-face time with each member of the garrison staff was difficult, but he wasn't going to be deterred and made the effort to see everyone he could. The results of the headquarters company success didn't go unnoticed by the director.

"He [Lawer] is leading by example and he is standing up and saying look at me I'm committed to readiness," said Mason. "When I met him I could tell he was a passionate person and leader who cares about his Soldiers. It is a powerful commitment he has to his troops and he wants to do everything he can to help them."

The AER program is sometimes



Retired Lt. Gen. Raymond V. Mason, Army Emergency Relief program director presents an Outstanding Unit Representative award to 1st Sgt. Emmanuel Lawer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan first sergeant May 24, after he was able to increase his unit's donations by over 1,000 percent from the previous year. The first sergeant is flanked also by retired Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Durr, AER Financial Assistance, and Ryan Ritter, AER Officer Yongsan Army Community Service. — U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. David Chapman

missed by Soldiers who are uninformed about exactly what it is there for, and who it is for.

"I would ask that campaign reps focus on individual awareness inside each unit and really talk to Soldiers and leaders, really explain what AER is," said Mason. "Donations are only a part of this campaign. The main purpose is to about raising awareness of what AER is and how we can help the Soldiers to the

left and right of us."

Final words from the director had a simple message for those who worked so hard during the campaign.

"I hope individuals take away the essence of AER and the legacy of caring over the last 75 years of giving to the Army team," said Mason. "I feel proud and honored to serve on the AER team and to be part of it every day."▲

## What culture change can do to make difference

By Pfc. Lee Kyoung-yoon  
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USAG YONGSAN, South Korea - Russell W. Strand, a retired U.S. Army CID Federal Special Agent with an excess of 38 years in law enforcement, investigative, and consultation experience, invited subject matter experts, professionals and the entire community to join him in a candid conversation about how it is possible for people to treat others with dignity and respect with just a slight change in culture, May 30, at the Yongsan Multi-purpose Training Facility.

Strand has specialized expertise, experience and training in the area of domestic violence intervention, critical incident peer support, and sexual assault. Strand has also assisted in the development and implementation of Department of Defense training standards, programs of instruction, and lesson plans for Sexual Assault Response Coordinators, victim advocates, and health professionals. He is now the Chief of the U.S. Army Military Police School Behavioral Sciences Education & Training Division and continues to give lectures on to effect cultural changes.

Russell started off his presentation by introducing examples of cultural changes throughout the past decades. The first incident he talked about was the influence of science development on the smoking culture. Unlike the cigarette advertisements depicting cigarettes as a positive habit 20 years ago, today, there are public advertisements that urge people to quit smoking as scientific results have proven smoking to be fatal. The culture toward gender has changed as well. Twenty years ago, Army recruiting advertisements used good-looking females to grab men's attention. Now, the Army recruits women as much as men. Moreover, the Army has eliminated racism and created a new culture of integration as the number one value of Soldiers. All of these examples prove that people are capable of



Russell Strand, a retired U.S. Army CID Special Agent with an excess of 38 year's law enforcement, investigative, and consultation experience shows the audience a short clip of Army recruiting advertisements that screened 20 years ago, May 30 at the Yongsan Multi-purpose Training Facility — U.S. Army Photo by Pfc. Lee Kyoung-yoon

changing the culture. "We change all the time," he said, emphasizing how significant and powerful culture change is, and that it can be used to eliminate sexual assault.

At the crux of Russell's presentation was the difficult question, "Why can't we change our culture of understanding sexual assault?" Most of the time, suspects are the ones who are investigated in any other crime incidents. However, people tend to investigate the victims instead of the perpetrators during a sexual assault. Russell stated

that this culture is currently leaving victims to fear the aftermath of reporting, which can be either retaliation from the suspect or isolation from society. When this distorted culture meets a change, there can certainly be a reduction towards sexual assault.▲



Members of Gyeongnam team pose for a group photo during the award ceremony of the 2017 Pacwide Softball Tournament, May 29, at Lombardo Field. Gyeongnam team was the winner of the Women's open tournament. — U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Lee, Seung-hoon

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relocation.

"This tournament, the largest of its type within IMCOM Pacific, has over the years grown, and many players, coaches and

fans who love the sport of Slow Pitch and, Men and Women's Softball have over the years looked forward to the Memorial Weekend Tournament, sharing in camaraderie, team building and enhancing friendships," Higgs said. "I am hopeful USAG

Humphreys will carry the game forward for 2018 and beyond."▲

Below are the major results. (Winners to the left)

#### • Men's Open

- \* Winner's bracket final JTF vs POUR HOUSE (26-17)
- \* Loser's bracket final American Region vs POUR HOUSE (13-8)

Final Game #1 JTF vs American Region (19-9)  
JTF won Men's Open tournament.

#### • Men's Intramural

- \* Winner's bracket final SINBIN vs Unwanted (17-9)
- \* Loser's bracket final Unwanted vs Embassy (16-9)

Final Game #1 Unwanted vs SINBIN (13-6)  
Final Game #2 Unwanted vs SINBIN (14-3)

Unwanted won Men's Intramural tournament.

#### • Women's Open

- \* Winner's bracket final Gyeongnam vs Yokota (8-6)
- \* Loser's bracket final Yokota vs Osan (11-1)

Final Game #1 Gyeongnam vs Yokota (11-9)  
Gyeongnam won Women's Open tournament.

## Riders peddle through history at Demilitarized Zone



Lt. Col. David M. Rozelle, Executive Officer to the Eighth Army Commander and Sgt. Maj. Luis Freyre, U.S. Forces Korea J-3 sergeant major, celebrate May 27 at the end of the almost 40 mile Tour de DMZ bike ride in Yeoncheon, Korea. Cyclists from USAG Yongsan, Camp Casey, Camp Humphreys, Osan Airbase and K-16 Airbase came together to join over a thousand other riders from across the peninsula for a special bike ride that started in Yeoncheon and journeyed to the historic demilitarized zone. — U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. David Chapman

### By Staff Sgt. David Chapman USAG Yongsan Public Affairs

USAG YONGSAN, South Korea - Casual and experienced riders joined together on an early morning over the Memorial Day weekend, strapped on their helmets and took part in a special bike tour into a relatively unseen part of Korea.

Cyclists from Yongsan, Camp Humphreys, Osan Airbase, K16 Airbase and Camp Casey took part in the annual Tour de DMZ bike ride May 27.

More than a 100 riders from the military communities came together, the youngest being Sophia Ruiz, 8 years old, and joined more than a 1,000 riders from across the country to ride from the Yeoncheon Stadium, Yeoncheon, Korea, to the Demilitarized Zone.

One of the primary organizers, Richard M. Scott, Director of Transformation and Base Closure at U.S.

Army Garrison Yongsan, coordinated many of the riders and made sure that everyone was at the pick up site early in the morning to begin the journey north.

For Scott, who already has a busy schedule preparing USAG Yongsan the move to Camp Humphreys later this year, this was a very important task to organize for him.

"I took this challenge on because I was asked, and because I love to ride," said Scott. "Having the opportunity to ride up in a controlled area near the DMZ, where a lot of fighting occurred during the Korean War, was quite poignant."

The event was festive with singers, cheers and fireworks to send the riders out of the stadium and on their way. The sound of the bands and fans quickly faded, and the riders were left with only the sound of their gears and chains rattling and the motivational



Cyclists from USAG Yongsan, Camp Casey, Camp Humphreys, Osan Airbase and K-16 Airbase came together May 27 to join over a thousand other riders from across the peninsula for a special bike ride that started in Yeoncheon and journeyed to the historic demilitarized zone. Riders started the almost 40 mile bike ride, from Yeoncheon Stadium and wound its way up highways and roads to the Cheorwon DMZ Peace and Culture Square where they enjoyed lunch and entertainment before heading back to the start point. — U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. David Chapman

encouragement from their fellow riders.

Scott completed the almost 40 mile bike trip riding a small folding bike and shared the day with his wife and three boys enjoying the day as a family.

"We are very active people in this family," Scott said. "We have already put in about 3,000 miles in the last year and a half. It is great to see and do things together as a family and do things that people don't normally get to experience."

For some of the riders this was their first opportunity to take part in the Tour de DMZ and had nothing but a positive experience from the ride.

"My husband went last year and he really enjoyed it, so I wanted to do it this year. It sounded like fun, and I liked the idea of the challenge," said Kim Hakyung, management support assistant at Directorate of Human Resources. "It was not as difficult and actually turned out to be quite an enjoyable ride."

Cycling through the northern province proved to be an opportunity for some of the riders to see history and a different lifestyle of Korea that would normally be missed when riding in a car.

"For us this was a slow ride, a nice touring the country side kind of ride, to enjoy where we are," said Scott. "We saw the old North Korean Labor Party building. It was great."

The ride had its share of tough hills and heat that was a struggle for some riders. But for anyone who might be thinking about doing the ride next year, the overwhelming opinion is simple, do it.

"I would tell anyone to definitely do this ride," said Kim. "You will be part of a group and everyone is going to be very encouraging. Especially if this is your first time."▲



## Another way to strengthen ROK-U.S. Alliance



Brig. Gen. Lee, Hyung-woo (middle), the dean of academic board of Korea Army Academy at Yeongcheon, and Pfc. Shim, Seung-bum (left), HHC, USAG Daegu, compete each other with the ball at the KAA Y Chungsung field, May 31. — U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Soh, Jung-han

### By Cpl. Soh, Jung-han USAG Daegu Public Affairs

USAG DAEGU, South Korea – Did you know that there is a Korea army academy near Daegu city? The academy is called Korea Army Academy at Yeongcheon or KAA Y. It is at Yeongcheon city which is about 30 miles northeast away from Daegu city.

Col. Ted Stephens, U.S. Army Garrison Daegu commander and Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAG Daegu visited KAA Y to have a friendly soccer match with officers and NCOs of KAA Y May 31, 2017.

“USAG Daegu Commander Col. Ted Stephens and HHC soldiers always have been great friends to KAA Y, and have shown great passion and dedication in helping KAA Y Cadets with English conversation,” 1st Lt. Oh, Hae-young, Assistant Professor of English Department at KAA Y. “The friendly soccer match was the first sport event between

the two units, and KAA Y and USAG Daegu further fostered the bond through the event. I look forward to more meaningful exchanges in the future between two units.”

KAA Y is the Korea Army Academy for the undergraduate education and military training of officers. It is located in Yeongcheon, Gyeongsangbuk-do, South Korea. KAA Y is the only military academy in the world to accept transferred juniors from universities and train them for two years before they are given the commission of second lieutenants.

There was originally only one Army academy in Korea, the Korea Military Academy. However, as the North Korea’s threats reached its peak in 1968, it came to attention that more officers were needed in the ROK Army to lead Soldiers the right way. So, the same year, the KAA Y was found Oct. 15.

Soccer match between HHC and KAA Y is a brand new program



Spc. DeAndre' Parker (left), HHC, USAG Daegu, tries to control the ball under pressure from officers of Korea Army Academy at Yeongcheon at the KAA Y Chungsung field, May 31, 2017. — U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Soh, Jung-han

and one of increased Military to Military exchanges between USAG Daegu and KAA Y. As of today, many KAA Y Cadets visited USAG Daegu for installation tours and also Col. Stephens did two times of leadership lecture to the Cadets at the academy, KAA Y invited HHC Soldiers to KAA Y and suggested to play friendly soccer match.

“KAA Y professors really enjoyed playing soccer with Daegu Garrison soldiers,” said Maj. Jeong, Yi-hun, Head of English Department at KAA Y “Soldiers were well disciplined and very respectful. I appreciate them for visiting us. In return, we will visit Daegu in fall.”

“It was pretty fun. I really enjoyed myself,” said Spc. DeAndre' Parker, HHC, USAG Daegu. “It was definitely a learning experience and the comradery between us and the Cadets was pretty good. So I had a good time. I do look forward to the next soccer game because we are definitely going to win,” said Parker.

“This was my first time actually going to the Korea Army Academy at Yeongcheon and as I passed the gate there was the Major General waiting for all of us and the military band playing the awesome music,” said Cpl. Lee, Hyun-chang, HHC, USAG Daegu. “As we went out of our bus the general greeted us by putting a scarf on us and it was just an honor to have a handshake with the general. I really liked playing soccer with the officers even though we lost and getting impressed by their soccer skills. It was really an honor and pleasure to be able to play with all these great officers. I wish I can play with them again next time!”

HHC, USAG Daegu and KAA Y made a promise to play another match later this year. Next match will be HHC vs Cadets at the Camp Henry Victory field. ▲

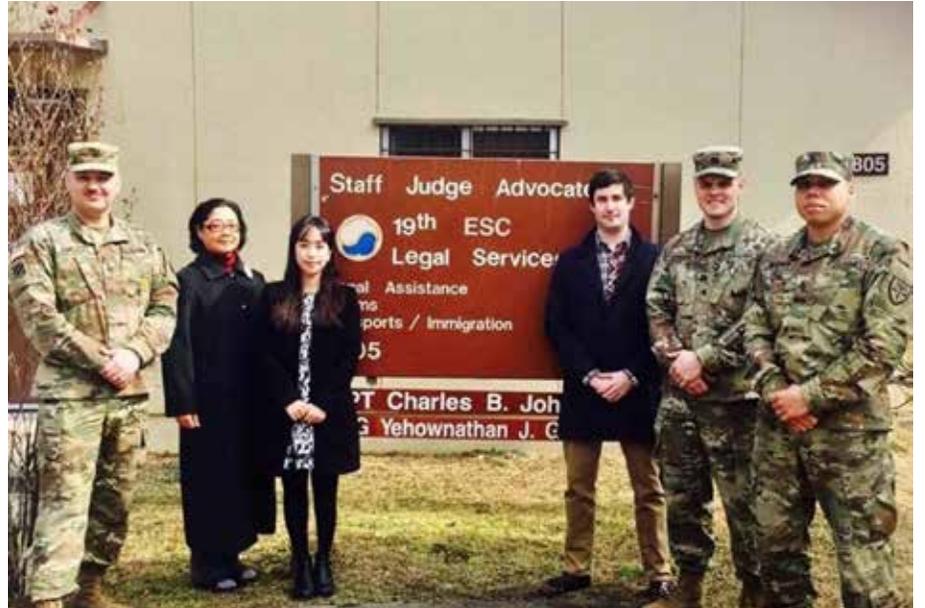


Brig. Gen. Lee, Hyung-woo, the dean of academic board of Korea Army Academy at Yeongcheon, Col. Ted Stephens, USAG Daegu commander, officers, NCOs and Soldiers from KAA Y and HHC, USAG Daegu gather at the KAA Y Chungsung field for the group photo after the friendly soccer match, May 31. — U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Soh, Jung-han

## Legal team wins two in a row



The 2015-2016 legal assistance team was made up of Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Runyan, Spc. Miguel Ruiz, Maj. Alma Whitelaw, Ms. Yong Hui So (kneeling), Capt. Brad Johnson, Mr. Christian Anweiler and Sgt. Deznick Blakeney. "Their tireless efforts were critical to the success of the Legal Assistance Office during 2016," said Johnson. "They made us an excellent legal team and we absolutely could not have won without their dedication - it is without a doubt their award." — U.S. Army photo courtesy Area IV Legal Assistance Office



The 2016-2017 legal assistance team is comprised of Staff Sgt. Yehownathan Gonzalez, Ms. Yong Hui So, Ms. Heuiyun Han (intern), Mr. Dustin Barnhill, Capt. Brad Johnson and Sgt. Deznick Blakeney. The current team continues to provide the exceptional service that garnered the Area IV Legal Assistance Office recognition with the 2016 Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance. — U.S. Army photo courtesy Area IV Legal Assistance Office

**By Sgt. Uriah Walker**  
**19th ESC Public Affairs**

DAEGU, South Korea - When someone mentions legal assistance, thoughts of powers of attorney, wills or notary services typically come to mind. While these are all services the Team 19 Legal Assistance Office offers, they provide much more for our soldiers, spouses, civilians, retirees and widow(er)s located in Area IV. Their efforts, while not often publicized, are far from insignificant.

In fact, the legal assistance team continually performs at such a high level that they were the only active Army small office to receive the 2016 Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance. This is also the second consecutive year they have earned this recognition. So, how did they do it?

"We have an excellent team of civilians and soldiers, plus five to 10 more to assist during tax season," explained Capt. Brad Johnson, chief of client legal services. "Saving our customers money in legal fees is important but, if we didn't have

the team that we do we couldn't win awards and claim to provide all of these valuable services to the community."

The staff, located at Camp Henry, are on hand to provide legal services to the nearly 10,000 customers in Area IV. According to Johnson, in an average week the office may see 120-140 clients - all at no cost. This equates to a legal fee savings of nearly \$13,000 per week.

Brig. Gen. John P. Sullivan, commanding general 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, remarked at a recognition ceremony for the tax center team, May 24, that during the 2016 tax season the office processed approximately 600 returns resulting in \$1.4M in refunds and saved those customers a combined \$200,000 in preparation fees.

"Another thing that contributes to our success in empathy," said Maj. Alma Whitelaw, chief of administrative law. "It's not unusual to see his [Johnson's] car parked outside very late at night or to have someone come in on a weekend to help. Being

ready to 'Fight Tonight' is more than a catchphrase because if your legal affairs aren't in order then your mind isn't in the fight."

Legal services on the peninsula are unique in many ways but the most obvious is the language barrier. With the number of services that require interaction with Korean Nationals, Ms. Yong Hui So is instrumental in bridging that gap.

"It's all about the team," said Johnson. "I always remind our team that when we're seeing someone in legal assistance, especially if it's for attorney services, that you're seeing them on one of their worst days. We're here to get our clients to a solution and provide peace of mind."

The selection rate for winners in this year's competition reflects a careful evaluation of the applications, recognizing only those offices that

were truly exceptional. Winning two years in a row is no easy feat and speaks to the caliber of services that the Area IV legal team continues to provide.

The Legal Assistance Office is located in Building 1805, inside Gate 1, on Camp Henry. They may be reached at DSN: 768-7692 during the following business hours.

Mon-Wed: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Thu: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Fri: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm ▲



A display rack filled with reference information, check lists and forms available inside of the Legal Assistance Office customer entrance in Camp Henry, South Korea. — U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Uriah Walker, 19th ESC Public Affairs



Spc. John Ronoh, a paralegal assigned to the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command Legal Assistance Office, assists the author with a special power of attorney, May 24. The LAO's history of prompt and professional service contributed to their recognition as the active Army small office 2016 Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance. —U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Uriah Walker, 19th ESC Public Affairs



U.S. Soldiers and Korean Augmentees to the United States Army assigned to 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade spent some time with the children and staff of the Pyeongtaek Local Children's Center on May 17.

## 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade volunteers at local children's center

**Story and photos by Capt. Jonathon A. Daniell**  
**35th Air Defense Artillery**  
**Brigade Public Affairs**

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea – Soldiers assigned to 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade brought some excitement and their game faces to the Pyeongtaek Local Children's Center May 30 as part of a community outreach program.

The brigade's unit ministry team planned the event after meeting with numerous children organizations over the last few months in the Pyeongtaek area.

"Since arriving to the brigade, we've been searching for the right organization to partner with," said Maj. Ben Clark, 35th ADA chaplain. "The event was a success, and it was clear that both the children and Soldiers really connected. We're excited to make this a recurring event."

Once the Soldiers arrived, they quickly immersed themselves in board games and an ultra-competitive game of cards. The children bounced from table to table with smiles on

their faces as cheers and jeers filled the room.

Despite the language barrier between the U.S. Soldiers and children, hand gestures and the occasional translation assists from the Korean Augmentees to the United States Army on hand bridged the communication gap.

"As a KATUSA, it felt good to volunteer and give back to the local community," said Cpl. Mincheol Chang, KATUSA assigned to 35th ADA BDE. "It was nice to get away from my daily routine, and I really enjoyed playing games with the kids."

According to Young Hee Kim, an employee of the Pyeongtaek Local Children's Center, the after school program supports families that financially qualify.

Pvt. Carlos Sanchez, a chaplain's assistant assigned to 35th ADA BDE, who arrived to the unit just one week ago said, "I really enjoy volunteering, it is a good way to get involved in the community. Plus, it's a good way to learn about the customs and the culture."

The visit ended with a quick group photo of the Soldiers, staff and children. ▴



U.S. Soldiers and Korean Augmentees to the United States Army assigned to 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, and children from the Pyeongtaek Local Children's Center, play a competitive game of cards at the Pyeongtaek Local Children's Center May 30 during a community outreach event.

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## U.S.-ROK military honors the fallen during Memorial Day Ceremony



U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Soldiers joined members of the Republic of Korea Army and Republic of Korea Air Force to honor the fallen from both countries during a Memorial Day floral tribute ceremony at the Task Force Smith Memorial in Osan May 29. USAG Humphreys Garrison Commander Col. Joseph C. Holland and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Willie F. Pearson Jr. hosted the event.

Task Force Smith was the first American unit to first against the invading North Korean Army on July 5. Outnumbered nearly ten to one, they fought tenaciously until forced to withdraw. The Battle of Osan, as it came to be called, was the first of several combat actions with the mission of delaying the North Korean drive down the peninsula and buying time to allow more U.S. units to move into Korea. The final tally after the Battle of Osan records Task Force Smith having 60 dead, 21 wounded and 82 captured, 32 of whom died in captivity during the Korean War. — U.S. Army photos by Noh, Sa Bin and Lee Jeong Hee





## Largest Dental Clinic in the Army opens at Camp Humphreys

By Sgt. Jung Dong-in  
Eighth Army Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea – The largest U.S. Army dental clinic in the world officially opened during a brief ceremony here on May 30.

Named in honor of the late U.S. Army Maj. Marvin W. Carius, the clinic is a 40,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility with 79 treatment rooms capable of offering a complete range of oral health care service for 30,000 Soldiers and their families.

Carius was an Army dentist known for turning out “combat choppers” under fire. He was killed in action while serving with the Medical Company, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division at the front-line during the Korean War. Carius was later awarded the Purple Heart for his wartime service.

Col. Jae I. Hwang, 618th Dental Company commander explained the meaning of the ceremony and the reason for taking the name of Carius Dental Clinic from Yongsan to Camp Humphreys.

“This is a memorialization of Maj. Marvin Carius and a celebration of the transfer of Carius’ legacy from Yongsan, which used to be the hub of Eighth Army,” Hwang said. “As the center of gravity has now moved down here, we believed it was the right thing to do to bring the name to Camp Humphreys so we can continue to memorialize the late Maj. Marvin Carius.

“Carius Dental Clinic is a testament of Army dentistry’s commitment on the Korean Peninsula that began over 67 years ago with the ultimate sacrifice of Maj. Marvin Carius,” said Hwang. “His supreme sacrifice is the basis on which 618th Dental Company today continues the Fight Tonight Mission. This building represents our promise, strong partnership with the Republic of Korea and the long standing fight for freedom.”

Hwang said the new clinic allows the company to support the needs of Eighth Army more completely.

“We are going to accomplish our mission

without any issues because we had a limitation on the number of chairs, space and resources at the old clinic,” said Hwang. “As we open this brand-new clinic, we have full specialty and great capabilities to provide quality armistice dental care and fight tonight.”

Dr. Michael Carius, son of Maj. Marvin Carius shared his father’s thoughts on the Republic of Korea.

“When dad left for Korea it was the last time that we saw him,” Michael said. “In many of his letters home during the Korean War, dad wrote about how much respect he had for the South Korean people. Even during those difficult times, he saw them as a kind, gentle and industrious society striving for a better life.”

Carius said his family never failed to remember his father’s sacrifice thanks to people who constantly celebrated the legacy.

They are reminded of him on annual celebrations of his birthday and of his death, during frequent visits to the Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield, Ill., where he was buried, and during parades in their hometown, Carius said.

The parades always ended at the American Legion building, in front of which was a flag pole dedicated in honor of our father, he said.

The Carius family has a rich history of military medical service. Michael Carius was a doctor in the Navy and Air Force, and his son, Brandon, is a physician’s assistant in the Army.

Carius said that his father was an honor to his family and he thanked the Army for its continued efforts to remember his father.

“Our mother always spoke so proudly about our father and his accomplishments,” he said. “She felt especially proud when the original Army dental clinic in Seoul was named for him in 1959. Our entire family is extremely proud of our father and his legacy. We thank the Army for this recognition of him, his dedication and his accomplishments. It is a fitting testament to his Army and his dental career.”



Dr. Michael Carius, son of late Maj. Marvin W. Carius, was one of the guest speakers at the Carius Dental Clinic Grand Opening ceremony at U.S. Army Garrison-Humphreys in on May 30. — U.S. Army Photo by Bob McElroy, USAG Humphreys Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Thomas R. Tempel, the commanding general of the U.S. Army Regional Health Command - Central was one of the guest speakers for the event.

“I’m grateful to have the family with us as we honor our proud heritage and start a new chapter in the legacy of the Carius Clinic,” Tempel said. “We are going to be providing state-of-the-art care with the same dedication and the same passion embodied by his legacy.”

Carius Dental Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and provides emergency services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. ▲



The new Carius Dental Clinic opened at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys on May 30. Named for the late Maj. Marvin W. Carius, an Army dentist who was killed in action during the Korean War, the state-of-the-art facility has 79 treatment rooms and is designed to offer a complete range of oral health care service for 20,000 active duty Soldiers, Civilians and other eligible beneficiaries. — U.S. Army Photo by Cpl. Jung Dong-in, Eighth Army Public Affairs



## Army Emergency Relief visits Area IV

By Pfc. Kim, Bum-joon  
USAG Daegu Public Affairs

USAG DAEGU, South Korea – On May 23, retired Lt. Gen. Raymond V. Mason, Director, and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Charles E. Durr Jr., Chief of Assistance, from Army Emergency Relief visited Camp Henry to conduct a command brief and assist with Area IV logistical and engagement support.

Army Emergency Relief more commonly known as AER is a non-profit, charitable organization that was created to help Soldiers and their Family members who experience financial emergencies. The mission of the AER is to help U.S. Army soldiers and their dependents, by providing emergency aid, in the form of either a direct grant or an interest-free loan, and by giving college scholarships to children of soldiers.

U.S. Army Garrison Daegu AER Campaign fund drive was conducted March 1 through May 15, and it was the first time that the AER Campaign kicked off at all Camps in Area IV, Camps Walker, Henry and Carroll. USAG Daegu AER Campaign has met and exceeded its goal for 2017, the final total campaign contribution amounting \$52,952.44. Campaign donation for this year has increased more than 29% compared to last year. This was congratulated by Mason and Durr and they took a commemorative photo celebrating the success.

During their visit, Mason and

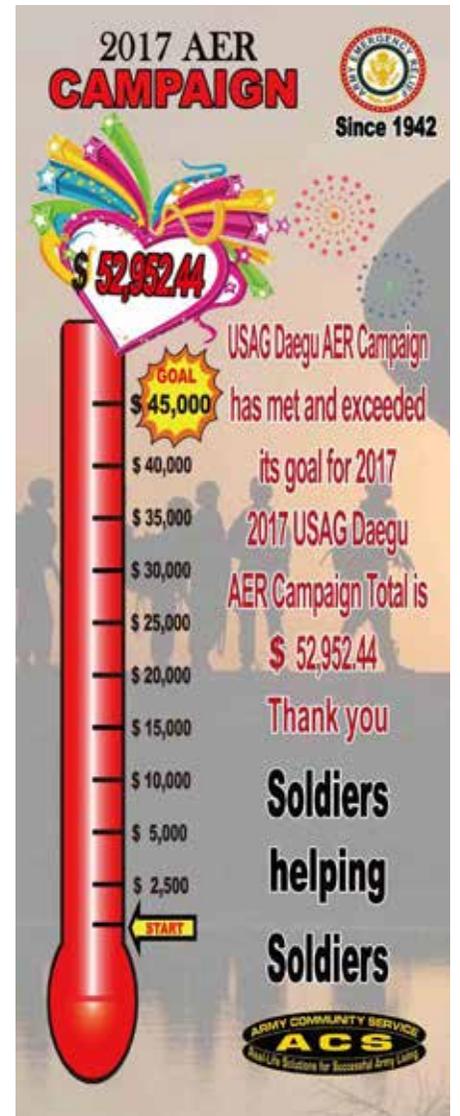


Philip Chang, USAG Daegu ACS Financial Readiness Program manager, retired Lt. Gen. Raymond Mason, Director of Army Emergency Relief, William Butcher, Deputy to the Garrison Commander, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Durr Jr., Chief of Assistance of AER and Command Sgt. Maj. Juan Abreu stand at the USAG Daegu headquarters to celebrate USAG Daegu AER Campaign exceeding its goal for 2017. – U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Kim, Bum-joon

Durr had a Sensing session with AER Officers to facilitate dialogue amongst junior and senior leaders of 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command on the AER program and conduct leader development session. After, Mason and Durr had an office call with William Butcher, Deputy to the Garrison Commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Juan A. Abreu. Their goal was to talk to us about the contributions, effects, and capability of the AER program and thank the USAG DAEGU community for their efforts

providing support for soldiers and contributing to the program.

“We laid out a couple ideas how the annual campaign can support our soldiers and our community, and ways to meet soldier’s request,” said Abreu. “We also want advice soldiers to visit AER office before they have a financial need. Many young soldiers are not aware of unforeseen circumstances. We want to educate them, make them prepare, and prevent the worst.” ▴



USAG Daegu AER Campaign has met and exceeded its goal for 2017. 2017 USAG Daegu AER Campaign total is \$52,952.44.

## Program provides cultural awareness

By Pvt. Ilwoong Kong  
19th ESC Public Affairs

DAEGU, South Korea - Soldiers from the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command and students from Kyungpook National University participated in the eighth iteration of the 19th ESC's Korea Less Traveled program from May 2 to June 2, 2017. The purpose of this program is to connect a Korean student with a soldier currently stationed in Area IV as partners to explore lesser-known parts of the Korea Peninsula and bolster cultural awareness.

Soldiers and KNU students met for the first time at the opening ceremony, May 2. On that day, teams were paired and given challenges to complete over the next four weeks. There were six categories of challenges: KNU, U.S. military, Korean movies, Daegu, Korean National and creative. Teams were required to submit photographic proof of having completed the assignment in order to be awarded points. Final KLT awards were categorized as basic, silver or gold based on the number of accumulated points.

“For me, the most impressive experience was visiting the U.S Army base and my partner’s barracks,” said KNU senior Taegon Kim. “If it was not for this event, it would not have been possible to experience it. Also, because my two partners were more open minded than I thought, I was able to complete the challenges without any problems.”

The eighth iteration of the KLT program came to a close at KNU June 2. The entire KLT group celebrated their experience with a short video showcasing the teams’ challenge process. Participants and others in attendance cheered and applauded as the video played.

All of the KLT program participants received a Certificate of Achievement for their team efforts. Although all participants did well, the points determined the winning team. KNU senior Minseung An and Spc. Kendra L. Stofflet, 551st Inland Cargo Transfer Company, achieved the highest score.

“It was an experience that I’ll never forget,” said Stofflet. “I’ve been here for a while now but this was my first time traveling outside [of] Camp Carroll. With my partner, I experienced various Korean cultures and it was definitely a great experience for me. I would recommend this program to others in my company.”



Teams from the eighth iteration of the Korea Less Traveled program pose for a group photo, June 2, 2017, at the conclusion of the closing ceremony. – U.S. Army photo by Pvt. Ilwoong Kong, 19th ESC Public Affairs

The ninth iteration of the Korea Less Traveled program will take place this fall with exact dates to be determined. For additional information please contact:

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## Recognizing USAG Daegu's efforts to be safe

By Intern Lee, Jo-eun

USAG Daegu Public Affairs

USAG DAEGU, South Korea - USAG Daegu added a new Army Safety Excellence Award Streamer May. 5, at the 61st Annual Excellence in Federal Government Awards Program and EXPO hosted by Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board to recognize as many Federal employees as possible. It acknowledges the garrison's aggressive accident prevention activities over the past year. It is the first such award for the garrison.

For winning the award, the garrison received a Safety Excellence Award Streamer, which will be displayed on the garrison guidon for FY17.

"Receiving the award encourages a safety culture at United States Army Garrison Daegu," said Joe Cabrera, USAG Daegu & Area IV Safety Manager. "By doing the things we did to get the award, we are making people aware of the Safety Program at USAG Daegu. This streamer represents our staff's commitment to safety. I'm very proud of the USAG Daegu team for earning this recognition"

USAG Daegu did not have any Class A or Class B accidents which are defined as a high property loss

or damage in an accident from Jan 2016 to Dec 2016. Moreover USAG Daegu reached 100% completion of Risk Management Training of a total population of 837 and Army Readiness Assessment Program.

USAG Daegu had risk-assessment training to give employees and supervisors a basic understanding of safety risk and understanding of any inherent risks associated with certain positions.

"Our strategic safety goal is to build on a compliance driven program to nurture a culture where safety is instinctive and intuitive in all operations and activities," said Cabrera. "As we improve our own safety posture, we also have to provide safety support and services to tenant and training units to improve their safety practices. We must ensure that everything we do is moving us closer to exemplary safety performance."

USAG Daegu provides various Safety Training such as summer & winter Seasonal Safety Campaign, Exposure Based Training and Additional Duty Safety Officer/Collateral Duty Safety Orientation. Exposure Based Training is focused on Directorate of Public Works and Morale Welfare and Recreation personnel who handle heavier



Joe Cabrera, USAG Daegu & Area IV Safety Manager, speaks about receiving the Army Safety Excellence Award at 61st Annual Excellence in Federal Government Awards Program and EXPO hosted by Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board June 6. — U.S. Army photo by Intern Lee, Jo-eun

industrial equipment to provide safety education on how to manage risks on a daily basis.

"During any event we involved with, we ensure we do risk assessment to identify any risk or hazard to protect and eliminate dangers completely. We do that

not only for internal garrison but also for all community. We always have safety personnel on site, doing community events to make sure safety is a priority," said Cabrera.

For more information about safety and safety program in USAG Daegu, contact 768-7233. ▲

## Memorial Day, Remember the Sacrifice



Command Sgt. Maj. Juan A. Abreu shares his thoughts about Memorial Day, Jun. 2. — U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Kim, Bum-joon

By Intern Shin, Hyo-ju

USAG Daegu Public Affairs

USAG DAEGU, South Korea - Memorial Day is a Federal holiday in United States of America, and it represents a day to remember the individual soldiers and leaders that have sacrificed their lives in support of our country's constitution. This Memorial Day is observed annually on the last Monday of May.

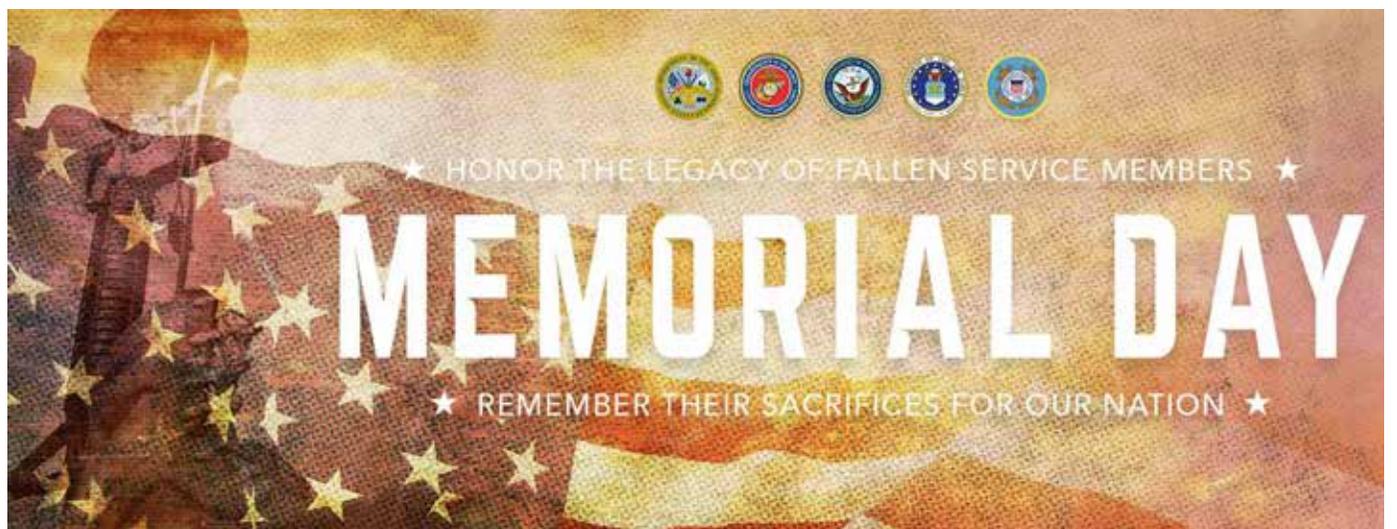
"We should take time to thank

the individuals for their sacrifices and what they've done in making the ultimate sacrifice to defend the United States constitution," said Juan A. Abreu, United States Army Garrison Daegu Command Sgt. Major.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it set aside a time to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official Federal holiday in 1971.

Sometimes, Memorial Day is confused with Veterans Day. Memorial Day is about memorializing and remembering the soldiers who have passed away. But Veterans Day is dedicated to celebrate the service of members of the military that are veterans. They successfully served in the military and now no longer wear a uniform.

"To me the Memorial Day is, remembering that our life is valuable and the people voluntarily have given their life for me and us to be able to do what it is I do for our military," said Abreu. "It allows me to be a father, it allows me to be a husband, or it is the commitment of sacrifice that someone did for my freedom."▲







Area IV Cub Scouts Pack 81 hosts the 2017 Annual Pinewood Derby at Camp George, South Korea's Daegu American School Gymnasium. Host Bob Chamberlain (Left) and Cub Master Kyle Larsen (Right) prepare to race three competing Pinewood Derby Cars. — Photo by Spc. Joni Jackson AFN-Daegu, AFN-Pacific



Area IV Cub Scouts Pack 81 hosts the 2017 Annual Pinewood Derby at Camp George, South Korea's Daegu American School Gymnasium. Contestants register their cars the night before and judges place the cars in a designated area. — Photo by Spc. Kyle Larsen, AFN-Daegu, AFN-Pacific

## Scouts Bond Over Homemade Cars

By Spc. Kyle Larsen

*American Forces Network Daegu, Korea*

USAG DAEGU, South Korea – Area IV Cub Scouts Pack 81 hosted the 2017 Annual Pinewood Derby at Camp George's Daegu American School May 13, 2017. The event allowed scouts across Area IV to compete with homemade wooden cars. The wooden cars race down a sleek metal track consisting of three lanes and a digital timer attached. Score keepers record the times for each vehicle as they cross the finish line.

Cars were registered and weighed the night prior and stored on a table until their number was called for race time. As they were called the elder Boy Scouts transported the cars from the designated storage area to the metal track where the Event Coordinator and Cub Master, Kyle Larsen would help place the cars on

the proper tracks.

When asked about what this event means to scouting, Larsen described this event as, “an outstanding opportunity for the community to witness the healthy competition and skills that scouting can offer to the youth and it's a pretty cool way to bond with your kids.”

The Pinewood Derby allowed Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and their siblings to design and sculpt their vehicles with the assistance of an adult. This event was open to the community and had over one hundred friends and family members in attendance. This created a unique opportunity for all scouts and the community in Area IV to connect and allowed the children to develop skills that otherwise would not be available to them.

The event host and Bear

Den Leader Bob Chamberlain, a retired Lt. Col., spoke about the importance of the event, “The Pinewood Derby gives the young boys here, and girls we have with the girl scouts, the ability to race, have a little competition over here in Korea. They have been doing the Pinewood Derby since the forties and we bring that over to Korea.”

The races ran from 10 am until 2 pm, allowing each scout to race a minimum of three times. The three times were averaged and used to determine winners in each age group of the respective scouting organization.

One competitor, Joshua Posey, a scout in the Webelos Den, described the most memorable incident of the event as, “watching the cars go so fast down the track and a lot of races were really close.” He continued to say, “I just thought it was really cool.”

Eleven trophies and numerous medals were awarded following the race for accomplishments, such as fastest vehicles in all 5 levels of dens, most unique design for and not for a car, car with the most sparkle, along with many more including an overall champion between the fastest Cub Scout and the fastest Girl Scout.

Shane Carter, of the Wolf Den, truly won the title of Overall Pinewood Derby Champion by defeating the Girl Scouts' fastest car in an exhilarating championship race that lasted 5 heats. The first 4 heats consisted of alternating winners, so the judges decided to race the two championship worthy competitors on the center track for the fastest recorded time. Shane won by less than one hundredth of a second earning his third trophy that day. ▀

## Orientation for New Employees

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USAG DAEGU, South Korea – On June 2, orientation for new employees of United States Army Garrison Daegu was held in Equal Employment Opportunity Office classroom, Camp Henry. New employees attended the orientation led by personnel from the Directorate. The orientation gave new employees explicit information about their department, Garrison, and Korea.

“Orientation is an on-boarding process to properly receive and integrate our new employees,” said Robert Clifton, Chief Administrative Officer of Department of Human Resources. “We let them know what facilities we have, what services are available, and more specifically, we get into things special in Korea like safety, noncombatant evacuation operation, and security operations.”

The orientation for new employees is held in first Friday of every two month. Each department presents what services they provide

and they explain what kind of work they are doing. It familiarizes new employees with the Garrison rules and polices. Also, to people who are not familiar with life in Korea, the orientation offers useful information about Korea such as transportation and medical service.

“We do feedback and surveys for every employee on board, and we receive comments from them,” said Clifton. “Just recently, we learned that employees want information about apps useful in Korea locally and we are now working with Army Community Service to see if we can make a list to provide that information.”

Through this orientation, new employees get better knowledge around their new workplace and fit into the Garrison community more quickly. “It's my first time in Korea,” said Rebecca Oden, new employee in ACS. “The orientation helps me to adapt to my work surroundings and Korea, and it gives better understanding about how garrison operates.” ▀



Frances Fitzgerald, Plans Officer of Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, gives a presentation about the Garrison rules to the new employees at the Equal Employment Opportunity Office classroom, June 2. — U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Kim, Bum-joon





Firefighters rescue a pilot from CH-47 Chinook during the CH-47 Egress Training at the Camp Walker Heliport, May 31. Main missions for the firefighters are to mitigate hazards, rescue and triage the injured and take proper care of the patients. — U.S. Army photo by Intern Shin, Hyo-ju



A firefighter removes the helmet from an injured Soldier after rescue from CH-47 Chinook during the CH-47 Egress Training at the Camp Walker Heliport, May 31. Main missions for the firefighters are to mitigate hazards, rescue and triage the injured and take proper care of the patients. — U.S. Army photo by Intern Shin, Hyo-ju

## Helicopter Crash Drill at Camp Walker

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USAG DAEGU, South Korea – The Army always make an effort to prepare for emergencies through many kinds of training systems. United States Army Garrison Daegu Fire Department conducted CH-47 Egress Training at the Camp Walker Heliport, May 31.

CH-47 is a transport helicopter, which usually transports Soldiers or special equipment. This training is an unannounced training, which is usually conducted every quarter.

“This training is called Proficiency Training,” said Yim, Hui-min, Assistant Chief of Training at USAG Daegu Fire and Emergency services. “It is better to get a look at a real helicopter and learn through hands-on experi-

ences rather than just learn through the papers.”

There are orders of training. First of all, H-805 Heliport communicates the training scenarios to the fire department through 911. When the fire alarm communication room receives the information about the situation, they notify the conditions about Soldiers and helicopter. After the crew response, the fire firefighters move out to rescue the Soldiers. All firefighters have their own positions, so they carry out their duties after breaking into the helicopter. If the firefighters rescue the Soldiers successfully, it means the training is finally finished.

“It was a new good experience,” said Han, Yun-chin, Engine 12 Crew Chief at USAG Daegu Fire and Emergency services. “We only did aircraft familiarization at the last training,

and this is our first time to rescue real people. It will be helpful when the real situation happens.”

Throughout the training, the most important part is the safety of people. It can be the rescuers themselves, and also can be the Soldiers inside the aircraft. “The safety of the rescuers must be a priority,” said Yim. “Also, the rescuers should put lifesaving first, not even the aircraft. People always should be considered first in any case.” ▴



Firefighters from USAG Daegu Fire & Emergency Services and U.S. Soldiers pose for a group photo in front of the CH-47 Chinook after the CH-47 Egress Training, May 31. Firefighters respond to the crash scene and take action to mitigate hazards, rescue and triage the injured and take proper care of the patients. — U.S. Army photo by Intern Shin, Hyo-ju



