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Happy Holidays from The Morning Calm Weekly. We will not publish for the next two weeks. Our first issue of 2006 will be Jan. 6

## Area II firefighters respond to residential blaze

By Steve Davis

Area II Public Affairs

**YONGSAN GARRISON** — Area II firefighters responded to a fire in an unoccupied residential duplex Dec. 8 on Yongsan South Post.

An estimated \$73,000 in damage to Building 7074A/B resulted from a suspected electrical fire, said Area II Fire Chief Alex Temporado.

Temporado said the blaze was reported at 11:05 a.m. while fire department personnel were taking part in an anti-terrorism exercise known as Adaptive Focus, that presents various scenarios to which Area II personnel had to respond.

"My first thought was that it was exercise play," said Temporado. "But it wasn't. We also received several 117 calls from residents and responded immediately."

A pumper truck, a ladder truck, a rescue truck and two other command-and-control vehicles converged on the fire near Gate 19, where they saw smoke pouring from both sides of the building



DAVID McNALLY

The Yongsan Fire Department responds to a residential fire at a duplex near the 121st General Hospital, Thursday, Dec. 8.

and roof flames on the "B" side.

"Any time you have an attic fire, it may be difficult because you may not see the full extent of the fire," said Temporado. He said a recently acquired thermal imager device

revealed the entire roof "signature" and helped pinpoint the flames.

Firefighters used a power saw with a combination blade to cut ventilation holes through the roof, then sprayed burning rafters with water.

"We had 16 people on scene," said Temporado. "The fire was out in 25 minutes."

Temporado commended the performance of the Area II firefighters, who had to deal with icy conditions on a steep roof.

As they fought the blaze, medical personnel checked firefighters for overheating and hyperventilation, the fire chief said.

"They did a great job," said Temporado. "We train as much as we can throughout the year to be prepared."

Temporado said a large part of the roof over 7074B was fire damaged and there was smoke and water damage to both sides of the building, which was being renovated before moving in new occupants.

The residence is valued at around \$400,000, Temporado said.

"We put the fire out, nobody got hurt and we helped the community. That was our biggest reward," said Temporado.

## Landmark construction project debuts

By Joe Campbell

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District

**K-16 AIR BASE** — Quality of life for United States Forces Korea Soldiers took another giant step forward with the groundbreaking for an unaccompanied officer's and senior noncommissioned officer's quarters at K-16 Air Base Dec. 9.

The 'Build to Lease' \$26 million, 144-unit project is the first of its kind for USFK and will be constructed at virtually no cost to the U.S. Army. It is scheduled to be completed July 2007.

"This facility will be constructed, owned and operated by the private sector for the exclusive use of U.S. military personnel authorized to reside at K-16," said Build to Lease Program Manager Richard Byron, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District.

The U.S. Army will lease the housing project on a pay-as-you-go basis for up to 15 years, renewable for up to another 15 years. The lease cost, approximately \$3.5 million annually, will represent a 40 percent savings over off-post housing at the full Overseas Housing Allowance entitlements, said



KIM CHONG-YUN

Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, U.S. Forces Korea commander (far right), joins the official party for the ceremonial groundbreaking.

Byron.

"This project is one of the cornerstones of the master plan to make this installation [K-16] both enduring and a community of excellence for our warfighters. It is also a tangible symbol of the resolve and cooperation that continues to define the Republic

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## New COLA Survey begins Jan. 9

**YONGSAN GARRISON** — Eighth U.S. Army announced the next Living Pattern Survey will be Jan. 9 thru Feb. 8, to determine if Cost Of Living Allowance should be increased, decreased or remain the same.

This survey is important to all U.S. Forces Korea personnel and their families. Servicemembers are directed to take 15-20 minutes to complete this survey before the deadline. COLA is intended to allow Soldiers the same buying power they are accustomed to in the United States. This buying power is in relationship to the 120 market basket items listed in the LPS, to include appliances, automotive expenses, household help, food, clothing (men, women, and children), and electronics. COLA is not intended to offset any housing or utility expense. There are other allowances provided to offset those expenses.

Analysis of buying patterns and percentage of off-post shopping of servicemembers throughout the peninsula have been a significant reason for Soldiers serving in Korea receiving COLA since June 2003.

The LPS will be a Web-based survey available through the 175th Financial Management Center Web site: 175fmc.korea.army.mil.

## Happy holidays to all who serve



The holiday season is here with its hopeful messages of peace on Earth and goodwill to all. Each and every one of you – Soldier, sailor, airman, Marine, contractor – contribute to the goal of peace,

stability and freedom for the citizens of the Republic of Korea and the people of Northeast Asia.

The personal sacrifices you make by serving overseas are not taken for granted. Your service is valued - by the American public and by the nations in which you serve. You follow generations of Americans who have served to secure the freedom of millions. It is noble and meaningful service.

Although you are far from home and families, celebrate your holiday traditions with your USFK family. You are creating a lifetime of memories and this is particularly true for holidays spent overseas.

Share our American Christmas traditions and customs, including Hanukah, Kwanza and Ramadan, with your ROK neighbors, co-workers and friends. The diversity of our celebrations and rituals should be recognized and shared.

As we approach the New Year, celebrate the blessings of the past year and anticipate a brighter future. Thank you for your hard work in safeguarding freedom on the peninsula and your continuing efforts to strengthen the ROK-U.S. Alliance. Each day you serve, you contribute to the partnership of our two nations and work towards a more peaceful, stable future.

During this very special time of the year, Judy and I wish all of you, and your families, a happy and safe holiday season and the best for the coming year.

**GEN Leon J. LaPorte**  
Commander, UNC/CFC/USFK

## Help tell the Army message

### Eighth Army Public Affairs

Special to The Morning Calm Weekly

A person contacts you and says, "I'm with the Public Affairs Office and I need some information." Your best response is to:

- A) Flee before they can get your name;
- B) Invoke your Constitutional right to remain silent;
- C) Cooperate fully to ensure your commander and the Army is represented timely, accurately and completely?

"If the Army does not tell its story," said Lt. Col. Tom Budzyna, Eighth Army's public affairs officer, "then someone else will."

Telling the Army's story is accomplished through professional cooperation by the entire team. "When the media calls, it's our role to collect information and to determine how or even if information can be released," said Budzyna.

"Often people think that Public Affairs personnel are the media," Budzyna said, "and we're not. We're Soldiers trained in media arts and who know how to best

represent the Army through the media. We collect information, ensure it is checked for accuracy with other staff sections and then get a commander's approval to release the information or, if appropriate, withhold information."

The "Stars and Stripes" newspaper is not an official military newspaper. "Many believe it is but it's not. We treat Stars and Stripes correspondents like any other. The military does not control the content," explained Budzyna.

Army Values are an excellent guide when meeting the media. When dealing with members of the press, apply the Army Values to your actions and responses:

- Loyalty:** Protect the privacy of others.
- Duty:** Observe operational security.
- Respect:** Treat journalists as professionals.
- Selfless Service:** Represent the Army, avoid opinions.
- Honor:** Be true to your oath and your unit's mission.
- Integrity:** Do not lie to a media representative - ever.
- Personal Courage:** If Soldiers don't tell the Army's story, someone else will. Be ready!

Commanders are responsible for the portrayal of their organization to the public through the media and we're there to provide the proactive or reactive expertise they require. Public affairs Soldiers are part of the team and serve as special staff directly for the commander.

"That's why answer 'c' above is the best," noted Budzyna, "Collectively the public affairs professionals in Korea have years of experience and are truly the ones to seek when the media comes knocking."

There are other aspects to the public affairs mission that are not often seen. In addition to media operations. "The most labor-intensive effort is the production of command information products," Budzyna explained.

Public Affairs Soldiers assigned to the Korea Regional Office produce "The Morning Calm Weekly" newspaper each week. PA Soldiers at Eighth U.S. Army produce the "ROK Steady" magazine and a Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army newspaper in Hanguk.

"It's a professional challenge," said Budzyna, "to face 40-60 blank pages for each edition, face a printing deadline and then make the publication happen."

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## Why do we continue to aid the enemy?

### By Dan Wilkinson

CFC/USFK Operational Security

Prior to 1992, if you needed information about your enemies you had to purchase expensive equipment or hire secret agents to monitor, observe and gather intelligence data.

Times have changed. You no longer need a trench coat, dark glasses, shoe phone and decoder ring to be successful. You don't need to launch spy satellites into orbit or to erect antennas and intelligence collection facilities. You only need a

few hundred dollars and a telephone line.

In the early 90s, Tim Berners-Lee, a researcher at the European Center of Nuclear Research, is credited with creating the World Wide Web. The collaboration tool was needed by the scientists in the high energy physics community to share information. At that time, the only existing Web server was located there at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland. By the end of 1992 there were more than 50 servers in the world ... in 2001, more than

24 million servers. Information about just about anything is only a few keystrokes and mouse clicks away.

In the spring of 2000, an Al Qaeda Terrorist Training Manual was seized in Manchester, England, later dubbed "The Manchester Document." From this manual, terrorists in training learned that more than 80 percent of the information they need to carry out their planning and attacks can be found using open sources ...

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**NEWS & NOTES**

**OHA Survey Extended thru Wednesday**

The 2005 Overseas Housing Allowance for Utility survey has been extended until 21 Dec. The survey is conducted annually by the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee to collect utility and recurring maintenance expense data from servicemembers who reside in privately leased quarters. PDTATAC uses this data to compute OHA Utility and Recurring Maintenance Allowances for servicemembers.

This year's survey will only be available on the PDTATAC Web site; no paper copies will be available. To prepare for the surveys, respondents should have actual bills or records of their utility expenses and maintenance expenses of the last 12 months.

To complete the online survey, servicemembers will be asked for the last four digits of their Social Security Number. Responses will be held in strict confidence. The survey is available at <https://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oha/utility>.

**Military Post Office Holiday Hours**

Military Post Offices will be closed Dec. 26-27 and Jan. 2-3. Post offices will conduct morning unit mail call and Operation Santa Claus activities Dec. 24, but no other services will be offered that day. Post offices will operate on their normal schedules Dec. 31.

**Cowboy Cheerleaders Come to Area II**

You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout I'm tellin' you why ... because the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders are "coming to town" Dec. 23.

"They always give a high-energy performance from start to finish," said Shirley Commander, Korea Region Morale, Welfare and Recreation entertainment chief. The tour is sponsored by the USO, Armed Forces Entertainment and MWR.

The Defense Department has asked the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders to visit U.S. servicemembers in Korea since 1979. The organization has teamed up with the DOD and the USO 49 times to boost the morale of the men and women around the world. The 90-minute show will feature giveaways, and incorporate the audience members into the program. The free show is 7 p.m., Dec. 23 at Collier Field House.

**Free DMZ/JSA Tour**

Visiting and/in-country high school and college students of DoD military and civilian personnel, Department of State and DoDDS employees in Korea are invited to a Free tour of the DMZ and Joint Security Area from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 29. Program includes historical briefings and tours of Tunnel #3, OP Dora, Camp Bonifas and Panmunjom. Reservations are required. To sign up, call at 723-4685 or send e-mail to [Edwina.Walton@korea.army.mil](mailto:Edwina.Walton@korea.army.mil). Students must have a valid U.S. military ID card or U.S. passport.

**Brock becomes 8th MP's top NCO**

By Cpl. Jung Jung-woo  
Eighth U.S. Army Public Affairs

**YONGSAN GARRISON** — Soldiers of the 8th MP Brigade said goodbye to their much-loved command sergeant major and welcomed their new command sergeant major during a change of responsibility ceremony Dec. 5 at Collier Field House.

Command Sgt. Maj. Freddie L.T. Brock, who is coming from the 701st MP Battalion at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., succeeds Command Sgt. Maj. Tommie Hollins Sr., who took responsibility of the "Watchdog Brigade" for 30 months and will now take the reigns of the 14th MP Brigade at Fort Leonard Wood.

Col. Falkner Heard III, 8th MP Bde. commander, showed his gratitude to Hollins during the ceremony.

"Sgt. Maj. Hollins is a mover and a shaker, possessing a dynamic and aggressive personality and leadership style. This charismatic personality has affected all the Soldiers of the brigade," said Heard.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Hollins without a doubt set and established a professional example for everyone in this brigade. He is the finest NCO I have known in my 25-year career."

Under Hollins' tutelage, the brigade has been doing a great job in community-wide athletic competitions -- winning the KATUSA-U.S. Soldiers Friendship Week intramural competitions for two years in a row.

Over the past two and half years, the brigade frequently won leadership awards,

military working dog competitions, Bataan death marches, quarter boards, dragon stakes competitions and



PHOTOS BY CPL. JUNG JUNG-WOO

Col. Falkner Heard III, 8th Military Police Brigade commander, hands the brigade colors to Command Sgt. Maj. Freddie Brock, incoming brigade command sergeant major.

AAME awards, and featured Gen. Paik Sun-yup inductees, Sergeant Audie Murphy inductees, honor graduates at professional development schools and more.

"I hope that I have been a professional example for you all to follow. All of you are wonderful, and a hard-working group of Soldiers. Any and all tasks that we the leadership have asked of you, you've performed 100 percent and then some," said Hollins.

"[Korean Augmentation to the U.S.

Army] Soldiers, we would not be able to complete the mission without you; you are truly warfighters. You embody the spirit of the ROK-U.S. Alliance."

Brock held every noncommissioned officer leadership position, to include three tours of duty as a first sergeant and two as a battalion command sergeant major. He has served in every type of MP unit, to include physical security, law and order, division and corps MP companies.

"I am glad that I had the opportunity to return to Korea. It is truly an outstanding homecoming for me," said Brock. "My wife and I promise our loyalty to the Soldiers and families of the Watchdog Brigade. I will strive to continue the traditions and leadership that previous sergeants major have set forth."

**"I hope that I have been a professional example for you all to follow."**

**Command Sgt. Maj. Tommie Hollins Sr. outgoing 8th MP Bde. command sergeant major**



NAVY JOURNALIST FIRST CLASS DAVID MCKEE

**Holiday Hocus-Pocus**

Magician "Kernel Popcorn" entertains children at the annual Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea Christmas party for the Seoul Hye Shim Won orphanage Dec. 11 at the Navy Club on Yongsan Garrison. Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea, hosted this year's annual holiday party for the orphanage. More than 100 servicemembers and their families spent the afternoon with children from the orphanage. The children asked Santa Claus for gifts. Additionally, CNFK staffmembers also gave gifts to the children. The party included arts and craft stands for face painting, making sun visors, decorating cookies, coloring holiday pictures and more.

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of Korea – United States Alliance.” said Col. Ronald C. Stephens, Area II Support Activity commander and master of ceremonies for the event.

SEOHEE Construction began work at the project site in November following a lease signing between USFK and SB Sungnam, a joint venture between Baum Architects and SEOHEE, and financed by Shinhan Bank.

“We strongly feel the protective presence of USFK in the Republic of Korea, and we owe much gratitude to America, specifically to the U.S. forces, for maintaining security on this peninsula,” said Bong Kwan-lee,

chairman, SEOHEE Construction.

Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, commander, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, United States Forces Korea, praised the combined team effort leading up to the landmark groundbreaking and spoke of its positive impact for USFK personnel.

“Today is very significant because it marks the first of many new and exciting developments supporting our ongoing transformation plan. In the next three to five years we will break ground on a number of new projects to provide an improved quality of life for our servicemembers,” said LaPorte.

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primarily, the Internet.

Following this discovery and the events of 9/11, the Department of Defense and other U.S. agencies underwent massive reviews and scrubs of their official Web sites. Any information on those official sites that could potentially help the enemy, either with planning hostilities against the United States and our allies, research and development, targeting personnel, or just good old-fashioned intelligence databasing, was either pulled from the site or restricted from public access.

You may have noticed over the last few years there is not as much information available when you attempt to access an official Web site from your home computer and possibly even your work computer. While it may be frustrating at times, believe me, this is a good thing. We are doing much better at safeguarding sensitive information by better reviewing information before we post it to official Web sites. So, we’re doing better ... what’s the problem now? How are we *continuing* to aid the enemy?

In August 2005, the Army chief of staff, sent out a memorandum to all Army personnel addressing a new risk to Army, joint and coalition operations. Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker stated that, “the enemy aggressively reads our open source and continues to exploit it and uses it against our forces.”

You may wonder how this is possible if we’ve been rather successful in cleaning critical information off our official Web sites. Schoomaker explained, “Soldiers and other service members continue to post sensitive information to their personal Web sites and weblogs ... such OPSEC violations place lives at risk and degrade the effectiveness of our operations ... We must do a better job.”

Most people that post stories, pictures or video to Web sites, blogs and online diaries don’t do it with the intention of degrading our operations or putting lives at risk. They simply don’t think that “little piece” of information is significant ... and most often, alone it isn’t. Now, just try to imagine all those thousands and thousands of “little pieces” of information out there on the Internet. The picture becomes very clear.

Also, too much personal information on your Web site that associates you with the military could put your family at risk.

Posting family names, ages, residence addresses, phone numbers, schools and photos on your site makes it easy for targeting.

Gen. Bryan D. Brown, commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, emphasized that we must “hold people accountable that place others at risk.” Schoomaker added that “OPSEC is a chain of command responsibility ... Leaders at all levels must take charge and get the message down to the lowest levels ... get the word out and focus on this issue now.” No gray area in those words – very clear guidance from the top Army leader.

The bar is set. Web sites are now very closely scrutinized and violators of this policy will pay. At least one Soldier has already been fined \$1,640 and demoted three grades to the rank of private for posting information on his blog that should not have been released. There will be others.

In the event there is still confusion, this is what you must do:

- Leaders must ensure this word gets out to the entire organization.

- Supervisors must stay involved with subordinates and remind them of the consequences of not adhering to this guidance.

- All personnel must think carefully and consider the information they are going to post to a publicly accessible site. If in doubt, do not post it.

- If, in the future, you are assigned to Multi-National Corps-Iraq, you must notify your chain of command and register if you own, maintain or post to a Web site or weblog (in accordance with MNCI policy).

The Army Vice Chief of Staff, Gen. Richard A. Cody, pointed out that, “Iraqi insurgents and foreign Jihadists are using pictures — roadside bomb strikes, firefights, injured or dead U.S. Soldier and destroyed or damaged vehicles and other equipment — as propaganda and terrorist training tools. The Jihadis are there ... reading, sharing, learning.” Think OPSEC!

*Mandatory OPSEC Training Materials can be found at <https://opsec.1stiocmd.army.mil>. For questions regarding OPSEC or the policy on Web posting, contact Dan Wilkinson, CJ39 Information Operations Division, 723-2149, or via e-mail at [daniel.wilkinson@korea.army.mil](mailto:daniel.wilkinson@korea.army.mil).*

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## Sling-load ops kick off winter FTX



Yu Hu Son

Riggers hook up a Humvee and generator to a Chinook helicopter, to be transported from Camp Red Cloud to Camp Casey.

By Pfc. Amanda Merfeld  
Second Infantry Division Public Affairs

**CAMPRED CLOUD** – A platoon 40 miles away on an imperative tactical operation had just lost three Humvees to roadside bombs en route to their target point. The cargo the Humvees carried, necessary to the success of the mission, was undamaged and there were no casualties.

In a situation like this, there are few options and little time to make decisions, but the goal remains the same. Now, the platoon needs Humvees sling-loaded onto the Chinook helicopter.

“Air Assault sling-loads are high-risk, high-payoff operations. When properly planned and decisively executed, they can dramatically expand a commander’s area of operation,” said Capt. Vince Lai, Network Detachment commander. “This gives the commander the flexibility to tailor insertion of personnel and equipment to precise locations of the battlefield, to be at the right place at the right time.”

Soldiers from the division’s Special Troops Battalion practiced sling-load operations Nov. 30.

“This is great training for everyone involved. The Soldiers really enjoyed working with Army Aviation and, for many, this was the first time they conducted sling-load operations,” Lai said.

“As riggers, we challenged ourselves by improving our proficiency with this highly perishable skill.”

Although this was only training, the transportation of three Humvees and three generators to Camp Casey was necessary to conduct other training exercises.

“Sling-load operations are a quarterly training requirement for signal companies in 2ID,” Lai said. “I had some Soldiers tell me this is why they joined the Army.”

In sling-load operations, all Army loads must meet qualification criteria as judged by the inspector.

Before the Chinook hovered over the Humvees, the riggers were on top of the Humvees, braced by other Soldiers, rehearsing the exercise.

“Safety first,” Lai said. “We’re constantly checking the conditions for unnecessary risk and mitigate those risks whenever possible. It doesn’t matter how good the training is, it’s never worth an injury or damaged equipment. Weather checks and team proficiency are key to preventing accidents.”

“Once the sling-load inspectors have inspected the load, the inspector is required to produce three copies of the Sling-load

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## CRC front gate construction gets under way

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson  
Area I Public Affairs

**CAMPRED CLOUD** – Area I officials announced today that the Camp Red Cloud front gate will be under construction from Saturday until April 1, 2006.

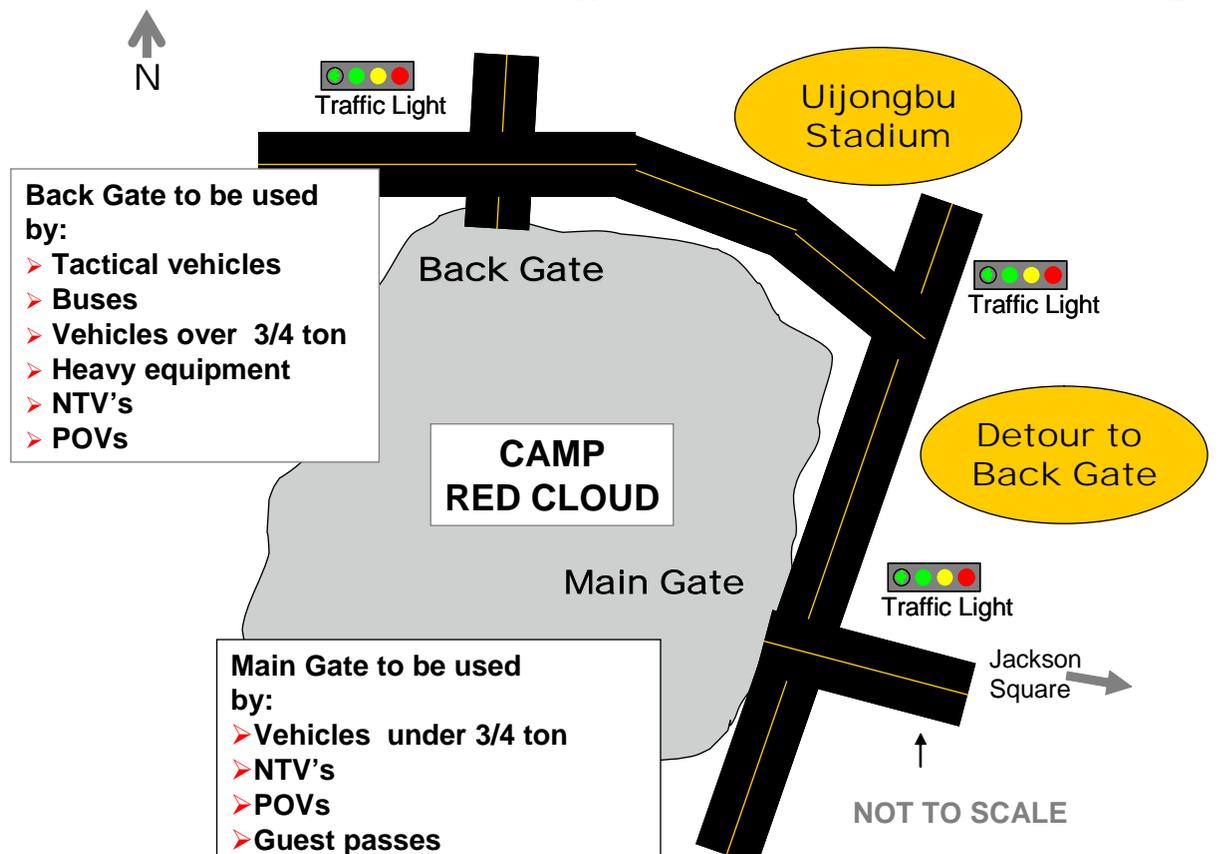
Only nontactical, light trucks and sedans under three-quarters of a ton and privately owned vehicles will be allowed entry in the front gate from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. All other vehicles: tactical, construction, delivery and fuel trucks, and contract and government buses, must come in through the back gate. In addition, all vehicles must depart out the back gate between 7 and 8:30 a.m.

“Detours will be in effect,” said William Kapaku, deputy to the Camp Red Cloud garrison commander. “All drivers are advised to watch for signs and to use extreme caution when entering the camp and driving around the shoppette and bus station area.”

The back gate will be operational seven days a week, 24 hours a day during this time, allowing vehicles entrance and exit.

Furthermore, the visitor and pedestrian entrances at the CRC main and back gate remain in service.

For information, call Kapaku at 732-7785.



## NEWS & NOTES

### Commissary Holiday Schedule

All Area I commissaries will be closed Dec. 25-26 and open Dec. 31 for normal shopping hours. All commissaries will be closed Jan. 1-2.

### Catholic Services at CRC, Stanley

Catholic services will be held at 5 p.m. Dec. 24 at Camp Stanley and at midnight at Camp Red Cloud. Services will be at 9 a.m. at CRC and at 1 p.m. at Camp Stanley Dec. 25.

### Central Property Book Office

The CPBO have halted all customer service requirements due to relocation of the office from Camp Sears to Camp Castle North. Reopening date is scheduled for Dec. 27.

### UPL Certification Training

Unit Prevention Leader certification training will be 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Jan. 9-13 at Camp Casey in Building S-0802. Call 730-4779 or 4765 to reserve a seat.

### ADAPT Class

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention classes will be held from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday at Camp Casey.

### Warrior Invitational Wrestling Tournament

The Warrior Invitational Wrestling Tournament will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Camp Casey Carey Physical Fitness Center. Weigh-ins and medical examinations will be held 10-11:30 a.m.

### Twelve Days Before Christmas

"Friends of the USO" will be raffling prizes on AFN radio every day during the 12 days before Christmas, with one prize in the morning and one in the afternoon. Prizes will include phone cards, gift certificates, gift bags, USO trips, hotel accommodations and dinner certificates.

### Christmas Raffle Bonanza

The USO Van will visit Area I camps Wednesday thru Dec. 23 for free Christmas raffle draws on site. Prizes include a stereo, DVD players, CD players, boom boxes and gift certificates. Cookies and brownies also will be provided. A grand raffle draw of round-trip tickets to the United States will be held at the Camp Casey Food Court Dec. 24.

### Mitchell's Club

Camp Red Cloud's Mitchell's Club will have a Christmas buffet from 1 to 7 p.m. Dec. 25 for \$8.95.

### Bicycle Claim Procedure

An October sweep for apparently abandoned or unsecured bicycles resulted in more than 50 bikes being seized. To reclaim a bicycle collected through this effort, file a report at the CRC MP desk.

## Area I celebrates Native American Heritage

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Area I Public Affairs

**CAMPRED CLOUD** — Soldiers gathered Nov. 29 at Camp Red Cloud's Theater to commemorate Native American Indian Heritage Month. Area I and 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers recognized 27 Native American Medal of Honor recipients throughout U.S. history.

Historically, American Indians have the highest record of military service per capita compared to other ethnic groups, according to Department of Defense officials. Their cultural values drive them to serve their country and their warrior spirit becomes one with the U.S. Army.

Sgt. 1st Class Diane Bush, 2nd Inf. Div. Equal Opportunity, highly praised a 26-year-old Winnebago Indian from Wisconsin, Cpl. Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. As a member of the U.S. Army, Red Cloud was sent to Korea in 1950 with E Company, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. While guarding Hill 123, he died from enemy fire Nov. 5, 1950.

"It has been told eight bullets hit him before he fell," Bush said. "It was for his heroic action during the Korean War that he received the military's highest award, the Medal of Honor."



MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON

Pfc. Virgie Tidmore, 122nd Signal Battalion, and Pfc. Nathan Rios, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I, serve homemade Native American food samples to Staff Sgt. Miya Jenkins, 122nd Sig. Bn., at the Native American Indian celebration event held at Camp Red Cloud's Theater Nov. 29.

Red Cloud was the eighth man to receive the award during the Korean War."

Red Cloud had a distinguished military career, as he also received a Purple Heart for duty in Korea, as well as two Purple Hearts for service with the Marines in World War II. Red Cloud's remains were kept in Korea until he was returned for final burial in the United States March 26, 1955.

"You'll never find a greater patriot than an American Indian," Bush said. "It's not an accident that the greatest honor that can come to an American Indian is to serve in the armed forces."

An even greater achievement is to have been in a war like Lori Piestewa," said Sgt. 1st Class Angela Frazier, Area I EO. "She did not receive the Medal of Honor, but she is an American hero."

March 23, 2003, Private First Class Lori Ann Piestewa, 23 and mother of two children, became the first American female Soldier killed in the Iraq war, and the first Native American woman to die in combat in the service of the United States.

"The ancestral heroes of Native Americans play an important role in Native American heritage," Frazier said. "Though much has been written of Native Americans we proudly remember those who have contributed to the military and received the Medal of Honor."

Van Barfoot was a Choctaw from Mississippi, and a second lieutenant in the Thunderbirds. During the breakout from Anzio to Rome, May 23, 1944, Barfoot knocked out two machine gun nests and captured 17 German soldiers. Later that same day, he repelled a German tank assault, destroyed a Nazi fieldpiece and, while returning to camp, carried two wounded commanders to safety.

Charles George was a Cherokee from North Carolina, and private first class in Korea when he was killed Nov. 30, 1952. During battle, George threw himself upon a grenade and smothered it with his body. In doing so, he sacrificed his own life but saved the lives of his comrades.

"Native American Indian month is a good event," Frazier said. "It causes people like me to remember and to honor past heroism by our Native American servicemembers. It is a learning event for everyone."

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## Good Neighbor Visit



MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON

(left to right) Lt. Col. Keith Bean, commander, 1-38 Field Artillery; Lt. Col. Terry Hodges, Camp Casey garrison commander; Lt. Col. Roy Sevalia, executive officer, Fires Brigade; Col. Matt Merrick, commander, Fires Brigade; Kim Kwang-su, Golsandong Village chief; and Pae Tong-su, Camp Casey community relations officer, visit Golsandong so that both Fires Brigade leaders and village residents could introduce themselves and get familiar with each other as good neighbors. Merrick expressed his good will in fostering friendship with the neighboring Golsandong village residents by having a proposed joint tree planting in the village next spring.

# CRC frame shop readies for holiday rush

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Area I Public Affairs

**CAMP RED CLOUD** – There is a right way and a wrong way of doing things when it comes to framing items of importance for the holidays. Picture framing can creatively showcase a piece's best features. It will draw the eye to the image, create a sense of importance and undoubtedly impress family members, friends and co-workers.

An opportunity to purchase or construct a unique frame for prized photos, paintings, drawings and prints is available at Creative Cuts, Building T-25, across the road from the Camp Red Cloud golf course driving range. Thoroughly professional, quality picture framing is available either by special order or, following instruction — to include safety training — on a do it yourself basis.

Frame shop clients who prefer the made to order option may consult with Nikki Chavez, manager. Frames may be constructed from wood or from plastic materials closely resembling wood. Mats come in a rainbow of colors and in a variety of textures.

“The advantage of wood over plastic is strength, and wood is the real thing,” Chavez said. “The disadvantage of wood, for some people, is the expense. Plastic looks close to the real thing, without wood’s added cost.”

Chavez encourages clients with a bent for creativity and craftsmanship to make their own frames. Self-made frames become an option once a client successfully completes the safety instruction Black provides Saturdays. Safety classes are offered on a walk-in basis, and are open to anyone with proper military identification.

Following safety instruction, do-it-yourself clients may use all of the equipment in the frame shop, including Creative Cuts’ computerized mat cutter. As needed throughout the do-it-yourself process, clients can continue to avail themselves of Chavez’s expertise.

Even though clients may choose the do-it-yourself option, Chavez insists on the final say over when a client’s project is deemed finished and ready



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Nikki Chavez, Camp Red Cloud Creative Cuts frame shop manager, demonstrates how simple, familiar crafting techniques can turn an ordinary mat or frame into an extraordinary treasure.

to leave the shop. “My reason is I insist on perfection,” she said. “People spend good money to produce a framed work of art, and I want to be certain everyone gets his full money’s worth.”

Clients often are drawn toward an artist’s proof or limited edition prints for framing. People can bring their own prints or prints may be ordered through a service the shop provides.

“Limited edition and artist’s proof prints protected by frames are not only nice to look at, they offer excellent investment opportunities,” she said. “Just about any print from a known artist appreciates in value as years pass.” Although increasing value of any given print is not a

guarantee, Antes’ has prints whose values over time have increased as much as tenfold.

Each month Creative Cuts offers a drawing where clients may win a \$25 gift certificate redeemable for any product or service provided by the store. Anyone wishing to participate need only stop by the shop, fill out an entry slip and place it in the drawing box.

“Framing,” Chavez said, “is just one arts and crafts-related service offered by Creative Cuts.” She invites drop-in and telephone inquiries. The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, with free framing classes every Saturday using a computerized mat cutter.

## Sling

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inspection record to the supporting aviation unit, affixed directly to the load and to the supporting unit,” Lai said.

When asked what it did for the troops, Lai replied, “It gave us a

chance to establish a working relationship with the Chinook crew, so that we understood how to work together.”

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YU HU SON

Riggers prepare to hook up equipment to a Chinook helicopter during sling-load training at Camp Red Cloud Nov. 30.

## Post Exchange Holiday Schedule

Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Jan. 2
<b>Cp Casey Main PX</b> 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Closed	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Closed	Regular Hours
<b>Camp Red Cloud PX</b> Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours
<b>Casey Sport Store</b> Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours
<b>Dragon Valley PX</b> Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours
<b>Division Field PX</b> Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours
<b>Camp Jackson Px</b> Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours
<b>Camp Bonifas PX</b> 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed	Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours
<b>Camp Hovey PX</b> Regular Hours	11 a.m.-6 p.m.	Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours
<b>Camp Stanley PX</b> 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.	11 a.m.-5 p.m.	10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.	Closed	Regular Hours
<b>Camp Mobile PX</b> Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours
<b>Camp Castle Px</b> Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours
<b>CRC Post Px</b> Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours	Closed	Regular Hours

(All schedules are subject to change. For information, contact individual stores.)

## Area II community welcomes holiday season

*Yongsan, Hannam Village tree lightings raise communities' Christmas spirit*

By David McNally

Area II Public Affairs

**YONGSAN GARRISON** — Before Santa Claus made a grand appearance riding a siren-blaring red fire engine, about 400 Yongsan community residents gathered Dec. 8 to light the 2005 Christmas tree.

"Today begins the holiday season for Yongsan," said Area II Commander Col. Ron Stephens. "For some, it may be the first time away from home during the holidays. We'd be happy to be your family this holiday season."

Stephens said it is also a time to remember those in harm's way defending freedom.

"Remember to keep them in your prayers," he said.

Later in the festivities, prayers of a different kind were answered.

Switzerlyne Perez heard her name read as the winner of a \$2,000 shopping spree.

"I was very happy," Perez said. "It was perfect for the holiday season."

Perez said she couldn't believe her name was chosen for the gift certificate.

Nambu Elementary School, Seoul American High School and South Post Protestant choirs sang traditional Christmas carols to entertain the group in the sub-zero temperatures.

When the moment came, the Stephens family, Area II Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Witt and his family, and Girl Scout and Cub Scout representatives lit the tree, and simultaneously turned on all "Winter Wonderland" decorations between Dragon Hill Lodge and Gate 17.

Hannam Village residents held a tree-lighting ceremony Monday at the traffic circle in front of the commissary.

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PHOTOS BY DAVID McNALLY

*Nambu Elementary School Choir members sing Christmas carols Dec. 8 at the Yongsan tree lighting ceremony. Nambu Elementary is in Seoul.*



*Hannam Village residents light their own Christmas tree Monday evening with a special holiday celebration.*



*About 400 Yongsan community residents enjoy the entertainment. Several choirs sang Christmas carols.*



*Area II Commander Col. Ron Stephens addresses the crowd.*



GRAPHICS BY ROGER NURICK



*Ariel Cox, 9, gets a gift from Santa Claus after the Yongsan Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 8.*



*The Yongsan community Christmas tree stands next to the fire department.*

## NEWS & NOTES

### Basketball Tournament

Support your favorite team at the Pacific-wide Holiday Basketball Tournament 3 p.m. Friday at Collier Field House on Yongsan South Post. Games Saturday - Dec. 21 will begin at 8 a.m. and continue through 11 p.m. each day. For information, call 738-8608.

### On Stage

"The Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever" will be presented at the Yongsan Music Theatre in the Moyer Community Services Center, Building 2259, through Sunday. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. For information, call 723-5721.

### Christmas Happenings

- Commiskey's Christmas Eve Dinner, 5-10 p.m., Dec. 24. Adult \$15.95; children \$7.95; free for children under 5. For information, call 736-3968.
- Candlelight Services, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Hannam Village Chapel and 7-8 p.m. at K-16 Chapel.
- 5-Kilometer Jingle Bell Fun Run, 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Collier Field House.

### New Year's Eve

- Midnight Fun Run, midnight at Collier Field House. There are free sweatshirts for the first 300 participants. For information, call 738-8608.
- Bowling Party, Yongsan Lanes, 8 p.m. Dec. 31- 1:30 a.m. Jan. 1. Single, \$28; Family of 3, \$40; Additional family members, \$10 each. Includes unlimited pizza buffet, party favors, countdown to New Year, lots of bowling and breakfast. For information, call 723-7830.
- Watchnight services, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at South Post and Hannam Village chapels.
- Commiskey's New Year's Eve Dinner, 5-10 p.m., Dec. 31. Adult \$15.95; children \$7.95; free for children under 5. For information, call 736-3968.
- Main Post Club New Year's Eve Party, 8 p.m. Dec. 31- 3 a.m. Jan. 1. Cover charge of \$15 includes coolest band in Korea, "Beyond the Rhythm," with a DJ playing old school and R&B in the Uptown Lounge. The Underground will have a DJ playing Hip Hop all night. For information, call 723-5678.
- Harvey's Lounge New Year's Eve Party, 8 p.m. Dec. 31. No cover charge for "Bad Moon Band" and more. Call 723-5678.
- K-16 Club New Year's Eve Party, 7 p.m. Dec. 31- 2 a.m. Jan. 1. No cover. Free food from 10 p.m. until it's gone. Prizes include \$800 golf club set and bag and \$200 in cash door prizes. For information, call 741-6380.

### News & Notes Deadlines

Deadline for submission to News & Notes is Friday prior to the next week's publication. Announcements will be published on a first-come, first-served basis. Submit items to davisst@korea.army.mil. Each announcement should include who, what, when, where and a point-of-contact phone number.

### News & Notes Online

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## Families display Christmas home decorations

By David McNally

Area II Public Affairs

**YONGSAN GARRISON** — Twelve U.S. Forces Korea families opened their homes Dec. 9 for the 2005 American Forces' Spouses Club Winter Tour of Homes.

The spouses club raises funds through the Chosun Gift Shop, as well as events like the winter tour. This year, the club sold 175 tickets to people who wanted to see Christmas decorations in a unique way, an increase of 50 people from last year.

"I think it's a festive way to spend the day," said Cynthia Forrester, event coordinator. "It's fun."

Ticket holders agreed, as they caravanned from home to home to take a peek at the extensive decorations.

One of the 12 homes on display was the home of Command Sgt. Maj. Barry and Pat Wheeler.

"I love Christmas and I love decorating," said Pat Wheeler.

Wheeler said she jumped at the chance to participate and open up her home.

"I feel like we represent the enlisted here on the peninsula," she said. "I felt we should open up the house, that it belongs to everyone."

Wheeler said this has been her sole project for many weeks.

"I've been working on this since right after Thanksgiving," Wheeler said. "My Texas tree is one of my favorites. It reminds me of home. We're from Dallas."

The home features 11 Christmas trees. "But that's counting small ones,"



Pat Wheeler (right) shows her festive holiday decorations to Terese Alcantara Dec. 9 at the 2005 American Forces' Spouses Club Winter Tour of Homes.

she said with a smile.

Wheeler said she has themes throughout the house. She even has a Christmas tree with a Korean theme.

"That's in honor of our host country," she said.

The Wheelers have moved 20 times in the 33 years her husband has been in the U.S. Army.

"I love opening up the house," she said. "I've done it in years past. I just love decorating."

As people went through the Wheeler home, Melinda Graper and Terese Alcantara acted as guides to introduce the intricate details of the decorations.

"It's beautiful," said visitor Sonya Mooneyham. "She's obviously put a lot of work into it, and she's very creative."

Mooneyham said she is not sure she will be decorating her home in the same way any time soon.

"I am intimidated," Mooneyham said laughing. "I'm not that creative."

The other 11 homes on the tour included General Leon J. and Judy LaPorte; Lt. Gen. Charles C. and Dianne Campbell; Col. William and Nancy Forrester; Col. Ron and Ann Stephens; Rich and Kathy Hansen; Col. Franklin and Rachel Childress; Lt. Col. Doug and Kathy Fields; Command Sgt. Maj. Rick and Terese Alcantara; Lt. Col. Brian and Laura Alexander; and Command Sgt. Maj. Greg and Amanda Bunce.

Through fund-raisers, the spouses club tries to make a difference in the community.

"Last year we donated more than \$300,000 to Korean and U.S. charities," Forrester said. "We have about 360 members."

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## Dragon Hill Lodge stands ready for holiday rush

By David McNally

Area II Public Affairs

**YONGSAN GARRISON** — The Dragon Hill Lodge plans to be at the center of 2005 holiday plans for the U.S. Forces Korea community.

General Manager Jim Thomas said the Yongsan hotel and restaurant complex is traditionally a centerpiece of Americana in the community.

"We try to create a home-away-from-home environment," he said.

Earlier this month, Santa Claus arrived at the hotel in a motorcycle motorcade and was met by about 300 children. Saint Nick passed out candy and listened to kids' Christmas wishes.



Dragon Hill Lodge's Chris Acquaviva shows some Christmas spirit while he checks in Maj. John Lee and Lt. Col. Monica O'Guinn Dec. 9.

It is difficult to miss the holiday decorations. There is even a paratrooper Santa making his entrance through the ceiling.

"This is a large reminder of home," Thomas said. "Right now it's so important for us to make servicemembers feel at home."

Dragon Hill Lodge continues to adjust to the realities of a changing customer base. While Assignment Incentive Pay and fewer U.S. Soldiers on the peninsula have brought down the numbers of transitioning personnel by about 25 percent, DHL is seeking new revenue opportunities.

One new program is a winter ski package that comes with a stay at the DHL. The staff has more family tour packages in the works, like one to a Seoul amusement park.

The DHL is also reaching out to USO offices in the Pacific to offer tour packages, and build awareness.

"We're still busy, but we now have less demand for our rooms," Thomas said. "We have rooms and we need to get the word out."

A major community event is the DHL New Year's Eve party. "That's where we invite 2,500 of our most favorite people," said Roxanne Holland, DHL marketing director. "We turn the whole public area of the hotel into a party."

This year's theme is "Hollywood Premier." Different areas of the hotel will offer music like Country Western, 70s and 80s, Top 40 and R&B. There will be a champagne toast at midnight.

"The idea is to keep it fun and keep it safe," Holland said. "We're on the installation, so that helps."

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# Holiday concert warms hearts, spirits

By Cpl. Seo Ki-chul

Area II Public Affairs

**YONGSAN GARRISON** — The 8th U.S. Army Band entertained more than 500 people Dec. 3 at Seoul American High School auditorium during the 2005 Commanding General's Holiday Concert.

"Many American servicemembers come to Korea by themselves without the benefit of family," said Sgt. Maj. David Doyon, enlisted bandleader of the 8th Army band. "No matter what branch of service they are in, they could get a small touch of home with an Army band playing their favorite Christmas songs."

Doyon said the concert is their contribution to the community.

"The holidays are a wondrous time of year for all of us," said Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell, 8th U.S. Army commanding general. "It is great so many of you have gathered tonight to celebrate this special season."

Campbell said he appreciated the musicians for taking time to spread holiday cheer.

Starting with "Deck the Halls" presented by instrument performers, the concert overwhelmed guests in the packed auditorium with 14 different musical programs.

The selections included a wide genre of Christmas carols, Chinese dance and many humorous events like Santa Claus's visit. Performers with funny-looking garments and witty gestures also brought intensive interest from all ages of the audience.

Many people said they were inspired by the performance.

"The 8th Army band provided a very uplifting sensation," said Lt. Col. Paul Smith, 8th U.S. Army G-1. "They were creative and energetic and brought life to the upcoming holidays for all serving in Korea."

Smith said one of the performances, "Air Guitar," had two long-hair guitarists.

"That was especially 'out of the box' for a normal



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*Spc. Mark McMurray, euphonium player, does his part during the Christmas concert.*

military holiday concert," he said.

Doyon and 8th U.S. Army Band Commander Chief Warrant Officer 2 Lisa Guynn shared some Christmas medleys like "Christmas Sing Along," with the audience while walking through aisles with a microphone.

The final performance described a Soldier weeping at the letter from his family to the tune of the German Christmas carol, "Stille Nacht," or "Silent Night."

The song gained sympathy from the audience, as it drew a big round of applause.

Guynn said the concert was meant to bring out every Christmas emotion, including laughter, sadness and even nostalgia for home.

"It was very successful," Guynn said. "I hope today's performance stimulated everyone's musical taste during the upcoming holiday season."

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*A barber shop quartet performs an Army version of "12 Days of Christmas."*



*Vocalist Sgt. Tanzonia Flakes roars at the audience singing "All I want for Christmas."*

*About 500 people enjoy the Dec. 3 concert.*



# Fair Credit Reporting Act offers protection for consumers

By Capt. Joon K. Hong

Yongsan Legal Assistance

It is inevitable. Unless you have been living under a rock, you probably have a credit history. In a world where everything can be paid in installments, you need solid credit. Good credit could be the difference between a 0 percent annual rate and a 20 percent rate.

So how do we build up good credit? Here are the obvious answers: We should pay our bills on time; we should not have a balance that reaches our credit limit.

But one thing we should also do, in addition to paying our bills on time, is that we should check our credit report once in a while to make sure that our credit history accurately reflects our financial status. The Fair Credit Reporting Act is designed to make sure this is the case.

The FCRA is intended to protect us as consumers, and applies to credit reporting agencies. CRAs are companies that record personal financial histories.

Experian, Equifax and Transunion are three of the major ones. They have records of when we paid our bills, or how much outstanding debt we owe. Lenders and employers may request information about your financial history from CRAs, and that is why it is vital that CRA's have up-to-date information.

Any error, no matter how small, may affect your credit score, finance rate and even your employment. The FCRA is there to make sure that CRAs follow proper procedure when they give out your financial information to a lender or employer.

The FCRA becomes especially important when an adverse action is taken against you. Adverse actions include denial in employment, denial in credit, or increases in any rates or charges in your account. An adverse action is usually taken because of a negative mark on your credit report. If adverse action is taken against you, you have certain rights under the FCRA.

As a general rule, CRAs can release your credit history to a third party only if you consent to the release. Also, CRAs can release your credit history if they have reasons to believe the person asking for your credit report is involved in credit transactions involving you, or any other issues dealing with your employment, insurance and licenses.

You have a right to dispute any negative marks on your credit report, and CRAs have an obligation to follow certain

procedures at your request. In the event an adverse action is taken against you, the company taking the adverse action will probably mail you a letter stating that you have a right to request a report from the CRAs. You could then obtain a copy of your report from the CRAs for a small fee. After reviewing your report, you have the right to have the CRAs investigate your credit history and have them remove any inaccurate or unverifiable negative marks.

If the investigation does not resolve the

matter, you are entitled to file a statement of less than 100 words describing why the negative mark is inaccurate, and you could have the CRAs note your disputes in future credit reports and send those disputes to people who received your credit history.

You also have the right to have the CRAs reinvestigate the matter. In the event they do not reinvestigate within 30 days of receiving your dispute and request to reinvestigate, the CRAs must delete the negative mark.

After the reinvestigation, the CRAs must provide you with a statement of the results of reinvestigation and must include a notice that you have a right to (a) add your disputed statements to your report, (b) have the CRAs notify people who received your credit info about your dispute, and (c) request a description of the reinvestigation process.

Remember, you have the right to access your credit files, although not your credit scores.

You could obtain your credit score through various online services. Also remember that bankruptcy over 10 years old and other negative marks over seven years old are considered obsolete and, therefore, should not be in your credit report subject to exceptions.

Issues involving credit histories may be complicated. For information or assistance regarding the FCRA, contact the local legal assistance office. On Yongsan Garrison, call 738-6841 to make an appointment.

***“ ... bankruptcy over 10 years old and other negative marks over seven years old are considered obsolete and, therefore, should not be in your credit report ... ”***

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AAFES THEATER	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>CASEY 730-7354</b>	A History of Violence R	A History of Violence R	Yours, Mine & Ours PG	Yours, Mine & Ours PG	Wallace & Gromit: Curse of the Were-rabbit G	Two for the Money R	Two for the Money R
<b>HENRY 768-7724</b>	Lord of War R	Harry Potter & Goblet of Fire PG-13	Harry Potter & Goblet of Fire PG-13	Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag G	No Show	No Show	No Show
<b>HUMPHREYS 753-7716</b>	Yours, Mine & Ours PG	Yours, Mine & Ours PG	Yours, Mine & Ours PG	A History of Violence R	A History of Violence R	Domino R	Domino R
<b>HIALEAH 763-3120</b>	Harry Potter & Goblet of Fire PG-13	An Unfinished Life PG-13	Walk the Line PG-13	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
<b>HOVEY 730-5412</b>	Walk the Line PG-13	Yours, Mine & Ours PG	A History of Violence R	Domino R	Yours, Mine & Ours PG	A History of Violence R	Domino R
<b>KUNSAN 782-4987</b>	Get Rich or Die Tryin' R	Get Rich or Die Tryin' R	A History of Violence R	No Show	No Show	No Show	Domino R



**Aeon Flux** -- In the 25th century, a rampaging virus has forced the remnants of humanity into the seclusion of a final city. There is great political conflict within, however, and this is the story of an acrobatic assassin, Aeon Flux, whose latest target is the government's top leader.



**Serenity** -- Captain Malcolm Reynolds, a hardened veteran on the losing side of a galactic civil war, now ekes out a living pulling off small crimes and transport-for-hire aboard his ship, Serenity. He leads a small, eclectic crew who are the closest thing he has left to family -- squabbling, insubordinate and undyingly loyal. When Mal takes on two new passengers -- a young doctor and his unstable, telepathic sister -- he gets much more than he bargained for.



**Walk the Line** -- He picked cotton, sold door to door, and served in the Air Force. He was a voice of rebellion that changed the face of rock and roll. An outlaw before today's rebels were born -- and an icon they would never forget. He did all this before turning 30. And his name was Johnny Cash. WALK THE LINE explores the early years of the music legend, an artist who transcended musical boundaries to touch people around the globe. As his music changed the world, Cash's own world was rocked by the woman who became the love of his life: June Carter.



**A History of Violence** Tom is a loving family man and well-respected citizen of a small Indiana town. But when two savage criminals show up at his diner, Tom is forced to take action. Suddenly heralded as a hero who took the courage to stand up to crime, people look up to Tom as a man of high moral regard. But all that media attention has the likes of mobsters showing up at his doorstep, charging that Tom is someone else they've been looking for. Is it a case of mistaken identity or does Tom have a history that no one knows about? Either way, someone's about to find out if there's a history of violence.



**Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire** In his fourth year at Hogwarts, Harry faces his greatest challenges and dangers yet. When he is selected under mysterious circumstances as a contestant in the Triwizard Tournament, Harry must compete against the best young wizards from schools all over Europe. But as he prepares, signs begin to point to the return of Lord Voldemort. Before long, Harry is playing not just for the Cup, but for his life.



**Yours, Mine & Ours** A widow and widower fall in love and get married, but the resulting combined eighteen children -- along with drastically different parenting style, make for a hair-raising situation when the two families become one and all start living under one roof.

AAFES THEATER	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>LONG 721-3407</b>	The Weather Man R	No Show	Cry Wolf R	The Weather Man R	No Show	No Show	No Show
<b>OSAN 784-4930</b>	Aeon Flux PG-13	Aeon Flux PG-13	Aeon Flux PG-13	A History of Violence R	Domino R	No Show	No Show
<b>RED CLOUD 732-6620</b>	Yours, Mine & Ours PG	The Man PG-13	A History of Violence R	Domino R	Into the Blue PG-13	No Show	Aeon Flux PG-13
<b>STANLEY 732-5565</b>	Into the Blue PG-13	A History of Violence R	A History of Violence R	Wallace & Gromit: Curse of the Were-rabbit G	No Show	Aeon Flux PG-13	Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag G
<b>YONGSAN I 738-7389</b>	Aeon Flux PG-13	Aeon Flux PG-13	Wallace & Gromit: Curse of the Were-rabbit G	Domino R	Domino R	A History of Violence R	A History of Violence R
<b>YONGSAN II 738-7389</b>	Aeon Flux PG-13	Cry Wolf R	Cry Wolf R	Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag G	Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag G	Valiant G	Valiant G
<b>YONGSAN III 738-7389</b>	Into the Blue PG-13	Flightplan PG-13	Flightplan PG-13	Flightplan PG-13	Greatest Game Ever Played PG-13	Greatest Game Ever Played PG-13	Greatest Game Ever Played PG-13

# Hannukah celebrates time of praise, thanksgiving

By Chaplain (Capt.) Avrohom Horovitz  
 41st Signal Battalion

*(Editor's Note: Out of reverence, Jewish custom dictates that the letter "o" not appear in references to the Deity in periodicals. It appears as "G-d.")*

The Jewish festival of Hanukkah will be celebrated this year from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2. The word Hanukkah is Hebrew for dedication.

In the year 165, Before the Common Era the Syrian-Greeks had desecrated the Holy Temple by placing idols in the sanctuary. Yehudah the Macabee, which is a Hebrew acronym for the verse in Exodus (15:11), "Who is like You among the heavenly powers, G-d!" led a small group of G-d-fearing fighters and expelled the Syrian-Greeks from the Temple environs in Jerusalem, after three years of fighting.

Next they rededicated the Holy Temple and found only one flask of pure olive oil, enough to kindle the Menorah (Hebrew for candelabra) for one day. However a miracle occurred and it lasted eight days. The reason why it lasted eight days is because it took eight days to produce new olive oil.

The miracle of this oil showed that all of the preceding wonders on the battlefield were intended as a prelude to make possible the resumption of the Temple service to G-d.

In grateful remembrance of all the miracles of the war and the Menorah, Hanukkah was set aside as a time of praise and thanksgiving

to G-d. This Festival of Lights lasts eight days. Starting the first evening one candle is lit. Each evening an extra light is added to symbolize our dedication to G-d.

The light of the Menorah is a symbol of the light of G-d. As it says in Psalm 27: "By David, G-d is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear?" The Prophet Zechariah had a vision of a golden Menorah with olive trees over it, and the angel said to him (4:2), "Not through force and not through might, but through My spirit, said G-d, Master of Legions." Hanukkah, which is in the middle of the winter when the days are cold and the nights are long, symbolizes the spiritual light of G-d that is protecting the world. As the Prophet Micah said (7:8), "Although I sit in darkness, G-d is a light unto me." One of the most moving sights in a Holocaust museum is a Menorah made out of potato peels, which was used in one of the Nazi death camps. The inmates endangered their lives to light that "Menorah" because they knew that G-d still performs miracles.

There is a common practice for children to play a game on Hanukkah called Dreidel. It's a spinning "top" that has four Hebrew letters, an acronym for a Great Miracle Happened There. This game symbolizes that G-d is spinning the world from above; in other words, G-d controls nature. May G-d bless us all with a happy and healthy holiday season, Amen.

## Yongsan Holiday Religious Services

### Catholic

Advent Penance Service, 6-9 p.m. Dec. 21, Memorial Chapel  
 Christmas Eve Family Mass, 4-6 p.m. Dec. 24, Memorial Chapel  
 Christmas Carols & Midnight Mass, 11 p.m. Dec. 24, South Post Chapel  
 Christmas Day Mass, 11:30 a.m. Dec. 25, Memorial Chapel  
 New Year's Day Mass, 9-10 a.m. Jan. 10, Memorial Chapel

### Episcopal

Christmas Holy Eucharist, 7-8 p.m. Dec. 24, Memorial Chapel

### Jewish

Hanukkah Celebration Saturday Night, 6 p.m. Dec. 31, South Post Chapel

### Protestant

Christmas Cantata, 8-9 a.m. Sunday, Memorial Chapel  
 Christmas Cantata, 11-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Hannam Village Chapel  
 Christmas Cantata (UPCI), 1:30 - 3 p.m. Sunday, Memorial Chapel, KCFA Christmas Worship, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Memorial Chapel  
 Children's Christmas Program (ROCK), 7-8 p.m. Dec. 23, SAHS Auditorium  
 Christmas Eve Caroling/Fellowship, 6-9 p.m. Dec. 24, 121 Hospital Chapel  
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24, Hannam Village Chapel  
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7-8 p.m. Dec. 24, South Post Chapel  
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7-8 p.m. Dec. 24, K-16 Chapel  
 Christmas Morning Cheer (ROCK Svc), 5-7 a.m. Dec. 25, Main/South Post Gates (Provide Christmas cheer to Gate Guards)  
 Watchnight Service, 8 p.m. Dec. 31 - 1 a.m. Jan. 1, South Post Chapel  
 Watchnight Service, 8 p.m. Dec. 31 - 1 a.m. Jan. 1, Hannam Village Chapel  
 New Year's Renewal (UPCI), 1:30 - 3 p.m. Jan. 1, Memorial Chapel

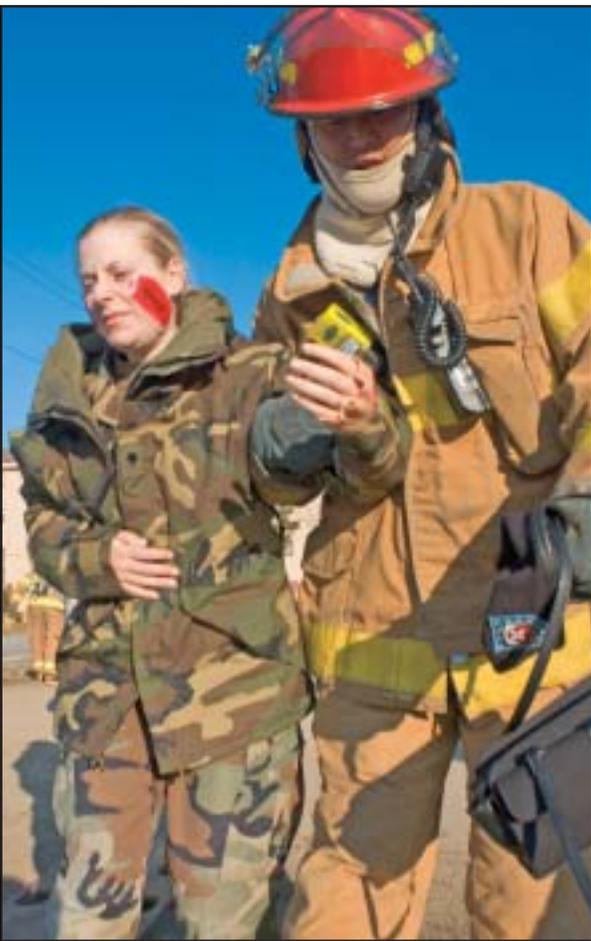
*Note: All Worship Services on Christmas Sunday will be as scheduled except Catholic.*

*For more information call 738-3011.*

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Yongsan Firefighter Chong Tae-ok helps "victim" Spc. Kevin Gronke during a Dec. 8 mass casualty exercise.



Yongsan Firefighter Sin Chong-hwan helps Spc. Melissa Staudacher away from a simulated Camp Coiner explosion.



Area II Commander Col. Ron Stephens listens to radio calls at the scene.



Ambulance buses leave the scene headed for the 121st General Hospital.

# First responders test skills

## Mass casualty exercise offers practice for emergency workers

By David McNally

Area II Public Affairs

**CAMP COINER** — The call came in. A simulated explosion in front of a Camp Coiner barracks set a vehicle on fire and caused significant damage and many injuries.

Immediately, U.S. Army firefighters, 121st General Hospital emergency medical teams, military police and Area II leadership went into action.

A mass casualty exercise was set in motion on a chilly Dec. 8 morning. This was one of the scenarios during "Adaptive Focus," an anti-terrorism exercise held Dec. 4-8.

The exercise tested Yongsan Garrison's defense and emergency response procedures.

Soldiers acted as victims of the mock Camp Coiner attack. Role players dressed for the part, with realistic wounds and authentic wailing.

Area II's first responders were put to the test.

"I think they got a sense of realism of what's going on in the world today," said Yongsan Fire Chief Alex Temporado. "I think we did well."

Area II Support Activity Commander Col. Ron Stephens said the installation defense posture was heightened during parts of Adaptive Focus.

Before the exercise, Stephens said a variety of scenarios, including simulated "terrorist" attacks, would occur to elicit response by installation officials, including tenant units.

"The upside of Adaptive Focus was it helped improve our ability to respond to a terrorist attack and protect the

personnel on this installation," said Mike Clement, Area II Support Activity anti-terrorism officer.

"We responded with 16 firefighters from Yongsan and K-16," Temporado said. "We work hand-in-hand with the medical teams and military police in situations like this."

Temporado said his firefighters prepare for mass casualty exercises.

The scenario called for 22 Soldiers to act as role

players, but the emergency workers were dealing with a fictional number of 150 casualties.

"Because of those numbers, we had to call upon the local hospitals for help," Clement said.

In a real-world situation, Korean emergency officials would play a role.

"We do joint training with Yongsan-gu and Seoul city firefighters," Temporado said.

That relationship is invaluable, he said.

"The first thing we do when we get there is size it up," he said.

"We evaluate where the casualties are and how we can safely get to them."

As U.S. Army firefighters escorted victims of the incident, medical

personnel set up a triage area, where they identified the worst of the injuries and started immediate care.

Two ambulance buses soon filled with passengers and made their way to the 121st General Hospital.

The 90-minute exercise continued at the emergency room, where doctors and medical technicians treated role players for fictional injuries.



Role players wear fake wounds to add realism.

**"The first thing we do when we get there is size it up."**

— Fire Chief Alex Temporado

Officials said nobody was actually injured during the weeklong training event. There were several different scenarios.

Temporado said any chance to practice emergency situations is worth the effort.

"I think it prepares us for next time," he said. "The bottom line is to get better and save lives."

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K-16 Air Base Firefighter Kim Sang-hun waits for the OK to enter the exercise site Dec. 8 at Camp Coiner.

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### Comedy ROKs Returns

Morale, Welfare and Recreation is bringing Comedy ROKs back to Korea. Dante Carter, Miss Gayle and Spike Davis will perform their stand-up comedy act Friday and Saturday.

With appearances on H.B.O.'s Def Comedy Jam, B.E.T.'s "Comic View," "Planet Grove," A&E's "Evening at the Improv," Showtime's "Laffapalooza" and "The Gordon Elliot Show," the trio boast fans across America and around the world.

The trio will be at Camp Casey's Gateway Club at 7 p.m. and at Camp Hovey's Iron Triangle Club at 7 p.m. Dec. 17. Comedy ROKs is presented courtesy of MWR. All performances are free and open to military ID cardholders. For information, call 723-3749.

### Camp Casey Seeks Bowler of the Month

Visit the Casey Bowling Center and be the star bowler of the month.

Individuals can participate in the event by submitting their score at the front desk. The person who hit the top score will be the winner of the week. And the winner will compete for the title of Bowler of the Month. The weekly winner will receive a coupon for one week of free bowling (limit two games per day). The winner for the month will receive one month of free bowling (limit two games a day) and a plaque.

### Free DMZ/JSA Tour

Visiting and/in-country high school and college students of DoD military and civilian personnel, Department of State and DoDDS employees in Korea are invited to a Free tour of the DMZ and Joint Security Area from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 29. Program includes historical briefings and tours of Tunnel #3, OP Dora, Camp Bonifas and Panmunjom. Reservations are required. Limited seats. To sign up call the USFK Public Affairs Office, at 723-4685 or send e-mail to [Edwina.Walton@korea.army.mil](mailto:Edwina.Walton@korea.army.mil). Students must have a valid U.S. military ID card or U.S. passport.

### TMCW Submissions

To have an event featured in The Morning Calm Weekly, e-mail information on the activity to [morningcalmweekly@korea.army.mil](mailto:morningcalmweekly@korea.army.mil). Submissions should include the basic what, when and where information regarding the event, and at least one point of contact name and telephone number. All submissions are subject to editing to ensure they comply with Department of Defense guidelines.

The Morning Calm Weekly will next publish Jan. 6. Deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to publication.

# Americans, Koreans come together during joint cultural tour

By Chief Warrant Officer Teddy Datuin  
 Special to The Morning Calm Weekly

**YONGSAN GARRISON** – On an overcast Saturday, five busloads of Americans and Koreans departed Yongsan on a joint cultural tour to Suwon and Asan, in an effort to enhance their good community relationship and understanding of each other's culture.

More than one hundred Korean parents were gathered Nov. 26 at the War Memorial bus parking lot to send off their young children. There were 140 Korean children, ages ranging from 8 to 14 years old, 30 Korean adults and 40 Americans, including military, civilians, and dependents, who participated in the tour.

"Our goal is to give the Korean children the opportunity to meet Americans, learn and practice their English, learn something about American culture, and also for them to learn Korean history and culture," said Peter Sohn, one of the Korean key organizers of the tour.

Nicole Silsby and Keisha Clark, students at Seoul American Middle School, enjoyed the experience of getting to know the Korean children. The two girls and a group of Korean boys and girls riding in the same bus with them bounded quickly, playing, talking and laughing during the entire trip. They remained together throughout the day while looking at different cultural sites.

"This is an exciting experience," said Keisha, referring to the tour and her newfound Korean friends.

The first stop of the tour was at the Hwaseong Fortress in Suwon. In this magnificent fortress, designated as Korea's



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Traditional Chosun dynasty soldiers demonstrating their swordsmanship at the Hwaseong Fortress in Suwon.

Historic Site No. 3, the Korean children were given a guided tour, while the Americans listened to the interpreter. Here, the American and Korean children also enjoyed some of the traditional Korean games.

The next stop was a lunch of Korean and American food at the TOVICE Condominium Resort in Asan, a city famous for hot springs like the Dogo Hot Spring. TOVICE was a sponsoring partner of this joint tour. Here, they enjoyed a taste of Thanksgiving, as they ate a turkey lunch – the first time many of the Koreans had sampled the dish.

The last stop of this tour before returning to Yongsan was at the

Hyeonchungsa Shrine, a shrine dedicated to 16th century Korea's great military commander, Admiral Yi Sun-sin, famous for the geobukson or "turtle ship."

The tour participants learned something about the famous admiral through the sipkyeongdo, a pictorial biography.

"Thanks for this chance. This is a great opportunity for Koreans and Americans to have a closer relationship and better understanding of each other," said Maj. Han Hee Lee of the Republic of Korea Army and one of the accompanying Korean adults.

For U.S. Air Force Maj. Resti Andin, whose family is in Germany, the tour offered a surrogate family for the holiday. "It makes me think of my own kids," he said after he took care of three young Korean girls during the entire tour. "They remind me of my five-year-old daughter."

Leah Hong, one of seven Korean university student on the tour, commented that there were too many Korean children but not enough Americans. Michelle Lewis, one of the spouse volunteers teaching English to Korean children at Soebingo, agreed. "There should be more American participants, especially Soldiers, for an event like this," Lewis said.

For information on the Saturday tour program, log on to: [www.sattour.wo.to/](http://www.sattour.wo.to/).

**"This a great opportunity for Koreans and Americans to have a closer relationship and better understanding of each other."**

ROKA Maj. Han Hee Lee



Tour participants line up and prepare to board the buses for the cultural tour Nov. 26. One hundred-forty Korean children, ages ranging from 8 to 14 years old, 30 Korean adults and 40 Americans, including military, civilians, and dependents, participated in the tour.

## Area III boasts some of Army's best

By Susan Barkley

Area III Public Affairs

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** – Three U.S. Army Area III Support Activity Soldiers and one civilian have been recognized for their accomplishments in separate high-level competitions. Approximately 50 other Area III personnel were recognized Dec. 9 in an all-hands awards ceremony held in the multipurpose training facility.

Capt. Angela M. Greenewald, U.S. Army Area III Support Activity Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander until her change of command Dec. 8, is the Installation Management Agency Korea Region nominee for the

General Douglas. A. MacArthur Leadership Award. This award is designed to recognize those company grade officers who demonstrate the ideals for which General MacArthur stood: Duty, Honor and Country; and to promote and sustain competent junior officer leadership in the Army.

A panel of four senior members of the headquarters IMA staff will score the nominees from the regions, said Stephen M. Oertwig, IMA public affairs office. One officer and one warrant officer will be recommended to compete against other nominees from Headquarters Department of the Army field operating agencies. Department of

the Army G-1 will select one officer and warrant officer to compete against major command winners.

Twelve officers and one warrant officer will be selected by a Headquarters Department of Army centralized selection board from the 23 major command nominations and one field operating agency nomination. One active-duty warrant officer will be selected from 16 nominations from major commands and field operating agencies, said Oertwig.

The factors considered in judging are: leadership performance that exemplifies the ideals of Duty, Honor, Country; ability to influence others to accomplish the mission by providing purpose, direction and motivation; understanding of human nature and the ability to gain consensus among diverse groups; demonstration of technical and tactical competence; commitment to the professional Army ethic of duty, selfless service, and integrity; development of cohesive teams that anticipate requirements and exercise initiative within the commander's intent; intangible aspects of leadership, to include people skills, leadership climate and interpersonal communications; and, demonstration of the 11 principles of leadership contained in Field Manual 22-100, Military Leadership.

Mark N. Hjuler, Engineer Resource Management Division chief for Directorate of Public Works was recognized as the KORO Stalwart Award winner Nov. 2 during the IMA

Garrison Commanders Conference held at Shades of Green Armed Force Recreation Center, Orlando, Fla. Three items of special note mentioned at the ceremony were that Hjuler exemplified the rock foundation that the Stalwart Award represents are his work on creating the Automated Service Desk, leadership in the Camp Eagle transformation, and his recent leadership in repairing the base perimeter from damages resulting from a Korean demonstration.

"The Stalwart Award is presented to employees — Soldiers or civilians — who stand out as model leaders and exemplify the spirit of IMA," said JoAnn F. Anderson with IMA's Human Resources Division Military and Civilian Awards Program. Criteria for being selected for the Stalwart Award include representing the high standards of performance, promoting the IMA mission and vision, and work performance in an exemplary manner, Anderson said.

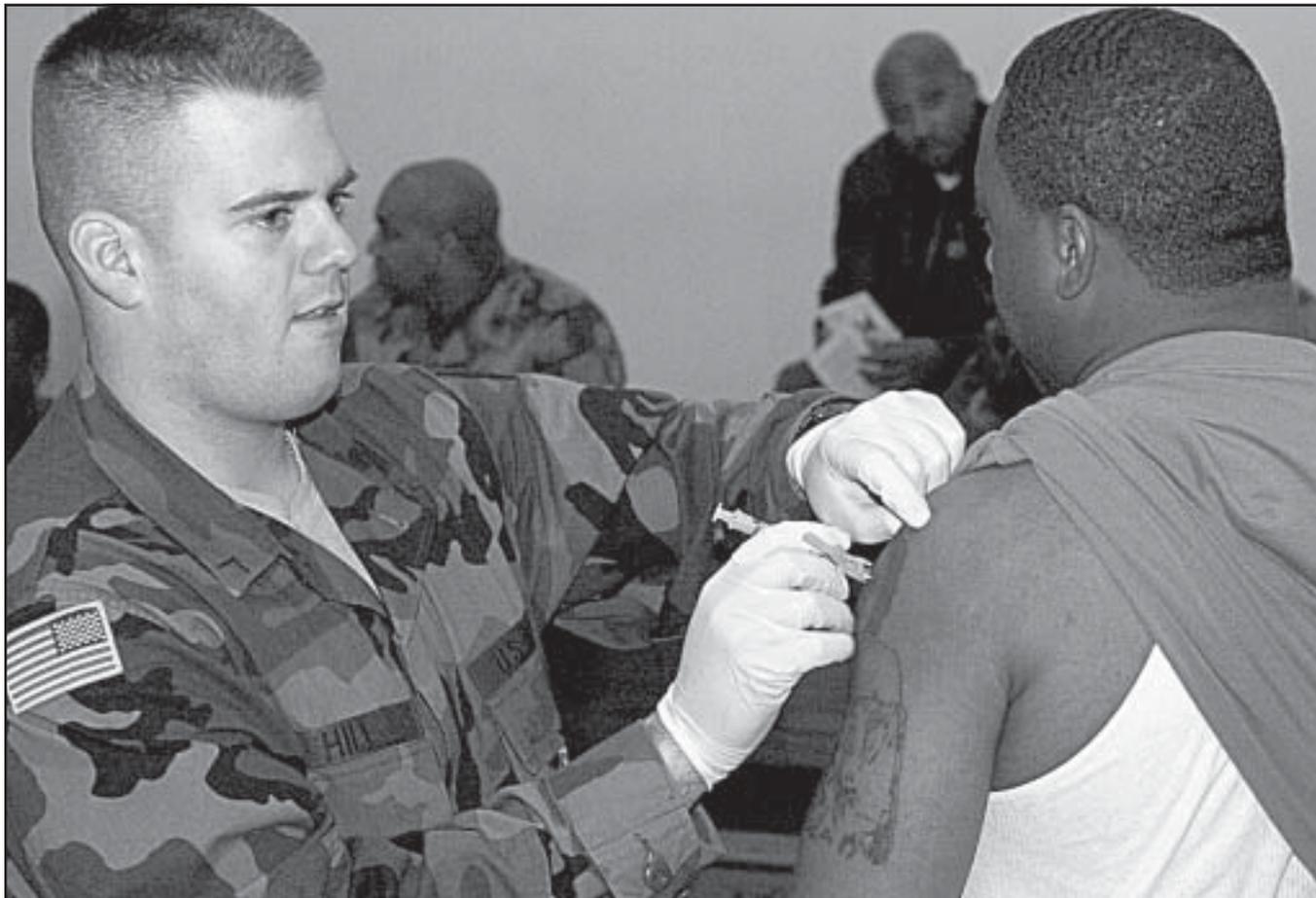
Two Area III Soldiers took top honors in the most recent KORO Soldier and KATUSA of the Quarter competitions, with Spc. Craig M. Manglona, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Camp Long, being named Soldier of the Quarter and Cpl. Park Min-woo, ROKA Support Group, named KATUSA of the Quarter.

Both will now compete for Soldier and KATUSA of the year against the other quarterly winners.



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Mark N. Hjuler, Area III Support Activity Engineer Resource Management Division chief, Camp Humphreys (center), receives the IMA Stalwart Award from Maj. Gen. Michael D. Rochelle, IMA director. Command Sgt. Maj. Debra L. Strickland, IMA command sergeant major, helped present the Stalwart Award.



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### Sure Shot

Pvt. Nicholes Hill administers vaccine to a member of Bravo Company, 532nd Military Intelligence Battalion, Dec. 8, in a continuing effort to protect Soldiers against the flu. "We have vaccine for everyone," said Maj. Mike Endres of the Humphreys Medical Clinic, "and will take care of all Department of Defense identification cardholders and eligible beneficiaries at the clinic. But we really need all active-duty members vaccinated by the end of December." Medical has been scheduling vaccination clinics at the Humphreys multipurpose training facility. "We still have openings for units Monday, Thursday and Dec. 30," said Endres. "Unit leaders really need to take care of their people." Leaders may schedule units by e-mailing a request to Endres at michael.endres@kor.amedd.army.mil.

## Area III Holiday Schedule

<p><b>AAFES</b>  <b>Dec. 16 to 24</b>                  Main Exchange 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.                  Food Court 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.                  Zoeckler shoppette 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.                  Zoeckler food court 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.                  Burger King 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Christmas Day</b>                  Main Exchange 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.                  Food court closed                  Zoeckler shoppette &amp; food court closed                  Burger King 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 31</b>                  Main Exchange 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.                  All other facilities regular hours</p> <p><b>Jan. 1</b>                  Main Exchange 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.                  Food Court 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.                  Delivery available 9 to 10 p.m.                  Burger King closed                  Zoeckler shoppette &amp; FC closed</p> <p><b>Commissary</b>  <b>Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1</b>                  Special give aways                  Dec. 24 at noon                  Two bicycles                  Four \$25 gift certificates                  Four \$25 gift certificates from Pepsi</p> <p><b>USO</b>  <b>Dec. 17 and 18</b>                  Wonju Dragon Valley Ski Trip.                  Depart 6:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 24 – 25</b>                  Wonju Dragon Valley Ski Trip                  Depart 6:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 31</b>                  Korean Folk Village Trip                  Call 753-6281 for information.</p> <p><b>Youth Center</b>                  Call 753-8507 for information</p> <p><b>Dec. 18</b>                  Youth Bowling Camp                  Strike Zone – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 19</b>                  Letters From Santa Deadline                  Youth Indoor soccer, 10 a.m. to noon</p>	<p><b>Dec. 20</b>                  Teen Ski Trip</p> <p><b>Dec. 21</b>                  Youth Asan Snow Sledding</p> <p><b>Dec. 23</b>                  Youth Basketball Clinic                  Humphreys Youth Center Gym                  Ages 5-8 9 to 10 a.m.                  Ages 9 and up 10:30 to noon</p> <p><b>Dec. 27</b>                  SAS Lotte World</p> <p><b>Dec. 28</b>                  Youth WES Band Jam Session                  2 to 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 29</b>                  Youth Aerobics &amp; Yoga                  Demonstration 2 to 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 30</b>                  Teen Volleyball Clinic 3 to 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 31</b>                  High School Lock-In at the                  Humphreys Youth Center                  8 p.m. to 7 a.m.</p> <p><b>Freedom Chapel</b>  <b>Dec. 17</b>                  Children's Advent Program (Cath.)                  Freedom Chapel 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 21</b>                  Protestant Women of the Chapel                  have scheduled a special Christmas                  Event for Dec. 21, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. with                  goodies and snacks and crafts, music                  and skits for everyone. After festivities                  are over at the chapel, the group will                  spread the Christmas Spirit singing                  carols at the exchange.</p> <p><b>Dec. 24</b>  <b>Christmas Eve Services</b>                  Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.                  Christmas Eve Mass 11 p.m.</p> <p><b>Camps Long and Eagle</b>                  call 721-2515 or 3372 for information</p> <p><b>Dec. 19</b>                  Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders at                  Wonju &amp; Suwon 12:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 22</b>                  BOSS Talent Show at Camp Eagle</p>	<p><b>Dec. 26 – 31</b>                  Wonju Holiday Basketball                  Tournament</p> <p><b>Dec. 30</b>                  Phoenix Ski Trip at Camp Eagle                  721-2515 for information</p> <p><b>Dec. 21 – 24</b>  <b>Camp Humphreys &amp; Wonju</b>                  Unit Headquarters Decorating Contest</p> <p><b>Camp Humphreys</b>  <b>Dec. 17 – Jan. 2</b>                  Open Bowling at the Strike Zone                  \$1.00 a game</p> <p><b>Dec. 17 and 18</b>                  Breakfast With Santa at the                  Alaska Mining Co.,                  10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 19</b>                  Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders at                  Humphreys CAC at 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 21</b>                  Eighth United States                  Army Band will perform at the Camp                  Humphreys Food court on Wednesday,                  21 Dec from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The                  concert is free and all ID cardholders are                  welcome to attend.</p> <p><b>Dec. 22</b>                  Korean Pro Coach Basketball                  Clinic Gym 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 24 – Jan. 2</b>                  Holiday Basketball Tournament at the                  gym</p> <p><b>Dec. 24</b>                  Christmas Karaoke Caroling at the CAC                  7 to 9:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 25</b>                  Jingle Bells 5K Jog at the Gym                  register at 8 a.m., run at 9                  Christmas Buffet at the                  Alaska Mining Co. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>New Year's Eve</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Tommy D's</td> <td>3 a.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Strike Zone</td> <td>1 a.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gateway Game Room</td> <td>1 a.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gymnasium</td> <td>2 a.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAC</td> <td>1 a.m.</td> </tr> </table>	Tommy D's	3 a.m.	Strike Zone	1 a.m.	Gateway Game Room	1 a.m.	Gymnasium	2 a.m.	CAC	1 a.m.	<p>Dinner at the Alaska Mining                  Company 6 to 8 p.m.                  (food ends 9:30, bar closes 11)                  Catch New Year's Celebrations on                  the giant screen and enjoy gaming at                  the CAC until 1 a.m.                  Rock in the New Year at Tommy D's                  9 p.m. until 3 a.m.                  (\$10 cover charge includes                  breakfast)                  Roll in the New Year at the Strike                  Zone,                  11 p.m. until 1 a.m.                  (All you can bowl for \$10)</p> <p><b>Dec. 31</b>  <b>Sports Events</b>                  AUSA sponsors Alternative to the                  ville - unit competitions (Money                  awards to top three units)  <b>9 p.m.</b>                  Indoor Soccer                  (10 per team, five on the floor)  <b>10 p.m.</b>                  3-on-3 basketball (one team per unit,                  four players per team)  <b>11 p.m.</b>                  Unit Dodgeball (one team per unit,                  10 players per team)  <b>Midnight</b>                  Run into 2006 5K                  (one team per unit, two runners per team)</p> <p><b>New Year's Eve Bands</b>                  Camp Humphreys – Tommy D's –                  WES, The Power Trio                  Camp Eagle – Gunfighter Inn – JBL                  Suwon AB – Scudbuster's –                  Bad Moon Band</p> <p><b>Jan. 9</b>  <b>Money Management</b>                  ACS offers Money Management                  Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.,                  beginning Jan. 9. ACS also offers                  Basic (low risk) Investing Mondays                  from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., beginning Jan.                  16. Pre-registration is required for                  both classes. At ACS, Building 311.                  For information, call 753-8321.</p>
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## Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator lists needed volunteers

### Area III Public Affairs

Army Community Service is looking for volunteers to work with the following organizations:

■ Boys Scouts of America needs your help to be mentors to Area III young men. Call 753-6940

■ Partnership In Education: read to our youth and help them imagine a world beyond what their minds can conceive

■ Army Family Team Building Class (Level 1)

■ Army Substance Abuse Program: If you are interested in making a positive contribution to our community, volunteer with the ASAP program. The program needs dedicated, motivated and willing people. If this is you, call 753-8294 or 753-7361

Volunteer opportunities are also available with the following activities and organizations:

■ ACS: General office duties, creating flyers, preparing information packets for briefings. Call 753-8321

■ Auto Skills Center: Change oil, light mechanical work. No experience required; will train. Needed on weekends, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Call 753-8547

■ Community Activities Center: Work at the front desk handing out equipment (pool table, rental equipment, etc.), answering telephones and performing general office duties. Operate the karaoke system Wednesday and Saturday nights. Take care of special projects such as setting up the conference room for meetings and events, etc. Call 753-8825/8

■ Gaming at the CAC: Volunteers are needed Sundays to set up the gaming area, run events and help coordinate other events. Call 010-5631-1701.

■ Child & Youth Services (Bldg. 570 – across from the fire station): Skate Night Fridays @ 7 p.m. Create games such as Simon Says, Limbo, Macarena. Help ensure the safety of the children. NOTE: Volunteers must submit to and pass a background check. Call 753-8294

■ Environmental Office: The Environmental Office is looking for an administrative assistant volunteer to help with correspondences, to prepare minutes, maintain records and other office tasks. Call David Johnson at 753-6082

■ A library aide is needed to help inventory

books, CDs, DVD, etc. and to assist with processing new and outgoing material. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Call 753-8817

■ Parent-Teacher Organization: Needs volunteers to assist with school events, decorate bulletin boards, read and help with homework (background checks required). Call HAES at 753-3862

■ Thrift Shop is looking for a sales associate who can assist in pricing donations, performing inventory, provide customer service and work the cash register. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. Call 753-7014

■ The USO needs consistent volunteers to perform general customer service, answer telephones, use computers to create flyers, etc. Volunteers are needed after duty hours. Call 753-6281.

Those interested in volunteering for these or other activities should contact Charice DeGuzman, the Area III Army Volunteer Corps coordinator, at Army Community Service, 753-8294.



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Vickie Loggins, Red Cross volunteer and nurse (left), and Area III Health Promotion Coordinator Sylvia Eckman man the cardiovascular screening display at Saturday's Area III Health Fair and Aerobathon.

## Area III Health Promotion holds Health Fair, Aerobathon

By Roger Edwards

Area III Public Affairs

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** – The Area III Health Promotion Coordinator, Sylvia Eckman, hosted the first of what she hopes will be a twice yearly Health Fair and Aerobathon Saturday at the Camp Humphreys gym.

The three hour event included displays from health professionals, family advocacy, substance abuse prevention specialists and the Boy Scouts.

“Spc. Donald Cureton came down from Yongsan and set up a display for us on nutrition and health,” said Eckman. “Capt. Melissa Woodard, the Area III optometrist, is here to advise people on ocular health.

“Jack Ferguson from the Area III Army Substance Abuse Program gave up his Saturday morning to share his expertise and we even have a couple of

boy scouts from Osan Air Base who volunteered to do a display on first aid.”

Eckman said the Aerobathon drew a lot of people to the event. “I’ve got to thank Stacy Oliver-Skaggs, Tracy Robbins, Toni Wright-Mcrae, Amber Cookey and Shawn Tillman; who came in this morning to demonstrate yoga, cardio-sculpting, kick boxing, step aerobics and hi-low. They’ve done a fantastic job. For that matter, everyone who came out this morning has done a fantastic job.”

Eckman said that the next health fair will likely be held in April, the Month of the Military Child, and will feature information for and about children. “But we’ll also have adult-oriented information available and screening for cardiovascular disease.

“I hope everyone will keep an eye out for it and come out to see us,” she concluded.



Sean Harding and Erik Lumpkin (left to right) from Osan's Boy Scout Troop 86, give their Saturday morning over to manning a first aid display in Camp Humphreys gym at the Health Fair and Aerobathon. They assembled and gave out mini-first aid kits containing two Band-Aids and a surgical glove in 35 mm film containers.



Stacy Oliver-Skaggs (left), gives an aerobics demonstration Saturday morning, showing one of several different physical fitness routines that can be used to improve cardio health, to those attending the Area III Health Fair and Aerobathon at the Camp Humphreys gym.



ROGER EDWARDS

### Last-minute Shopping

Fourth-grader Jacob Almquist examines items available for purchase at the Humphreys American Elementary School Secret Santa display in the school library. He consults with Tina Paff, Parent-Teacher Organization Secret Santa coordinator, concerning possible gifts for his parents and sisters. After looking at everything Almquist refused to say what he had decided on for gifts. “It’s a surprise,” he explained.



ROGER EDWARDS

The New ParentsSupport play group holds their Christmas party Monday at the Community Activity Center. Puppeteer Spc. Brett Thomas of the 501st Signal Brigade, was there with “Little Whoody” to entertain the youngsters with “The Gingerbread Man.”



ROGER EDWARDS

Humphreys American Elementary School students gather in the youth center gym to present their Christmas program Dec. 8. Parents and teachers, brothers and sisters came to hear the young voices sing Christmas carols.

## Camp Walker dental clinic reopening Jan. 6

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs

**CAMPWALKER**—A late holiday gift is sure to put smiles on the faces of Daegu Enclave Soldiers and their family members, as the Camp Walker Dental Clinic reopens after a year of extensive renovation.

A ceremony to mark the reopening and dedication of the newly named Bodine Dental Clinic is slated for 10 a.m. Jan. 6 at the clinic.

About 95 percent of the original structure was replaced in the year-long, \$2.3 million top-to-bottom renovation. The project started Dec. 22, 2004.

The original facility was built in 1959 as an outpatient dental clinic, the one-story building measuring 4,800 square feet. The renovation expanded the clinic to 8,000 square feet. In addition, two dental chairs were added, increasing the number of treatment bays from 10 to 12.

According to Lt. Col. Gen B. Paek, clinic officer in charge, the project replaced dilapidated infrastructure and brought the clinic up to current code compliance. New, state-of-the-art equipment was installed as well to help improve staff efficiency and effectiveness.

“The new facility will improve our efficiency in providing care to the patients, which will bring a higher level of satisfaction from the patients,” he said. “Also, with the increased space, we will



GALEN PUTNAM

*Ron Gaumer, a contractor with Austin Dental Equipment Company, ensures newly installed cabinets are in alignment as a treatment chair (foreground) awaits assembly during the final phase of renovation at the Camp Walker Dental Clinic. The facility will be dedicated as Bodine Dental Clinic in a ceremony Jan. 6 following a year-long, \$2.3 million overhaul.*

be able to have more dental staff members to serve more patients, resulting in less waiting time.”

One of the major improvements to the clinic is a larger dental laboratory unit. Previously the clinic was unable to provide in-house ceramic support to the community and all porcelain crown cases had to be sent to the Army Dental Lab at Fort Gordon, Ga. Following the renovation, however, staff members will be able to perform those tasks on site, reducing turn-around time significantly.

Another noteworthy upgrade is the new digital X-ray system that is quicker, safer to operate and more cost effective than previous X-ray systems.

“It provides images immediately to the chair – before the patient even returns from the X-ray room,” said Capt. Paul Graves, executive officer, 618th Dental Company, 18th Medical Command at Yongsan Garrison. “Also, there are no dangerous chemicals and patients receive one-tenth the radiation because the digital system is much more sensitive than film.”

While the building was undergoing its face-lift, the Camp Walker Dental Clinic was relocated inside Wood Medical Clinic on Camp Walker.

“This is a big change. Now we are one of the biggest dental clinics in Korea,” said Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldier Cpl. Seo Dong-min, a dental assistant at the clinic. “It is nice because now we have all new equipment – but that is not for us – it is for the patients. The new equipment will allow us to provide better treatment.”

The clinic will be dedicated in honor of the late Dr. Roy L. Bodine Jr., who, as a major in the Army Dental Corps, became a prisoner of war of the Japanese April 9, 1942, when Bataan fell. He spent the next three-and-one-half years in captivity in the Philippines and Japan before being liberated by the American Seventh Infantry Division in 1945. Bodine was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry April 7, 1942, while serving with the 101st Medical Collecting Company in the Philippines.

For information, or to make appointments at Bodine Dental Clinic, call 764-4307. The clinic’s operating hours are: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Sick call hours are 7:30 – 9 a.m. weekdays except Thursdays from 1 – 2 p.m. For after hours emergencies, call the dental charge of quarters at 764-4222, or, report to the Wood Medical Clinic Urgent Care Center on Camp Walker.

## Area IV's young artists put their talents on display

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs

**CAMPWALKER**—Camp Hialeah and Walker Child and Youth Services held their annual Boys and Girls Clubs of America Fine Arts Exhibition ceremonies Dec. 6 and 9 respectively, to recognize the talents of Area IV’s artistic youth.

One piece of art per age class and category was selected from each local exhibit for display and competition at the regional competition in Heidelberg, Germany Feb. 10 – 24, 2006. Selected artwork from each regional exhibit will then be considered for inclusion in the National Fine Arts Exhibit, to be showcased at the B&GCA’s national conference and centennial celebration May 3 – 6, 2006, in Boston.

This year’s top finishers from Area IV are:

### Camp Hialeah:

**Monochromatic Drawing:** 9 and younger, Hannah Martinez A Lady; 10-12, Ian Jackson, Shoes

**Multicolored Drawing:** 9 and younger, Nia Smith, A Happy Girl; 10-12, Bryanna Spencer, Courtney; 13-15, Hana Noguchi, Abstract

**Pastel:** 9 and younger, Tia Graham, Happy Night

**Watercolor:** 10-12, Kristina Bergman, Egyptian

**Oil and Acrylic:** 9 and younger, Tia Graham, Where Are You Going?

**Collage:** 9 and younger, Jezabell Batista, Owl; 10-12, Kimberly Wolter, Sea and Marilyn Monroe



GALEN PUTNAM

*Hong Young-joo, an art teacher from Daegu Art Academy, judges artworks prior to the Camp Walker Fine Arts Exhibit and Ceremony.*

**Sculpture:** 9 and younger, Tia Graham, A Snail

**Mixed Media:** 9 and younger, Dakota Thomas, Fun Game; 10-12, Kimberly Wolter, Cozy Place

**Group Project:** Title – Les Demoiselles d’Avignon Participants - Autumn Sitton (7), Dakota Thomas (7), Jessica Mejia (11), Kayla Graham (8), Kimberly Wolter (11), Kurt Husler (5), Tia Graham (6), Zachary Sitton (10)

### Camp Walker:

**Monochromatic Drawing:** 9 and younger, 1st, Demarcus Smith, Man and an Apple; 2nd, Adela Magurieta, Three Friends; 3rd,

Brionna Gaines, Butterfly; 10-12, 1st, Phoebe Prince, Harvest Time; 2nd, Mariel Keene, Muddlet; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mariel Keene, Sea Monster; 13-15, 1st, Anthony West, Dream of Birth; 2nd, Heidi Shelvock, What Is Your Sports; 16-18, Besty Lubuag, Usher Raymond

**Multicolored Drawing:** 9 and younger, 1st, Tyrone Mason, My House; 2nd, Michael R. Fochs, The Mad Man; 10-12, 1st, Robert West, The Side of Army Base; 2nd, Hazel Sison, Autumn is Approaching; 3rd, Kimberly Boettcher, Light that Shine; 16-18: Chris Anguay

**Pastel:** 10-12, 1st, David Sutton, Roses are Red; 2nd, Hazel Sison, Slice of an Apple

**Watercolor:** 9 and younger, 1st, Demarcus Smith, The Man; 2nd, Choi Yon-jung, The Toys; 3rd, Choi Yon-jung, The flowers; 10-12, 1st, Joseph Arocho, Nature; 2nd, Kamau Hunte, Ultimate Gohan; 3rd, Annabel Ackerman, Words in Religion

**Oil Painting:** 10-12, 1st, Jack Choi, Spring Flowers; 2nd Alex Boettcher, The Lucky Butterfly

**Collage:** 10-12, Kamau Hunte, The Army Cat; 16-18: Betsy Lubuag, Life

**Mixed Media:** 13-15, Corey Shelvock, From the Space Shuttle; 16-18: Choi Eun-mi, Butterfly in Center

Winning artwork from last year’s national competition can be seen in the Virtual Gallery at: [http://www.bgca.org/programs/finearts\\_05/index.html](http://www.bgca.org/programs/finearts_05/index.html).

**NEWS & NOTES**

**19th TSC Renamed**

The 19th Theater Support Command became the 19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) Thursday as part of the Army's ongoing transformation. To commemorate the name change, an internal ceremony was held at the 19th SC (E) Headquarters, Bldg. S1501, on Camp Henry. All lineage and unit patches will remain unchanged at this time.

**72nd Ord. Inactivates**

The 72nd Ordnance Company was inactivated at a ceremony in the Camp Hialeah Fitness Center Dec. 9. Personnel and equipment from the unit are being integrated into the new 19th Theater Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) structure. The unit was originally formed in 1919 at Fort Bliss, Texas, following the end of World War I. It then served in the Panama Canal area, before being deployed to Hawaii immediately following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The 72nd also fought in the Korean War, earning a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

**Apple Tree Closed**

The Apple Tree Gift and Thrift Shop will be closed from Sunday until Jan. 3, 2006. The shop will resume operations at 10 a.m., Jan. 4. For information, call Kelly McCracken at 764-4152.

**Winter Formal**

The Area IV winter formal "Peace, Hope and Prosperity for all Mankind at the Team Daegu" will be held at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, at the Evergreen Community Club on Camp Walker. Required dress is formal gown, tuxedo, black-tie formal, Mess Dress, Dress Blues or Class As with white shirt and bow tie. The cost is \$30 per ticket. For information, call Sgt. Maj. Louis J. Velez at 768-6322.

**AAFES Bazaar**

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will hold a bazaar 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at the Kelly Fitness Center on Camp Walker. For information, call Yi Su-yong at 764-4638.

**Dental Clinic Service**

The Camp Walker Dental Clinic is offering limited service until Dec. 30 due to a field training exercise and transition to the renovated dental clinic. The newly named Bodine Dental Clinic is scheduled to open Jan. 6. For information, call Staff Sgt. James F. Lanier at 764-4307.

**Sure Start Program**

Sure Start, a program that lasts throughout the school year, is accepting applications at the Taegu American School Main Office. To attend, children must have been four-years-old by Oct. 31 and must be the children of command-sponsored enlisted Soldiers or those of civilians in grades GS-1 to GS-4. For information about requirements and qualifications, call 768-7505.

*Carroll Christmas a cacophony of kids*



PHOTOS BY GALEN PUTNAM

*Celebrants converge on Santa Claus at the Sixth Annual Camp Carroll Children's Christmas Party Saturday at the Crown Jewel Fitness Center. More than 1,200 advance tickets, 750 for children, were sold for the event. Participants received gifts, were treated to lunch, had the opportunity to have a free photo taken with Santa and had the chance to take part in a wide selection of activities and games.*



*A girl makes a snowman at one of the arts and crafts stations. Partygoers had the opportunity to make holiday cards, Christmas tree ornaments and much more.*



*A young reveler shows his holiday spirit as he enjoys an ice cream cone at the Sixth Annual Camp Carroll Children's Christmas Party.*

*Variety of events slated through new year*

**Area IV Public Affairs**

**CAMP HENRY** – The following is a compilation of Area IV Support Activity events through the next publication of *The Morning Calm Weekly* Jan. 6, 2006, as reported to us by deadline:

Today: **Hot Chocolate and a Movie**, Apple Blossom Cottage, Camp Carroll, 2 p.m., 765-7049; **Right Arm Night**, Hideaway Club, Camp Carroll, 5 p.m., 765-8574; **Teen Bowling Night** (for teens only), sign up and pay at the Camp Hialeah Child and Youth Services. Cost per person is \$6 for two games, two slices of pizza and a drink. For information, call 763-3536; **Holiday Santa Delivers**, 4–5 p.m., Camp

Walker Child and Youth Services, 764-5721.

Saturday: **Daegu City Tour**, Camp Walker Community Activities Center, 9 a.m., 764-4123; **KyongJu Temple Tour**, Camp Carroll Community Activities Center, 9 a.m., 765-7484; **AAFES Christmas Bazaar**, Kelly Fitness Center, Camp Walker, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., 764-4305; **Photos with Santa**, Camp Walker Post Exchange, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., 764-4305; **AAFES hosts Christmas Caroling Contest**, Camp Walker Kelly Fitness Center, 1–3 p.m., 764-4305; **307th Signal Battalion Orphanage Party**, noon, Crown Jewel Fitness Center, Camp Carroll; **Old**

**School Party**, Henry's Place, 5:30 p.m., 768-7868; **Country and Western Night**, Hideaway Club, Camp Carroll, 8 p.m., 765-8574.

Sunday: **AAFES Christmas Bazaar**, Kelly Fitness Center, Camp Walker, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; **Photos with Santa**, Camp Walker Post Exchange, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Monday: **Baking Club and Winter Activities**, 1–3 p.m., Camp Hialeah School Age Services, 763-3536.

Tuesday: **Cooking Class**, Apple Blossom Cottage, Camp Carroll, 10 a.m.; **Muju Ski Trip**, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., Camp Walker Middle School and Teen Center, 764-5721.

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## Active Army's last JSA firefight participant shares memories

By Sgt. Jimmy Norris

19th Theater Sustainment Command (Expeditionary)

**CAMP WALKER** – Nov. 23, 1984, during a tour of Korea's Demilitarized Zone conducted by North Korea, a Russian defector made a dash across the border into South Korea. What resulted was a 20-minute firefight that left at least four men dead and six wounded.

For most Soldiers in the active Army, that last firefight at Korea's Joint Security Area is little more than a historical footnote regarding the tour. But for Sgt. 1st Class Gary Ross, Headquarters and Headquarter Company, 19th Theater Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), the memories of the day when he exchanged gunfire with North Korean Soldiers are still fresh in his mind.

Then a private assigned to 1st Platoon, Joint Security Force, Ross had joined the Army for the college incentives.

"My intention was to get the college money and get out," he said.

Now, 21 years later, the grizzled training NCO said the firefight at the Joint Security Area changed his outlook on the Army and inspired him to make a career out of serving his country and the cause of freedom.

At the time of the incident, Ross's platoon was assigned to Quick Reaction Force duties. As part of QRF training, the platoon had repeatedly drilled and practiced their skills at loading onto two-and-a-half-ton trucks and heading to the military demarcation line in response to any emergency that might arise, Ross said. Therefore, when the alarm first sounded, many of the Soldiers in his platoon thought it was just another drill, he said.

"Once we were all loaded onto the trucks, all you

could hear was everyone complaining and asking why they were practicing another drill when we were just about to eat," Ross said.

Their moods changed, he said, when word came over the radio that 4th Platoon was engaged in a firefight with North Koreans, and the Soldiers of 1st Platoon

were told to lock and load their weapons. When they arrived at the site of the firefight, near the row of small buildings known as Conference Row, the platoon was broken down into three squads, each with an M-60 machine gun, Ross said.

One squad was told to secure the high ground at the east end of Conference Row. The other two squads, one of which included Ross, were told to approach Conference Row by means of traveling overwatch, a systematic method of movement in which Soldiers advance one at a time toward an objective while their teammates cover them from behind.

As they were moving, they came into contact with the Soviet defector, whose mad dash to freedom had started the incident, Ross said. He was turned over to the JSF company commander and removed from the immediate area.

"By this time, fire was being increased by the enemy in pursuit of the defector," Ross said. In response to increased fire from the enemy, one squad moved to secure the North Koreans' left flank. "By doing this,



Sgt. 1st Class Gary Ross

we cut off the enemy and denied them from being able to use the buildings for cover," Ross explained. Shortly after being cut off, the North Koreans surrendered.

The Joint Security Force was then ordered to cease fire and to allow the North Koreans to recover their dead and wounded.

"I felt proud because we had performed our duties with courage and discipline," Ross said. "But those feelings changed when we found out that one of our own, Cpl. Jang [Myung-gee] had been killed. Everybody's mood changed. We went from being all motivated because we'd just kicked their asses, to realizing we'd just lost someone.

"Even though Cpl. Jang was in a different platoon, I still knew who he was," he said. "He was motivated, well-trained, disciplined and just like all the other KATUSAs at the JSA -- he was my friend."

The U.S./Republic of Korea alliance forces lost one Soldier during that firefight. The North Koreans lost three.

For Ross, the incident changed his entire attitude toward military service.

"That fear of the unknown was gone," he said. "You don't really know how you'll react in combat until you've been there."

Following his first assignment in Korea, Ross went on to duty stations in Hawaii, Nebraska, Texas and Washington. But, he said his time at the JSA will always have special meaning to him.

"I guess the most important thing I can tell you about that day is it changed my total outlook on the Army," Ross said. "In the past 22 years, I've been stationed all over the world, and I can honestly say that the JSA was the best assignment I have ever had."

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## TAS student nominated for Youth Senate Program

### Area IV Support Activity Public Affairs

**CAMPGEORGE** – A Taegu American School senior has been selected to compete for one of two Department of Defense Education Activity slots to attend the 44th Annual United States Senate Youth Program in 2006.

Kelli Cox, daughter of 1st Sgt. Mark and Ok Yo Cox, will compete against selected applicants from around the world. First Sgt. Cox is assigned to Company B, 307th Signal Battalion. Kelli is one of four Pacific Area students nominated.

This year, a total of 13 students from the Pacific Area entered the first level of competition. From those applicants, each school chose one candidate to go on to the district level competition. The final selection was determined by the highest number of points compiled from the candidate's application, an objective test, a written examination and a taped interview.

Two students and two alternates, from candidates submitted by participating DoDEA districts worldwide, will be selected for an all expense paid visit to

Washington, D.C. in the spring. The students attend a series of seminars and briefings with Senators and members of the House of Representatives and meet with officials from the executive and judicial branches of government.

In addition, the two students selected to represent DoDEA will also receive a \$5,000 college scholarship.

The program is sponsored annually by the William Hearst Foundation and is open to any high school junior or senior serving in an elected student government or class officer/representative position.

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Wednesday: **Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader Autograph Session**, 2:10 – 3:45 p.m., Community Activities Center, Camp Carroll, 765-7484; **CYS Open House** for all Camp Hialeah CYS members, families and newcomers, 1 p.m., 763-3536; **Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders** perform at Camp Walker's Kelly Fitness Center, 7 p.m., 764-4225; **Christmas Movie**, Camp Walker School Age Services, 1-5 p.m., 764-5072.

Thursday: **Community Christmas Dinner**, 5:30 p.m., Community Activities Center, Camp Carroll; **Holiday Run** for Middle School and Teens, plus Winter Activities, Camp Hialeah CYS, 1 p.m., 763-3536.

Dec. 23: **Christmas Party and White Elephant Sale**, Apple Blossom Cottage, Camp Carroll, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.,

765-7049; **Holiday Train Ride with Santa**, noon, Camp Walker CYS, 764-5170; **Jang-ki (Korean chess) tournament**, Camp Hialeah CAC, 763-3108.

Dec. 24: **Children's Pageant** followed by **Happy Birthday Jesus Party**, 5 p.m., Soldier Memorial Chapel, Camp Walker, 764-5458; **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** and **Christmas Caroling**, 5 p.m., Camp Hialeah Chapel, 763-7395; **Busan Pub Christmas Dinner Buffet**, 5-9 p.m., 763-3685; **Holiday basketball, volleyball and racquetball** tournaments through Dec. 26, Camp Hialeah Fitness Center, 763-7703; **Midnight Mass**, 10 p.m., Camp Walker Soldier Memorial Chapel, 764-5458.

Dec. 25: **Christmas Day Mass**, 9 a.m., Soldier Memorial Chapel, Camp

Walker, 764-5458; **Christmas Day Buffet**, Evergreen Community Club, Camp Walker, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., 764-4060; **BOSS Christmas At the CAC** with table tennis, pool, air hockey, foosball and dart tournaments and more, Camp Walker CAC, starting at 1 p.m., 764-4123.

Dec. 26: **Cooking Club** for Middle School and Teens; **Basketball Clinic** for grades 1–6 and Winter Activities, **Basketball Coaches Clinic**, 1 p.m., Camp Hialeah CYS, 763-3536.

Dec. 27: **Basketball Coaches Clinic**, starting at 1 p.m., Camp Hialeah CYS, 763-3536; **Korea-wide Invitational Men's and Women's Basketball Classic**, Camp Walker Kelly Fitness Center, 764-4800.

Dec. 28: **Personal Financial Management Training**, starting at 8:30

a.m., Camp Hialeah Army Community Service, 763-7417.

Dec. 29: **Family Preparedness Training**, starting at 10 a.m., Camp Hialeah ACS, 763-7406.

Dec. 31: **Holiday Fun Run**, Camp Walker, Kelly Fitness Center, starting at 8:30 a.m., 764-4800; **New Year's Eve Bowling Party**, Camp Walker Bowling Center, 5 p.m.–1 a.m., 764-4334; **Hideaway Club/BOSS New Year's Eve Celebration**, 7 p.m.–3 a.m., Camp Carroll, 765-8574; **New Year's Eve Celebration**, Busan Pub, Camp Hialeah, 6 p.m.–1 a.m., 763-3685; **New Year's Eve Celebration Party**, Hilltop Club, Camp Walker, 8 p.m.–3 a.m., 764-4985; **New Year's Eve Lock-In**, Camp Walker CYS, 8 p.m.–7 a.m., \$10, 764-5170.

Jan. 1, 2006: Happy New Year!

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# 한 명의 카투사 장병, 자유의 국경에서 한 몸을 바치다

인디언 헤드  
공보실

공동경비구역, 대한민국 - 지난 50년 동안, 대한민국 국군과 주한미군은 자유 수호라는 생각 하나만으로 '자유의 국경', 공동 경비 구역(Joint Security Area)에서 나라를 지키고 있다. 그 중 자기 자리만 지킨 이들이 있는 반면 몸 바쳐 싸운 이들도 있다.

1984년 11월 23일, 비무장지대에서 러시아 망명자의 보호를 위해 싸운 한 카투사 장병은 적을 향해 한 발이라도 더 맞추려고 목숨을 아끼지 않았다.

당일 아침, 판문점 부근에서 북한측 안내를 받는 관광이 이루어지고 있는 도중, 러시아 망명자인 바실리 마투삭(Vasily Matusak)이 군사분계선을 넘어 비무장지대까지 넘어왔다. 30명도 넘는 북한군이 그를 추격하며 실탄을 쏘고 있었다.

이때, 유엔대기조가 북한군을 쫓아내고 마투삭 씨를 보호하기 위해 공동경비구역으로 투입되었다. 북한 인민군은 곧 밀리기 시작하면서 성큰 가든(Sunken Garden)에 고립되었고 그곳에서 21분 동안 총격전이 벌어졌다.

총격전이 끝난 후, 인민군 측에서는 5명이 부상을 입었고 3명이 사망하였다. 사망자 중에는 1976년도끼 만행 사건 당시 미군 측 아더 보니파스(Arthur Bonifas) 대위와 마크 배렛(Mark Barrett) 중위의 사살을 명령했던 박철 대위도 포함되어 있었다. 하지만, 안타깝게도, 남측에서는 마이클 버고인(Michael A. Burogoyne) 일병이 부상당하였고 장병기 상병이 사망하였다.

유엔경비대대 지휘관, 폴 스나이더(Paul E. Snyder) 중령은 "그들의 영웅적 행동은 결코 헛된 것이 아니었다" 고 말했다.

그는 "그들은 망명자를 보호하고 탈출할 수 있도록 시간을 벌어 주었다" 고 말하며 "그들의 이러한 행동은 또한 동료들이 북한군에 적절히 대응하고 결국 이길 수 있는 시간을 주었다. 장 상병은 그 누구보다 용감하고 사심 없는 죽음을 맞은 것이다. 그는 다른 이를 살리기 위해 목숨을 희생하였다. 그의 공로는 영원히 잊혀지지 않을 것이다" 고 덧붙였다.

19전구지원사령부의 개리 로스(Gary Ross) 중사는 이 사건이 아직도 머릿속에 생생하다.

로스 중사는 "아침식사 시간에 경보음이 울리기 시작하였는데 우리는 그저 또 하나의 훈련 중 하나라 생각했다" 고 말하며 "그 때는 그저 왜 식사준비를 할 시간에 이런 훈련을 할까 하는 생각이 들 뿐이었다" 고 그 당시를 회상하였다.

그러나 얼마 후, 로스 중사와 그의 동료들은 훈련이 아닌 실제 상황이라는 것을 알게 되었다.

그는 "4소대가 총격전을 벌이고 있다면서 우리에게 어서 무기를 준비하라고 하였다" 고 말했다.

총격전 후, 병사들은 혼란스러워 했다.

로스 중사는 "우리는 싸움에서 승리하여 자랑스러웠지만 동료를 잃었기에 슬픔에 잠겼다" 고 말하며 "그와는 같은 소대는 아니었지만 누군지는 알고 있었다. 그는 매사에 의욕이 강하고 항상 올바른 행동만 하였다" 고 하며 아쉬워했다.

11월 23일, 장 상병의 20년 전 안타까운 죽음과 그의 희생을 추모하기 위해 장 상병의 가족들과 함께 여러 장병들과 민간인들이 통일각에 모였다.

스나이더 중령은 "장 상병과 그의 동료들은 큰 사건의 주인공들이었다" 고 말하며 "그들은 같은 곳에서 복무하는 두 나라의 장병들 간의 우정 그 이상을 보여주었다. 그들은 한미동맹의 상징이다. 우리의 군대와 나라가 지난 50년 동안 유엔사와 그 회원국들의 결의와 지원과 함께 해왔듯이 장 상병과 버고인 일병 또한 나란히 서서 함께 했던 것이다" 고 덧붙였다.

장 상병의 아버지, 장대운 씨는 그의 아들에 대해 이렇게 말한다.

장대운씨는 "명기는 매우 활동적이었다" 고 통역사를 통해 말하며 "그 아이는 자기가 하는 것에서는 무엇이든 최고가 되고 싶어했다" 고 덧붙였다.

장 상병의 아버지는 요즘도 아들을 생각하며 눈물의 날들을 보낼 때가 있다.

그는 "20년이 지난 지금도 마음이 힘들다" 고 말하며 "그러나 내 아들이 한 일을 자랑스럽게 생각하고 이렇게 사람들이 모여준 것에 대해 매우 기쁘다" 고 속마음을 밝혔다.

이야기는 여기서 끝나지 않는다. 현재 공동경비구역에서 근무하고 있는 사람은 장 상병의 조카, 장중은 일병이다.

장 일병은 "나는 20년 전 이곳에서 목숨을 희생한 삼촌에 대해 자랑스럽게 생각하고 있다" 고 통역사를 통해 말하며 "나는 그 뒤를 잇는 것이다" 고 덧붙였다.

추모식에 가족들이 온 것을 보고 장 일병은 20년 전 삼촌이 근무하던 곳에서 군복무하고 있는 모습을 보여줄 수 있어서 기분이 좋다고 말했다.

장 일병은 "언제가는 제 삼촌만큼이나 저를 자랑스럽게 여기실 때가 올 것이다" 고 다짐했다.

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## Learn Korean Easily



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"Juel-goe-oon  
Christmas-eem-nee-dah."  
"Merry Christmas!"

Single Consonants														
ㄱ	ㄴ	ㄷ	ㄹ	ㄴ	ㅁ	ㅂ	ㅅ	ㅇ	ㅈ	ㅊ	ㅋ	ㆁ	ㅍ	ㅎ
g	n	d	r,l	m	b	sh,s	ng	j	ch	k	t	p	h	
Double Consonants														
ㄲ		ㄸ		ㅃ		ㅆ		ㅈㅈ		ㅊㅊ		ㅋㅋ		ㅍㅍ
gg		dd		bb		ss		jj		kk		tt		hh
Single Vowels														
ㅏ	ㅑ	ㅓ	ㅕ	ㅗ	ㅛ	ㅜ	ㅠ	ㅡ	ㅣ					
ah	yah	oe	yoh	oh	yo	oo	you	ue	ee					
Double Vowels														
ㅘ	ㅙ	ㅚ	ㅜ	ㅝ	ㅞ	ㅟ	ㅠ	ㅡ	ㅣ					
eh	yeh	yeh	weh	wah	wuh	wee	ui							

### Word of the week

# 계획

ㄱ ; g, ㅋ ; yeh /  
ㅎ ; h, ㅍ ; weh, ㄱ ; k(g)  
**'gyeh-hwehk'**  
plan

### The phrase of the week

**"Do you have a good plan?"**

# 좋은 계획 있습니까?

**Jo-uen gyeh-hwehk ee-suem-nee-ggah?**

a good plan

Do you have?

### Conversation of the week

크리스마스에 뭐 하세요?  
**Christmas-eh mwo**  
**hah-seh-yo?**

What are you doing for  
Christmas?

별일 없어요.  
**Byol-eel up-soe-yo.**

Nothing special.

그때 같이 만날까요?  
**Gue-ddeh gah-che**  
**mahn-nahl-ggah-yo?**

Shall we meet then?

좋습니다.  
**Jo-suem-nee-dah.**

That would be fine.

어디 갈까요?  
**Oe-dee gahl-ggah-yo?**

Where shall we go?

시청 광장에 갑시다.  
**She-chung gwahng-jahng-**  
**eh gahp-she-dah.**

Let's go to City Hall square.

극장 *guek-jahng* theater

시내 *she-neh* downtown

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