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The Jan. 12 Candlelight Vigil and March to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. drew about 300 Soldiers, Family Members, Civilians and Retirees from the Camp Humphreys community. Here, the group is begins the march.

Camp Humphreys honors legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King

By Bob McElroy
USAG Humphreys Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – More than 300 members of the Humphreys community braved the sub-freezing weather to participate in a candlelight vigil and march at the Super Gym on Jan. 12 to honor the life, legacy and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Entitled “Remembering the Dream,” the event was hosted by the Soldiers of 4th Battalion, 2nd Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade. This year marks the 32nd annual national observance of King’s birthday.

This event was the first of three at Camp Humphreys to honor King. The second was the 7th Annual Martin Luther King Basketball tournament which drew men’s and women’s teams from Areas I, II, III, Osan, Suwon and Kunsan Air Bases. The third event is a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. observance on Jan. 31. U.S. Forces Korea commanding general Gen. Vincent K. Brooks will be the featured speaker.

The evening began with songs of hope and promise and an elegant dance performance by young members of the Burning Bush Gospel Services.

The keynote speaker was Command Sgt. Maj. Derrick Merriwether, the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade command sergeant major.

Merriwether emphasized that this year’s national theme is “The Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday: A Day On, Not a Day Off.”

Calling King “...one of the greatest leaders of the 20th century,” Merriwether said King showed what a group of people working together for positive change can accomplish.

Merriwether shared a story of his mother in Detroit and

how King inspired her to persevere even in the face of prejudice and injustice.

My mom went to college and studied accounting. After she graduated she looked for a place where she could take her certified public accountant exam. She found one in Dallas but when she went there to take the test they turned her away because she was a person of color. Undaunted she persevered until she found a center that would test her.

“She passed and became a CPA, later she worked as a senior accountant for the City of Detroit and Mayor Coleman Young,” Merriwether said.

Following Merriwether’s remarks, the audience moved outside for the march. Slowly they formed, a dozen or so people per row, each with an electric candle, leaders up front, unit guidons behind them.

They walked slowly, talking quietly, Soldiers, Family Members, Civilians and Retirees. Down the road from the Super Gym the group rounded a traffic circle and began the return trip. As they neared the finish they walked arm in arm.

As they finished, people lingered, seemingly not ready to break up the group and return to the warmth of the gym. But return they did for the final inspiration of the event, a dramatic reading of King’s “I Have a Dream” speech by Staff Sergeant Christopher L. Stephenson of 2nd CAB.

The evening concluded with a presentation of unit streamers and the cutting of the cake by the host’s leaders, Lt. Col. John S. Woo, Command Sgt. Maj. Mark E. Carl and Merriwether.

There will be a final Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration, Jan. 31 at Camp Humphreys. U.S. Forces Korea commanding general Gen. Vincent K. Brooks will be the featured speaker.▲



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COMMAND PERSPECTIVE

Transformation is here with irreversible momentum

USAG HUMPHREYS – We’re now a few weeks into 2017 and before us stretches a new year full of promise and potential. That could not be more true here at USAG Humphreys where the coming months will bring more Soldiers and units, and multiple building and facility openings.

Transformation is no longer a concept or a work in progress, it is here with an irreversible momentum, and at Humphreys we embrace it every day.

By the end of January we will receive the proud Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion 34th Armor, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. Most of the Devil Brigade Soldiers will follow soon after them and, by summer, almost the entire brigade will call USAG Humphreys home.

And what a home it is, with new troop barracks, dining facilities, and new support facilities that will provide all of us with an incomparable quality of life.

The Soldiers of The Big Red One aren’t the only newcomers to Camp Humphreys. By mid-summer Eighth Army will call Humphreys home as will a number of Eighth Army subordinate commands.

With the arrival of new Soldiers and units comes the opening of facilities to support them. In the next six months we expect to open the new headquarters buildings for Eighth Army, and we’ll also open new motor pools, barracks, headquarters and support areas.

New community-support facilities will open too, including a child development center, Exchange facilities, the Main Post Club, main post chapel, the new main library and athletic fields.

The next few months will bring USAG Humphreys closer to becoming the home of U.S. Forces Korea.

Finally, I want to encourage leaders at all levels to ensure safe training conditions in the coldest months of the year. Winter in Korea brings the lowest visibility due to fog and extended darkness. Subordinate leaders should conduct a daily risk assessment before they take Soldiers out to do PT. I encourage unit leaders to have Soldiers wear reflective gear



**- Colonel Joseph C. Holland -
Commander, USAG Humphreys**

as part of their PT uniforms for their safety.

I also want to encourage Soldiers to increase the value of their time in Korea. Whether it is enrolling in college courses and working toward a degree or attending programs like BSEP, there is something for everyone at our Education Centers.

Take the time to get out and explore Korea, it is a wonderful country with a long, proud history and friendly, engaging people.

I hope you all recognize the fantastic opportunity you have for personal and professional growth while you’re here, get out and seize it.

Katchi Kapshida!▲



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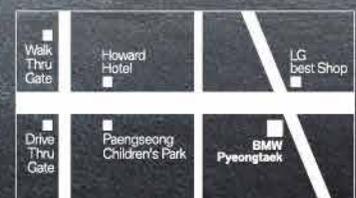
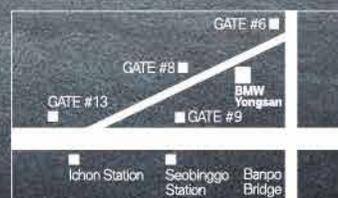
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|-------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | 55 MP CO | 4528 |
| 2 | HSC, HHBN | 3601 |
| 3 | A, HHBN | 3144 |
| 4 | B, HHBN | 3101 |
| 5 | C, HHBN | 2221 |
| 6 | 580 FSC | 1654 |
| 7 | 46 TRANS | 1606 |
| 8 | E, 6-52 ADA | 1558 |
| 9 | HHB, 210 FA | 1080 |

| PLACE | UNIT | POINTS |
|-------|------------------|--------|
| 1 | HHC, USAG AREA I | 3165 |
| 2 | 61 MAINT | 2668 |
| 3 | 62 CHEM/CBRN | 1720 |
| 4 | 61 CHEM/CBRN | 1628 |
| 5 | HHB, 1-38 FA | 1508 |
| 6 | 4 CHEM/CBRN | 1439 |
| 7 | HHB, 6-37 FA | 1437 |
| 8 | HHC, 70 BSB | 1352 |
| 9 | 579 FSC, 6-37 FA | 1212 |
| 10 | HHT, 1-7 CAV | 1203 |
| 11 | B, 1-38 FA | 1002 |
| 12 | A, 70 BSB | 740 |

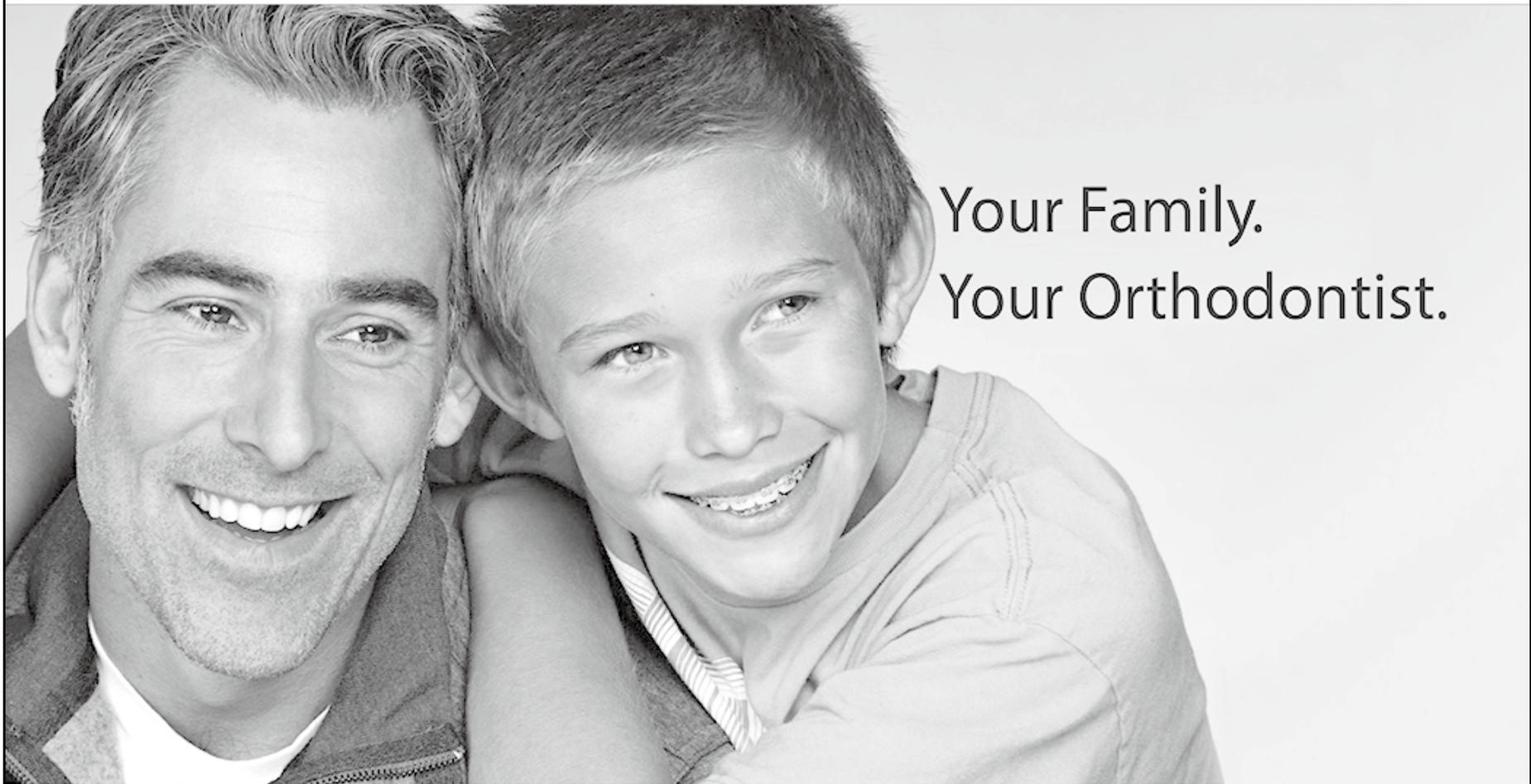
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| 1 | 8 ARMY NCOA | 2590 |
| 2 | 275 SIG | 1984 |
| 3 | 629 MCAS | 1785 |
| 4 | 501 CHEM/CBRN | 1640 |
| 5 | 604 ASOS | 1265 |
| 6 | HHD, 23 CHEM | 1240 |
| 7 | 560 MCGA | 1225 |
| 8 | B, 6-37 FA | 1216 |
| 9 | WRC | 1141 |
| 10 | D DET, 176 FIN (FMSU) | 1139 |
| 11 | 579 SIG | 1135 |
| 12 | A, 6-37 FA | 1109 |
| 13 | 403 LRC CRC | 1017 |
| 14 | A, 1-38 FA | 997 |
| 15 | 618 DENTAL | 915 |
| 16 | 21 MP DET | 802 |
| 17 | B, 70 BSB | 800 |
| 18 | 17 ORD CO | 790 |
| 19 | C, 6-37 FA | 710 |
| 20 | 106 MED DET | 700 |
| 21 | 19 AG (POSTAL) | 650 |
| 22 | 524 MI COA | 640 |
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At the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex in Pocheon Jan. 5, Soldiers use a model of a training objective as a dry run for a mock hill assault they'll be making the next day. The assault trained them in attacking a hill while encountering the sudden appearance of hostile forces, in the form of automated "pop-up" targets they had to shoot at using live ammunition. The troops are from 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, part of the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. The brigade is serving a nine-month Korea rotation with the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-US Combined Division. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Jonathan Camire)

Engineer unit is Warrior Country combatives champ



A soldier of the 1st Engineer Battalion, part of the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, looks to free himself from a choke hold during Warrior Country's five-week long combatives tournament, which featured more than 60 bouts and ended just before the New Year. It began in November. The battalion was crowned the winner Dec. 29, after its seven-member combatives team fought its way through five days of competition. The tournament was held inside the Hanson Field House on Camp Casey in Dongducheon. The brigade is on a nine-month Korea rotation with the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-US Combined Division. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Warren W. Wright Jr.)



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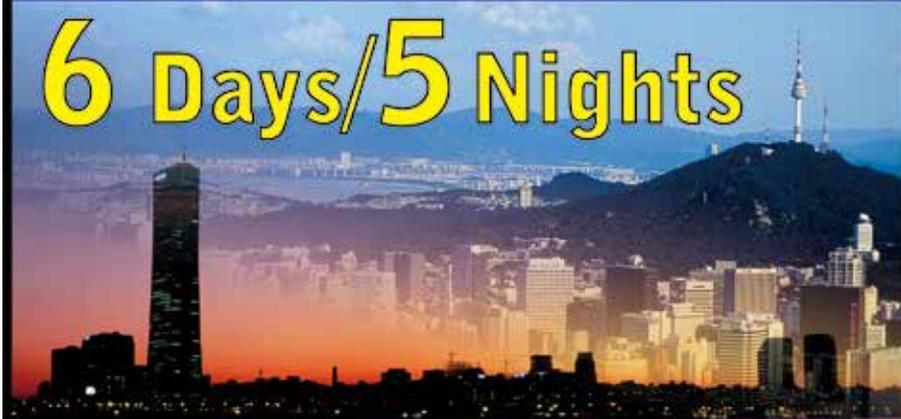
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Students nerding out at STEMinar 2016

By Colby Mortensen
Seoul American High School

USAG YONGSAN - Fourteen students, led by science teachers Scott Bittner and Jonathan Brooks, attended the 2016 Far East STEM event- most commonly known as STEMinar- at Tsukuba University in Tokyo, Japan from Sep. 12 to Sep. 17.

The students participated in a wide variety of subjects from sports science to earth and space science. Mr. Bittner said, "STEMinar is an opportunity to expose high school students to primary research in the University laboratory environment. It provides students with a glimpse into possible future career paths."

Freshman Julie Cha attended the event for the first time this year and was assigned to study physics and astronomy. After reflecting on her experience, she said, "My favorite part about STEMinar was making friends and meeting new people. I enjoyed the opportunity to experience learning at the university level." She also said, "I think people should consider applying for STEMinar next year because even if you don't get the subject you want, you still learn something new."

The five-day event consisted of students receiving lectures from their individual professors, field trips, educational excursions, lab work, and preparing for a twelve minute presentation.



Students of Seoul American High School polish a piece of granite and gain hands-on experience at STEMinar. (Photo courtesy of Colby Mortenson)

New to the STEMinar event this year, the students had to prepare a mini Junior Science and Humanities Society project proposal and include it in their end of the week presentation.

This was senior Stephanie Choe's second year attending STEMinar; she studied sports science during the week and said, "It is definitely worth applying, Tsukuba University is a widely recognized university and the professors have a lot of passion for what they are teaching. You will get a head start for college and definitely enjoy yourself. I especially enjoyed it this year because I got to go for something that I am really interested in and hope to have a career in after college. If you are interested in participating in a Far East that isn't sports related, STEMinar is the most rewarding."

While at STEMinar, some of the students had the opportunity to participate in labs involving live animals; sophomore Sabrina Kim was one of these students: "Working with the rats was an incredible experience. My favorite part was looking at the reaction of the rats twenty-four hours after the contextual fear conditioning [shocking the rats four times within a twelve minute period]. It was interesting to see how the rats connected the pain of the shock with the environment where the shocks occurred."

STEMinar provides unique opportunities for students and those who attend the event leave with an enriched understanding of the world that we live in and a better idea of the type of education they want to pursue in the future.▲

Aspiring journalists of Seoul American High School get to work

By Chloe Byrd
Seoul American High School

USAG YONGSAN - The week of Nov. 28 - Dec. 2, about 100 journalism students from all over the Pacific gathered at the Far East Journalism Conference held in Okinawa, Japan, at Kadena Air Base.

Far East Journalism is a conference that has been around since 1994. This was the first year after 2007 where it was held in Okinawa; bringing journalists into a different environment to find stories.

Students from various schools are categorized into groups based upon their journalistic interests. The three categories students are placed into being newspaper, yearbook, and broadcast. After splitting up students further into specific groups of six from different schools, the students decided the jobs of each individual in order to come up with the products necessary in order to complete tasks within their groups before the deadline.

From Tuesday through Wednesday, students attended classes in order to learn and do as much as possible in order to produce their best possible work. "Going to all these classes was interesting," said senior Paul Slife. "Getting exposure to all parts of journalism helps one learn."

The challenges each group were required to do varied. While newspaper students were tasked with creating a four-page spread including photos and articles to present to the judges, yearbook groups had to create a ten-page spread that would include articles, photos, and a senior advertisement page.



Participants of Far East Journalism pose for a group photo. (Back row, from left to right) Peter Bruch, Sam Broach, Jennifer Mitchell, Julieann Patarini (Front row, from left to right) Julia Pak, Claire Ancheta, Mariam Lee, Chloe Byrd (Photo courtesy of SAHS)

Broadcast students had tasks of their own that required them to film and put together a video with graphics in similar sized groups.

"This experience allowed me to experience what broadcast would be like in the real world," said senior Sam Broach. "Making a seven minute broadcast video in three days was stressful, but it was worth it."

With their work cut out for the week, students rushed to participate in each FAST

(Find a Story Time) trip, and came together to attend a press conference so they could come up with their projects in order to meet their deadline of Thursday, 8:30 p.m.

SAHS had a strong showing at the conference. The journalists who attended were able to bring back all gold in the newspaper, yearbook, and broadcast sections, not to mention the silver achievements that were also achieved in the broadcast and yearbook sections.▲



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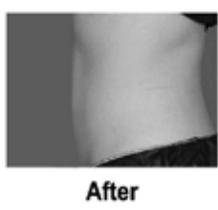

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Religious Services Schedule as of September 26

K-16 Chapel (741-62870/6448):

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South Post Chapel (738-6054):

Protestant "Contemporary" - SUNDAY (9:00 a.m.)

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Latter Day Saints (LDS) - SUNDAY (4:00 p.m.)

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Memorial Chapel (725-4076):

Catholic Mass - SUNDAY (9:00 a.m.)

Pentecostal - SUNDAY (11:30 a.m.)

Catholic Mass - SATURDAY (5:00 p.m.)

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KATUSA Worship - TUESDAY (6:30 p.m.)

Catholic Mass in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 1st SATURDAY (9:00 a.m.)

Korean Christian Fellowship - 3rd TUESDAY (11:45 a.m.)

ROK Catholic Mass - 3rd THURSDAY (5:30 p.m.)

Brian Allgood Community Hospital Chapel (737-1636):

Protestant "Traditional" - SUNDAY (9:30 a.m.)

Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) - SATURDAY (11:00 a.m.)

Catholic Daily Mass - THURSDAY (11:45 a.m.)

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TogetHER Mentorship Program

TogetHER is a mentorship program which provides a forum to empower women and men to strengthen peer-to-peer bonds, engrain professional ethics, enhance professional and personal growth, provide mentorship and guidance in an environment where women are comfortable discussing difficult yet common issues. It will take place Jan. 20, 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m., at South Post Chapel. The guest speaker is Maj. Gen. Tammy Smith, Deputy Commanding General - Sustainment, Eighth Army.

2017 National Prayer Luncheon

2017 National Prayer Luncheon will take place Feb. 28, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Dragon Hill Lodge. Special Guest is Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal, Commanding General of Eighth Army. Attire : Duty Uniform.

Power Outages at K-16

Please be aware of power outages scheduled at K-16 to connect new electric power lines:

Jan. 21, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. / Bldgs #212, #213

Jan. 21, 1-5 p.m. / Bldg. #201

TARP Training Schedule

Annual TARP training is a requirement for U.S. Service Members, DoD Civilians and DoD contractors (U.S.). Local national employees and family members are not required but are welcome to take the course.

Venue: Main Post Theater

Time: 1-2 p.m.

Dates: Jan. 25, Feb. 8, Feb. 22, Mar. 8, Mar. 22

January Library Programs

Celebrate the new year with the Yongsan Library - offering activities for the entire family throughout the month of January.

Baby story hour, Jan. 23, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Toddler story hour, Jan. 24, Jan. 31, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Youth/Teen/Adult Dance Class, Jan. 23, 4:30 p.m.

Youth/Teen Book Club, Jan. 31, 5:30 p.m.

Keep Calm & Color On (coloring program), Jan. 26, 10:30 a.m.

For further info, please call the Check-out desk, at 723-7380.

Lunar New Year Closure Notice

All Community Banks will close during Jan. 27 - Jan. 30.

The Navy Federal Credit Union will close Jan. 27.

All outlying medical clinics and all primary care clinics within Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital will close Jan. 27.

Yongsan Tax Center Opening Ceremony

Yongsan Tax Center Opening Ceremony will take place Jan. 31, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m., at Yongsan Tax Center, Moyer Recreation Center. Yongsan Tax Center will provide free service to Servicemembers, families, and civilians across Yongsan.

Lunar New Year Road Condition

Roads are RED Jan. 26-27 and Jan. 30-31, 2017.

Roads are AMBER Jan 28-29.

Only military vehicles required for essential/emergency business are allowed on the roads. Please consult your unit for directing authority procedures.

CIF closure

Yongsan CIF will be closed for their 100% Wall to Wall Annual Inventory from Feb. 6 - 17, during this time frame the CIF will be only excepting emergency turn-in; please plan your CIF turn-ins and request for issues around our inventory dates.

Dental Wellness Center

Carius Dental Clinic was converting into Yongsan's Dental Wellness Center(DWC). DMC will manage and provide In-processing, Hygiene, Dental exams(for Soldiers and their family members) services. Call 737-9002 or 725-3060 for more information.

Disposal of Office Furniture

Dispose of office furniture by contacting your unit supply sergeant. It is against the law to dispose the furniture at/near dumpsters.

Morning Calm, Notes from the Garrison Contact

Anyone needing to have information put out to the community through Notes from the Garrison or has a story idea for The Morning Calm, should contact Laurri Garcia at laurri.l.garcia.civ@mail.mil or call 738-7354.

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Shortly after Angela got her first braces at Columbia Dental, she needed intensive procedures to correct overcrowding. "It was scary and it was worrisome," she remembers,



"McBride family and Glossup family gathered for little photo session with Dr. Yun and his hygienist suhyun."

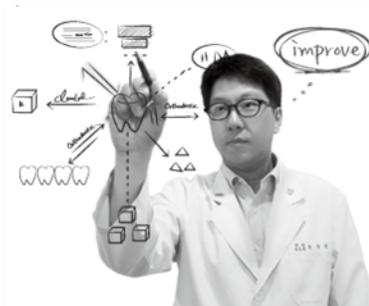
"but they always made sure that I was all right and that nothing was hurting." On top of the good care, Angela's mother, Insun, likes that the clinic is extremely convenient, especially because it's set-up for TRICARE coverage. "In other places, they don't know how to do the paperwork for TRICARE, but here,

there is everything we need. There's even valet parking". Now, Insun, Angela, Jadon, and Ret. Military Rank Mr. Castillo are all regular patients. "Dr. Yun has really taken care of our family," said Sarah Burns, age 13 from Kansas. Michael Burns and his family moved to Seoul from Kansas City, Oklahoma

a year ago. Sarah started with braces and then the rest of the family started visiting the clinic too. "He's also good with younger children, like my brother, Joshua, who is 8 years old. Dr. Yun is a good mix of professional and kind."

For the Lenfant family, Columbia Dental was a critical link in continuing the quality of service they'd had in the States. "Dr. Yun is U.S educated and licensed, with significant experience" said Col. Babette Lenfant and her husband Phil, who brought their 12 year-old son in for Phase 2 orthodontic treatment. "On the basis of comparison with an American orthodontic clinic, other U.S. general dentistry clinics and a renowned general dentistry clinic in Seoul, Columbia Dental Clinic stands out as one of the best we have ever experienced."

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- 18th Medical and Dental Company Affiliated Hospital.



Son A Kim, DDS

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USAG Yongsan HHC conducts Land Navigation Training



U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan Headquarters Headquarters Company (HHC) or the “Dragon Knights” have Land Navigation Training, Jan. 17, 26, at the Mt. Dobong near the KATUSA Training Academy (KTA). Soldiers use a variety of equipment such as compass, map to reach designated spots. Around 30 Soldiers participated to the each Training. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Kim, Min-gyu)

USAG Yongsan hosts New Year's Reception for community leaders

By Pfc. Park Min-je
USAG Yongsan Public Affairs

USAG YONGSAN - U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan Commander, Col. J. Scott Peterson hosted the New Year's Reception for Soldiers and community leaders, Jan. 6, at the Main Post Club. The commander's holiday reception is an annual tradition designed to provide an opportunity for partner units and organizations of USAG Yongsan to socialize outside of work, and to thank them for their continued

support. The reception kicked off with greetings from Peterson, Deputy to the Garrison Commander Tommy M. Mize and USAG Yongsan Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph M. James Jr. The event continued with Peterson's remarks welcoming everyone and reinforcing the importance of and the command's commitment to the alliance and friendship between the U.S. and Republic of Korea. The event also provided the opportunity to "say farewell to 2016 and collectively



(From left to right) Commanding General of Eighth Army Lt. Gen. Thomas Vandal, Deputy to the Garrison Commander Tommy M. Mize, and USAG Yongsan Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph M. James. Jr. greet each other in the reception line. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Park Min-je)



(From left to right) USAG Yongsan Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph M. James. Jr., Yongsan-gu Mayor Sung, Jang-hyun, and USAG Yongsan Commander Col. J. Scott Peterson bring in the new year by cutting the New Year's Reception cake. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Park Min-je)

begin a united and prosperous new year 2017," Peterson said.

At the event, the distinguished guests including Eighth U.S. Army Commanding General Lt. Gen. Thomas Vandal, Yongsan-gu Mayor Sung, Jang Hyun, and Director of USFK Transformation and Restationing Maj. Gen. James Walton greeted members of the USAG Yongsan command group, enjoyed refreshments and listened to performances by musicians from the Ministry of National Defense Ensemble.

For over a hundred years, military

custom calls for Soldiers to travel to other headquarters to greet their commander at the beginning of the new year. In the post-Civil War era, particularly for the horse cavalry in the American West, this was often the only opportunity during the entire year when commanders were able to physically see the Soldiers in their charge. Over the years, the tradition evolved into a formal receiving line where the commander and spouse would greet members of the organization, senior leaders and community members and by hosting a reception.▲

Remembering the Dream of 54 years ago

By Pfc. Park Min-je
USAG Yongsan Public Affairs

USAG YONGSAN - "Remembering the Dream," a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observance program organized by the Republic of Korea Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Mu Phi Lambda Chapter Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. took place Jan. 15 at Seoul American High School (SAHS), featuring a short march from Knight Field to the high school auditorium and guest speaker, Commander of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea, Gen. Vincent K. Brooks.

"Each one of us carries on the

legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., by continuing to open the yet unopen doors within our world," Brooks said, addressing more than 500 gathered at the SAHS auditorium to honor the civil rights leader and visionary. "Thank you Dr. King, for your life and legacy."

The event began with more than 300 participants gathering at Knight Field, main post, to march at 5 p.m. over the bridge and into SAHS, in a tribute to the historic march on Washington in 1964 led by Dr. King himself. Near-freezing temperatures notwithstanding, the bundled up crowd walked and sang "We Shall Overcome" as military police stopped vehicles to allow the march to pass. Among those marching were



Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, Commander of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea, was the guest speaker at "Remembering the Dream," here standing with seven students who recited Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech from 1963. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Park Min-je)

children as young as six years old and adults from all walks of life, arriving at the auditorium in just under 30 minutes.

The program commenced at 6 p.m. with an invocation from Chaplain Maj. Tim Ryu, followed by welcoming remarks from the organizers. Deputy to the U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan Commander Tommy R. Mize lit the candle as a tribute to Dr. King. Music was provided by local talent of all ages and representing various musical genre. Mize concluded the event by thanking the audience for attending and urged everyone to "remember his dream forever." Chaplain Ryu

followed with a benediction, inviting everyone to sing, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an American activist and leader in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. He received the Nobel Peace Prize for opposing racial inequality through nonviolence resistance in 1964. He died immediately after the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established as a U.S. federal holiday in 1986.▲



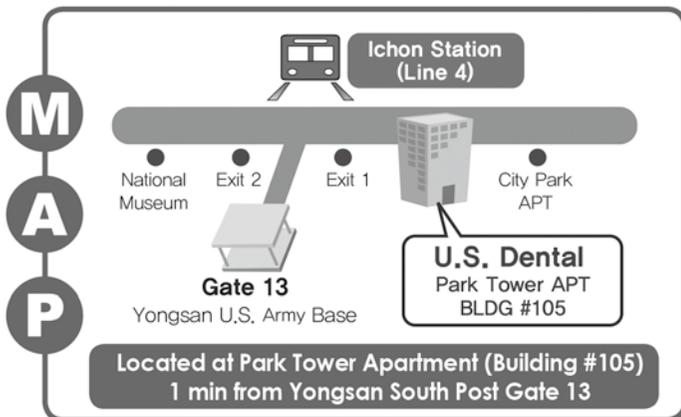
A group of people march towards Seoul American High School (SAHS) as part of the "Remembering the Dream" event, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is estimated more than 300 people participated in the march intended as a tribute to the famous March on Washington in 1963. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Park Min-je)



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Carius Dental Clinic renames to Yongsan Dental Wellness Center

Story and photos by William Wight
65th Medical Brigade Public Affairs Office

USAG YONGSAN — The 618th Theater Dental Activity Command (DENTAC-K) conducted a renaming ceremony of Carius Dental Clinic to the new Yongsan Dental Wellness Center, Jan. 9, on U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan.

As the transformation and relocation takes place to support the growth at U.S. Army Garrison Camp Humphreys, dental services across the peninsula are being restructured.

Part of a realignment of clinical personnel from Dental Clinic #2 and Carius Dental Clinic, coupled with the conversion of Carius Dental Clinic to the Yongsan Dental Wellness Center, the new facility will improve overall dental readiness and wellness of soldiers throughout the Korean peninsula.

According to Col. Jae Hwang, 618th dental commander, "This conversion will significantly improve the dental wellness of our soldiers in Korea by setting standards and guidelines, providing

efficient exams to all soldiers on the peninsula, so that they can continue the 'fight tonight' mission."

The new Dental Wellness Center will become a 'one-stop' in-processing point for all soldiers on peninsula for dental readiness. It will also become the only place to receive hygiene appointments and dental exams. The Dental Wellness Center can now provide more hygiene and exam appointments in an effort to streamline the appointment process and save Soldier's time.

Col. Wendy Harter, commander, 65th Medical Brigade said, "This conversion of the clinic is all about sustaining combat capability and the wellness of our 8th Army forces."

Highlighting the ribbon cutting ceremony was guest speaker Capt. Brandon Carius from the 1st Battalion 5th Field Artillery Regiment at Fort Riley Kansas. Carius is the grandson of Maj. Marvin Wilbur Carius, who the clinic was originally named after. "I never fully appreciated the services of my grandfather as it was hard to envision a dentist in combat," remarked Carius.

Having previously served in Afghanistan as a medical provider, Carius gained an appreciation for all medical support positions within the Army.

"To me it is amazing that a tooth, such a small piece of enamel with blood vessels and nerves could be such a troubling aspect to any individual and bring them to their knees," said Carius. "I can attest that when you have a problem with your teeth, it is less important about what happened, as it is about fixing it immediately to get you back into the fight."

Although the 618th DENTAC-K is not able to provide routine general and specialty dental care for family members, the unit does provide hygiene and exam services for family members once a year on space available basis. Many appointments are available between 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. as the



Hui Won-om, hygienist, performs a dental wellness exam on a United States Forces Korea Soldier at the new Yongsan Dental Wellness Center.

soldiers are conducting physical readiness training.

For those requiring orthodontics or pediatric dentistry, Yongsan Dental Clinic #3 will continue to provide those services.

Dental Clinic #2 will continue to provide routine dental care such as fillings, extractions, crown and bridges as well as sick calls. Sick call hours will be extended from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sick-call is on a "first-come-first-serve" basis.

Later this year, the name of Carius will live on, as the 618th DENTAC-K continues its transition and realignment of dental services in support of the "Fight Tonight" mission, with a new 79-dental chair clinic opening on Camp Humphreys.▲



Col. Wendy Harter, Commander, 65th Medical Brigade was joined by Col. Jae Hwang, 618th Dental Commander as they jointly cut the ribbon renaming Carius Dental Clinic to the new Yongsan Dental Wellness Center on U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, Jan. 9.

BAACH welcomes new born of the year



The Women's Infant Care Unit nursing staff of the Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital, U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, welcomed the first baby born to the new year. Leilani Baldwin was born at 4:38 p.m., Jan. 4, weighing in at 8 pounds and 3 ounces. Pictured with Leilani is mother, Lisa, father, Bradley, brother, Bruce age 8, sister Laura age 7, sister Lily age 4 and brother Lee age 2. Bradley is a Department of the Army civilian assigned to Army Material Command CECOM at U.S. Army Garrison Camp Humphreys. (U.S. Army photo by William Wight)

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Area II Personnel 'Sound Off'

Community members share their New Year's resolutions



Spc. Young Marcus, Religious Affairs Specialist, HHC USAG-Yongsan

"My first New Year's resolution is to work on my mental and spiritual fitness. I want to become mentally strong by going to church more and reading the bible more often. My second New Year's resolution is to go to college and increase my APFT score to get promoted faster."



Cpl. Kwak Dong-ryun, ROKA Support Group, HHC USAG-Yongsan

"21 months of my military service has now nearly come to an end and I have about five more months to go. I am looking forward to ETSing on the promised date and as a senior KATUSA, I will try my best to create a better environment for current and future KATUSAs to serve their military service. Lastly, I hope for a successful return to college."



Pang Kyong-on, Budget Analyst, USAG-Yongsan Resource Management Office

"I always wanted to visit the Terracotta Soldiers in the museum of the grave of Emperor Qin but I don't have the time to do that. This year, I will at any cost visit the museum. On top of that, I just want to continue swimming periodically without procrastinating."

QUESTION OF 2017:

"What are your New Year's resolutions?"

U.S. Army photos by Pfc. Lee Kyoung-yoon



Spc. Elder K. Ester, Automated Logistic Specialist, HHC 1st Signal Brigade

"Most importantly, I am going to take 200 hours of correspondence courses to elevate my military education. I will regularly take it during times when I have 24 hour duties. Furthermore, I want to work on my Korean and renew my passport to visit my family in Jeju Island."



Pfc. Lee Si-hun, Unit Supply Specialist, HHC USAG-Yongsan

"I am looking forward to ETSing after my 21 months of military service. Moreover, I want to increase my APFT score to 250 points and learn more English so that I can fluently communicate with American Soldiers."



Pfc. Sousa Samantha, Combat Camera, HHC USAG-Yongsan

"My New Year's resolution is to get promoted to specialist and for that I will work really hard as a Soldier. Also, I will start trying running again because I had ankle surgery back in September, and I think my ankle is completely healed now."

Host City of the 2018 Winter Olympics, Pyeongchang



If the stresses and responsibilities of daily life have you feeling down, plan a trip to Pyeongchang, the host city of the 2018 Olympic & Paralympic Winter Games. Your worries will fly away as you take in the pure air and beautiful scenery of Pyeongchang. Here, you can see fluffy sheep leisurely grazing in vast pastures beneath a deep blue sky. In fall, the fields fill with the clean white color of buckwheat flowers, the backdrop of the Hyoseok Cultural Festival.

Pyeongchang offers wonderful outdoor activities year round, but the best time to visit is in winter, when the mountains are blanketed in snow. Visitors have a pick of the many ski resorts, some of the best in the nation, and winter festivals in the area. The city has so much to offer, it was selected as one of the “52 Places to Go in 2016” by American newspaper The New York Times. Keep reading for an in-depth look at all this eco-city has to offer.

Phoenix Park



Phoenix Snow Park, the famous filming site of K-drama “Autumn in My Heart (2000),” is one of Pyeongchang’s many ski resorts. As the host venue for PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics’ snow board arena, a grand total of 21 ski slopes are certified by the International Ski Federation, and skiers can freely choose their course down the mountain from the peak. Getting to the peak, Montblanc at 1,050m above sea level is easy and comfortable when you take the gondola up! Even if skiing or boarding down from the peak is a bit out of your capabilities, the view of the canyon is something not to be missed.

If snow and ice isn’t really your thing, spend your time at Phoenix Park Blue Canyon. Blue Canyon is more than just a water park. With spa facilities in addition to water slides and swimming pools, this indoor water park, open year round, is fun for the entire family.

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Area II student perspectives on Dr. King

The following essays were announced as winners of the Martin Luther King Essay Writing Contest, which was part of the observance program hosted by the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade Jan. 12, Dragon Hill Lodge.



Hannah A. McCormick,
4th grade

January 16 is Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday held on the third Monday of January. But why do students look forward to the holiday? Some students look forward to MLK Day because there is no school or that it means they get to travel somewhere or they simply get to sleep in. But the real reason we celebrate MLK Day is to celebrate his life and achievements.

Who was Martin Luther King Jr? Martin Luther King Jr. was a Baptist minister and activist who was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement. One of Martin's major accomplishments was the March on Washington. Dr. King led about 200,000 people to the Lincoln Memorial to expose the struggles that African-Americans face with jobs and social acceptance. Another of Dr. King's achievements was winning the Nobel Peace Prize for his active and dynamic leadership.

Martin Luther King Jr's famous quote is "I Have a Dream." But what was his dream? His dream was that white people and black people would be treated equally and get along.

It started with just a dream and though it took a while to become a reality, it was because of his dream that we now enjoy equality regardless of your color. Dr. King delivered a dream to all African-American people. Jon Meacham wrote "that with a single word Martin Luther King Jr. joined the ranks along with Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson."

Because of Dr. King, anybody can be friends with anyone regardless of color. Anyone can go to any school and enjoy diversity. But what does MLK Day mean to you? What it means to me is freedom and we should be accepted for whom we are and what we look like and Martin Luther King Jr. showed that we should all be treated equally without any deceptions. He showed people that we are all the same no matter what we look like or what our skin color is.

MLK Day is not just a regular federal holiday. Not just a day to sleep in. Not just a day to travel. But a day to be thankful for freedom and equality that all started in a dream. So let's celebrate MLK Day and keep the dream a reality.▲



Lika Sylla,
8th grade

When you walk into an average American classroom, what do you see? You see groups of children from all over the world. Different races, ethnic groups, and religions. The America that we know today would be completely different if it wasn't for the contributions Martin Luther King Jr. had made for civil rights. He was a father, a reverend, a preacher, a fighter, and most importantly, a leader. He was the face of the fight for civil rights and he had left a mark on this country that changed the way people thought and how freedom was perceived.

As a leader, King made sure that his movement was peaceful. Martin Luther King Junior was a peace advocate. He took inspiration from Gandhi and he thought of the best methods to use to overcome the injustices facing African Americans. He wanted the world to see that a person cannot be judged by their skin color, but rather by the content of their character. He wanted everyone

to see that we can all live in a world where violence is not the way to spread and enforce ideas. All he wanted was to show that peace and friendship were the answer to solving all the hatred between Whites and Blacks. When you look at the constitution, it states that "All men are created equal". King took that line to heart and it became the driving factor for his march towards civil rights.

Me being a young teen in the 21st century means many things. I have to worry about things such a school, chores, and friends. But I never really get the chance to sit down and realize how lucky I am. I'm lucky to have food on the on the table, clothes on my back, and a warm bed to sleep in. This wouldn't be my reality if it weren't for the people who fought for civil rights during the 1960s. I remember being in the 4th grade and we were celebrating Martin

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Eighth Army celebrates civil rights leader's legacy

By Cpl. Jung Dong-in
Eighth Army Public Affairs

USAG YONGSAN - "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

Quotes like these and his work during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s made Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. a leader and the inspiration for millions of people in the U.S. and around the world. King was a pivotal figure in the Civil Rights Movement who led nonviolent resistances against racial discrimination within the American society in 1950s and 60s. He was later awarded the Nobel Prize for peace in 1964 in recognition of his dedication to the human rights campaign.

Every year we pay a tribute to King in honor of his efforts to realize justice and race equality.

During this year's birthday observance, hosted by 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, members of the Eighth Army community gathered to celebrate King's birthday and legacy at the Dragon Hill Lodge on U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, Jan. 12.

This year's event honored King's principals with the theme of "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A day on, not a day off."

Eighth Army Commanding General, Thomas S. Vandal showed his respect

for King through a message that stressed the importance of diversity and the capacity to embrace it.

"His accomplishments during those times of intense adversity not only shaped and defined the Civil Rights Movement, but also the U.S. Army's legacy as an organization that embraces diversity and equality for all," said Vandal. "We all have benefitted and we are also stewards of the ideals that Dr. King championed. Our nation is strong because of its diversity, and as Dr. King understood, we are stronger when we stand together."

Sgt. Maj. Willie T. Grandison Jr., Eighth Army personnel senior enlisted advisor, served as the guest speaker for the event.

"This holiday honors the courage of a man who endured constant harassment, threats, beatings and was jailed more than 30 times and even had his home burned down," Grandison said. "But yet he never gave up the fight for justice and equality. We should all strive to exemplify Dr. King's life which stood for civil rights and justice for all people."

Additionally, students from Area II schools held an MLK essay competition and the best essay was chosen from each grade. Lika Sylla, the Eighth-grade winner from Seoul Middle School, said King's speeches had a strong personal impact on her.

"King said 'Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things



Lt. Col. Yusha Ali and Sgt. Maj. Clark Kuhling, deputy commander and senior enlisted advisor of operations for the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, present a bell to Sgt. Maj. Willie T. Grandison Jr., the Eighth Army personnel senior enlisted advisor, as a token of their appreciation for his inspirational speech during the Martin Luther King Jr's birthday observance at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, Jan. 12. King was a pivotal figure in the Civil Rights Movement who led nonviolent resistances against racial discrimination within the American society in the 1950s and 60s.

that matter," Sylla said. "It leads me to be vocal about subjects that are important and yet everyone around me is oblivious to."

According to Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Woods, an equal opportunity advisor with 501st MI Bde., the competition was intended to let the younger generation appreciate King's life and

what he left for us.

"We wanted to bring students in so they can all be part of this celebration and express what Martin Luther King Jr. means to them," Woods said. "And Martin Luther King's accomplishments and legacy will never fade thanks in part to celebrations like the one held at the Dragon Hill Lodge."▲

South Korea's National Holiday - January 27~30, 2017

SEOLLAL SIGNALS REAL START OF 2017 IN SOUTH KOREA

Story by Pfc. Lee Kyeong-yoon
USAG Yongsan Public Affairs

USAG YONGSAN — 1 million people in Korea gathered to watch the Bosingak Bell ring last New Year's Eve, and an estimated 10 million people watched it live on television. The sound of the bell symbolizes the people's hopes and dreams for 2017 resonating into the atmosphere – so high that they could only come true. The passion and excitement of people wanting to greet and celebrate the New Year represent the eagerness for a fresh start.

On the same note, Korea celebrates the Lunar New Year. "Seollal" is the first day of the lunar year which, unlike the Gregorian calendar, changes every year as it is based on the 28-day lunar cycle. In 2017, Seollal falls on Jan. 28. Koreans have long considered this day to be the actual start of the new year, marked by various customs that celebrate Korean traditional values and cultural history.

Seollal lasts three days: the day before the first day of the lunar year, the day of and the day after. In 2014, it became common practice for most Korean establishments to add a day or two to the holiday for an extended weekend, which would spread out commutes to and from the city. During Seollal, massive migrations occur throughout the Korean Peninsula as people return to their hometowns to visit their parents and relatives and perform an ancestral ritual called "charye." Charye can be traced back to the Confucian practice of honoring one's

ancestors. Koreans prepare a special table of food, complete with empty bowls and silverware for their ancestral spirits.

There has been some controversy surrounding this practice since more and more Korean women now work outside of the home, and charye is extremely laborious. The time and effort to prepare the specific foods in large amounts so as to accommodate extended families and guests have come under increasing scrutiny and linked to high stress in the home – particularly between

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generations and genders. The market economy has compensated for some of these drawbacks with increasing catering options and packaged foods, sustaining the charye tradition.

“Saehae bok mani badeuseyo” is the traditional Korean Seollal greeting, meaning “I wish you much luck in the New Year.” This expression is generally intended for elders, traditionally accompanied by a deep bow as a sign of gratitude and respect for their sacrifices in raising children. The elders then reciprocate with their own gift – most commonly money – making this part of the

Seollal tradition a highlight for children in particular.

During the three days of Seollal, the dress code is generally the hanbok, or Korean traditional attire, in a show of respect for the time-honored celebration and tradition. Nowadays, however, many Koreans do not own a hanbok and revert instead to business casual clothing.

With the gathering of families, many traditional dishes can be seen on the table. Tteokguk, a soup dish made with sliced rice cake, is a typical Korean traditional food customarily eaten during this holiday. Tteokguk is also a birthday dish, and Koreans believe you are one year older after eating tteokguk during Seollal.

Family members also enjoy many traditional games associated with Lunar New Year. The traditional family board game yunnori is played by throwing four half-moon shaped sticks, or “yut,” into the air and moving game pieces based on how many of the sticks fall on which of the two sides. Flying kites, or “yeon,” is also a popular Seollal pastime. “Jjegichagi,” a version of hacky sack, neolttwigi, a game of jumping on a seesaw, and gongginori, a game played with five little stones, are some of the other popular holiday games.

Seollal is a time and opportunity for the Korean people to gather with families and relatives to wish each other a happy new year. It is a chance to forget the painful memories of the past and hope for the best for loved ones in the upcoming year. ▲



Tteokguk



Yunnori



Charye



Luck Bag

(Courtesy Photos)

News & Notes

- Friday, Jan. 20: NEO Training from 4 - 5 p.m. in the Army Community Service building. Registration is required 1 week prior to start date. For more information or to register, call 753-8401.
- Friday, Jan. 20: Friday Night Poker at 7 p.m. in the Community Activity Center. \$15 buy-in. For more information, call 753-8825.
- Saturday, Jan. 21: BOSS Volunteer Opportunity at House of Love Orphanage. Meet at the Pedestrian Gate at 9:45 a.m. Volunteers will assist with cleaning and maintaining areas around the orphanage and playing sports with the children. Bring Korean won for bus fare and lunch. For more information, call 753-8970 or 010-8819-8980.
- Saturday, Jan. 21: Freeze Your Buns 5K Run starting at 9 a.m. at MP Hill Fitness Center. Pre-register no later than Jan. 14. Age categories for men and women are 29 and under, 30 - 39, 40 - 49 and over 50, plus a unit 5k run, which consists of a minimum of 10 participants from the same unit. Sign-ins start 1 hour and 15 minutes prior to start. A race meeting will be held 5 minutes prior to start. For more information, contact 753-8807.
- Saturday, Jan. 21: Photography Class from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Community Activity Center. Free of charge. Signup at the CAC front desk. For more information, contact 010-4120-9564.
- Saturday, Jan. 21: Glass Painting from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the Arts and Crafts Center. \$20 includes materials. For more information, call 753-6706.
- Sunday, Jan. 22 - 27: Happy Lunar New Year 'N Take Craft in SFC Ray E. Duke Memorial Library. Craft materials provided by the library. For more information, call 753-8433.
- Sunday, Jan. 22: Is the registration deadline for Last Humphreys Comic Standing (Teens and Adults) on Saturday, January 28 from 6 - 7 p.m. (Teens) and 7 - 9 p.m. (Adults) in the Community Activity Center. Do you have what it takes to make USAG Humphreys laugh? We're looking for you to show us your best comedic stand up. For more information, call 753-8825.
- Sunday, Jan. 22: Blush & Brush (Paint over Wine) from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Arts & Crafts Center. Cost is \$25 and includes materials. For more information, call 753-6706.
- Monday, Jan. 23 - 27: BOSS Life Skills - BOSS Beast in the Fitness Annex. The BOSS Program would like to focus on how to improve the Soldiers' way of life. Once the Soldier is taught the basics of the importance of muscle balance, basic anatomy, mobility, breathing, zero load, form, technique and then they can earn a TRX Level 1 Certification. All of these can be very beneficial to the Soldier while in the military and outside in the Civilian world. Only 10 slots available. Must have commander's release form to attend all five days. For more information, call 753-8970.
- Monday, Jan. 23: International Spouses Support Group from 10 - 11 a.m. in Army Community Service. For more information, call 753-8401.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24: Home Based Enterprise Class from 9 - 10 a.m. in Army Community Service. Registration is required 1 week prior to start date. For more information or to register, call 753-8401.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24: Care Team Training from 9 - 10 a.m. in the Army Community Service building. Registration is required 1 week prior to start date. For more information or to register, call 753-8401.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24: EFMP Support Group from 4 - 5 p.m. in Army Community Service. For more information, call 753-8401.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24: Tournaments Tuesdays Billiards at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Activity Center. Sign-ups at the CAC Front Desk. For more information, call 753-8825.
- Wednesday, Jan. 25: BOSS Installation Meeting at 3 p.m. in the Community Activity Center Ballroom. For more information, call 753-8970.
- Thursday, Jan. 26: Federal Resume Workshop from 1:30 - 4 p.m. in the Digital Learning Center. Registration is required 1 week prior to start date. For more information or to register, call 753-8401.
- Friday, Jan. 27: Is the registration deadline for Parent Date Night on Friday, Feb. 10 from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. with Child, Youth and School Services. Children must be registered with CYS. \$4 per child/hour. Registration for Parent Date Night should be made through the program that your child is enrolled in. For more information, call 753-3413.
- Friday, Jan. 27: Free Play Friday from 8 - 10 p.m. in the Community Activity Center. All arcade games, except the crane game, are free to play. For more information, call 753-8825.
- 27 Jan. Due to the upcoming Lunar New Year holiday on January 27, 2017, all outlying clinics and all primary care clinics within Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital will be closed. The BAACH emergency room will remain open to receive patients.
- Saturday, Jan. 28: BOSS Volunteer Opportunity - Humphreys Trash Pick-Up starts at 9 a.m. Bags, gloves, and tongs will be provided. For more information, call 753-8970 or 010-8819-8980.
- Sunday, Jan. 29: BOSS Volunteer Opportunity - Pyeongtaek Trash Pick-Up. Meet at the Pedestrian Gate at 9:45 a.m. Bags, gloves, and tongs will be provided. Bring Korean Won for lunch. For more information, call 753-8970 or 010-8819-8980.
- Now thru Jan. 31: 2016 United States Army Digital Photography Contest. This is an event to encouraging novice or photography enthusiasts to capture their favorite views, moments and adventures from all across the world. Entries submitted showcase some of the most original and creative minds at work. All participants must complete an online profile and submit their images through the official website. *Please review the participant guidelines for more information on rules on how to enter. For more information, please visit www.armymwr.com/digital-photo.aspx.
- Tuesday, Jan. 31: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Humphreys Movie Theater. The guest speaker will be USFK Commanding General Vincent Brooks. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Stavros at 010-74659625, Master Sgt. Howell at 010-2818-3997 or Sgt. 1st Class Stewart at 010-2829-6985.
- Tuesday, Jan. 31: Is the registration deadline for Jisan Forest Ski Resort on Sunday, Feb. 5 from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. with Outdoor Recreation. ODR is offering a trip to Jisan Forest Ski Resort! Jisan offers lots of varied terrain, from bunny to black diamond slopes. Cost is \$80 adult and \$75 child and includes transportation, lift tickets, and ski or snowboard equipment rental. For more information, call 753-3013.
- Tuesday, Jan. 31: Is the registration deadline for Yongpyeong Overnight Ski Trip (3 Days, 2 Nights) with Outdoor Recreation. Enjoy over 22 runs for every ability, luxurious accommodations, lively nightlife and delicious restaurants. Yongpyeong will be one of the resorts to host the 2018 Winter Olympics! Cost is \$340 adult and \$330 children and includes transportation, double occupancy room, life tickets and ski or snowboard equipment rental for 3 days). For more information, call 753-3013. We cannot offer any cancellation or refunds after the deadline.
- Tuesday, Jan. 31: Tax Planning from 2 - 3 p.m. in Army Community Service. For more information, call 753-8401.
- Tuesday, Jan. 31: EFMP ADD/ADHD Class from 4 - 5 p.m. in Army Community Service. For more information, call 753-8401.
- Tuesday, Jan. 31: Tournaments Tuesdays UFC 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Activity Center. Sign-ups at the CAC Front Desk. For more information, call 753-8825.
- Wednesday, Feb. 1 thru March 3: Youth Spring Sports Registration for Baseball (ages 3-15), Girls Softball (ages 9-15), Tennis (ages 11-18) and Volleyball (ages 11-18). To register, call and make an appointment with CYS Parent Central Services at 753-3413.
- Wednesday, Feb. 1: Gearing Up for Pregnancy from 1 - 3 p.m. in Army Community Service. For more information, call 753-8401.
- Thursday, Feb. 2: Is the registration deadline for the EFMP Bowling on Tuesday, Feb. 7 from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Osan Bowling Center. For more information, call 753-8401.
- Thursday, Feb. 2: Winter Indoor Yard Sale from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Humphreys Community Fitness Center. Yard sales are a great opportunity to bring in a little cash or make space for that new item you want. Cost is \$10 for a spot and a table, \$5 for those with PCS orders with a maximum of 60 days in country (must present orders for discount). For more information, call 753-3013.
- Thursday, Feb. 2: Federal Resume Workshop from 1:30 - 4 p.m. at Building 542. Registration is required 1 week prior to start date. For more information or to register, call 753-8401.
- Thursday, Feb. 2: Is the application deadline for the Food Service Worker position. Camp Humphreys Business Operation Division, various locations are hiring Food Service Worker, NA-7408-02, FLEX positions. The salary is \$9.07 - \$10.59 per hour. The job announcement is posted from Aug. 2, 2016 thru Feb. 2, 2017. For information or to apply for the position see Vacancy Announcement number FENAFFK161766871SR at www.usajobs.gov.
- Friday, Feb. 3: Is the registration deadline for the CYSS Family Field Trip to Coex Mall on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. with Parent Central Services. Cost (includes transportation) is \$10 for Families with 1-2 children, \$15 for Families with 3 or more children. Families are responsible for any entrance fees, food and miscellaneous expenses. All Families must have youth currently registered with CYSS in order to attend field trips. For more information, call 753-8274/3413.
- Friday, Feb. 3: Smart Start Transportation Class from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Army Community Service. Registration is required 1 week prior to start date. For more information, call 753-8401.
- Friday, Feb. 3: ACS Volunteer Orientation from 10 - 11 a.m. in Army Community Service. Registration is required 1 week prior to start date. For more information or to register, call 753-8401.

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Daegwallyeong Sheep Farm / Herbnara Farm

Often described as the “Alps of Korea,” **Daegwallyeong Sheep Farm** is where visitors can appreciate and enjoy the picturesque landscape of wide grass fields along with the East Sea against the clear blue skies. During spring, summer and autumn, herds of white sheep roam on the spacious green plains and visitors can also experience feeding the sheep with dry grass provided by the farm.

Daegwallyeong Sheep Farm is also famous in winter as it is especially known amongst photographers for the perfect amount of snow which covers the fields like a blanket. In particular, there is a wooden shack that stands in the midst of the snowy field and serves as the focal point in most visitors’ landscape photos. A 1.2m walking trail, which takes about 40 minutes to complete, surrounds the sheep’s grazing field. Visitors can view the sheep and take pictures from all angles as they stroll along the path.



Herbnara Farm is a beautiful recreation area filled with a natural ambiance and herb fragrances. Azalea flowers bloom in spring, while the warm tones of fall foliage cover the valley in autumn. In summer, the refreshing and cool valley serves as a water playground for children and adults alike to enjoy, while winter brings a stunning view of a snow-covered landscape.

There are about 100 types of herbs, each with its own special benefit or purpose. Several themed gardens can be found including the Palette Garden, Children’s’ Garden, Shakespeare Garden and more. Visitors can also drop by the restaurant and bakery which serve dishes and drinks made of herbs cultivated on the farm. Herbal tea and other herb products are also available for purchase in the shops, ideal as gifts or mementos.



Daegwallyeong Sheep Farm

Address:

483-32, Daegwallyeongmaru-gil, Daegwallyeong-myeon, Pyeongchang-gun, Gangwon-do / 강원도 평창군 대관령면 대관령마루길 483-32

Directions: Take a taxi for approx. 6.5km from Hoenggye Bus Terminal.

Herbnara Farm

Address:

225, Heungjeonggyegok-gil, Bongpyeong-myeon, Pyeongchang-gun, Gangwon-do / 강원도 평창군 봉평면 흥정계곡길 225

Directions: From Jangpyeong Bus Terminal, take a bus bound for Herbnara Farm and get off at Herbnara Farm Bus Stop (Operating schedule 11:40 / 15:10).

Lee Hyo-seok Culture Village

Every autumn, buckwheat flowers blossom throughout Bongpyeong-myeon, Pyeongchang-gun. At the peak of the blooming season, you can enjoy the beautiful and romantic scenery of the snow-white fields of buckwheat flowers in the village. The village is also the setting of well-known Korean author Lee Hyo-seok’s story “When Buckwheat Flowers Bloom,” and thus Pyeongchang Hyoseok Cultural Festival is held here every September to commemorate the novel.

Although there are a variety of things to see and hands-on activities to experience in this village, the Bongpyeong Traditional Market that was reproduced from the 1930s is definitely one of the attractions that you should not miss. From memil guksu (buckwheat noodles) to memil buchim (buckwheat pancake), memil jjinbbang (steamed buckwheat bun) and more, a variety of buckwheat-related foods can be found in this market.

Even during the non-seasonal period of the buckwheat flowers, food vendors at Bongpyeong Traditional Market are always ready to serve the customers who flock to visit the Birthplace of Lee Hyo-seok and Lee Hyo-seok Memorial Hall.

Address:

Area of Changdong-ri, Bongpyeong-myeon, Pyeongchang-gun, Gangwon-do / 강원도 평창군 봉평면 창동리 32

Directions: From Jangpyeong Bus Terminal, take a bus bound for Jangpyeong-Muiyesul and get off at Pyeongchon Bus Stop.



Humphreys firefighters host YWCA volunteers and local school group

By Hwang Soo-yeon and Kim Sung-eun
 USAG Humphreys Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS - U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys firefighters provided an educational and fun time to 17 volunteers from the local Young Women's Christian Association and 13 disabled teenagers, Jan. 4.

The visit was in response to a request from a leader at the Neul Hae Rang School.

School general secretary Yu Hwi-kyong said that Camp Humphreys firefighter Yu Han-Yeol has volunteered at the school for two and a half years to provide fire and safety education. During a recent visit, they asked Yu if they could tour the fire station.

"He came out with his equipment and taught safety procedures during fire hazards to our students," Yu said. "We took the opportunity to ask him to give us a tour of Humphreys fire station."

During their tour of the Humphreys fire station,



Students from the Neul Hae Rang School and volunteers from the YWCA visit a Camp Humphreys Fire Station, Jan. 4 and have a chance to talk with the firefighters and try on some of their gear. (U.S. Army photo by Hwang Soo-yeon)

firefighters taught fire-safety procedures as well as fire prevention techniques.

The first part of training took place in the disaster simulator, which looks like a regular trailer from the outside, but inside it can simulate a number of fire incidents complete with flame and smoke. For this scenario firefighters wanted to teach the children how to exit a burning room. They filled the inside with smoke and directed the students follow the exit signs and escape to safety.

Next, the participants toured the fire station. The children were happy to see many kinds of fire trucks, such as the command car, rescue vehicle, pump truck, water tanker and the ladder truck.

The students also watched several fire safety videos and learned how to be safe during incidents and what to do in those situations. After the video, firefighter Choe Song-ho asked the children questions to see if they'd learned. He put in his best effort to ensure the students understood the seriousness of fire and how to stay safe.

After the videos the students learned how to use a fire extinguisher. The firefighters called up a video of a fire on a television screen and they students had to put out the fire with the extinguishers. This proved to be the students' favorite activity of the trip.

Following the activities Yu explained how the Neul Hae Rang School program works.

"This program is for disabled students. They were selected from special classes from each school in Pyeongtaek City. The YWCA has been running this program for the past eight years and the program has received much support from the citizens of Pyeongtaek," she said.

Managed by the YWCA and hosted by the Pyeongtaek City Office of Education, the school helps disabled children during summer and winter holidays. Neul Hae Rang means "Always with the sun" in Korean. The name reflects the school's philosophy that wishes children to have a bright future.

Yu said that the school tries to pair each student with a single volunteer during field trips.

"Each group has seven students, and we have two groups. It was great that the students were matched with the volunteers one to one," Yu said. "The volunteers consisted of a wide range of people, from middle school students to adults. They usually take care of the students and play with them during class."

One of the volunteers, Lee Yu-ri, a student at Chungbuk Health & Science University said she enjoyed to visit and the chance to be with the children.

"I was excited to take part in the outdoor activities with the children through this volunteer program," Lee said. "Seeing the variety of fire trucks was a great experience for us. Some interesting activities included conducting the fire drill and using the fire extinguisher." ▴



During a visit to a Camp Humphreys Fire station students from the Neul Hae Rang School and volunteers from the YWCA learn about fire safety and had some fun making new friends. (U.S. Army photo by Hwang Soo-yeon)

LARGE

| Place | Unit | Points |
|-------|--------------------|--------|
| 1 | A CO, 602D ASB | 185 |
| 2 | HHC, USAG-H | 148 |
| 3 | HHC, 523D EN CO | 95 |
| 4 | A CO, 719TH MI BN | 90 |
| 4 | E CO, 4-2 ATK | 90 |
| 4 | HHC, 304TH SIG BN | 90 |
| 7 | 509TH EN CO | 70 |
| 7 | HHC, 2ND CAB | 70 |
| 9 | B CO, 304TH SIG BN | 60 |
| 10 | 520TH MAINT CO | 55 |
| 11 | E CO, 3-2 GSAB | 50 |
| 12 | HHC, 6-52D ADA | 45 |
| 12 | 339TH QM CO | 45 |
| 14 | HHC, 3-2 GSAB | 40 |
| 14 | D CO, 4-2 ATK | 40 |
| 16 | HSC, 602D ASB | 30 |
| 16 | B CO, 532D MI BN | 30 |
| 18 | B CO, 3D MI BN | 25 |
| 19 | HHC, 35TH ADA | 20 |
| 19 | 557TH MP CO | |
| 21 | D CO, 3-2 GSAB | 5 |
| 21 | C CO, 304TH SIG BN | 5 |
| 23 | B CO, 602D ASB | -5 |
| 24 | A CO, 304TH SIG BN | -15 |
| 25 | C CO, 3-2 GSAB | -20 |
| 26 | 348TH QM CO | -30 |
| 27 | F CO, 5-52D ADA | -60 |

MEDIUM

| Place | Unit | Points |
|-------|-------------------|--------|
| 1 | USACA-K | 115 |
| 2 | HSC, 3D MI BN | 110 |
| 3 | HHD, 94TH MP BN | 90 |
| 4 | HHC, 4-2 ATK | 80 |
| 5 | HHT, 1/17 CAV | 70 |
| 6 | HHC, 194TH CSSB | 40 |
| 7 | HHSC, 532D MI BN | 25 |
| 7 | B CO, 524TH MI BN | 25 |
| 9 | HHD, 719TH MI BN | 15 |
| 10 | D TROOP, 1/17 CAV | 10 |
| 11 | D CO, 6-52D ADA | 5 |
| 11 | 106TH MED DET | 5 |
| 13 | 4-58TH AOB | -5 |
| 14 | B CO, 6-52D ADA | -10 |
| 15 | E TROOP, 1/17 CAV | -30 |
| 16 | C CO, 6-52D ADA | -35 |
| 17 | A CO, 6-52D ADA | -80 |
| 18 | HHC, 8A | -150 |

SMALL

| Place | Unit | Points |
|-------|-------------------|--------|
| 1 | A CO, 4-2 ATK | 160 |
| 2 | 501ST SIGNAL CO | 130 |
| 3 | C CO, 602D ASB | 125 |
| 4 | C CO, 4-2 ATK | 115 |
| 5 | 20TH MP DET CID | 85 |
| 6 | B CO, 3-2 GSAB | 65 |
| 7 | A CO, 3-2 GSAB | 60 |
| 8 | 3BCD-K | 50 |
| 9 | A CO, 3D MI BN | 45 |
| 10 | B TROOP, 1/17 CAV | 40 |
| 11 | C TROOP, 1/17 CAV | 35 |
| 12 | B CO, 4-2 ATK | 25 |
| 12 | 568TH MEDICAL CO | 25 |
| 14 | A TROOP, 1/17 CAV | 20 |
| 15 | B CO, 307TH SC BN | 10 |
| 15 | 607 WEATHER SQD | 10 |
| 15 | F CO, 3-2 GSAB | 10 |
| 18 | B DET, 176TH FMSU | 5 |
| 19 | USANEC | 0 |

MICRO

| Place | Unit | Points |
|-------|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | 1ST SPACE CO | 60 |
| 2 | 403D AFSB LRC-H | 50 |
| 3 | 95TH BLOOD SUP DET | 30 |
| 4 | 629TH AQ DET | 15 |
| 5 | 150TH MINIMAL CARE | 10 |
| 6 | 215 OPT | 5 |
| 6 | 618TH DENTAL | 5 |
| 8 | 3RD MI BN AERIAL REC | -10 |
| 8 | 138TH BMCT | -10 |
| 10 | 375 FA DET | -20 |
| 11 | HHC, 94TH AAMDC | -30 |
| 12 | MEDDAC-K | -95 |
| 13 | 52D ORD CO | -105 |

USAG HUMPHREYS AND AREA III COMMANDER'S CUP STANDINGS



Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) Tours

Unsettled Peace & Pastoral Monuments of Korean History; the Demilitarized Zone

The Korean peninsula is home to a single nation of people with the same language and ethnicity, divided in two. DMZ is a buffer zone, which was established on July 27, 1953 when the Armistice Agreement was signed during the Korean War. The DMZ vividly captures the scars and wounds of the Korean War as well as the wishes and hopes for the future.

South and North Korea drew a truce line across the Korean Peninsula, from the mouth of the Imjingang River in the east, to the town of Goseong in the west. On either side of the truce line is a 2km-wide stretch of land where military activity is forbidden. The zone has been protected from human disturbance for about 6 decades and has become a haven for wildlife. The destinations in this ecological area have been regaining popularity among eco-driven tourists. The following information will introduce the major attractions along the DMZ and related package tours visiting the nearby regions.

Tips: Reminder for DMZ Travelers

The Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) extends largely from Gyeonggi-do to Gangwon-do, including seven different cities and smaller counties (called 'gun' in Korean) of Paju, Yeoncheon, Cheorwon, Hwacheon, Yanggu, Inje and Goseong. Thus, to make the most out of your limited time, it is advised to make a plan in advance for which region you would be most interested in visiting. After choosing one area, it will be much easier for you to look around the nearby attractions, centering on and around your choice of DMZ destination.

More importantly, you are required to bring legitimate form(s) of identification and/or your passport when going to the DMZ. Photography is another item that should be considered. Although it is a highly restricted action in many of these areas, you will still have plenty of photo ops at multiple designated areas.

Major DMZ tourist destinations in Gyeonggi-do

Imjingak Resort (Nuri Peace Park)

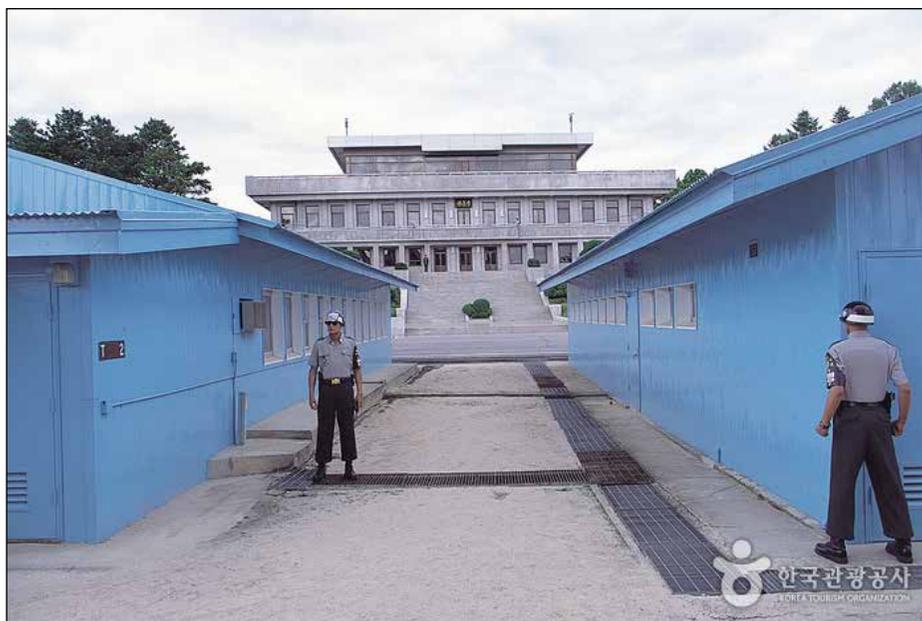
Established in 1972 immediately after the declaration of the joint South-North armistice, Imjingak Pavilion exhibits various relics and monuments related to the Korean War and subsequent South-North confrontations. Nuri Peace Park, housed on the same site, is a large park that can accommodate up to 20,000 tourists at a time. The park has a variety of sculpted artworks and visitors can enjoy performances on the hill.

Address: 148-53, Imjingak-ro, Munsan-eup, Paju-si, Gyeonggi-do

Operating hours: 09:00-18:00

- Cafés and restaurants within Imjingak Resort are open until 20:00.

Website: imjingak.co.kr (Korean only)



Panmunjeom (Joint Security Area)

Geologically speaking, Panmunjeom is a small chunk of a land located near the Military Demarcation Line (MDL) in Jinseo-myeon, Paju-si, Gyeonggi-do. Formerly called 'Neolmulli', as mere plank of woods ('neolpan' in Korean) were used to erect this establishment long ago, it was thankfully given a new name later. Marking the 'Military Armistice Conference' held in October 1951, the official name was rewritten into the current name of 'Panmunjeom,' and is more widely known as the Joint Security Area (JSA), where blue and white huts are administrated by the United Nations Military and North Korean military, respectively.

Address: Gunnae-myeon, Paju-si, Gyeonggi-do

Operating hours: Monday-Saturday, 3 times a day 09:45, 13:15, 15:15

- Private tours are not permitted. Visitors can tour Panmunjeom only by group tour arranged by official authorities and/or travel agencies who have a permit. Tours are not available on Sundays or public holidays in Korea.



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News & Notes

FLU VACCINES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Who: All ID Card Holders 6 month and Older
Where: Camp Walker Medical Clinic Immunizations Section
When: Monday – Thursday Normal Clinic Hours (Walk-in basis only)
Must have your DOD ID cards!

Camp Walker Soldier Memorial Chapel

Catholic Confession 0800 / Catholic Mass 0900 / Protestant Service 1100 / Multi-Cultural Gospel Service 1230 / Contemporary Service 1700. For more information, SFC Volz, Dennis J. Jr on DSN : 764-5455 or Cell : 010-2997-5230.

Outdoor Recreation has all winter recreation needs

Outdoor Recreation at Community Activity Centers have winter recreation needs. Contact them at 764-4440/4432 for skies/poles/boots/helmets, bike rentals and other outdoor equipment.

HANA Travel Outdoor Recreation Center Tours

• Saturday, 21 January, Eden Valley Ski & Snowboard Day Tour

Departs at Camp Walker at 7 a.m. and returns at 7 p.m. Departs at Camp Carroll at 6 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m. Distance is 1 hours one way. Fee option "A" is \$99 per person (transportation & full day life ticket). Fee option "B" is \$120 per person (transportation, 2 hours ski/snowboard lesson & 4 hour lift ticket after lesson). Fee option "C" is \$25 per person and \$20 for 4 & Under (transportation only). Minimum size of the tour is 20 and the maximum is 43.

• Saturday, 21 January, Diseulsan Ice Festival

Departs at Camp Walker at 5:30 p.m. and returns at 9:30 p.m. Distance is 1.5 hours one way. Fee is \$59 for Adults, \$55 for 5-12 years old and \$20 for 4 & Under. Minimum size of the tour is 20 and the maximum is 40.

• Sunday, 22 January, Korean Cooking Class

Departs at Camp Walker at 1 p.m. and returns at 4:30 p.m. Departs at Camp Carroll at 12 a.m. and returns at 5:30 p.m. Distance is less than one hour. Fee is \$69 for Adults. Minimum size of the tour is 10 and the maximum is 43.

• Saturday, 28 January, Muju Ski & Snowboard Day Tour

Departs at Camp Walker at 6 a.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m. Departs at Camp Carroll at 7 a.m. and returns at 6:30 p.m. Distance is 2 hours one way. Fee option "A" is \$130 for Adults and \$125 for Children (transportation & full day life ticket). Fee option "B" is \$25 per person and \$ 20 for 4 & Under (transportation only). Minimum size of the tour is 20 and the maximum is 43.

• Saturday, 4 February, PyeongChang Ice Fishing Festival

Departs at Camp Walker at 6 a.m. and returns at 9 p.m. Departs at Camp Carroll at 7 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m. Distance is 3.5 hours one way. Fee is \$49 for Adults, \$45 for Children (transportation, entrance fee & guide). Minimum size of the tour is 20 and the maximum is 43. (Return times are subject to traffic and other unforeseeable events)

Subway Adventure Program

21 January, 18 February, 18 March. Depart from Camp Walker Lodging at 9:15 a.m. Every third Saturday of the month, join the Community Activity Center staff and volunteers on our subway adventure program! For more information, contact Camp Walker Community Activity Center at 764-4123 or Camp Carroll Community Activity Center at 765-8325.

Beginning Korean Classes at Community Activity Centers

Camp Walker: Tuesdays / 1200-1300 & 1730-1900, Camp Carroll: Wednesdays / 1200-1300 & 1730-1900. This is an ongoing beginning language class. This basic class is aimed at helping non-Koreans learn how to pronounce, read and write the Korean language. Topics covered include the alphabet, numbers, currency, useful Korean words and phrases.

Learn the art of quilting and sewing

1800-2000, Tuesdays at Community Activity Center. Call the Community Activity Center for more information or stop by to check it out! / 764-4123. \$5 per visit (2 hour session) which includes use of sewing machines, surges and sewing tools. A different "Project of the Month" will be offered monthly to club participants.

2016 United States Army Digital Photography Contest

Entry Period: 01 December 2016 – 31 January 2017
Categories: Animals / Design Elements / Digital Darkroom / Military Life / Nature & Landscapes / People / Still Life
Divisions: Active Duty Military / Other Eligible Patrons
Submit your entries at <https://cloud.mwr.army.mil/apprtrac> & Contact Camp Walker Community Activity Center at 764-5692.

Arts & Craft Classes at Camp Walker Community Activity Center

Watercolor Class: Fridays / 1500-1600, Class fee is \$2 per class. Candy Crafts Class: 21 January, Class fee is \$10. For more information, call 764-5692 or 764-4123.

Enjoy the winter weather on a bicycle!

Monday-Sunday / 1100-2000 Rental Fees: \$9 per day, \$18 on Friday thru Monday, \$45 for Weekly. Helmets and reflective gears are provided. For more information, call Camp Walker Community Activity Center at 764-4432 or 764-4123 / Camp Carroll Community Activity Center at 765-8325 or 765-8671.

2017 Area IV Unit Level Commander's Cup Events

The Commander's Cup is a bi-annual event. Points awarded based on team, individual entry and 1st, 2nd & 3rd placing. All leagues will have a mandatory coaches meeting prior to the start date. One team per unit in Area IV, active duty only. Civilians can participate but will receive no points. For more information on the sports program, call 764-4800 or 764-4225.

FMWR NAF SALE

Saturday, 11 February, 1000-1500, FMWR Warehouse, Bldg #379 located behind the Hilltop Club, Camp Walker / 768-7572

Bowling Center Closure Schedule

Camp Walker: Closed on 27, 29 & 30 January / Door opens at 1200, 28 January. Call 764-4334 for details.

SUPER BOWL PARTIES

Monday, 6 February, Camp Walker Hilltop Club Camp Carroll Hideaway Club.
Doors Open at 0700!

Motown Madness Dance

Friday / 20 January / 2200-0200. Com dressed to impress! Throw back to the R&B Motown Sound. Rockin' DJ's, Food, Fun! Doors open at 1630 / Party begins at 2200 and ends at 0200. Call Hideaway Club at 765-8574 for details.

Interactive Customer Evaluator

Got a Question? Compliment? Complaint? Suggestion? Put in on Interactive Customer Evaluator or ICE at <http://ice.disa.mil>

Volunteers NEEDED for Child & Youth Services

CYS is seeking volunteers for Coaches and Officials to coach the running club and the swim team. Also CYS Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills Unlimited is currently seeking instructors for martial arts, music, fine arts and more. The Point of Contact for this opening is by henry.ross27.naf@mail.mil by email or 764-5851 by DSN.

Child & Youth Services PLAYGROUP for children ages 0-5

Tuesday / 24 & 31 January / 0930-1100 at Camp Walker Child Development Center Outreach Services Room. The theme for the month will be colors and Lunar New Year. For more information, call 764-4851 or email at khia.r.wood.naf@mail.mil

Child & Youth Services Quarterly Parent Advisory Board Meeting

1 February / 1630-1730 at Camp Walker Child Development Center
The parent advisory board meeting gives parents the opportunity to provide input about administrative policies and developmental programming for Child and Youth Services, It also helps to establish volunteer opportunities. Come out and let your voice be heard! Get parent participation points! For more information, call 764-4851 or email at khia.r.wood.naf@mail.mil

Army Community Service at Camp Henry (Bldg. T-1103) / DSN: 768-7112

•Interview Magic Class: 23 January / 1000-1130 / Camp Henry ACS Classroom

•Sponsorship Training: 23 January / 1400-1500 / Camp Henry ACS Classroom

•FRG Treasurer Training: 23 January / 0900-1130

•PT3 - Stress Management for Expecting Parents: 26 January / 1000-1200 / Camp Henry Education Center

•Managing Volunteers and Volunteers Management Information System (VMIS): 26 January / 1400-1530

•AFTB Level K (Knowledge): 30 & 31 January / 0830-1400

•Employment Readiness/Financial Readiness/Army Emergency Relief/One on One Counseling: Everyday / Either Walk-in or by appointment / Camp Henry ACS

BOSS Meeting

Camp Henry / Walker : Every Wednesday / 1000 / Camp Walker CAC

Camp Carroll / Every Wednesday / 1330 / Camp Carroll CAC

Contact your company BOSS representative for volunteer opportunities or to share BOSS program ideas. Like us on Facebook @BOSSAREAIV. For more information, email us at: area4boss@gmail.com

Mardi Gras Fit Tuesday Functional Fitness Event!

Tuesday, 28 February, 1900, Camp Walker Kelly Fitness Center
Participants will complete the bodyweight fitness workout for the best time. All participants will receive Mardi Gras beads at completion. Top times in the men's and women's category will be awarded a t-shirt and prize. For information, contact your unit/company BOSS representative or email us at area4boss@gmail.com

Winter Driving Safety Tips - Enjoy the winter season and stay safe!

Last winter, there were 130,966 traffic accidents with 3,259 fatalities and 276,485 injuries on Korean roadways. The main causes of accidents were excessive speed for road conditions and following too close. Defensive driving under any condition means operating in a manner that will prevent not only you, but other drivers and pedestrians from having an accident/collision. Winter conditions add an extra degree of difficulty requiring sharp skills, knowledge, and alertness.

Remember: 1. Be prepared to drive; 2. Prepare your vehicle for winter; 3. Keep control of your vehicle to avoid collisions.

Area IV USAG Daegu Spritual Resiliency Training

All are invited to come to the spiritual resiliency training at Camp Walker Chapel on January 23, from 1600 to 1700. The guest speaker will be Mr. Dave Roeber who is a founder, chairman and president of two non-profit corporations, Roeber Evangelistic Association and Roeber Educational Assitance Programs based in Fort Worth, Texas.

Demonstrations and Civil Gatherings

Demonstrations and Civil Gatherings are on the rise in Area IV. See the AFN Daegu Official or USAG Daegu Facebook Page for up-to-date information on dates and locations.

USAG Daegu Facebook

For Official Garrison information, check USAG Daegu Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/USAGDaegu/>

Morning Calm, Notes from the Garrison Contact

"Please call the Public Affairs Office at 315-768-8070 if you have any News & Notes submissions."

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Major DMZ tourist destinations in Gangwon-do

The 2nd Tunnel (Cheorwon)

This infiltration tunnel dug by the North Korean army, the second of its kind, was discovered in 1975. With a height and width of 2 meters each, up to 30,000 soldiers could pass through in one hour in addition to tanks, allowing for a large-scale penetration of the nation's defensive line. Inside the cave is a large holding chamber where the troops could gather, with the path splitting into three exits.

Address: 1484, Durumi-ro, Dongsong-eup, Cheorwon-gun, Gangwon-do
 - The 2nd Tunnel can be accessed only by purchasing a packaged security tour program (The 2nd Tunnel, Cheorwon Peace Observatory, Woljeongni Station), and visitors are required to apply and register in advance for admittance from Cheorwon Tourist Information Center at Iron Triangle Battlefield Memorial.

Shuttle Bus hours (weekends ONLY): November-February 09:30, 10:30, 13:00, 14:00 / March-October 09:30, 10:30, 13:00, 14:30

- Visitors are required to arrive at least 20 minutes prior to departure in order to fill out the necessary forms for admission and to process registration for the tour.

Fees: Adults 4,000 won / Teenagers 3,000 won / Children 2,000 won

- The fees above are security tour package fees that include admission to The 2nd Tunnel, Cheorwon Peace Observatory, and Woljeongni Station. Shuttle bus fare (8,000 won per person) should be paid separately.

Cheorwon Peace Observatory

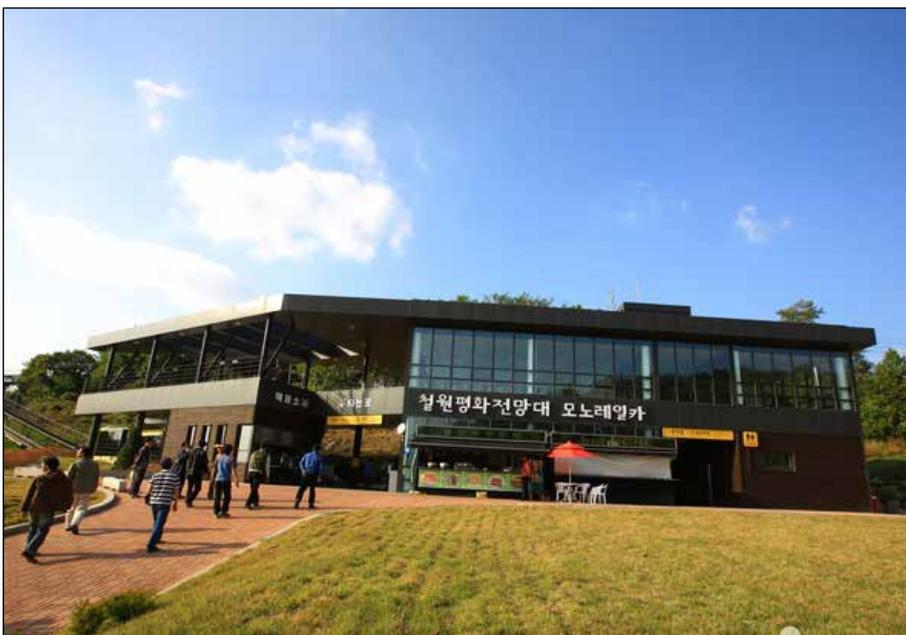
Cheorwon Peace Observatory offers a view of the surrounding Cheorwon area and the DMZ, as well as a look into North Korea. The floor below the observation deck features a permanent exhibition displaying photographs of The 2nd Tunnel, soldiers' barracks, and checkpoints along the DMZ. The observatory can easily be accessed by all, thanks to the monorail that can carry up to 50 people per trip.

Address: 588-14, Junggang-ri Dongsong-eup, Cheorwon-gun, Gangwon-do
 - Cheorwon Peace Observatory can be accessed only by purchasing a packaged security tour program (The 2nd Tunnel, Cheorwon Peace Observatory, Woljeongni Station), and visitors are required to apply and register in advance for admittance from Cheorwon Tourist Information Center at Iron Triangle Battlefield Memorial.

Operating hours (Monorail): Schedule is subject to change without notice depending on the number of visitors expected. Please check in advance to confirm the available days from the operators.

Fees: Adults 4,000 won / Teenagers 3,000 won / Children 2,000 won (* Monorail use is not included in the price.)

- The fees above include admission to The 2nd Tunnel, Cheorwon Peace Observatory, and Woljeongni Station. Shuttle bus fare (8,000 won per person) should be paid separately.



People gather for celebration and information



Col. Ted Stephens hands out certificates of achievement during Civilian Workforce Town Hall. (U.S. Army photo by Intern Ha Si-on)

By Intern Ha Si-on
USAG Daegu Public Affairs

USAG DAEGU – U.S. Army Garrison Daegu workforce gathered Dec. 15, at the Camp Henry movie theater to hold Civilian Workforce Town Hall. The last town hall was in June. It started at 1:30 p.m. and finished 3 p.m.

The town hall is a chance for the Garrison to celebrate the awards that employees have earned and inform the workforce, attendees have the opportunity to ask any question of the Garrison commander Col. Ted Stephens. He asks the audience if they have questions they would like to address and have an answer to. The Colonel was able to answer that one person, but also share that information with the entire workforce.

For the first 20 minutes, it

was all the awards representing different employees from different directorates. The awards were given for length of service to having done something really well and steady. Garrison employees were awarded the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, Korean Civilian Service Medal, Certificates of Achievement and Appreciation, Commander's Safety Award for Army Excellence in Safety for, Safe Supervisor, Safe Leader, Safe Employee, and for Army Motor Vehicle Safe Driver Awards, and length of service certificates for 20, 35, and 40 years.

The awards presentation enhanced team building and developed close relationships between coworkers. It also continues to increase morale. If a friend supports a friend who gets it in the award, then that makes the relationship really well.

For the information session, the Garrison Equal Employment Opportunity Office presented the Defense Equal Opportunity Climate Survey, Directorate of Human Resources presented the Department of Defense Performance Management and Appraisal Program also known as New Beginnings, Emergency Services, Training and Program Updates, the Public Affairs Office identified Official Sources of Information, and Winter Safety was also presented by the Garrison Safety Office.

The important questions concerned the climate survey. Army says that every commander takes over new garrison or new unit must have command climate survey and that's only to tell him how his garrison working.

"If you are the head of department, and you do not know how everybody works and you do not know how

everyone feels about each other, when you do the climate survey, it could give you that information," said Ingrid Walsh-Brown, director of human resources. "They will answer it because it is anonymous, so you will know who answered the question, but you will have to address it."

The command climate survey is "mandatory" for all commanders and "voluntary" and "anonymous" for respondents. So, the climate survey should be served by entire workforce.

The climate survey is about 85 questions and there is an additional ten questions that talks mostly about how you feel about the organization. It will take 30-45 minutes and it is from January to February 2017. The survey results will be shared with the Garrison Workforce after the information is assessed. This normally takes 30-45 days.▲



Peter Flanagan from Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) speaks in front of the people during Civilian Workforce Town Hall. (U.S. Army photo by Intern Ha Si-on)

Intern candidates interview for spring session internship



James Choi and Tristy R. Moore converse with the interviewees before the interview. (U.S. Army photo by Intern Seo Bo-myung)

By Intern Seo Bo-myung
USAG Daegu Public Affairs

USAG DAEGU – From Nov. 28 to Dec. 9, an interview was conducted to screen potential spring session interns. About 80 students will get the opportunity to work in 30 different offices at U.S. Army Garrison, Daegu during spring session due to the partnership between Garrison and six local universities; Kyungpook National University, Keimyung University, Yeungnam University, Daegu University, Daegu

Hanny University, and Catholic University of Daegu.

"Last year, my friends told me to apply for this internship program together, however, at that time, I hesitated due to fear of working with foreigners and speaking English," said Ham Seo-jun, student of Catholic University of Daegu. "After my friend finished internship, he strongly recommended me to do it. He said he could learn lots of different things with what he learned from the school. Before I went into the interview room, I was nervous about it, but after

the interview started, I figured out it was not that stressful. Through this internship program, I wanted to meet various people with different cultures and to learn the proper attitude in a workplace and to experience a foreign company environment, too."

This program has been helpful and important to build a positive relationship between U.S. and Korea. To Korean students, this program has given the chance to improve their English skill, to learn how to interact with foreigners, and to have work experience. Also, for Americans who work with Korean interns, they could learn and understand more about cultural differences.

"The most important things to consider when selecting interns among candidates are their willingness and motivation to dedicate their effort on their job," said Mrs. Tristy R. Moore, Information & Referral Program Manager. "The advantage of this internship for interns is that we can motivate and help them to reach their goals.

We want to persuade advanced goals instead of immediate goals to them. We don't want them to learn just culture and

English only, we want to teach beyond those things. Through this internship program, we want them to learn business manners and we want to train them in adapting to new environment and interact with various people."

The interviews were assessing interns for the next session. The program lasts six months and the interns are encouraged to complete a hard program of work, learning new skills and taking leadership training.

"One of the reasons why I joined in the internship program was because I was fascinated by the presentation made by a director of the internship program," said Kim Ji-yeon, student of Catholic University of Daegu. "The department of Public Affairs Office was impressive to me among a lot of departments, because I like to take pictures and meet people. If I pass the interview, this would not only be my first internship experience but also a great opportunity to improve my career and become more responsible."

The result of the interview will be announced on middle of December and the successful candidates are going to work at each assigned department from March to August 2017.▲

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The NCOA Korea Dragon Hill Chapter #1507 was chartered Feb 12, 1991. NCOA Korea Chapter #1507 represents All Branches of Service. We serve our Military and surrounding communities by sponsoring or co-sponsoring Service Member Recognition Programs, Civic Organizations, DOD Schools, Community Programs to include USO Six Star Salute, EUSA Army Birthday and Best Warrior Competition Ceremony.

We contribute funds and or promotional items to Unit activities, Charitable Organizations, Family MWR Programs, NCOA National and Local Scholarship Program. We sponsor the Give Out Love Handicap Home AKA Baby Drop Box, House Of Hope Elderly Home, Hyesimwon Youth Welfare Center, Bosung Girls Middle and High School in support of the USFK Good Neighbor Program.

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KSC Battalion conducts MOBEX and WHNS exercise



A 32nd Korean Service Corps Company serviceman distributes organizational clothing and individual equipment to a mobile at Station #4 during the mobilization exercise at Daebong Elementary School, Jan. 11, Daegu. (Photo courtesy of 19th ESC Public Affairs)

By Cpl. Byun Sung-guk
USAG Daegu Public Affairs

USAG DAEGU - U. S. Army Materiel Support Command - Korea's (MSC-K) Korean Service Corps (KSC) Battalion, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, conducted its Annual Mobilization Exercise (MOBEX) and Wartime Host Nation Support Field Training Exercise (WHNS FTX) over a three

day period at Daebong Elementary School, Daegu from Jan. 11-13.

The MOBEX and WHNS exercises are two separate exercises, but the KSC holds these exercises in preparation for the same situation: for all possible contingencies on the Korean Peninsula.

The purpose of the KSC's mobilization operation is to activate a skilled labor force in a swift manner in the event of a contingency. There

are four mobilization stations across the country that will mobilize nearly 22,000 personnel if a contingency were to occur. The MOBEX was conducted to rehearse this operation procedure.

Commander Yun Song-hwan, 32nd KSC Company said, "Although these are annual exercises and we perform them every year, the exercises this year, especially the MOBEX, were executed with a contingency or wartime situation in mind. We performed the exercise with only the KSC mobilization cadre or personnel that would take part in the real situation."

The process is quite simple but very efficient and can be completed in six stations. Mobilees are pre-registered into the system and first undergo the identification procedure and a physical exam. Then, they are issued a M50 mask (gas mask) and are trained on how to properly use it. At the third station, personal information is inputted. Then, mobilees are issued organizational clothing and individual equipment (OCIE). They then conduct army warrior training before being given a Geneva Conventions Card and 2 identification tags. The operation

cell oversees the entire process and deploys the troops accordingly.

The WHNS program utilizes the resources and assistance provided by the Republic of Korea in a contingency to support the mission of the US Army and specifically Team 19 here in Area IV.

For the WHNS exercise, vehicles were brought to Daebong Elementary School by Korean companies where they were inspected by both ROK and KSC personnel before being handed over to the US Army.

These vehicles include various trucks, fuel tankers, refrigerator trucks, and ambulances. All the vehicles are vehicles that are currently being actively used in the Korean economy that would be ready to use for Team 19's purposes.

Commander Yun added, "The KSC has an old history. It was established over 60 years ago in 1950. Since the beginning, the KSC has supported the US Army and we will continue to do so to further strengthen the ROK-US alliance and be ready to fight tonight. We aim to sustain the mentality and the KSC is also an important resource that serves as a bridge between the two nations." ▾

Daegu and Gyeongbuk English Village students visit Camp Carroll



Daegu and Gyeongbuk English Village students visit Camp Carroll, Jan. 6. (U.S. Army photo by So Ki-chun, Camp Carroll Community Relations Officer)

Escape to Ganghwado

Written and photographed by Marco Devon



The air is fresh and it's still too early to notice a bustling crowd around Exit 10 of Hapjeong Station. With a coffee in one hand and a backpack over the shoulder, boarding a red semi-empty intercity bus is a breeze. Beautifully scenic winding roads and a plethora of Korean history are just a comfortable 90 minutes away in Ganghwado, a historic island just off Korea's west coast.

The departure - Bus 3000 is somewhat frequent, departing Hapjeong Station every 15 minutes. The drive is pleasant out of Mok-

dong, through Gimpo and eventually onto Ganghwado. Ganghwa Terminal happens to be the final stop on the route so there's no getting lost along the way.

The transition from city to countryside is very evident. The island is separated from the mainland town of Gimpo by a narrow channel. The main channel of the Hangang River also separates the island from Gaeseong in North Korea. With an area of 302 square kilometers, the island is the fourth largest in Korea. From its northern reaches, it's even possible to get a clear view of North Korea.

Directions (Seoul→Gwanhwado):

Hapjeong Station (Seoul Station Line 2)
- Exit 10 - Bus 3000 - Last station of the Bus (Ganghwa Terminal)

Local Food:

A local specialty is broiled eel, or jangeo gui. The best place to score this dish is Deorimi Jangeo Village (더리미장어마을), a collection of jangeo restaurants overlooking the strait not far from Ganghwa Town.

East meets West

The town of Ganghwa, the island's administrative seat, is home to Korea's oldest Anglican church, built in 1900. With a Korean-style exterior and Western basilica-style interior, the church is an architectural gem and easily worth the visit.

Another reason to visit the church is that it's a mere 500 meters away from Goryeogung Palace Site, which is where the royal family of the Goryeo Dynasty resisted Mongolian invaders for 39 years in the 13th century. Destroyed in the late 19th century, the palace and its secondary buildings were restored in 1977. The gardens and courtyards are very pleasant to walk through. Sheltered from the rest of the town, it's an absolutely wonderful spot to just enjoy and take in the history as well as the beauty.



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19th ESC holds fiscal year 16 Combined Logistics Excellence Award Ceremony



Maj. Taplin-Sadiq and Kim Chong-su receive the 19th ESC plaque for the SEA Level 2B PBO, Jan. 11. (Photo courtesy of 19th ESC Public Affairs)

By Pfc. Sin Jae-hyung
USAG Daegu Public Affairs

USAG DAEGU – The 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command held the 19th ESC FY 16 CLEA ceremony at Camp Henry Theater on Jan. 11. The ceremony highlighted the accomplishments of the 19th ESC's 2016 CLEA winners and runners-up and recognized them for excellence in their respective competitions and categories.

19th ESC's award ceremonies for the Army Award for Maintenance Excellence and the Supply Excellence Award are combined into a single ceremony known as the CLEA ceremony.

These competitions consisted of organic 19th ESC units competing against each other. The winners and runners-up and are now qualified to compete at the 8th Army level.

The first award presented was the AAME. The AAME program has been an annual competition at the Army level to assess the maintenance programs of units and acknowledge outstanding attainment of maintenance sections since 1982. It is divided into three categories from small to large, depending on the number of authorized personnel in a unit.

In the Modification Table of Organization and Equipment Medium category, the 557th Military Police Company was the winner of the AAME. It demonstrated 97% operational readiness rate well exceeding the

Department of the Army goal of 90%.

The FY 16 winner of the AAME for the Table of Distribution and Allowances category was Materiel Support Command – Korea. MSC-K provides theater sustainment maintenance, supply, ammunition, distribution, and transportation coordination support for forces operating in the Republic of Korea.

“This award is important to us because it validates that all our time and effort are not in vain, and also justifies that we are not only meeting standards but exceeding them. I hope our achievement will set the bars for other organizations to strive for in order to make themselves more effective,” said Mr. Lawrence S. Ranches, Maintenance Chief, MSC-K.

In the All Others category, the 7th Korean Service Corps (Heavy Equipment Transportation) Company received the AAME. Among the KSC Battalion's 17 companies, 7th KSC (HET) Company is an unarmed paramilitary force that was activated with 24-HET systems in 2005 in support of 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea and transports heavy equipment to various US military bases on the Korean Peninsula. It has successfully achieved a zero at-fault accident record since its foundation in 2005.

The 498th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion was selected as the runner-up in the TDA category and the Busan Storage Center was the runner-



Kim In-suk and Yi Chin-yong receive the 19th ESC plaque for the SEA Level 1B TDA, Jan. 11. (Photo courtesy of 19th ESC Public Affairs)

up in the All Others category.

The next award category was the Supply Excellence Award. The SEA program has been conducted by every U.S. unit every fiscal year since 1984. It recognizes supply excellence at various units and organizational levels and increases awareness of supply excellence in the U.S. Army.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 176th Financial Management Support Unit received the SEA in the Level 1A Modification Table of Organization and Equipment Company category. The 176th FMSU achieved a supply management rating of over 95%.

The winner of the SEA in the Level 1B TDA User category went to the Busan Storage Center. It consistently maintained a 99% operational readiness rate of the tactical, non-tactical and material handling equipment critical to the unit.

“The reasons the BSC could win the award are because we have our official documents such as hand receipts and property books in a perfect shape and maintain our office environment under a very concrete system. We check our inventory every two days and since our supply management division directly coordinates with the maintenance division, it is always easy to monitor the current status of our documents,” explained Mr. Chin-yong Yi, Supply Technician, Supply Management Division, BSC.

MSC-K was awarded the SEA in Level

2B TDA Property Book Operations category. MSC-K achieved a supply management rating of over 95% on property book accountability, responsibility, and publications organization.

In the Level 4B TDA category, the Direct Support Unit, 498th CSSB won the SEA. The DSU, 498th CSSB provided world class maintenance support to their customer base of 40 units with a density of over 10,000 pieces of equipment throughout Area IV.

“This award may become the last supply excellence award as the 498th CSSB because our maintenance division is transferred under the MSC-K maintenance. So, getting this award is very symbolic to our battalion and I want to show gratitude to all our co-workers and commanders for a great cooperation. We will think of this award as an encouragement for us to become more professional in a new work place,” said Mr. Jong-nak Yim, Heavy Mobile Equipment Mechanic Senior Leader, 498th CSSB.

In the Level 1A MTOE Company category, the 17th Ordnance Company Supply Room received the runner-up, and the Level 2B PBO category runner-up went to the U.S. Army KSC BN.

The winners and runners-up of the 19th ESC will now prepare themselves for the 8th Army level CLEA programs and continue their exceptional work for the 19th ESC. ▴

20C officials visit Camp Henry to meet USAG Daegu Commander

By Pfc. Soh Jung-han
USAG Daegu Public Affairs

USAG DAEGU – Republic of Korea Army officials from 202 Defense Security Command which is a subordinate unit of 2nd Operations Command visited Camp Henry Dec. 13 to have a meeting with U.S. Army Garrison Daegu Commander Col. Ted Stephens, and Area IV ROKA Support Group Commander Lt. Col. Koo Seong-Jun.

Col. Park Tae-gyu, Deputy Commanding Officer of 202 Defense Security Command and Lt. Col. Lee Sang-chil, 550 Unit Commander of ROK Army 50th Infantry Division visited Stephens' office to introduce themselves because Park was assigned to the 202 DSC about a month ago and it was his first time to visit USAG Daegu. Park shared his military

experience working with U.S. Army 2nd Infantry Division from 1998 to 2000. Park grew up here in Daegu. He left Daegu as he entered Korea Military Academy in 1984. After 30 years, he returned to Daegu and it is his first time to serve at 20C and in Daegu.

All participants gathered at Henry's Place for lunch. Attendees included USAG Daegu, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander Capt. Adam M. Eschenlauer, Area IV RSG Command Sgt. Maj. Kim Myoung-suk and from 202 DSC, Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Ahn Byung-ho, Lt. Col. Lee Jae-hak, Command Sgt. Maj. Kwon Sung-tae and Civilian Officer Shin Yong-gu. Stephens expressed his gratitude to the 202 DSC executive members for visiting the Garrison and proposed a toast by saying “We go together”.

The Republic of Korea Armed Forces' Defense

Security Command is the investigation intelligence organization under the direct control of Ministry of National Defense and its missions are in specializing in defense and military intelligence. ▴



Col. Ted Stephens and Col. Park Tae-gyu shake hands in front of Henry's Place. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Soh, Jung-han)

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Both sites are a comfortable 15 to 20 minutes' walk from Ganghwa Terminal. It's recommended to walk as you get to see what the town of Ganghwa is all about. This is where half of the island's 65,000 residents are located.

The eastern strait separating the island from the mainland is guarded by several impressive fortresses. In the old days, these kept invaders from attempting to sail up the Hangang River to Seoul. The island's strategic importance attracted a series of invasions by the French, Americans and Japanese, respectively, in the second half of the 19th century. The most impressive of the bastions is Gwangseongbo, a series of stoneworks where Korean troops fought to the death against attacking U.S. marines in 1871.

You can learn more about the history of the island at Ganghwa History Museum, located a short car ride from Ganghwa Town. The museum is located in a park that is home to prehistoric dolmen stones, or goindol. These ancient graves are now UNESCO World Heritage sites.



A stroll and a sunset



Bus 06 from Jeondeungsa Temple follows a wonderfully scenic route along the south coast of the island. It passes along Dongmak Beach, a lovely spot with a relaxed atmosphere.

Photographers love Ganghwado for its dramatic sunsets. One recommended spot is the village of Janghwa-ri. Take Bus 06 to the town of Keunmal and walk toward the ocean through the rice paddies on your left. Here you're able to make use of a relatively long path along the water. The beach is popular with fishermen looking to get away for a bit, as well as with couples out for a romantic stroll. What makes this site attractive is a small pine tree island that is a couple of hundred meters out to sea. This area presents many different looks, depending on the tide. The tide recedes dramatically, revealing endless mud flats. At high tide, the water comes right up to the path.

Depending on the time of year, the sun could set directly behind the small island, which makes for a great photograph.

Janghwa-ri hosts an annual festival on the last day of the year to celebrate the final sunset. It's a great time to visit, and the locals welcome you with warm bowls of Korean rice cake soup and other snacks. Be warned, though – the winter wind off the sea can be quite strong, so dress warmly, and if you're taking photos, bring a really sturdy tripod.

Janghwa-ri isn't the only sunset spot on the island, though. For a more bird's-eye view, try the Buddhist temple of Jeokseoksa, which looks out over the western half of Ganghwado and the sea beyond. Some of the island's historic fortresses, such as Janggog Dondaeg, are also popular sunset spots.

Culinary team sharpens skills during meal



Seared beef, vegetables and potatoes with red wine reductions were served by the Korea Culinary Arts Team at the Camp Walker Mountain Inn, Jan. 12. (U.S. Army photo by Anthony Mayne)

By Anthony R. Mayne
Command Information Officer

USAG Daegu - Members of the Korea Culinary Arts team served a three course meal on Thursday, Jan. 12 at the Camp Walker Mountain Inn, to the Area IV community to prepare for the 42nd Annual Military Culinary Arts Competitive Training Event at Fort Lee in March.

Korean Culinary Arts Team Manager Staff Sgt. promotable Evelyn Esposito oversaw her team serving 50 meals start to finish in under six hours to meet one of the standards for the competition at Fort Lee.

"We started at seven and we have to have 50 complete meals put out by 1300, a three course meal," said Esposito. "All this was cooked off of that trailer, not in the kitchen that is why you see the Soldiers running back and forth. The MKT is parked

in the back."

A MKT is a Mobile Kitchen Trailer. It is used to cook hot meals for Soldiers in the field and other austere environments.

The team served a three-course meal which included a Choux of Shrimp, Seared Beef Tenderloin and Tiramisu.

"For the first event it went pretty well," said James T. Mann, food program manager, 403rd Army Field Support Brigade, Logistics Readiness Center Daegu.

The Soldiers that join the Culinary Arts team are some of the best Food Service specialists around.

"They normally have tryouts and come from all over the peninsula," said Esposito. "We have some from Humphries, Camp Carroll, K-16 and Camp Henry. There are a total of nine on the team this year."

There are multiple events that



Pfc. Buyat, Spc. Thomas and Staff Sgt. Esposito prepare desserts for lunch-goers at the Camp Walker Mountain Inn, Jan. 12. (U.S. Army photo by Anthony Mayne)

the team competes in. These are determined by the Joint Culinary Center of Excellence, which host the competition every year.

"There are different categories that we compete in," added Esposito. "There are student skills, chef of the year, student chef of the year and nutrition, which is a three course meal under 1000 calories. Then we compete for culinary team of the year, because we have to be in all those different categories to compete for that."

"Events are the one hour live cooking, making hot and cold pastries," said Sgt. Joseph Evans, team Capt. The nutrition challenge they switched that up. It used to be a mystery diet but now it is a total dietitian."

"So the nutrition category, you actually have to have your menu, your selected recipes, a 1000 calories

or less," said. 3 Carl J. Schimpf, 2nd Sustainment Brigade, food advisor. "They have to be able to show the breakdown of nutrition, how many fat grams, calories and sodium. To go with the Go for Green campaign."

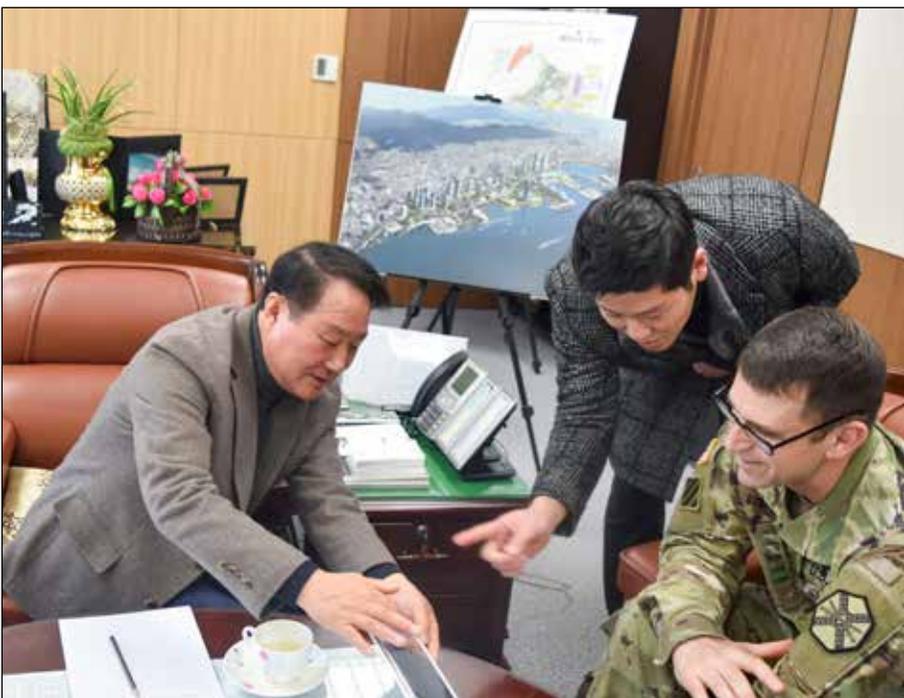
Last year 22 teams from across the Army represented their region, Division or Corps at the culinary competition.

"Every division submits a team, at the division level in the states," said Schimpf. "101st, 82nd, 10th Mountain, 1st Armored Division, every division has a team that is consolidated from their area.

This was not a onetime event. If you missed the first meal, there will be a few opportunities to attend between now and when the team heads to Fort Lee to compete.

"The team will be serving lunch every Friday until they leave for the competition," said Mann. ▴

Commander pays courtesy calls in Busan



Park Sam-sok, Dong-gu Busan city mayor shows historic pictures of the Dong-gu area taken after the Korean War to USAG-Daegu Commander Ted Stephens. Park and Stephens discussed Busan's future development plans during a courtesy office call in Busan Jan. 11. (U.S. Army photo by Teresa Kaltenbacher)



Col. Ted Stephens, USAG-Daegu commander, traveled to Busan to pay a courtesy visit to Mr. Kim Hyung-cheol, Chief of Busan Nam-bu Police Station Jan. 11. (U.S. Army photo by Teresa Kaltenbacher)

Celebrating Seollal in Korea



Glimpse of local New Year's customs

Seollal (Lunar New Year; first day of the lunar calendar) is one of the most celebrated national holidays in Korea. While many observe Solar New Year, most Koreans celebrate Seollal, which usually lasts for three days. This year, Seollal falls on January 28 of the Gregorian calendar.

More than just a holiday to mark the beginning of a new year, Seollal is truly a special occasion for Korean people. Not only is it a time for paying respect to ancestors, but it is also an opportunity to catch up with family members. During Seollal, Koreans usually wear hanbok (traditional clothes), perform ancestral rites, play folk games, eat traditional foods, listen to stories and talk well into the night. Read on to discover how Koreans celebrate Seollal.

Tteokguk (rice cake soup) is the first meal of the day Koreans have in celebration of a new beginning and in the hopes of longevity and good health.

Before Seollal: Busy preparations!

In Korea, the rush to prepare for Seollal begins one week beforehand. Food is prepared in advance and people begin to purchase and package gifts for their parents and relatives. Another crucial part of preparing for Seollal for many people is making travel arrangements to visit their hometowns. There is a mad rush to book buses, trains, or plane tickets before they all sell out. Traveling during the holiday can take over two to four times the normal travel time due to heavy traffic.

Recommended Seollal Gifts!

Seollal gifts vary each year depending on economic situations and gift trends, but the most popular ones are department store gift cards and cash. Popular gifts for parents include ginseng, honey, health products, and massage chairs. Other common gifts include toiletry gift sets such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc., and gift baskets/sets composed of Spam, tuna, hangwa (traditional sweets and cookies), dried or fresh seafood, hanu (Korean beef), and fruit.



Ancestral rites and traditional games!

Celebrations have changed from the past but in general, the morning of Seollal begins with the family members gathering in their seolbim (special clothing for Seollal) for an ancestral rite. The ritual is conducted to express respect and gratitude to one's ancestors. Following the rite, everyone gathers together and eats the ritual food. The main dish of the day is tteokguk, a traditional soup made with sliced rice cakes, beef, egg, vegetables, and other ingredients. In Korea, eating tteokguk on New Year's Day is believed to add a year to one's age.

After the meal, the younger generations of the family pay respect to their elders by taking a deep bow called sebae, and by presenting them with gifts. Then, the elders offer their blessings and wishes for a prosperous year. Children often receive sebaetdon (New Year's money) as a Seollal gift. For the remainder of the day, family members play traditional folk games, eat food, and share stories.

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Luther King Day. This was when I had realized the true depth and meaning of King's speeches. He inspired me in a way that it changed my way of thinking. King was born in a rural area in Atlanta, Georgia, and yet he went to college at age 15, graduated, and became valedictorian of his class. From that point on, I knew I wanted to be more involved with school and be more serious about my education. In other words, I was truly inspired and in awe.



Conall Arthur Brannan,
5th grade

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in 1929, Atlanta, Georgia in his house on Auburn Avenue. Martin Luther King, Jr. was named after his father, but his family nicknamed him M.L. In the time when he was born black people were treated horribly. They were not allowed to go to the same schools, pools, movie theaters, and they even could not drink from the same water fountain as white people did! That was called segregation. When M.L. was six, he had a best friend that came out one day and told him he could no longer play with him. M.L. went to his mother and asked, "why am I not good enough for him?"

His mother said, "You're just as good as anyone, and the world is just wrong."

Then M.L. looked up at her and said, "I'm going to change the world." Right then and there a revolution started. M.L. learned the power of words from his father who was a minister at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He also learned from his father that when you see something wrong you have to stand up to it with peace not violence.

It is 8 years later and M.L. is 14. That year M.L. entered a speech contest.

There was one thing that stuck out to me the most that he said. It leads me to be vocal about subjects that are things of importance and, yet everyone around me is oblivious to that. He said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter". And I still carry this message in me, letting it tell me to not be afraid to speak my own mind. The impact of Martin Luther King Jr.'s leadership was so strong that he took a divided country and made it become one beacon of hope, freedom, and equality.▲

M.L. put his anger about the unfairness and separate rules into words. At the contest, he said in his speech, "...let us see to it that... we give fair play and free opportunity for all people." He made the people feel and think. The judges loved it and he won. After the contest, when he and his teacher rode home on the bus, the bus driver told them to stand up so a white person could sit. They did, even though he was furious, he kept his mouth shut. Why? Because he could be arrested, hurt, or even killed.

M.L. graduated high school at age 15. Next, he went to college and worked very hard then graduated at age 19. He wanted to become a minister like his father. In 1952, M.L. married Coretta Scott then moved to Alabama. There he worked as a minister. By 1955, he had earned a doctoral degree and earned the title Dr. King. They moved back south to work for equal rights. They saw that not much had changed for black people since they had been there. Soon he had a chance to help. A woman named Rosa Park was told to get up for a white man, but she refused, so she was arrested. Dr. King led the bus boycott that happened shortly after that event.

One of Dr. King's last speeches was the "I have a dream" speech. On August 28, 1963 at the Washington Memorial, he delivered this famous speech. This is my favorite part of it a part of it "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they are not judge by the color of their skin, but by the contents of their character." Sadly, he died a few years after that speech, but he did many great things during that time. On April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee, he was assassinated. Though he is gone his dream still lives on today, and because of him, it has become a reality in the U.S.▲

Remembering the great reverend



Sgt. Mathes plays the role of the Great Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. during his Observance. (U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Chun Taek-jun)

By Cpl. Chun Taek-jun
USAG Daegu Public Affairs

USAG DAEGU – Area IV celebrated the life and teachings of the Great Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Camp Henry Theater Jan. 12. hosted by 25th Transportation Battalion.

Martin Luther King Jr. had a big impact on civil rights movement and is well-known to the public as Rosa Parks, who sparked the civil rights movement by refusing to change seats. He led the civil rights struggle throughout the 1960s until he was assassinated in 1968 in Memphis,

Tennessee. Although he no longer walked among the civil rights movement, his legacy continued to influence the people and changed the world.

What was notable about this event was that there were re-enactments of the Great Reverend himself and the famous speech about King by Robert F. Kennedy. Sgt. Antwain Mathes from United States Army Material Support Command – Korea played as King and 2nd Lt. Marcus Plunkett played as Kennedy. Plunkett quoted a famous speech by Kennedy.

"I have some very sad news for all

of you, and, I think, sad news for all of our fellow citizens, and people who love peace all over the world and that is that Martin Luther King was shot and was killed tonight in Memphis, Tennessee," said Plunkett. "For those of you who are black and are tempted to fill with be filled with hatred and mistrust of the injustice of such an act, against all white people, I would only say that I can also feel in my own heart the same kind of feeling. I had a member of my family killed, but he was killed by a white man. But we have to make an effort in the United States. We have to make an effort to understand, to get beyond, or go beyond these rather difficult times."

The President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983 and it has been observed since 1986 on third Monday in January every year.

"I was reminded once again that the date of his funeral was exactly and only

five years from the date I was born," said Mr. Vernon M. Strickland, guest speaker of the day. "It was a very short time. You think as a young person as seeing various videos in black and white, it was an ancient history. Then I realized that five years before I came to be, King was around and the civil rights movement struggled. The things that I've seen in the TV that looks so foreign were not too long and our short past," said Plunkett.

Famous quotes from the Great Reverend include "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character," The time is always right to do what is right," "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends," and the "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."▲



2nd Lt. Plunkett quotes Senator Robert Kennedy's famous speech. (U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Chun Taek-jun)

65th Medical Brigade and BAACH congratulate ROKA officers

Story and photo by William Wight
65th Medical Brigade Public Affairs Office

USAG YONGSAN — The Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital/121st Combat Support Hospital Commander, Col. Erica Clarkson presided over the 123rd cycle graduation of the Integrated Service of Republic of Korea Military Health Care Personnel Program (ISRMHCPP) Jan. 12 at the BAACH Chapel.

The ISRMHCPP was established in 1955 to facilitate wartime coordination between the U.S. military forces and ROK military health care support system in the event of hostilities.

ROK Army officers work with their counterparts for six months, sharing expertise and increasing cultural understanding while gaining an appreciation of the US Military health care system.

Over 500 students, including veterinarians, physicians, dentists, nurses and medical service corps officers, have graduated from this mutually beneficial program and gone on to serve distinguished careers in both the military civilian sectors in the Republic of Korea.

The 65th Medical Brigade commander, Col. Wendy Harter, welcomed everyone to the graduation saying, "It is an honor to be a part of this historic partnership. These seven graduates have provided health care support, medical mission command and force health protection to all our military forces in Korea, keeping the alliance strong and ready. I am proud that they are now and forever will be a part of the Pacific Medic team."

Echoing Harter, Clarkson stated, "For more than 60 years this program has stood as a testament to the talents of our soldiers, both Korean and American, and serves as a sterling symbol of the vigorous ROK/US alliance. We are proud to associate with them and will always recognize them as colleagues and friends. Their charge upon



The Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital/121st Combat Support Hospital Commander, Col. Erica Clarkson, Brig. Gen. Yoon Won-suk, Superintendent of the Korea Armed Forces Nursing Academy and seven graduates of the 123rd cycle of the Integrated Service of Republic of Korea Military Health Care Personnel Program (ISRMHCPP) pose for a cake-cutting during the graduation ceremony, Jan. 12 at the BAACH Chapel.

reassignment back to the ROK forces is the share the lessons learned with their colleagues in the ROK Armed Forces Medical System."

Brig. Gen. Yoon Won-suk, Superintendent of the Korea Armed Forces Nursing Academy was the honored guest speaker who congratulated the command team on their support of this program and its contribution towards improving not only the Korean and U.S. forces but the medical capabilities of the future.

The 123rd cycle graduation ceremony graduates were Capt. Jeon Su-mi who worked with the Blood Support Program, Capt. An Young-suk who

worked with the Brigade S3, Capt. Choi Hwa-mok who worked with the Brigade S4, Capt. Kim Min-je who worked with the In Patient Unit, Capt. Kim Mi-hyeon who worked with Infection Prevention and Control, Capt. Kim Mi-seon who worked with the Yongsan Health Clinic and Capt. Lee Jong-hee who worked with the Brigade Preventive Medicine.

"Their work and service makes us all better health care providers and better soldiers as we learned as much from them as they learned from us and I thank them for their contribution to our success," said Clarkson. ▴

65th Medical Brigade holds Training and Leadership Development Brief



The 65th Medical Brigade staff briefed the Commanding General of Eighth United States Army, Lt. Gen. Thomas Vandal during a Training and Leadership Development Brief at the Brigade Operations Center, Jan. 17. (U.S. Army photo by William Wight, 65th Medical Brigade Public Affairs)

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Traditional game to enjoy on Seollal, Yutnori

Seollal is an opportunity for the entire family to engage in fun activities together. The most common activity is yutnori, a board game that involves throwing four wooden sticks. This game is so easy to learn that all family members, regardless of age, can enjoy playing in teams and making fun bets.

There are a variety of styles with various rules but the general rules of the game are the same. Yutnori is played by throwing four sticks and moving your game markers around the board depending on the number of up-facing sticks. Each team has four markers and the team to get all four of their markers around the board wins.

Why is 2017 the Year of the Red Rooster?

Every year is represented by one of the 12 zodiac signs, which take the form of twelve guardian animal deities collectively known as Sibijisin. These signs change with every year, rotating over a 12 year cycle. For a fun activity at the beginning of each year, many people analyze the relationship between their birth year zodiac sign and the New Year's sign to find out their fortune.

The year 2017 is referred to as Jeongyunyeon ('Jeong' means 'red' and '-yu' means a rooster) or "The Year of The Red Rooster." The rooster is the tenth animal deity among the Sibijisin, which literally means "twelve (sibi) gods of the earth (jisin)."



Traveling Tip!

During the Seollal holiday, the bustling city of Seoul becomes relatively quiet and peaceful, as most people leave the capital to return home or travel abroad. Streets become vacant, and many restaurants and shops close. However, recreational and cultural facilities such as amusement parks, national parks, and major palaces stay open to the public to present various events and traditional games for families. You might want to consider adjusting your travel dates if you are planning to visit other

regions of Korea during the holiday period, as bus and train tickets are hard to come by and highways are heavily congested.

Shopping Tip!

During the Seollal holiday season (Jan 27–30, 2017), most department stores and major shopping districts will stay closed for two days, especially on the day of Seollal (Jan 28, 2017) and the day before or after.

(* Closed days and operating hours may vary depending on location and shop, so please check details prior to visiting.)



Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)

By Sgt. 1st Class Jason L. Hatt and Capt. Eric A. Rudie

During the finance portion of in-processing, each Soldier must recertify entitlement to BAH regardless of dependency status. The certification process begins with a DA Form 5960. This supporting document allows the Finance office to make any necessary changes to BAH including initiating a start, stoppage, or location change. In addition to this document, the Soldier may have to provide proof of support or residence for their dependents. Although, each situation is unique, most Soldiers in Korea will fall into one of the scenarios below:

Single Soldiers with No Dependents

Soldiers in the barracks receive a non-locality based Partial BAH. For a PFC, this equates to \$7.80 a month. Single Soldiers authorized to reside off post receive an Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) which does not have the same rules as BAH, though may be categorized the same on the LES.

Non-Custodial Parent

Soldiers who DO NOT have court decreed primary legal and physical custody of their children generally receive BAH-Diff. BAH-Diff is the difference between with and without-dependent non-locality BAH rate in a given calendar year. A member must be able to demonstrate that they contribute no less than the applicable BAH-Diff rate to retain the allowance, but it is not required for a legal document to state support or responsibility to support in order to be eligible for BAH-Diff. Single Soldiers residing off post and pay child support, will ONLY receive the with-dependent utility allowance for OHA in lieu of BAH-Diff. A link to allowance rates is provided on the next page.

Unaccompanied Tours

Soldiers who elect to leave their family at the losing duty station or relocate their family to a designated place CONUS are generally authorized BAH at the with dependent rate. If the family does NOT relocate, then BAH remains

BAH for that locality will be the Soldier's date of arrival in Korea. It does not revert to the dependents actual zip code unless they relocate. If dependents relocate to a designated location during the transition period of the PCS, then the effective date of BAH for that locality will be the Soldier's date of arrival in Korea.

Early Return of Command Sponsored Dependents

Soldiers must seek 8th Army G1 approval for Early Return of Dependents (EROD) requests. The 8th Army G1 Command Sponsorship Program section will validate all requests. Housing allowances for dependents who return early are authorized only with an approved EROD. See your servicing S1 for more information.

Don't Let Greed End Your Career!

Fraud is a serious issue here in Korea, and is vigorously investigated and prosecuted. DFAS routinely audits suspicious cases and will meticulously comb through years of records to collect back every cent. Audits often reveal a long history of fraudulent BAH claims. In the past year alone, several other officers and senior NCOs were prosecuted and convicted for fraud. Sentences have included confinement, reduction, fines, and reprimands.

A senior NCO is currently in confinement on peninsula for stealing \$90,000 in BAH. Additionally, the NCO was reduced from E-8 to E-4. Other recent examples include a LTC who was convicted in November 2015 of stealing \$40,000 of BAH, FSA, and COLA. He was reprimanded and fined \$20,000. In March 2016, an E-9 was convicted of fraudulently claiming \$1,200 of travel pay for dependents. He was reprimanded and required to repay over \$50,000 in erroneously paid allowances. That same month an E-7 was convicted of stealing \$70,000 of BAH. He was reprimanded and confined for four months. In April 2016, an E-7 was convicted of stealing \$20,000 of BAH and travel pay. He was reduced to E-6 and con-fined for 60 days.

Each verdict is a federal conviction that will follow them for the rest of their lives and have a devastating impact on retirement and future earnings. Don't let the temptation to commit fraud affect your family, career, and reputation. See your servicing finance detachment if you have any questions.▲

The Blended Retirement System

By 2nd Lt. Christine R. Collins

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018 the DoD is implementing the new Blended Retirement System that will allow Service Members to receive automatic Thrift Savings Plan contributions, mid-career incentives, and monthly annuities for life. About 80% of Service Members do not stay in the military for twenty years, which is generally the minimum requirement to receive retirement benefits in the current Retirement system. The Blended Retirement System now offers all Service Members a measurable benefit after only 3 years of service.

A notable difference between the retirement systems is that the new Blended Retirement System will implement DoD automatic and matching contributions to the Service Member's Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). After 60 days of service DoD will automatically contribute 1% of the Service Member's base pay to their TSP, and after 3 years DoD will begin matching the Service Member's additional contributions.

Continuation Pay is another significant implantation to the Blended Retirement

System. This is an incentive offered at 12 years of service in which the Service member can receive a direct cash payout of 2.5 times their monthly base pay in return for a commitment of 4 more years of service. If the Service Member decides to complete 20 years of service, he/she will receive monthly annuity for life which is calculated using the following formula: (2%) x

(# years served) x ("high 3" base pay).

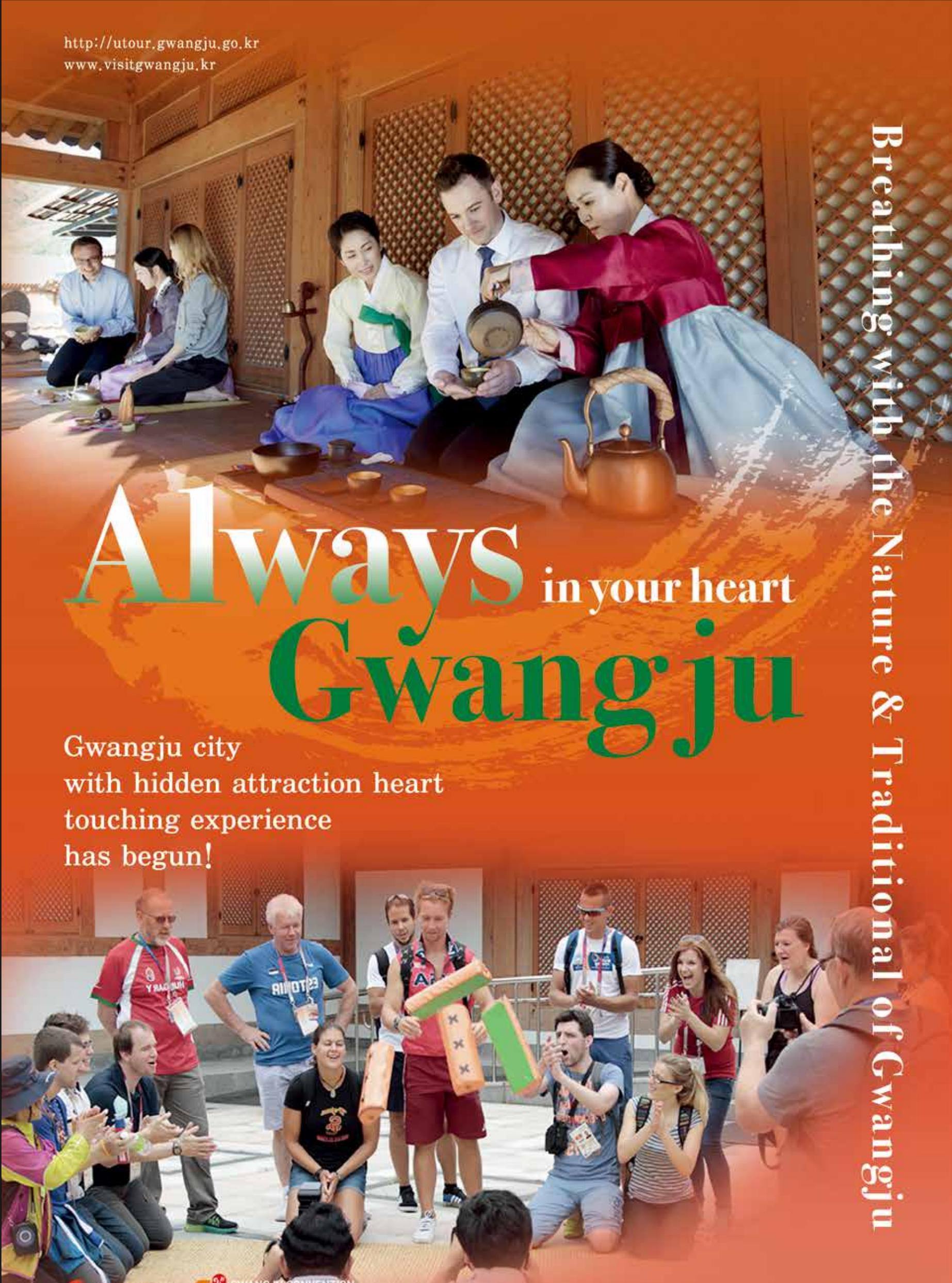
All Service Members who enlist on or after Jan. 1, 2018 will be automatically enrolled in the Blended Retirement System. Service Members who enlisted before Jan. 1, 2006 will be grandfathered into the current retirement system. Service Members who enlist between Jan. 1, 2006 and Dec. 31, 2017 will have until Dec. 31, 2018 to choose whether to enroll in the Blended Retirement System or remain in the current retirement system.

Service Members who want to learn more about the Blended Retirement System can find more information by enrolling in the familiarization course on Joint Knowledge Online (JKO) or by visiting militarypay.defense.gov/BlendedRetirement.▲

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