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PAUSE IN AREA II CHAPEL PROGRAM CHILD CARE SERVICES *Beginning Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013 Until Completion of Background Checks*

YONGSAN GARRISON, Republic of Korea – Nothing is more important to a parent that depends on childcare than the safety and well-being of their child. U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan continues to provide this peace of mind to the mothers and fathers of Area II by assuring each and every one of its Community members that the necessary steps are being taken to provide a safe and secure environment for their children.

Recently there were discrepancies found in the background checks of employees at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, which were unacceptable.

“U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, as with every other installation in the Department of Defense, has been charged with validating that proper background checks have been completed on all personnel that work with children, whether they are Employees, Contractors or Volunteers,” said Col. Michael E. Masley, Garrison Commander for USAG Yongsan. “This is in line with Federal Law and Department of Defense guidance.”

In order to complete these checks, beginning Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013, certain Area II chapel program child care services will be “paused” until background checks are completed and adjudicated.

The following programs are temporarily on “pause:”

- SAHS: Catholic CCD, Sundays (0930 - 1045)
- South Post Chapel: Children’s Church, Sundays (0900 – 1100 – 1300)
- South Post Chapel: AWANA, Mondays (1830)

The “pause” of these services is in no way a reflection on the people that currently provide these services, regardless of their category. This “pause” is simply in line with the guidance received concerning the completion of background checks on the people that work with children.

The following chapel programs will continue, but temporarily without Watchcare:

- South Post Chapel: Hangul Ladies Bible Study, Tuesdays (0945-1215)
- South Post Chapel: Protestant Women of the Chapel, Wednesdays (0900-1215)
- South Post Chapel: Gospel Service Family Dinner & Bible Study, Wednesdays (1815-2000)
- South Post Chapel: Military Council of Catholic Women, Thursdays (1045-1300)
- South Post Chapel: Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study, Thursdays (1800-2000)
- Hannam Village: Bible Study, Wednesdays (1800-2000)

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The following indicates the continuation of chapel programs with Line of Sight Supervision:

- South Post Chapel: Mustard Seed Preschool, Monday-Friday
- South Post Chapel: Child Care, Sunday Worship Services (0845-1430)
- Hannam Village: Child Care, Sunday Worship Service (0915-1045)
- Memorial Chapel: Chaplain Led Children's Church
- Hospital Chapel: Chaplain Led Children's Church
- South Post Chapel: Club Beyond (Tues 1630, 1830 – Wed 1800 – Sun 1600)

"We want to emphasize that our primary concern throughout all of this is the safety of the children of our Service Members and Civilians," Masley said. "Children are precious members of our Military Family. Protecting our Service Members and their Families is paramount, and providing a safe environment for children is a fundamental responsibility."

During each Area II chapel service from Jan. 11-13, 2013, the USAG Yongsan garrison command team or servicing chaplain will address the religious service community to communicate the "pause" of certain Area II chapel program child care services.

About U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan

U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan is home to more than 21,000 Service Members, Families, Civilians, Contractors, Retirees, Korean Augmentees to the U.S. Army, Korean Military, Korean Service Corps and Korean National Employees; as well as headquarters for United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, United States Forces Korea and Eighth Army. Find out more about USAG Yongsan at yongsan.korea.army.mil.

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