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Courtesy Photo

Jon Pearlman teaches Soldiers how to float as a group with their rucksacks during the vehicle-ditching portion of his water survival course at Camp Humphreys.

2ID Soldiers learn vital skills for water survival

By Jon Pearlman
Chief Aviation Water Survival Instructor

A helicopter lifts off from Camp Humphreys and heads out over the coast on an overwater exercise. While in flight, the crew experiences mechanical problems and is forced to set down in the water.

The helicopter quickly inverts and starts to sink into the cold, dark water. The crew and passengers have only seconds to egress. They quickly take a breath from their air bottles, open the exit, and swim to the surface with little time to spare.

Thankfully, this has been a fictional but all too real risk for both helicopter and fixed wing air crews in Korea.

However, should such an event occur, Soldiers can fall back on their training they received at the 8th U.S. Army Water Survival Training Center on Camp Humphreys.

The Water Survival Training Center trains aircrews of all types to egress and survive many situations should they have to touch down over the coast or any water in the country. This is done with a realistic simulator

that puts the aircrew into the water upside down and teaches them the necessary skills to escape.

The WSTC is not just water survival for aircrews. The facility offers a wide variety of programs. Vehicle-ditching teaches Soldiers to egress from a vehicle should it roll over into water.

Drown-proofing prepares Soldiers to negotiate any aquatic obstacle. Aquatic unit physical training is a unique program that gives non-impact cardiovascular endurance training. This facility also offers aquatic skills for non-swimmers and advanced aquatic skills for Soldiers preparing for assessments. Most Soldiers have stated that these are some of the most valuable training they have received while in the Army.

The program is operated by a staff of instructors with a wide variety of water survival experience, operated under the watchful eye of Facility Manager Robert Matheny. The facility is staffed with eight Korean Service Corps, with prior experience as former SEALs, Marine Force Recon and Special Forces.

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2CAB KATUSA wins Gen. Paik, Sun Yup award

By Pfc. Edward Kulik
2CAB Public Affairs Office

It wasn't a normal morning for brigade S-1 as Sgt. Oh, Chang Min stepped out of the office and into the board room. Wearing his freshly pressed Army Combat Uniform and armed with sharpened knowledge, he competed against his peers for the opportunity to take top honors.

Hard work and determination paid off for Oh, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade as he won the 8th Army Gen. Paik, Sun Yup Leadership award for 1st

Quarter FY 2008.

"With all of the things I had to do, it only seemed like two months that I was actually able to study, and I was so nervous at the board because there were five others and they were all outstanding," Oh said about first learning of the board in August of last year.

The board, in addition to a near six month long preparation process, tests not only ones' appearance, but also their knowledge in topics such as current events and Army regulations.

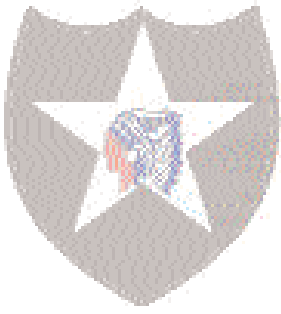
The Gen. Paik, Sun Yup Leadership award is awarded up to four times a year to Soldiers who

demonstrate excellence in leadership, Army Values, confidence and the Warrior Ethos. The award is modeled after Gen. Paik, Sun Yup, the foremost ROK Army general of the Korean War.

"My friend had won this award at Camp Casey and told me to study for it," Oh said.

This was just one of Oh's many achievements. Oh won the KATUSA of the Quarter for third quarter 2007 and is completing his third year at Yonsei University where he is studying business administration.

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**VOICE OF THE
WARRIOR:**
What skill do
YOU need to be
successful?



*Communication and
good interaction with
people.*

*Pfc. Yang, Sung Jae
HHC, DSTB*

*"Patience and the
drive to succeed."*

*Staff Sgt. Annette Collins
HHC, 3rd Bn., 2CAB*



*"Ambition and
courage."*

*Pfc. Jessica Lee
A Co., DSTB*

*Determination and
perseverance.*

*Sgt. Travaris Radford
B Co., Forward Support,
70th BSB*



*Pride in what you
do with the drive and
desire to do it well.*

*Maj. Johnathan Thomas
HHC, 1st BSTB*

*Hard work and
determination to
complete the mission."*

*Pfc. Amber Knickman
HHC, 2CAB*



Boards foster pride, discipline in Soldiers

By Spc. Beth Lake
Editor

Many people have come up to me recently and congratulated me on winning Soldier of the Quarter for the Division Special Troops Battalion. They would remark, "Oh, well you must be smart to do that well."

My instant reply is to tell them, "No, going to the board is not about being smart; it is all about discipline."

Sure, it was hard to sit down and study every evening after working all day. And I sometimes felt silly riding the bus to Camp Casey with the Army Study Guide downloaded on my mp3 player. But that is what it takes.

Like anything, I must have the commitment and the discipline to give my all at all times. After all, isn't being a Soldier about giving 100 percent at all times to all things?

Why should going to a board be any different?

After winning the battalion board, I competed for the 2ID Soldier of the Quarter. Although I didn't win, the experience taught me a lot about myself.

I was stretched physically and mentally. The six-mile ruck march up and down Camp Stanley's hills reinforced the idea that I can do even the most difficult task if I stay motivated. Learning the Warrior Tasks and Drills also expanded my knowledge in areas that will help me with my basic Soldiering skills.

Finally, attending the board with seven command sergeants major, including the division command sergeant major, firing questions my way was a bit unnerving, but also rewarding.

I feel I gained more from attending the boards than I gave. My nightly study sessions were nothing compared to the pride and confidence I feel in myself.

As a specialist who is preparing to be a noncommissioned officer, I feel I have the tools I need to answer questions about the Army, or to know where to look if I don't know the answer.



"I feel all Soldiers should take advantage of the opportunity to attend a Soldier of the Month board. Not only will it give them the knowledge they need as a Soldier and a leader, it will foster a sense of pride and self assurance that can't be taught."

*Spc. Beth Lake
Editor*

I also feel confident in myself and my abilities. I feel that I can stand with my head held high, proud of my service and proud to be a Soldier in the U.S. Army.

Award-winning motivational speaker Jim Foster once said that "discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishments." That phrase sums up what going to the board taught me. My path to success is paved by discipline. Discipline

to put in the extra time to study, discipline to refine my Soldiering skills, and finally discipline to endure the physical and mental challenges that attending a board puts on you.

I feel all Soldiers should take advantage of the opportunity to attend a Soldier of the Month board. Not only will it give them the knowledge they need as a Soldier and a leader, it will foster a sense of pride and self assurance that can't be taught. You gain it by looking fear in the face and achieving that which you might not have thought possible.

Soldiers who are interested in participating in a weekly study session can call Lake at 732-8856. Study sessions are held every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Camp Red Cloud's Mitchell's Club.

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Active First Program helps Army meet recruiting goals

By C. Todd Lopez

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – During a press conference Jan. 10 at the Pentagon, the Army's senior leader said the National Guard's "Active First" program has contributed to the Army staying on-target to reach recruitment goals.

"Last month we announced our plans to accelerate end-strength growth to achieve our 74,000 increase by 2010," said Secretary of the Army Pete Geren. "We're on track to meet that goal. And if trends continue, we will exceed it. Active First deserves growing credit for helping us meet that goal."

More than 500 recruits have enlisted under Active First since the pilot initiative began Oct. 1. Under the program, young men and women are recruited by the National Guard to complete a term of service in both the Active and National Guard components of the Army. Those recruits are paid bonuses based on the duration of the active service commitment they choose to accept.

Pvt. Jonathan Wright, of Lavonia, Ga. is one of four Soldiers that enlisted under the Active First program who attended the press conference.

"These recruits exemplify the best of Active First -- they are the people behind the numbers," Geren said. "Active First is a great partnership; it shows we are one Army -- the National Guard and Active components working together. The National Guard is helping recruit people to help grow the all-volunteer force. It has its own con-

tacts in the community all over America, and it is these contacts, and the trust the communities of America have in the National Guard, that has enabled this program to get off the ground with such great strength. This partnership is bearing great fruit for our total Army."

A career path for a Soldier under the Active First program might begin with six months in a National Guard unit in his or her hometown. The Soldier would then enter basic training followed by 30, 36, or 48 months of active duty. At the completion of active-duty service, Soldiers return to their National Guard unit and serve one week-end per month and two weeks a year until they complete a total of eight years of military service. Depending on their choice of active-duty service time, a Soldier could receive bonuses totaling as much as \$60,000.

In November, Pvt. Wight enlisted under the Active First program. He chose a 36-month tour in the active Army and will train as a military policeman. He said one of the reasons he chose to enlist is the opportunity it affords him to serve his country. But he also said the Army was simply the best deal of the options he explored.

"After I checked out the real world, the Army was number one on my list," he said. "There are so many things the Army is doing as far as bonuses, training and equipment. I mean, it's a hundred billion things."

Another benefit Wight focused on while making his decision to enlist was the support both the Army and the National Guard would provide to his growing family. He and his wife Jessica raise

their daughter together and have another child on the way.

"The Army is going to take care of me and them as well," he said. "It means a better lifestyle for our family."

Wight also said he knows his service in the Army will provide benefits for him even after he takes off the uniform for the last time.

"I chose the military police, and they will give me the best training possible," he said. "After that, if I decide to get out, I can put my resume in anywhere and go from there. That was one of the number one things. Plus, you just can't find everything the Army offers anywhere else -- I wouldn't trade it for the world."

The Active First program is available to service-eligible men and women in all 54 states and territories. All Soldiers who enlisted under the Active First program may choose, at the end of their active-duty service commitment, to re-enlist in the active component or to continue service in the National Guard. The Army estimates about 30 percent of Soldiers enlisted under the program will choose to remain on active duty. Soldiers enlisting in the program may choose from more than 50 different military occupational specialties, ranging from infantrymen to administrative positions.

In January 2007, President George W. Bush approved Army plans to increase its end strength by more than 74,000 Soldiers. The Army initially planned to spread that increase out over five years and to meet its goal by 2012. In October, the Army announced it had changed the target date to 2010.

In Memoriam



Pfc. Christopher Adan, 20, died Dec. 17. He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

He was found in his barracks room and immediate medical aid was administered. Attempts to revive him were unsuccessful.

A memorial service was Dec. 21 at Crusader Square, Camp Casey.

Adan is survived by his mother and father.



Spc. Armando Matos, 35, died Dec. 27. He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company, Division Special Troops Battalion and a member of the 21D Tae Kwon Do team.

On leave in Europe, Matos went to Stavanger Hospital in Norway after not feeling well. He later died at that hospital.

A memorial service will be 3 p.m., Jan. 18, at the Camp Red Cloud Chapel.

Matos is survived by his wife, who resides in West Virginia, his mother and his brother, who both live in Uruguay.



Pfc. Jason L. Williams, 19, died Jan. 12. He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

He displayed symptoms of someone that might be suffering from meningitis. He was rushed to the U.S. Army Hospital (Korea), where he was pronounced dead.

The memorial service was Jan. 16 at Crusader Square, Camp Casey.

Williams is survived by his mother and sister who reside in Colorado Springs, CO.

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All staff members are trained and experienced SCUBA divers.

"We started with a single chair at an outdoor pool," Matheny said. "We teach Soldiers muscle memory, and this gives them the confidence to use these skills in an emergency."

The facility operates by the motto "don't fear the water!" Thus far, they have been successful in training thousands of troops to survive in many different situations.

Units who are interested in any programs can contact Bob Matheny by phone at 753-6353, or by email: robertmatheny@korea.army.mil

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He was also still able to place his obligations to brigade S-1 by taking care of Soldiers who wanted to extend their commitment in Korea, or enact a Foreign Service Tour Extension (in which Soldiers can extend their stay up to 40 days) and participated in many field exercises and events.

"My job is very demanding, but I feel as though I complete it in a timely manner," Oh said.

Oh also completed an essay for the board centered his on personal

courage stating:

"I believe that courage is not only required to the Soldiers in war, but Soldiers in a regular routine. Courage is the source of power that enables Soldiers to take positive action in accordance with the value that they feel is right."

Oh said he was very pleased to win the award and stated that to him the award represented his hard work and determination and brings him one step closer to completing his life's goals.

"My Family was very happy and proud of me when I got the chance to tell them," Oh said.

Oh offered tips for others Soldier preparing to attend a board:

"I would recommend that Soldiers who intend on attending a board be confident and motivated," Oh said. They should also be up-to-date on current events and know the Warrior Ethos and KATUSA Creed."

The award ceremony will be held Jan. 23rd in Yongsan.

CID offers tips to prevent sexual assault

By Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. - Although Sexual Assault Prevention month has passed, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command wants to keep sexual assault prevention in the forefront.

According to CID Special Agent Stephanie James, sexual assault is a crime that occurs between two or more people and there are numerous ways individuals, particularly females, can minimize the chance of becoming a victim.

James said people should always be alert and learn to trust their instincts in all situations.

"If a place or person makes you feel unsafe, it probably is," said James, who has investigated hundreds of cases throughout her career. "People should always look for signs of trouble such as strangers in private areas or persons loitering in suspicious places, or people who make you feel uncomfortable. If you sense trouble, trust your instincts and get to a safe place as soon as possible. If you feel you are in danger, attract help anyway you can."

According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network and the Army's Sexual Assault Prevention Program's Web site, about two-thirds of sexual assault victims in the United States knew their assailants. "Acquaintance rape," which includes date rape, refers to those rapes that occur between people who know one another. "Date rape" refers to situations in which one person has consented to go on a date with another person and that person then rapes him or her.

"We find that many allegations of sexual assault occur on weekends when a Soldier consumes alcohol in excess and returns to their quarters afterward," said James. "When a Soldier is unconscious from too much alcohol, they are unable to give consent. In this situation, if an individual proceeds to have sex with an unconscious person or a person who is unable to consent, they are committing a crime."

James stressed two points that she feels are very important in reducing the possibility of becoming the victim of an assault in "acquaintance-type crimes."

"Bottom line, women need to lock their doors wherever they reside; especially in a barracks," she said. "Regardless of how safe or trusting a person might feel living in their barracks or residence, they should always be mindful of security and lock their

doors when they enter."

The second point is using the buddy system. James said that women should always use the buddy system when going out, especially if they are going to drink alcohol.

The Department of the Army released a proclamation last April during Sexual Assault Awareness Month stating that sexual assault is a crime and contrary to Army values and mission readiness. Leaders and Soldiers have the responsibility to prevent and reduce the associated risks of sexual assaults from occurring in their units and work environment.

When reporting sexual assault, the Army has restricted and unrestricted reporting for active-duty Soldiers, according to James. This gives a victim the choice for making a complaint without going directly to law enforcement officials. However, it is important whom the victim talks to regarding an incident of sexual assault.

"A restricted report provides confidentiality to the victim without making a complaint to law enforcement," James said. "The victim can make a restricted report to medical authorities, the chaplain, unit victim advocate and the sexual assault response coordinator. However, if the victim reports an incident to their commander, the commander is then obligated to notify CID. If the victim tells their best friend and the friend notifies law enforcement, an investigation will be initiated."

If a victim wants to report a sexual assault to law enforcement it should be done as soon as possible after the assault. Victims can notify military police, civilian police, their chain of command or CID directly. The victim should remember to preserve as much evidence as possible.

CID officials recognize how traumatic and difficult a sexual assault can be for victims, but at the same time stress how vital evidence can be.

"It is very important for us to obtain as much information and evidence as possible and as soon as possible," said James. "The victim should not shower, or brush their teeth or touch or disturb anything at the crime scene. If possible, it's important a victim writes down every detail they can remember right away."

"If the victim has sustained an injury, they should seek immediate medical attention and let the medical personnel contact the appropriate law enforcement agency," she added. "Bottom line, we want to do everything possible to ensure we bring to justice anyone who has committed a sexual

assault and more importantly we want to help prevent it from happening in the first place."

For more information on policy, prevention and training, visit the CID Web site at www.cid.army.mil and click on the Victim's Assistance link.

Minimize your chances of becoming a victim of sexual assault

- Being prepared means staying traveling with a buddy and knowing there is safety in numbers.
- Never leave your home key at an auto repair shop with your car key.
- Walk with confidence. The more confident you look, the stronger you appear.
- Always safeguard your personal information.
- Remember: "No" means "No." If you do not want to be intimate with another person, tell him or her clearly. Use a confident voice and body posture.
- Match your body language to your words - don't laugh and smile while saying "No."
- Be assertive - don't let anyone violate your space.
- Don't prop open self-locking doors.
- Watch your keys. Don't lend them. Don't leave them. Don't lose them. And don't put your name and address on the key ring.
- Watch out for unwanted visitors. Know who's on the other side of the door before you open it.
- Be wary of isolated spots, like underground parking garages, offices after business hours, and apartment laundry rooms.
- Avoid walking or jogging alone, especially at night. Vary your route. Stay in well-traveled, well-lit areas.
- Have your key ready to use before you reach the door - home, car or work.
- Park in well-lit areas and lock the car, even if you'll only be gone a few minutes.
- Drive on well-traveled streets, with doors and windows locked.
- In case of car trouble, call for help on your cellular phone. If you don't have a phone, put the hood up, lock the doors, and put a banner in the rear mirror that says, "Help. Call police."

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Camp Castle FRG resource Center

The 70th Brigade Support Battalion FRG Resource Center Camp Castle opened its doors to the public Dec. 21. The center is equipped with new furniture, a TV, refrigerator, and a microwave.

The FRG Resource Center is also where the Family Readiness Support Assistant is located, and is available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in order to provide information and referrals to community resources.

MWR Men's and Women's basketball

Morale Welfare and Recreation is sponsoring three post-level basketball tournaments during January and February. The MWR Martin Luther King Jr. men's and women's tournament will be Jan. 17-21 in Okinawa, Japan at Camp Foster. The men's and women's Post-level Championship Tournament will be held, Feb. 15-17. Feb. 22-24, the Black History Month Tournament will be in Yongsan. For time and date changes contact your local MWR.

Claims

If anyone owed money to Spc. Armando Matos, please contact 1st Lt. Ashley Jenkins, at 732-6616 or ashley.m.jenkins@us.army.mil

Anyone who owed money to Pfc. Christopher D. Adan contact Capt. Michael Harris at 730-6042

or michael.k.harris1@korea.army.mil.

Army uniform changes

Effective April 30, Soldiers may no longer wear the following items:

- the Army Battle Dress Uniform
- the Desert Battle Dress Uniform
- brown T-shirt
- black leather combat boots,
- Jungle boots, green or black
- the woodland and desert camouflage pattern caps
- Olive drab green nametape and U.S. Army
- Black rigger belt
- Web belt with open-face black buckle
- Subdued Olive green, shoulder sleeve insignias and subdued shoulder sleeve insignias for former wartime service

Bataan Memorial Death March Qualifier

The 2008 Bataan Memorial Death March Qualifier will be held at the Carey Fitness Center, Camp Casey Feb. 23.

Registration for the event will be from 7-8:15 a.m. The course briefing will be at 8:30 a.m. and the race begins at 8:45 a.m.

The competition is a 13.1 mile road march. It will consist of two individual categories, Active Duty Men and Active Duty women. A team consists of 5 military personnel from the same organization or installation.

The requirements for the competition is the ACU and a minimum 35 lbs. rucksack, full canteen at start, Hi-tech boots and camel back authorized, no LBE or helmets required.

The event is open to all personnel in an 8th Army installation. For additional information, contact Area I Sports 732-6927.

2ID Tax assistance

The 2ID Tax Assistance

Program provides free tax preparation assistance to servicemembers, DoD civilians, and their families. There will be Tax Centers at Camp Casey, Camp Red Cloud, and Camp Stanley, which will be open from Feb. 5-June 15. Hours are as follows:

Camp Casey

Division Tax Assistance Center Maude Hall, Room 241, Call: 730-3958

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 am-5p.m.
- Thursday: 1-8 p.m.
- Saturday: 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Camp Red Cloud

Mobile Tax Assistance Center Freeman Hall, Room 122, Call: 732-8796

- March 5 through May 30
- Tuesdays: 9 am-5p.m.

Camp Stanley

Mobile Tax Assistance Center Call: 730-3958

- March 5 through May 30
- Wednesdays: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Bring your military ID card and copies of your W-2 and 1099 forms.

Movies

Camp Casey

Show times: Fri.-Sat. 6:30 & 8:30 p.m., Sun. 3, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m., Mon.-Thur. 7:30 p.m.

January 18 ... Beowulf
The Comebacks
January 19 ... Enchanted
We own the night
January 20 ... The Bucket List
The Bucket List
Beowulf
January 21 ... The Bucket List
January 22 ... Enchanted
January 23... Beowulf
January 24 ... Enchanted
January 25 ... Hitman
This Christmas
January 26 ... Hitman
August Rush

Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Fri.-Sat. 7 & 9 p.m., Sun. 6 & 8 p.m., Mon., Tue. & Thur. 7 p.m.

January 18 ... The Bucket List
Lions for Lambs
January 19 ... Beowulf
Enchanted
January 20 ... Mr. Magorium's Emporium
Enchanted
January 21 ... Beowulf
January 22 ... Enchanted
January 23... No Showing
January 24 ... First Sunday
January 25 ... First Sunday
This Christmas
January 26 ... Hitman
This Christmas

Camp Hovey

Show times: Sat.- Sun. 3:30 & 7 p.m., Mon.-Fri. 7 p.m.

January 18 ... Enchanted
January 19 ... Beowulf
The Bucket List
January 20 ... Enchanted
Why Did I Get Married
January 21 ... Beowulf
January 22 ... The Bucket List
January 23... Enchanted
January 24 ... Beowulf
January 25 ... August Rush
January 26 ... Why Did I Get Married
First Sunday

Camp Stanley

Show times: Sun- Mon. & Thu. 7 p.m., Fri. 6 p.m. & 8 p.m., Wed. & Sat. 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

January 18 ... Beowulf
Rendition
January 19 ... Enchanted
Enchanted
Beowulf
January 20 ... Why Did I Get Married
Enchanted
January 21 ... Beowulf
January 22 ... No Showing
January 23... First Sunday
January 24 ... First Sunday
January 25 ... This Christmas
Hitman
January 26 ... This Christmas
This Christmas
Hitman

Camp Humphreys

Show times: Sat.- Sun. 3:30, 6:30 & 9 p.m., Mon.-Tues., Thur.-Fri. 6:30 p.m. & 9 p.m.

January 18 ... Beowulf
Beowulf
January 19 ... Bee Movie
The Bucket List
January 20 ... Bee Movie
The Bucket List
January 21 ... Gone Baby Gone
January 22 ... Gone Baby Gone
January 23... Hitman
January 24 ... Hitman
January 25 ... First Sunday
January 26 ... Enchanted
This Christmas
For additional movie times visit:
www.aaffes.com

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Camp Red Cloud

Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

Catholic:

11:30 a.m. M-F

4 p.m. Saturday

9 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA

7 p.m. Sunday

COGIC

12:30 p.m. Sunday

Camp Casey

Stone Chapel

Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

6:40 p.m. Tuesday

Memorial Chapel

Gospel:

11 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

6 p.m. Tuesday

West Casey Chapel

KATUSA:

6:30 p.m. Thursday

Protestant:

10:30 a.m. Sunday

Catholic:

12 p.m. Sunday

LDS:

2 p.m. Sunday

Camp Hovey

Hovey Chapel

Catholic:

9:30 a.m. Sunday

Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

6 p.m. Tuesday

Crusader Chapel

Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

Camp Stanley

Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday

Gospel:

11 a.m. Sunday

Catholic:

1 p.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

7 p.m. Tuesday

Camp Castle

KATUSA:

6 p.m. Tuesday

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USAG-Red Cloud:

732-7469

CRC Catholic: 732-6428

Hovey Chapel: 730-5119

Memorial Chapel

730-2594

West Casey: 730-3014

Stanley: 732-5238

Humphreys: 753-7952

Castle: 730-6889

Saint Nicholas

Cathedral: 753-3153

LDS: 730-5682

1HBCT tests readiness in Iron Focus III

By Pvt. Naveed Ali Shah
1HBCT Public Affairs Office

The HMMWV engines roared and the Bradleys rumbled by as the convoy commenced for 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team's Iron Focus III Dec. 1-15.

Iron Focus III was an exercise evaluation for the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion and 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment.

"My goals were to facilitate successful training of brigade staff, set-up and operation of the (Tactical Operation Center), and proper tear-down," said Sgt. Maj. Stanley D. Varner, 1HBCT operations sergeant major.

The harsh conditions of the Korean winter thoroughly put the Soldiers to the test.

"With the extreme condition of cold and lack of sleep, the Soldiers were able to establish and maintain communications with the unit throughout our battle space. They were able to establish the TOC in two different configurations while relocating to three locations," said Varner.

Observer/controllers from the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La., provided evaluation and feedback for the units participating in the exercise.

"We're here to put outside eyes on the units in the exercise," said Capt. Michael Westerhaus, JRTC, Senior OC who evaluated HHC, 1st BSTB, 1st HBCT. "We look at their operating system funda-



Pvt. Naveed Ali Shah

Soldiers from 1st Bn., 72nd Armor Regt., carry a mock casualty to the waiting crew chiefs of a CH-47 Chinook helicopter during a simulated emergency casualty evacuation at the Twin Bridges Training Area.

mentals."

Real-life experience helps the OCs to give a truly accurate assessment of the units' ability to react.

"Most of us have done the job we're evaluating, usually in combat, so we try to transfer some of the lessons we've learned to the unit," said Westerhaus.

Some Soldiers, like Sgt. Steven Payne, 1HBCT training room NCO, had combat experience prior to coming to Korea and tried to teach younger Soldiers what he had learned.

"Soldiers gain insight from combat experience," said Payne. "Everybody is here to do their jobs and to pass on their knowledge."

The exercise also featured a variety of real-life scenarios. The opposition forces were played by

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st HBCT. Their constant training in small unit tactics helped them give a realistic opponent for the rest of the brigade to battle.

Another major highlight of the exercise was the mass casualty evacuation. Simulated casualties from the, 1st Bn., 72nd Armor, 1HBCT, were airlifted to safety by a CH-47 Chinook helicopter.

Despite the high stress environment, unpredictability of opposition forces, and the extreme weather Varner said the exercise was successful.

"Overall, the Soldiers performed exceptionally well," he said.

"HHC and 1st BSTB troops are some of the best I've seen," said Westerhaus. "They've got strong leadership, and it shows."

210th Fires Brigade evaluates field performance

By Pfc. Phillip Adam Turner
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Just as a Fortune 500 company would hire consultants outside of its business to come in and evaluate spending and employee performance to save money, the Army uses professional observer/controllers to evaluate a unit's wartime mission capabilities to save time, supplies and lives.

Approximately 1,000 Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment and the 70th Brigade Support Battalion are directly involved in a current External Evaluation that ends on Jan. 20.

"These EXEVALS are the most important thing we do during the course of the year," said Maj. Anthony Demasi, executive officer, 1st Bn., 38th FA. "It gives us all a chance to not only see and evaluate our weaknesses, but see the things we do well and build on them."

Experience and a lot of planning play a big role in the success of these units' performance. With many Soldiers coming straight out of Advanced Individual Training, it is up to noncommissioned officers to prepare and sustain their Soldiers'



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Soldiers from the 70th BSB stand by in vehicle teams as their platoon Sgt. briefs the company commander during a Combined Arms Rehearsal in preparation of 210th Fires Brigade EXEVALS.

morale in the field.

"Morale is great right now," said 1st Sgt. Blake A. Kennedy, 1st Bn., 38th FA. "But it is up to me and my supporting staff to ensure that they understand how to combat cold weather injuries and battle the elements."

During these EXEVALS, the OCs will shadow their counterparts to be

an extra set of eyes that will see the things that can be overlooked in the course of combat operations, said Demasi.

The OCs are Soldiers themselves and know the pressures of running an operation. That's why they have been brought in to evaluate and strengthen our combat capabilities, he said.

The 70th BSB's mission is to keep

supply lines open and provide all the support the 1-38th FA will need to be successful. From fuel to ammunition and communications to hot chow, the Soldiers of the 70th BSB are essential in the success of these EXEVALS.

Capt. Jason O. Luckey, 579th Signal Company commander said, "70th BSB's role is very important; we supply the Multiple Launch Rocket Systems with ammunition, spare parts, as well as different logistical aspects that keep us in the fight."

Any time a unit travels to the field, the day-to-day operations of each individual Soldier can change. This aspect of the training brings the opportunity to learn more than just how to combat cold weather injuries.

"These EXEVALS bring about a good opportunity for our younger Soldiers to learn the daily operations of the unit and their job in a combat environment," said Kennedy.

"My main goal, as well as for the people around me is to come out of this with more confidence and with a knowledge of what our personal strengths and weaknesses are as junior enlisted Soldiers," said Spc. Rodney Moses, acting NCOIC for 70th BSB S-2.

Operation 'Helping Hand' lifts others in

By Sgt. Amanda Merfeld
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One by one, names were called. Children's small ears perked as they waited to go to the front of the room to receive their Christmas gift. As each gift was distributed, the children shook them and peeked inside the wrapping



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Staff Sgt. Dae Lee hands a girl her gift. Soldiers and Family members took turns handing out gifts to the children.

trying to guess what was inside.

When they were given the go-ahead to unwrap they did so, in a frenzy!

The gifts were from Soldiers and Families in 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, and were given to Pyongtaek District Youth Center near Camp Humphreys.

"The gift-giving idea always has been a tradition within our 2CAB Soldiers. Regardless of what was taking place, Soldiers always remember to help others in need during this time of the year," said Staff Sgt. Dae Lee, 2CAB chaplain's assistant.

"This orphanage was selected because many children here are either being raised on welfare status, or are children who are being raised by either a struggling single parent or by their grandparents," Lee said.

Of the 48 children who were given gifts, only about 25 were present to be handed a gift personally.

Most gifts were donated anonymously, but were purchased for each specific child.

"The children were thrilled that our Soldiers were able to come in addition to receiving a present. Our presence means a lot to them, especially this year, because many of children said this was the only present they received all year," Lee said.

The children weren't the only ones



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Children of Pyongtaek District Youth Center perform for Soldiers of 2CAB. The Soldiers and their Families went to the center Dec. 29 to distribute gifts to underprivileged children.

that day to be given a surprise. Shortly after the Soldiers' arrival, the youngsters put on a dance show with popular Korean new-age music. After that, they performed on traditional Korean instruments, wowing the Soldiers with their talent.

"Part of our vision as the brigade ministry team is to assist the command in developing spiritually fit warriors of character who live Army values, and in engaging our local community in positive ways that enhance our ROK/US alliance," said Chaplain

(Maj.) Raymond Robinson, 2CAB chaplain.

The Soldiers and Family members were visibly moved by the children's reactions to the kind hands and friendly gestures during the visit.

"Their moral and spiritual lives are strengthened as they live out Army and spiritual values," Robinson said. "Both our Soldiers and the people that they serve are forever changed through their interaction with one another because one can't come into the presence of another and leave the same."

SOFA plays important role for Soldiers in Korea

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The Status of Forces Agreement is an international agreement between the Republic of Korea and the U.S. It went into effect in 1967.

The SOFA governs most aspects of stationing U.S. military forces in Korea, to include use of land, contract guidelines, applicability of tax and customs laws, environmental responsibilities, criminal jurisdiction and many others.

SOFA members are entitled to many rights and privileges to include living and working in the ROK without paying taxes or being subject to ROK customs laws. By the same token, SOFA members are also subject to the authority of the ROK justice system.

The U.S. has primary jurisdiction regarding cases that occur between SOFA members (on or off post) and do not affect the ROK. An example of such a case would be the situation of two Soldiers getting into a physical altercation with each other without injuring a non-SOFA member or damaging any non-SOFA members' property. The U.S. also has primary jurisdiction over SOFA members performing official duties at the time of the incident. Often these cases involve car

accidents where a Soldier was driving a government vehicle and a Korean national gets injured in the accident.

Criminal Jurisdiction under SOFA

Jurisdiction can be thought of as the basic authority of a particular court to hear and decide a case. There are two court systems that could exercise authority or criminal jurisdiction over U.S. Soldiers while in Korea. The most commonly known court system is governed by the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The other court system is that of the Republic of Korea.

Three categories of criminal offenses

1.) The first category consists of criminal offenses that are punishable by U.S. law only and not by ROK law-the plain vanilla offenses. Examples of such offenses include curfew violations, and unique military offenses. As one might imagine, military courts have exclusive jurisdiction over these offenses and the ROK has no jurisdiction.

2.) The second category of offenses includes those that are only punishable under ROK law-the plain chocolate offenses. Accordingly, the ROK court system has exclusive jurisdiction over these cases.

3.) The third category of criminal offenses can be thought of as a vanilla and chocolate swirl...or concurrent

jurisdiction. This category consists of cases where both U.S. and ROK laws and personnel are implicated. A common example of concurrent jurisdiction is the situation of a SOFA member getting into a physical altercation with a non-SOFA member off-post. In these situations, the ROK justice system will have a first shot at prosecuting the case. The moment a SOFA member is subject to primary ROK jurisdiction, the Korean National Police Agency is authorized to take that person into custody.

Unless the person is being accused of a heinous crime or in need of pre-trial confinement, USFK will request custody of that person. In exchange for releasing the SOFA member from ROK custody, USFK must ensure that the SOFA member appears for any criminal proceedings that might follow. Therefore, USFK will generally put the SOFA member on international hold.

Can the U.S. get jurisdiction back from the ROK?

In some cases the ROK SOFA prosecutor will waive primary jurisdiction, giving authority back to the U.S. This will often occur if the ROK prosecutors do not believe the charges are warranted or if they cannot gather enough evidence. The ROK SOFA prosecutor

might waive primary jurisdiction in cases where a SOFA member makes a private financial settlement with the Korean or Third country national involved. Financial settlements are often a very efficient way to avoid a criminal prosecution in the ROK.

What happens if the ROK waives jurisdiction?

Once the ROK prosecutors waive jurisdiction over a case, the SOFA member is no longer subject to the authority of the ROK courts regarding that situation. However, Soldiers are still subject to the UCMJ and may face disciplinary action from their chain of command regarding the incident.

What happens if the ROK does not waive jurisdiction?

After the ROK prosecutors decide to exercise jurisdiction in a particular case, they will begin preparing for a potential court proceeding. There are many steps between the ROK decision to exercise jurisdiction and a SOFA member being convicted of a crime in the ROK. If convicted of a criminal offense in the ROK, their chain of command may initiate separation under Chapter 14-9, AR 635-200. Soldiers that find themselves in this situation should contact the 2ID International Law office at 732-7501 with any questions.

This is why we watch

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Ever since I was a kid I have been drawn to the world of athletics. The pageantry, passion, competition, and the way one second of greatness or one play can immortalize a man or a woman into the gallows of sports legend.

I believe this is why we watch year in and year out. It's why we raise our children to be fans of one team as if it were a genetic trait passed through generations of ancestors. Whether you follow pro ball or college, or if you spend your Friday nights picking bubble gum off your shoes from the old rusted bleachers of a local high school, our love of the game is what separates America from the rest of the world. This would be no different for 2007, as it was probably one of the most memorable years in sports. It was a year that gave fans, new and old, plenty of things to talk about around the water cooler every week.

Though shrouded in controversy at times, I think future generations will look back on 2007 as a milestone in sports history.

The year started out in perfect fashion for Peyton Manning, Tony Dungy and the Indianapolis Colts, as the Colts would win their first NFL Championship since moving from Baltimore in 1983. For me this was definitely one of the biggest stories in 2007 and something I will always remember. To see two scholars and gentlemen of the game win their first championship together on the same field was truly inspiring. I was excited for Peyton Manning as he finally answered the question that had hung over his career since college: could he win the big game? It was a season of destiny for Dungy, his Colts and the NFL, as Dungy would become the first African-American coach to win a Super

Bowl title.

As winter ended and spring began, all the talk and attention was on Barry Bonds and his pursuit of major league immortality (as if Balco hadn't already immortalized him). 'Hammerin' Hank Aaron's home run record had stood since 1976, but he would step a rung down the ladder Aug. 7, 2007. Bonds would send a 435-foot blast to the deepest part of the park and enshrine his name--whether tainted or legitimate--into the record books.

Regardless of how you feel about Bonds, we all must admit what he did was one heck of an accomplishment. However, for me it wasn't the best thing I saw in MLB action last year. I'll have to give that honor to the Boston Red Sox 23-year-old right hander Clay Buchholz. In only his second major league start he threw a no-hitter and later took a job in the bull pen during the playoffs to help Boston win its second World Championship in three years. A performance like that is what sandlot dreams are made of. Buchholz can never throw another pitch in Major League Baseball and forever be enshrined in the hearts of fans for decades to come.

If you're like me, football and basketball since the Bull's dynasty ended their run at the turn of the century. For me it had a lot to do with the players like Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, John Paxson, Horace Grant, Bill Cartwright, just to name a few. I never thought I would find another NBA star who would or could hold my attention like the stars of my childhood and adolescent years.

Then in June during the NBA Playoffs, there he was, LeBron James, "The King." James, without a



doubt earned his throne during Game 5 of the Eastern Conference Finals against the Detroit Pistons. LeBron would lead the Cleveland Cavaliers with 48 points, scoring 29 of the Cavaliers' last 30 points and 25 straight through two overtimes. His performance was, in a word, "Jordan-esque." He is on his way to being one of the greatest of all time, and single handedly responsible for me watching the NBA once again.

Everyone who knows me -- or at least has ever had a conversation with me -- knows my love for college football; it is the greatest sport of our time. So of course I wasn't going to let you leave without sharing my favorite moment from this past year in NCAA action.

It is almost hard to narrow down the choice. I mean so many great things happened during the season. There were huge upsets, from Appalachian State beating No. 5 Michigan in "The Big House" opening weekend or Stanford upsetting USC at the Rose Bowl. There were emotional moments as well, like the very first home game for the Virginia Tech Hokies after the shooting that took place on the VT campus. There were individual milestones as the Florida Gators' Tim Tebo would become the first sophomore in NCAA history to win the Heisman Trophy. Even as great as all these moments were, nothing touched my sports soul or commanded my attention like the season the Indiana Hoosiers had.

Terry Hooppner was the Hoosiers' head coach from 2005 to 2006 and breathed new life into a struggling football program. During his first season with the Hoosiers, Hooppner was diagnosed with brain cancer, but stayed on the sideline until the end of the 2006 season when he would start to lose his battle with this terrible disease. On June 19, shortly after announcing he would go on medical leave for the

2007 season, Coach Hooppner died of brain cancer. Carrying on his legacy, interim head coach Bill Lynch and the 2007 Hoosier players would dedicate their performance that season to the memory of coach Hooppner.

The Hoosiers would go on to a 7-5 record, ending their regular season with a win over in-state rival, Purdue University 27-24. The Hoosiers would also play in their first bowl game since 1993, all in the memory of a man who resurrected a failing program and gave a team of kids something to play for. Even though Indiana would go on to lose to Oklahoma State in the Insight Bowl, the images of coach Hooppner's wife on the sidelines of the final regular season game against Purdue, pointing toward the heavens in absolute joy as her husband's Hoosiers did what no one thought they could was unforgettable. That, to me, transcended the absolute meaning of sports: "inspiration."

Whether you agree with these moments or you don't, it really doesn't matter-- that's the beauty of competition in the name of sports. Maybe you thought Brett Favre and his record-breaking season was the biggest story. Maybe the University of Florida being the first team to become National Champions in two major sports in the same year was the biggest story. It all boils down to what you get from living and breathing sports.

What will happen this year? Who will be forever enshrined into the folklore of sports? Who will win the Super Bowl, the World Series, and The Stanley Cup? These questions I can't answer, so the best solution is to make yourself comfortable and get ready for 2008. With sports you never know what's going to happen, and you definitely don't want to miss the events leading up to that next pivotal moment in sports history.

Soldier sets sights on All-Army Volleyball team

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Pfc. Talayna Garcia, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, has always loved volleyball, but she didn't think her aspirations to be a professional in the sport would coincide with her military career.

That all changed when she went to the 8th Army Volleyball Championship last year with her

recreational team. After an outstanding performance, in which her co-ed team placed third and her women's team placed second, she was approached by a recruiter and was offered the chance to play for the All-Army Volleyball Team.

"When this opportunity came up to follow both my dreams of being in the military and playing volleyball, I was very excited," said the 19-year-old Garcia.

Along with the All-Army Volleyball Team, Garcia also had another door open for her as well.

"I turned in my application to West Point and was accepted," Garcia said. "So even though I'm going to PCS to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, I'm going to end up going to school at West Point by fall 2009 and playing on the All-Army team."

All that may seem like a great challenge for some, but Garcia says she's ready for it.

"It's going to be harder, much more intense, but I know I'll be well prepared thanks to all my teammates and coaches who are helping me now," she said.