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ELDP visits 2ID country

By Pfc. Bo Park Staff Writer

Executive Leadership Development Program students from the Department of Defense visited the 2nd Infantry Division as a part of their trip to Korea March 12.

ELDP is a program that employs civil servants and active duty-personnel who show great potential in their career as future leaders. The program helps them grow both personally and professionally by building leadership and teamwork skills. Their trip to Korea is a part of their 10-month program to learning about forward deployed forces and joint commands.

"I am here to find out what I am missing and how to learn from others and the group," said Elizabeth Motley, Naval Air Systems Command. "It's a good opportunity to see what the ground forces actually do face to face. We love to get our shoes dirty and muddy."

ELDP students and Patricia Bradshaw, Deputy under Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy, began their day with 2ID command briefings.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Steven R. Doty

Two CH-47 Chinook helicopters land at Osan Air Force Base March 1. They arrived from Co. B, 4-2 Attack at Camp Humphrey's as part of the Key Resolve/Foal Eagle exercise, enhancing combat readiness and joint interoperability. *More coverage on Page 6.*



8th Army commander visits 2ID

Story and photo by Pfc. Sohn, Joon Hyung Staff Writer

New 8th U.S. Army commander Lt. Gen. Joseph F. Fil Jr. visited the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Red Cloud March 14.

Fil's visit to 2ID was his first since the change of command ceremony a month ago. This is his first tour to the Korean Peninsula. "I am excited about the wonderful things this division is doing," said Fil. "I am so glad that I am here because if you are not in the desert fighting, this is only place in the Army to be." er, Fil toured Camp Red Cloud, and then had lunch in the Commanding General's Mess.

During his speech to the 2nd Infantry Division leadership, he emphasized the importance of command leadership for young Soldiers.

"When talking with your Soldiers, repetition is the preferred method," said Fil. "Ensure you are talking to them about setting goals, physical, financial, educational and spiritual. Soldiers are listening to you. Get our there and talk to your troops all the time."



Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III greets Lt. Gen. Joseph F. Fil Jr. apon his first visit to the 2nd Infantry Division's home here at Camp Red Cloud March 14.

After meeting with the 2ID command-

Fil also discussed his command philosophy.

"You must love your Soldiers with all your heart," said Fil. "That's it. That's my philosophy."

OPINION



Why is this important? It is important because Women's History Month is an ideal opportunity for us to learn about and connect to the lives, struggles and achievements of women in the past in order to better understand the world today. It is important because no matter the background, it raises our awareness and educates us on women who have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation. And, it reminds us of the history we have never forgotten or never learned.

We should be extremely proud of the legacies, the history and the wealth of

over the years - to include in our military. Women have overcome many barriers in our military and have proven time and time again that they will not be left out.

Women s History Month:



The proud history of women in the military

stems all the way from the Revolutionary War to our current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Right here in the Republic of Korea, we have an exceptional blend of women in this division who helps to keep us operating on a daily basis. Without their expertise, knowledge and skill, we could not effectively accomplish our mission.

I say to the women of this great division, I applaud your determination, your will to succeed, your sacrifices and your desire to continue to make a difference. I am proud of what you contribute to our military, to our Army, to the 2nd Infantry Division, to our society and most importantly, to our future.

As we remember and celebrate the history of women around the world and in our military, let's remember and celebrate their accomplishments, the hurdles they have overcome and the positive changes they have brought to our lives. I encourage each of you to study your history and to continue to make history well into the future whether in our military or for our nation. There is more Women's history to be made and it can start with each of you.

Second to None!

The Women of 2ID are Second to None!

Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III cuts a cake with women of the 2nd Infantry Division following the Division s Women s History Month program at the Camp Red Cloud Theater March 13.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Jose L. Cabrera

accomplishments that women have made

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because she was the first female president of the Philippines.



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Aretha Franklin. She is the queen of soul. Pfc. Ashley Riggs Protocol, HHC, DSTB

Harriet Tubman, because she helped to free black slaves in the 19th century. Sgt. 1st Cass Kenneth Loyd A Co., 70th BSB





Hillary Clinton, because of her ambition to be the first female president of the United States. Pvt. Christopher Palmisano HHSC, DSTB

Sgt. 1st Class Geriberto

Rosa Parks. She took a risk and reduced tension between blacks and whites.

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NEWS

302nd BSB conducts convoy live-fire



Soldiers of 302nd BSB, 1st HBCT don their gas masks while driving through a simulated chemical IED attack during combat logistics patrol training at Nightmare range March 12.

Story and photo by Pfc. Naveed Ali Shah 1HBCT Public Affairs Office

"Ironhorse" Soldiers conducted combat logistics patrol training at Nightmare Range March 12 as part of an overall effort by the battalion to become combat ready during "Operation Iron Mustang."

The training allowed Soldiers of the 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, to practice different tactics that they could use during convoys.

"I'm looking for the ability of the Soldiers to move along routes, secure their perimeter, engage their targets, and maintain security," said Capt. Mike Rogers, observer/controller, Co. C, 302nd BSB.

The high turnover rate of Soldiers in Korea causes a slight disruption in the training due to new junior Soldiers coming in with little or no experience. However, doing this training gets the Soldiers proficient and ready for the future, said Rogers.

"There are a lot of junior Soldiers in Korea that haven't had the opportunity to do this kind of training yet," said Rogers. "So this is a great opportunity for them to come out here and do something that they'll probably end up doing when they leave here in support of OIF or OEF."

For the Soldiers and Leaders of "Ironhorse," this training gave them the chance to learn and advance their warrior skills in a simulated combat situation.

"I want my Soldiers to be well-trained, safely trained, because they have live rounds in their weapons and I want them to feel comfortable about it, especially when they go downrange," said 2nd Lt. Charles Choi, executive officer, Co. C, 302nd BSB.

U.S., ROK medics show off skills through MASCAL

Story and photo by Pfc. Kim, Hyo Joong Staff Writer

"Somebody help me!"

"Medic, I've been hit!"

The Soldiers' calls for help rock the field.

Some are bleeding severely and others are suffering from fractures and cuts. Two ambulances filled with medics rush in, and medics go straight to the casualties and conduct emergency care for the seriously wounded. While the medical operation is going on, the wounded cry louder with pain.

Fortunately, this is not a real situation. It's just a scene of a mass casualty exercise March 5 at Namyangju City, near Camp Red Cloud. The exercise, a part of Key Resolve, offered medics from the 2nd Infantry Division a unique chance to practice basic emergency care and transport procedures with helicopters, all of which they will face on the battlefield. Medics from Division Special Troops Battalion set up a battalion medical station, where the wounded would be taken.

"We do Level 1 essential care at the medical station and stabilize casualties before they are sent to receive higher medical care at the hospital," said Capt. Scott Hitter, battalion medical station commander



An aircrew from the ROK Air Force's 603rd Aviation Battalion, loads and secures a wounded Soldier from the 1st Bn., 38th FA in a ROK Air Force Medevac Blackhawk during a MASCAL conducted March 5 in Namyangju city.

quick, but professional.

"It was a good opportunity that let us apply our medical skills we have trained on as if being in the wartime situation," said Shin.

Not only good for medics, the simulated casual

were transferred to the hospital by both nation's ambulances. U.S. and ROK Army Black Hawks flew down to the training location from Pyongtaek in order to transfer patients to the hospital. As soon as they touched down, medics carried them on a stretcher to the helicopter. One of the stretchers was taken by the both the ROK and U.S. command groups. The training was wrapped up with each helicopter loaded with two Soldiers of both nations.

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At first, the medical vehicles rushed to the area where eight role-playing Soldiers lay. As soon as they arrived, senior medics started triage to determine the medical priorities, said KATUSA medic Pfc. Shin, Jung Woo.

After carrying them on a stretcher to the emergency trucks, they hurried to the battalion medical station. Medics began filling out field medical cards that included the patients' previous treatment and symptoms, according to the triage. They were ties could see and experience what they will get if they were injured in a real-life situation.

"They were pretty quick and went through all the steps and treated patients based on priority," said simulated casualty, Sgt. Ryan Sarver, from 1st Batallion., 38th Field Artillery Regiment.

After a while, the ambulances from 1st Division, Republic of Korea Army entered the location and loaded eight ROK Soldiers.

After the emergency care, half of the casualties

"It was a great training opportunity to train with the ROK aircraft and vehicles," said Capt. Mark Knight, the division medical evacuation officer. "We learned how to get coordination and communication with our ROK Army counterpart."

NEWS

Kunsan, Camp Humphreys support Key Resolve 08

By Capt. Tiffany G. Payette 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, South Korea – Korea is better known as the "Land of the Morning Calm," but March 1, the calm was broken with the sound of convoys herding across the base and Army personnel setting up an encampment in a secluded area.

Soon after the convoys arrived and Soldiers began to cover the land with tents and communication facilities, the sky was filled with the thump of rotor blades cutting through the air, as 18 helicopters arrived here from Camp Humphreys.

The 4-2 Attack Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, arrived at Kunsan with about 400 Soldiers to conduct a training exercise in support of Key Resolve/Foal Eagle, formally known as a Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration exercise.

Key Resolve/Foal Eagle is an annual command post exercise held by United States Forces Korea and is conducted with the Republic of Korea Armed Forces. The exercise was carried out from March 2-7, and focused on improving combat readiness and joint interoperability.

"(Key Resolve/Foal Eagle) will enhance combat readiness for all elements in theater to include elements flowing in to support the exercise," said Maj. Jason Hoge, 4-2 Attack Battalion operations officer, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

Kunsan plays an important role in this exercise, as it provides a number of key elements that allows the 4-2 Attack "Death Dealers" to execute



A second wave of AH-64 Apache helicopters arrive at Kunsan Air Force Base March 1. The Apaches arrived from Camp Humphreys, Bravo Company 4-2, as part of the Key Resolve/Foal Eagle exercise, enhancing combat readiness and joint interoperability.

their mission. Its biggest role is as a staging area that supports one of its primary missions assisting the Naval Component Command, a combined U.S./ROK element, with a mission to suppress maritime targets.

It's more than just the location that has Hoge pleased and impressed with Kunsan Air Base. Rather, he is happy with the warm welcome and support he has received from Airmen since arriving.

"(Kunsan) is essential as it flows into the mission as a reception piece, providing real estate and services," said Hoge. "Kunsan has been a superb host, providing superior facilities, necessary communication elements and lighting for aircraft maintenance."

Co. A, 4-2 Attack hoped to accomplish much more than their

maritime mission as the week progressed. Part of enhancing combat readiness, is preparing Soldiers to target maritime threats and to expose them to conditions they would not have otherwise experienced.

"Our Soldiers complete a number of operations on the ground to include going through functions of our communication checks to maintenance of the aircraft," said Capt. Tom Potter, commander, Co. A, 4-2 Attack Bn.

"We also ensure each Soldier is prepared to use their M-16 and M-4, employ aircraft at a moment's notice and train for all types of radio communication," he added.

According to Army Gen. B. B. Bell, U. S. Forces Korea commander's, message 14-08, it's important to not only improve combat readiness, but to conduct the training as safe as possible.

"KR/FE '08 is key to our readiness and effective deterrence," said Bell. "I am totally committed to achieving the training objectives of KR/FE '08, and I am equally insistent that we execute the training safely."

This is the first major training exercise of the year and involves more than 6,000 individual augmentees and entire units joining combined staffs and formations.

Key Resolve/Foal Eagle 2008 is an essential training opportunity that allows skills and techniques to be perfected across the services. It is through this exercise, and many others, that have allowed Korea to remain the "land of the morning calm."

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Many of the students were very enthusiastic throughout the bunker tour. They asked varied and detailed questions, ranging from division battle readiness, effects of modularization in equipment systems, and issues with relocation of the U.S. Forces in Korea.

"I was very impressed with the level of attention that they gave us. It shows the leadership cares about what we are doing and what you are doing," Motley said.

Following lunch at CG's mess, the



operational level as possible because (you) don't really appreciate it until you are ground to ground and listening to physical requirements of warfighters."

She also explained an occasion when a policy maker listened to a Soldier talking about discomfort in chin straps on kevlars and actually implemented the changes through equipment supply chains.

"2ID is the model for the Army, in its modularization and overall operation," said Bradshaw. "When talking to either a general or private, it's impressive to be able to come here and see everybody singing from the same sheet of music."

group set off to Rodriguez Live Fire Complex for static displays of tactical vehicles and equipment prepared by 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment.

After greetings from Brig. Gen. Joe E. Ramirez, Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver) and Lt. Col. Michael Rauhut, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt. commander, the visitors were split into groups to have a closer look

Brig. Gen. Joe E. Ramirez, Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver) briefs ELDP participants at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex, March 12.

around the tactical vehicles, including the M88 Hercules Recovery Vehicle and M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle. "Through this kind of hands-on

experience, they will have more understanding, which would mean getting more training and better research on equipment that we use because the decisions that they make affect us down here on the ground," said Sgt. Jon West, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn. 9th Inf. Regt.

"So often policy makers don't get to see the real work," said Bradshaw. "The objective is to get as close to the "I saw the dedication and professionalism of Warriors defending the peninsula and serving our nation," said Phil Weissman, an aerospace engineer from Ohio. "It sets pride in what I do and what we all do, serving the country."

COMMUNITY

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Seoul Tower & Hanok Village

The MWR Tour Office is sponsoring a Seoul Tower and Hanok Village Tour March 29.

Hanok Village features five traditional Korean houses with a pavilion, a pond and a time capsule, which makes it a perfect spot for a leisurely walk. Also do not miss a chance to watch traditional wedding ceremonies on weekends.

Transportation Fee: \$20

•Admission fee: varies on age For more information, call DSN 732-6276.

Korean language class

The Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Center is sponsoring a Korean language class. This two-hour class is held on the second and fourth Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. at Camp Red Cloud's CAC. You will learn how to speak, read and write Korean at your own pace.

This free class is available for men and women of all ages. There is no need to sign up in advance; just stop by before class begins.

For more information, call DSN 732-6246.

USBC League Night

MWR is sponsoring the United States Bowling Congress at Camp Casey's Bowling Center every Tuesday from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

This is an organized multi-week event in which bowlers compete in

a sanctioned team competition. You must be a member of USBC to participate in this league.

A \$20 membership fee is due to become a registered member of the USBC. The event is open to activeduty military personnel assigned to USFK installations in Korea.

For more information, call DSN 730-4577.

Veterinary care

MWR is sponsoring a veterinary clinic program. The Camp Red Cloud Veterinary Clinic's goal is to provide consistent, quality medicine and surgery for large and small animals.

The team provides a clean, friendly environment with a special emphasis on compassionate care and understanding.

The office is located at Bldg. 437, Camp Red Cloud.

For more information, call DSN 732-7434.

Easter Sunday champagne brunch

MWR is sponsoring an Easter Sunday champagne brunch at Camp Casey's Warrior Club March 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

•Price: varies on age (Children under 5 are free.)

Aerobics class

The Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center is sponsoring an aerobics class every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. The instructor is Maj. Cutie J. Jackson. This free class is available for men and women of all ages.

For more information, call the Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center at DSN 732- 6309.

Movie night

Camp Red Cloud's Community Activity Center sponsors a movie night every Friday at 6 p.m.

This is your opportunity to see your own DVD on a big 10-foot screen with your friends. All you have to do is bring your favorite DVD to the Camp Red Cloud CAC.

Find a couch to sit on, grab free refreshments, and enjoy the show.

For more information, call DSN 732-6246.

Army Emergency Relief

Army Community Service is sponsoring an Army Emergency Relief Campaign. Any interested personnel can voluntarily contribute to the AER Campaign.

Money received by unsolicited contributions, special gifts, memorials and fundraisers during the campaign period are usually categorized as campaign funds unless otherwise stated.

All funds donated ensure an emergency safety net remains in place to meet valid emergency financial needs for Servicemembers.

For more information, call DSN 730-3107 and 3142 or go to www.aerhq.org.

HAPEL 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

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

KATUSA: 6 p.m. Tuesday

Crusader Chapel **Protestant:** 11 a.m. Sunday

Camp Stanley

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4-7 CAV Conducts Surveillance Mission on DMZ

By 2nd Lt. Doug Spahr Comanche Troop, 4-7 CAV

Republic of Korea Army observation posts along the Demilitarized Zone had a few extra sets of eyes, recently. Under cover of darkness, the 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry had established their own Operational Posts and began executional surveillance operations. This marked the beginning of a week-long training mission to test the squadron's intelligence collection ability in a realworld environment.

Comanche and Apache Troops of 4-7 CAV, along with assets from 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, supplemented the ROK Army in order to accomplish this mission. "We established long duration observation posts inside the DMZ, in order to become a more lethal, war ready Troop," said, Capt. Michael Stack, Comanche Troop Commander.

In total, 4-7 CAV established four OPs along the DMZ, co-located with ROK Army posts such as Dora-san and Baek-hak.

Troopers were able to observe vast distances from their OPs. From 2nd Lt. Matt Mattingly's position, he could see clearly into the Joint Security Area, as well as the two cities located inside the DMZ: the free South Korean city of Panmunjom and the uninhabited North Korean town known for the extremely large North Korean flag that flies above it.

"CW5 Park of the ROK Army told us it measures 45 meters by 35. There were a few occasions when the wind extended it all the way out. We could also see the Kaesong Industrial Complex and the old capital of unified Korea, Kaesong, further to the west," said Mattingly.

Clearly, this was no typical training mission and the effect on Garry Owen Troopers was clear.

"The Soldiers were more motivated than I've ever seen them. We had eyes on the objective twenty-four hours a day," Mattingly said about getting out of typical training areas. "Give them a real-world mission, and they'll give you everything they've got to get the job done."

Surrounded on all sides by minefields and rugged terrain, Troopers endured grueling conditions to successfully execute the mission.

"The cold temperatures were a significant challenge. The wind chill reached negative twenty-five at night," said Mattingly.

Still, the Troopers persevered and were able to make certain the division accomplished its mission.

These sacrifices and successes did not go unnoticed. "White Platoon's OP was visited by the entire Chain of Command from Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan on down," said Mattingly. "It was nice for the Soldiers to have their actions recognized face-to-face by their senior leaders. " This appreciation guaranteed morale stayed high.

This training not only focused on observation, but on adjacent unit coordination with the ROK Army as well.

"Coordination started out very slowly between us. The language barrier was difficult to overcome, and the subtle differences between our training styles created some challenges," said Mattingly. "Eventually we gained a better understanding of each other's mission and capabilities. The ROK Army was able to effectively use their assets to cue us, or confirm or deny what we were looking at."

This cooperation between US and ROK Army units at the lowest level would be crucial in a time of war. The need for constant communication also placed a heavy reliance on the KATUSA Soldiers.

"KATUSAs were vital Mattingly said. On top of acting as translators, they were able to explain many of the cultural differences between our two countries."

"During this mission, I actually felt that I was doing my job as a KATUSA, which is translating and allowing easy communication between the US and ROK Armies," said Pfc. Jung, Jin Woo, a Camanche KATUSA Trooper.

Increased interaction between the KATUSA Soldiers and ROK Army

also helped dispel misconceptions.

"I heard that ROK Soldiers, in general, don't like KATUSAs," said Jung. "But they treated us in a very nice manner and I was glad that we got along well."

Once the stereotypes had been cast aside, great strides were made.

"We went into the ROKA guard post and had many chances to talk to them," explained Jung. "I got a better understanding about the structure of the ROK Army and how it works. During possible combat operations, knowing about the ROK Army more in depth will help me with smoother translation."

In the end, both the US and ROK Armies were left with a greater respect for their counterparts.

"The ROK Army was great. Our Soldiers learned the ROK Army equipment and trained their Soldiers on ours. We traded rations and learned how our allies lived," said Mattingly. "In the ROK Army, food is served to the highest ranks first. CW5 Park noticed that our Officers and NCOs do not eat until the Soldiers have. He was impressed by the gesture and declared that he would make that the policy in his unit."

The exercise succeeded both as a training mission and as a surveillance mission. That success has ensured that future endeavors between 2ID and the ROK Army will continue to produce positive

The Warrior Signal Academy enhances commo team readiness

Story and photo by Pfc. Sohn, Joon Hyung *Staff Writer*

The Warrior Signal Academy was held March 10-14 at Camp Red Cloud's Special Troops Battalion motorpool.

This training helps Soldiers to gain knowledge of useful command, control, communications and systems for the success of a mobile force on today's battlefield.

Soldiers today should be up-to-date with fast changing technology. The signal team is one of the Army's newest transformations and adaptive mobile force. Satellite communications like cellular phones and wireless Internet via laptop computers are very significant to those mobile military forces. With satellite equipment, Soldiers can easily access data and information anytime and anywhere.

"This class is called 'Satellite Transportable Terminal (STT)' and is a basic operator's course," said Staff Sgt. Maxwell Smith, G6 Plans & Engineering, 2nd Infantry Division. "We teach how to set it up, what the equipment does and what the basic operations are."

"We have written exams and hands-on tests," said Smith. "It is a pass or fail



test. If a Soldier fails the test, we will retrain the Soldier. If he or she fails again, we will send him back to the unit."

"It was a fun class," said Pfc. Kim, Do Kyu, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment. "Since I do not have a satellite background, it was difficult to understand technical terms and the acronyms at the beginning. But I learned the basic operations, maintenance and troubleshooting on STT equipment at the end."

"I feel like I am at home working with Soldiers and try to build the environment for Soldiers," said Jeff Williams, an instructor and Datapath's satellite engineer. "The training that I am doing for Soldiers is very beneficial for them."

Contractor Jeff Williams of DataPath talks with Soldiers about the process of lifting STT equipment at the Camp Red Cloud motor pool March 12.

Article 139: How to make a 'legal' claim

Staff Judge Advocate's Office

We all know that there are a number of advantages to military life. Included in those are the people we meet, work with, and befriend. The close quarters in which we live, work, and recreate with other Soldiers sometimes requires us to trust each other more completely than we otherwise might.

Unfortunately (and thankfully only occasionally), those we must trust sometimes betray the faith that we place in them.

See if this scenario sounds familiar: you return to your barracks after a night out and find the door to your room open. Your television, computer, stereo, MP3 player, and other possessions are gone. You have been robbed! And to make matters worse, you find out that a fellow Soldier is responsible.

In addition to feeling betrayed and angry, you now have to replace all of the stuff that was stolen from you. But it can be difficult on a Soldier's pay to replace items that have taken you years to accumulate. What can you do?

The Uniform Code of Military Justice may provide an answer. Though most of us think of the UCMJ as the code of rules that governs the actions of all members of the Armed Forces, Article 139 may provide a way for victimized Soldiers to obtain compensation for losses they have suffered at the hands of fellow Soldiers.

Article 139 allows commanders to investigate claims filed by victims of a wrongful taking or the willful destruction of property, and, if substantiated, to direct Finance to pay the victim directly from the wrongdoer's pay. If an individual offender cannot be determined, Article 139 authorizes commanders to direct Finance to withhold the pay of all members of a unit who were present when the property was damaged or taken.

To file a claim, the Soldier simply writes a statement of his claim and forwards it to the post Claims Office. Once the claim is received, an investigating officer will be appointed. The IO will interview the claimant Soldier, the suspect Soldier, and any witnesses. After a thorough investigation, the IO will determine the facts of the case and will forward them and a recommendation for approval or disapproval to the appropriate commander.

When the report is received, the commander may approve or disapprove the IO's recommendations or may alter the dollar amount to be recovered. After the commander acts, the claimant and the wrongdoer will be given the opportunity to request reconsideration of the commander's action. Once this period has passed, a Claims Attorney will conduct a legal review of the file. After the legal review has been completed, the commander will direct Finance to withhold money from the wrongdoing Soldier's pay and to give it to the claimant Soldier.

Keep in mind that:

• Your claim must be in writingit must be signed by the claimant and it must request a definite sum of money from the wrongdoer.

• You usually have 90 days from the incident leading to your loss to file a claim. This period may be extended for good cause. This usually occurs only when the identity of the wrongdoer is unknown.

• Your property must have been wrongfully taken or willfully damaged. Wrongfully taken usually refers to property that has been stolen. Willful damage is that damage intentionally, knowingly, or purposely inflicted without justification. Article 139 claims are not valid for property damage resulting from negligence (i.e., accidents) or for death or personal injury.

If you believe that a member of the Armed Forces has taken or damaged your property, an Article 139 claim may offer you the opportunity to recover some of your losses. If you have any questions about a potential claim, please call the 2ID claims Staff Judge Advocate at (DSN) 732-7501, or contact your post's legal assistance office.

World of travel: Namdaemun, southern gate of Seoul

Commentary by Pfc. Bo Park Staff Writer

Namdaemun, the southern gate of Seoul, catching fire is something everybody must have heard of or seen in the news last month. It was indeed shocking for many Koreans, including myself, who understood the importance of the structure.

The unfortunate fire was found to be an act of vandalism by a nearly 60-year-old man due to his discontentment over the compensation from the Korean government for his property. Such an act is unspeakable, but it leaves permanent damage to Korea's national heritage.

Sungnyemun, which is the proper name of the southern gate, was originally built in 1398 when Seoul was a walled city. This was the oldest wooden structure standing in Seoul until the recent fire. It had gone through a series of renovations in its history, but always maintained its original look and materials. In the mid 1900's, the gate was made into of the country's No. 1 registered national treasure, a symbol that represented Korea, was devastating.

Along with the gate, a nearby market was somewhat affected by the incident. One of the popular routes for tourists was to visit Namdaemun, then on to this market to see a real street market. Since the fire, the market has seen a decline in visitors.

Namdaemun Market is one of the largest retail markets in Seoul. It dates back to the days when people from regional parts of Korea came to sell their own specialties on the streets surrounding the main entrance to Seoul. It was a perfect place to sell goods for merchants. Visitors can find everything from accessories to imported sweets. It beats Osan and Itaewon market by far, both in its authenticity and range of products.

Even if you are not looking for a particular item to buy, something may catch your eye. Do not undermine the powerful temptation for authentic street food, or seeing old women sitting down on the side of the streets with stacks of money in their pockets



Shoppers on a busy street in the clothing section of Namdaemun Market, one of the biggest retail markets in Seoul, located near Namdaemun, which was burned down last month.

of where you are. Besides, the people are very familiar with tourists and will be able to help you with directions in English if you really don't have a clue.

I believe going places would definitely be an enjoyable and fun experience, but often it is more memorable when there is a meaning attached to it.

Uijeongbu Station or Dongducheon Station, transfer to the Line #4 (light blue) at Changdong Station toward Oido. Get off at Hoehyeon Station and use Exit #5. Come out to the main road and take the first left turn. It is a big road that leads to Namdaemun. You should be able to see it from the distance. After the visit to the Namdaemun, Namdaemun Market is just across the street from the gate. Once you are in Namdaemun Market area, feel free to browse then trace back to the Hoehyeon Station the way you came. If not, ask for directions to Hoehyeon Station. The shopkeepers will be able to help you.

an island in a big junction, making it one of the biggest roundabouts in the capital's road system.

Hundreds of people travelled from all over Korea to visit and pay respects to this historical structure, even though there is absolutely no religious relevance to the gate. It shows that it was more than just a gate in the eyes of Koreans. The loss for exchanging foreign currencies (usually the American dollar) on the spot.

It is difficult to navigate once you are in the market area. Even I couldn't figure out which way to go. I suggest going with the flow. It is a scary thought to be lost, but once you walk through the streets and move along with the crowd, you will get a sense Namdaemun is currently covered by high scaffolding that many visitors have written messages on. Even though it's now burnt and not the prettiest site, it will be a trip that may give you something to think about.

How to Get There: Get on the Metro Line #1 (dark blue) on

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MWF	WARRIOR (April 2008 :	<u></u>	
DATE	TITLE/DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	IMPORTANT INFORMATION
5 APR	CASEY ENCLAVE 5KM RUN POC: Casey Enclave Sports, 730-4681 Hovey Fitness Center, 730-1977	Camp Hovey Fitness Center	Open to active duty military, DoD Civilians and their adult Family Members stationed on USFK installations in Korea. Race Day Registration: 0800-0855 Start: 0900
12 APR	WARR IOR INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT POC: CRC Enclave Sports, 732-7757/6309 Warrior (Area I) Sports, 732-6927	Camp Stanley Fitness Center	This event is open to active duty military personnel stationed on USFK installations in Korea. Weigh-insMedical Exam: 1000-1130 Competition Begins: 1330
19 APR	RED CLOUD ENCLAVE 5KM RUN POC: Casey Enclave Sports, 732-7757 Stanley Fitness Center, 732-5460	Camp Stanley Fitness Center	Open to active duty military, DoD Civilians and their adult Family Members stationed on USFK installations in Korea. Race Day Registration: 0800-0855 Start: 0900
26 APR	EIGHTH ARMY HALF/FULL MARATHON POC: Casey Enclave Sports - 730-4681 Warrior (Area I) Sports, 732-6927	Camp Casey Carey Fitness Center	This event is open to active duty military, DoD Civilians and their adult Family Members stationed on USFK installations In Korea. Race Day Registration: 0630-0730 Course Briefing: 0745 Race Begins: 0800
28-30 APR	CASEY ENCLAVE UNIT LEVEL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP POC: Casey Enclave Sports, 730-4681	Camp Hovey Fitness Center	This event is open to top six (6) unit level volleyball teams from the Casey Enclave Unit Level Volleyball league play. The top three (3) teams from this championship will advance to Warrior Country (Area I) Unit Level Volleyball Championship, 7-9 May 2008, at Camp Hovey Fitness Center.
28-30 APR	RED CLOUD ENCLAVE UNIT LEVEL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP POC: CRC Enclave Sports, 732-7757/6309	Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center	This event is open to top three (3) unit level Volleyball teams from the Camp Red Cloud and Camp Stanley Unit Level Volleyball league play. The top three (3) teams from this championship will advance to Warrior Country (Area I) Unit Level Volleyball Championship, 7-9 May 2008, at Camp Hovey Fitness Center.



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Servicemembers from across the peninsula traveled to Camp Stanley March 15 for a 2ID Invitational Tae Kwon Do Tournament. Participants battled in four weight classes. Plaques were awarded to all participants, with the winners receiving trophies.