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Sgt. 1st Class Clifton Blowe, left, a cannon crewmember for Battery A, 1-15 FA, gives tips to Warrant Officer 1st Class Christopher Thompson, the 1-15 FA targeting officer, on the use of an aiming circle during the 'Guns Challenge' Sept. 4 at Camp Hovey.

FA Soldiers take 'challenge' at Hovey

Story and photo by Sgt. Scott Kim

1st HBCT PAO

Officers and senior non-commissioned officers from 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 2-9 Infantry and 302nd Brigade Support Battalion underwent common field artillery and Soldier training tasks Sept. 4 at Camp Hovey.

The Guns Challenge familiarizes officers and senior non-commissioned officers in the artillery field on artillery tasks.

"Today's training was to get officers and senior NCOs of 1-15 to go through essential field artillery tasks such as call for fire, fire direction and how to conduct preventive maintenance, checks and services on M109A6 paladins," said 1st Lt. James Hollis, battalion fire direction officer for

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1-15 and officer in charge of the Guns Challenge.

During the challenge, officers and senior NCOs experience different jobs that comprise the artillery field.

"They see how the other side lives," Hollis said. "This way they get to see every aspect of field artillery and what everybody goes through in a real life situation."

While some Soldiers tend to dislike training, others embrace the opportunity to learn new things and challenge the unknown.

"I knew there was going to be various tasks and drills that had to be done, but I was really curious about what I was getting into with the Guns Challenge," said 2nd Lt. Kim Griggs, battalion maintenance officer for Company G, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion.

The training isn't just focused on work. Another main part of the event is to build the bonds between artillery Soldiers as they work and play.

It's a good chance for the field artillery family to get together, work, build esprit de corps and get to know one another a little better, Hollis said.

To some of the participants, the Guns Challenge is their first experience in how the 1-15 does business.

"This is my first duty station and the Guns Challenge was a really good experience in understanding how the 1-15 operate," said Griggs.

At the end of the training, a ceremony was held welcoming the newest members to the 1-15 Family with a reading of the history of the regiment and a ceremonial artillery gun salute.

"We have food, drinks and skits after the training," said Hollis. "It's a lot of fun."



Bus services from and to Area I will see increased fares effective Oct. 1.

Bus fare changes for Area I

Story and photo by
Jim Cunningham

USAG-RC Public Affairs

Bus fare for the New Kyungdong Tour Company and the Myungjin Tour Company pay-as-you-go bus services will cost more beginning Oct. 1. The

additional cost is due to an increase of fuel costs and the fluctuation of exchange rates, said Chief of Transportation Branch, Logistics Division of Installation Management Command, Korea, Ronald Jakovac in a memorandum dated Aug. 28.

Although the price increase may have caused some to complain, others

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VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:

What do you think of the Army's change from Class A's to Dress



"We should focus on more important issues than the dress uniform."

Staff Sgt. Charles Terrell, HHC, DSTB

"I like the Blues a lot more than green."

Pfc. Jessica Lee, HHC, DSTB



"You can't display accomplishments like you could with the Class A's."

Spc. Richard Pryzbylinski, Co. E., 4-2 AVN

"The Blues definitely look better than the greens."

Pfc. Jeremy Hendle, Co. E., 4-2 AVN



"I like the Dress Blues because it's a more appealing uniform."

Spc. Edward Smartt, HHC, 2-9 Inf. Regt.

"The Dress Blues are a lot sharper."

Spc. Brian Terrell, HHC, 302nd FSB



COMMANDER'S CORNER: Chuseok Holiday in Korea

By Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III
Second Infantry Division Commander

This weekend, September 13-15, is the annual celebration of Chuseok, one of Korea's most celebrated holidays. Chuseok is the traditional harvest season celebration when Korean families return to their ancestral home to share a holiday feast and to honor their ancestors.

Chuseok is a special holiday that in many ways is like our Thanksgiving holiday which makes it a special holiday for our Soldiers and Airmen. This holiday is a time for family and friends, which is a very fitting sentiment as we continue to serve side-by-side with our ROK friends and family in this beautiful land of the morning calm.

This is the 58th Chuseok season that has been jointly celebrated between ROK and US allies in a relationship as sisters and brothers-in-arms. A relationship that has not remained static, but one that continues to grow, change and develop. A relationship and alliance that works together to understand and bridge differences in language and culture, and one that understands the importance of why we serve.

I remind all of our Warrior Division Soldiers and Airmen that massive traffic jams on the highways will be the norm as many Koreans return to their hometowns. This will result in a very difficult travel environment, especially if you're traveling by POV. Chuseok activities begin several days before and end several days after the actual 3-day holiday period. It's likely to be to your advantage to avoid travel on the highways and major rural routes during this period.

Remember to keep safety in mind as you enjoy the Chuseok holiday.

"Katchi Kapshida-We Go Together."
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Courtesy Photo

Korean Families will be celebrating the Chuseok holiday this coming weekend, Sept. 13-15. For more on the Chuseok holiday and tradition, see page 8.

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BUS

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expected higher fares.

"I think the higher bus fares are to be expected because of the rising costs of fuel," said Staff Sgt. Kevin Key, HHC, DSTB. "I ride the pay-as-you-go bus to Yongsan Garrison all the time, so I have to put a little more money aside every week to compensate for the increase in bus fares."

There are some weekly riders who think the fares have been raised too much.

"The bus fares were already expensive," said Raymond Yam, frequent bus passenger. "Increasing the fares does not make sense to me. The subway is much cheaper from here to Yongsan, and the subway stop is near the gate. The higher prices will cause many to take the subway instead."

Continuing increases in fuel costs are the primary reason these two bus companies are increasing their fares, said Mike Ferguson, chief, Transportation Division, USAG-RC Directorate of Logistics.

"Fuel costs have increased more than 50 percent in the last few years, and that is at a rapid rate," Ferguson said. "The bus companies have not adjusted their fares in more than three years."

There is a common misconception by many that the two bus companies operate by a contract with IMCOM, Ferguson said.

"These bus companies do not have a contract. They have a licensing agreement with IMCOM-K Logistics Division," Ferguson said. "They are not being subsidized in any way by the Army. The only money they make is from the sale of their bus tickets. Among the fuel costs, ridership, and the number of runs they have going, they are not

meeting their standard for overhead and profits."

Both bus companies buy their fuel on the Korean economy and the price per gallon is near \$8, Ferguson said.

"It is hard to say how long these prices for bus fares will last," Ferguson said. "It is hard to know if fuel prices will stabilize or go up. If fuel prices continue to increase, we will probably see more increases in bus fares."

"If the price of fuel goes down, I don't know if the price of bus tickets will go down. They will probably compensate in some way."

Both bus companies need an average ridership of 15 per bus to meet their business goals, Ferguson said.

"Early buses are usually packed," Ferguson said. "We have buses leaving here every hour and sometimes they are empty, but the bus must run anyway because it is on a schedule."

Bus Fare Changes (Myungjin Tour Co.)

	Current Adult Fare	New Adult Fare	Current Children Fare	New Children Fare
Cp Casey - Red Cloud:	\$2.50/W2,300	\$2.75/W2,700	\$1.00/W950	\$1.30/W1,300
Cp Casey- Cp Jackson	\$2.60/W2,400	\$2.80/W2,800	\$1.10/W1,000	\$1.40/W1,400
Cp Casey- Yongsan	\$5.50/W5,200	\$6.10/W6,000	\$2.20/W2,100	\$3.00/W3,000
Red Cloud- Cp Jackson	\$1.20/W1,100	\$1.30/W1,300	\$0.55/W500	\$0.60/W600
Red Cloud- Yongsan	\$4.25/W4,000	\$4.75/W4,700	\$1.95/W1,800	\$2.40/W2,300
Jackson- Yongsan	\$3.40/W3,200	\$3.80/W3,700	\$1.55/W1,500	\$1.90/W1,800

Bus Fare Changes (New Kyungdong Tour Co.)

	Current Adult Fare	New Adult Fare	Current Children Fare	New Children Fare
Yongsan - OSAN AB:	\$5.00/W4,700	\$5.60/W5,500	\$2.30/W2,200	\$2.80/W2,750
Yongsan - Cp Humphreys:	\$5.60/W5,300	\$6.25/W6,200	\$2.60/W2,400	\$3.10/W3,100
OSAN AB - Cp Humphreys:	\$2.90/W2,700	\$3.25/W3,200	\$1.30/W1,200	\$1.60/W1,600

Concert to feature junior orchestra

Story by Cpl. Kim, Hyo Joong

KATUSA Editor

The next Concert on the Green will be held at Camp Red Cloud's Village Green Sept. 18. However, the 2nd Infantry Division Band, which has been the main performing group in the event, will not be the only one offering music. The Uijeongbu Youth Chamber Orchestra will join this concert.

"The orchestra is a really active group made up of high school students and a few adults," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 William J. Brazier Jr., the commander and conductor of the 2ID Band. "They have presented performances in Uijeongbu and throughout Korea many times every year."

The Warrior Band and the local youth orchestra have maintained their partnership for a year. They performed together twice in previous concerts. In addition, they contributed musical harmony on the CD recording, "From Sea to Shining Sea," which was produced for Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, the commanding general of 2ID.

They have two rehearsals scheduled for the concert. According to Brazier, twice

will be enough for them, thanks to their teamwork with the youth orchestra. Music will include some upbeat classics and swing, as well as popular Korean music.

Also, this concert will be literally on the "green."

"This concert is very relaxed and an informal type of setting," said Brazier. "People will be sitting on the green and having a picnic supper, enjoying the music."

The whole event will be sponsored by the 2ID Chaplain's Office, which will provide everything from personnel support to catering.

"The picnic supper will be pre-ordered from the Commanding General's Mess by us so Soldiers and participants can enjoy their music with food during the concert," said Sgt. 1st Class Corye Carrington, 2ID Chaplain's Office Operations NCO.

The picnic supper will serve at 6 p.m., and the concert will start at 7 p.m.

"We will bring our good neighbors inside CRC, enabling Soldiers and civilians to share our music," said Brazier.

"We show what we do outside of CRC. We are reinforcing the Good Neighbor Program and ROK-U.S. relationship with music."

In Memoriam



Cpl. Kim, Hong Jin, 23, was a flight operations specialist assigned to Company F, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment (General Support Aviation Battalion), 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. His co-workers called him "Big Kim" and described him as one who was always motivating, encouraging and going the extra mile to take care of others. He is survived by his father, Kim, Woo Sun, his mother, Hwang, Jae Bok, and his sister, Kim, Se Hee.

Army releases new service uniform

Story and photo by
Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

Out with the old, in with the blue. The Army has made it official; the green service uniform, which has defined the service since the mid-1950s, is on the outs.

In place of the green uniform will be a variation of the blue uniform, something many Soldiers already own. Official word on the new "Army Service Uniform," or ASU, was released Aug. 20 in a message to all Army activities. The message defines the wear policy and the "bridging" strategy for transition to the new uniform.

"It's a culmination of transformation efforts that started in 2004," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston of the new ASU. "We had three 'Class A' style uniforms, all the same style jacket, with just a different color – the policies on how we wore accoutrements on them were different. We asked the question – if we wear one only, which would it be? And the blue uniform was the most popular of the three."

The new ASU coat, similar to the existing blue coat, will be made of a wrinkle-resistant material and will have a more "athletic" cut.

Other changes to the uniform include authorization of a combat service identification badge to recognize combat service, overseas service bars author-



The new Army Service Uniform is based on the Army's current dress blue uniform and will replace the white, blue and green service uniforms. Paratroopers are authorized to wear the black combat boots with the new ASU.

ized on the jacket sleeve for both enlisted Soldiers and officers, the wear of distinctive unit insignia on the shoulder loops of the blue coat for enlisted Soldiers, authorizing paratroopers to wear the black jump boots with the blue ASU, and the decision to transition to a new short sleeve and long sleeve white shirt with shoulder loops.

It is also permissible for enlisted Soldiers to wear both overseas service bars and service stripes on the new blue ASU coat. Officers and Soldiers in the grade of corporal and above will additionally wear a gold braid on their slacks to indicate leadership roles.

"That is kind of a right of passage as you transition from being a (junior) enlisted soldier to a non-commissioned officer," Preston said of the gold braid.

New items for the ASU will be available in military clothing sales after July 2009.

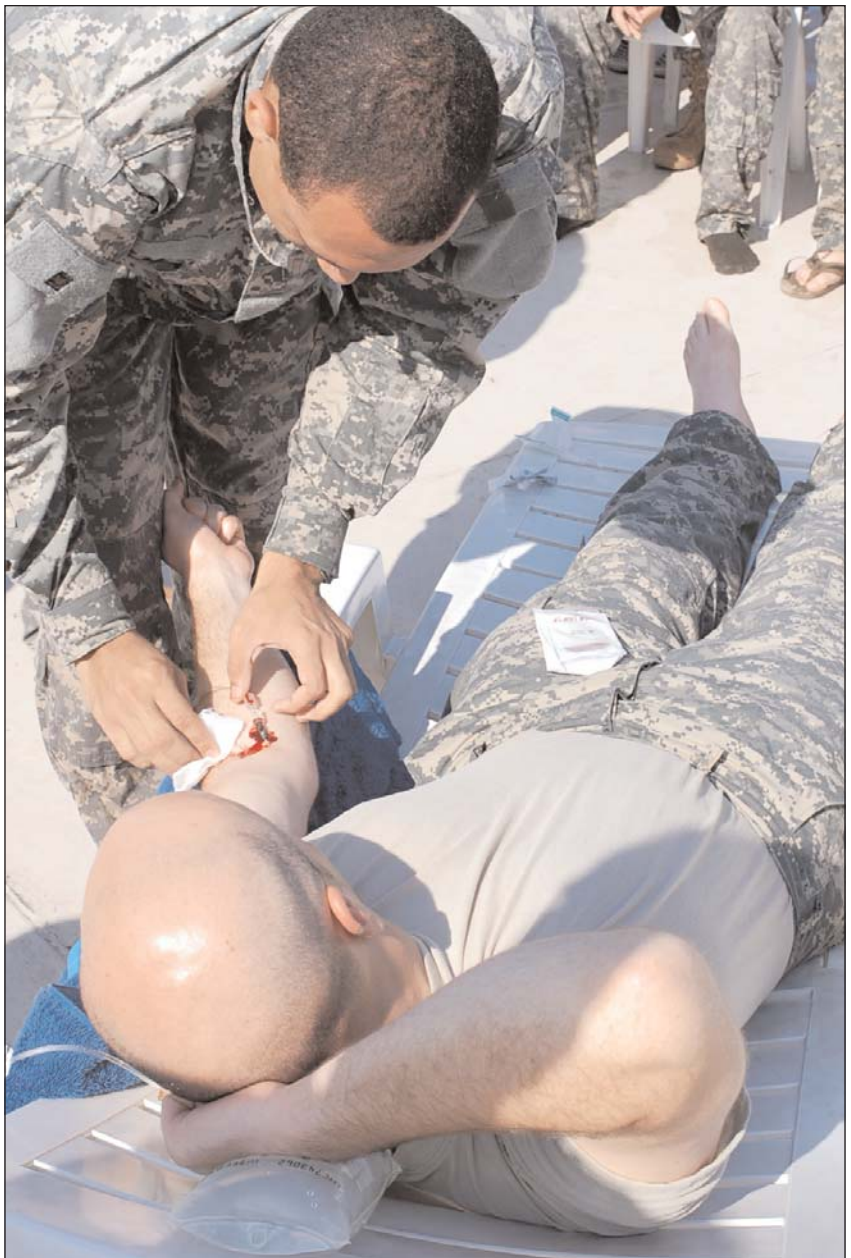
Soldiers will be expected to possess the entire uniform by July 2014. The two key components of the uniform, the coat and slacks, are expected to cost around \$140, with modifications bringing the total cost to \$200. Enlisted Soldiers will receive an increase in their annual uniform allowance to help offset the cost of the uniform.



Pfc. Lee, Eun Hong

Drown Proof Training

Above: Pfc. Robert Bowlin, Company B, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, stays afloat using his Army Combat Uniform during a Combat Life Saver's class at Camp Casey's Hanson Field House. Right: Pfc. Christopher Manly, medic, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6-37 FA Bn., gives a shot to a simulated casualty during a Combat Life Saver's training.



Pfc. Lee, Eun Hong

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Warrior Country Boxing Championship

MWR is sponsoring the "Warrior Country" Boxing Championship Sept. 27 at the Camp Casey Hanson Field House.

The event is open to active-duty Servicemembers assigned to Warrior Country.

For more information, contact the Warrior Sports (Area I) Office at 732-6927.

ITO Closure on Chuseok Holiday

The Installation Transportation Offices of Camp Casey (Bldg. S-2440) and Camp Red Cloud (Bldg. S-827) will be closed for the Korean Chuseok Holiday Sept. 15.

Anyone who wants to ship household goods should stop by the offices Sept. 12 or 16.

For more information, call 732-6662.

Four Lenses Workshop

The Four Lenses Workshop will dramatically change the way you see yourself and others by giving you a powerful insight into why people think, feel, and act the way they do. The Workshop will be held Oct. 21 at Camp Casey's Digital Conference Center.

This workshop is a must for anyone who wants to gain insight into how to get along better with others, regardless of whether it is a subordinate, coworker, or supervisor.

Much of our success in life

depends on this assessment.

Submit your registration form no later than Oct. 17 to Myong Howell, Minority College Relations Program Manager, at 732-6277.

DMZ & Tunnel 3 Tour

MWR is sponsoring the DMZ & Tunnel 3 Tour Sept. 20.

The DMZ is a strip of land running across the Korean peninsula that serves as a buffer zone between North and South Korea.

Tunnel 3 was made by North Koreans to invade South Korea and was discovered in 1978.

Following Tunnel 3, you will be guided to the Mt. Dora observation platform and clearly see North Korean people at a distance.

Transportation fee is \$15.

Visit Community Activity Center to sign up.

For more information, call 732-6276.

Seoul City Tour

MWR is sponsoring the Seoul City Tour Sept. 13.

You can explore the heart of Seoul on the famous Seoul City Bus, the quickest, most convenient way for visitors to explore Seoul's tourist sites.

For the price of a single ticket (Transportation fee: \$15, City Tour Bus fee: 9000 won), you can get on and off the bus as many times as you like.

A total of 27 routes take you past Korea's royal palaces, biggest shopping districts and through

downtown Seoul's major tourist destinations and attractions.

Visit a Community Activity Center to sign up.

For more information, call 738-6276.

Master's Degree Program

The University of Phoenix, Yongsan, is starting a master's degree program to be offered at USAG-Red Cloud and USAG-Casey.

The classes can be held in a classroom setting or on line. In order to be on site, 10 students are required. A student can transfer between on line and on site.

The Master of Business Administration consists of 39 credit hours and includes three proficiency courses, which may be satisfied using an undergraduate business degree, undergraduate coursework, or graduate coursework.

The Master of Management degree program consists of 39 credit hours and includes three proficiency courses, which includes undergraduate business degree conferred within the past 10 years or comparable undergraduate business coursework that meets the University's standard course waiver criteria or comparable graduate business coursework that meets the University's standard course waiver criteria, only if no undergraduate business coursework can be applied.

For more information, call 723-7807.

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.

September 12 ... Death Race
Journey to the Center of Earth
September 13 ... Death Race
September 14 ... Incredible Hulk
Hellboy II
September 15 ... Death Race
September 16 ... No Showing
Sept. 17 ... Journey to the Center of Earth
September 18 ... No Showing
September 19 ... Babylone A.D.
Dark Knight
September 20 ... Babylone A.D.
Mamma Mia

Camp Red Cloud

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

September 12 ... The House Bunny
September 13 ... Wanted
September 14 ... Hancock
Sept. 15 ... Journey to the Center of Earth
September 16 ... Hellboy II
September 17 ... No Showing
September 18 ... Death Race
September 19 ... Death Race
September 20 ... The Dark Knight
September 21 ... Mamma Mia
September 22 ... Mamma Mia
September 23 ... The Dark Knight

Camp Hovey

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

September 12 ... Incredible Hulk
Sept. 13 ... Journey to the Center of Earth
September 14 ... Death Race
September 15 ... No Showing
September 16 ... Wall-E
September 17 ... No Showing
September 18 ... Babylone A.D.
Sept. 19 ... Journey to the Center of Earth
September 20 ... Indiana Jones
September 21 ... Babylone A.D.

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.

September 12 ... Hellboy II
Journey to the Center of Earth
September 13 ... The House Bunny
Get Smart
September 14 ... The House Bunny
Sept. 15 ... Journey to the Center of Earth
September 16 ... No Showing
September 17 ... Babylone A.D.
September 18 ... Hellboy II
September 19 ... The Dark Knight
Hellboy II
September 20 ... Death Race
Hancock
September 21 ... Death Race

Camp Humphreys

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

September 12 ... Death Race
September 13 ... Wall-E
Death Race
September 14 ... Wall-E
Death Race
September 15 ... Hellboy II
September 16 ... Hellboy II
September 17 ... The Dark Knight
September 18 ... The Dark Knight
September 19 ... Babylone A.D.
September 20 ... Space Chimps
Babylone A.D.

For additional movie times visit:
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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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Cathedral: 753-3153

LDS: 730-5682

USO provides getaway with fishing trip

Story and photo by
Pvt. Brian Grass

Staff Writer

The daily grind of the military work week can put a lot of stress on an individual. To help alleviate that stress, Soldiers were given an opportunity to get away on a fishing trip sponsored by the United Service Organizations.

The USO held a fishing trip Aug. 30 at Goongpyeong Port, Hwaseong City. The trip, which fell on the Labor Day weekend, gave Soldiers, Families, and others associated with the military a chance to kick back, unwind, and enjoy fishing on the seas.

One thing the USO provided was a chance for people to enjoy Korea in a way they haven't before.

"I've been in Korea for over a year now," said 1st Lt. Nyota Gordon, battalion adjutant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 304th Signal Battalion. "I really wanted to go catch some fish."

Upon arrival to Goongpyeong Port, the 13 participants had the option of using the fishing equipment provided by the USO or using what



Wade Kuniyoshi, a government contractor, celebrates after catching a starfish on the fishing trip sponsored by the USO held Aug. 30 at Goongpyeong Port, Hwaseong City.

they brought with them.

"We provided a new fishing rod for a \$10 rental fee," said Sophia Lim, the USO programs coordinator. "We also provided bait for them to use."

The deep sea fishing experience is one that can bring back a sense of home.

"Being out on the ocean reminds me of fishing with my folks when I was younger," said Pfc. Trent Riddle, cavalry scout, 4th Squadron, 7th

Cavalry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team. "The ambience, plus the people, makes for a very relaxing day."

The idea of being out on the ocean, away from the stress of the job is something that some couldn't put a price on.

"It's a nice day, the weather is calm and it's good to just relax," said Pfc. Spencer Hanel, signal support systems specialist, 4th Sqn., 7th Cav.

Regt. "It is good to get out on the ocean and get away from work."

"I'm from Nebraska, I don't see this much," Hanel added. "It's the first time in seven years I've been deep sea fishing."

"It's a good opportunity to see more of Korea," said Riddle. "Plus with the early time I had to get up, it keeps me from getting in trouble."

"It's my first trip in Korea," said Gordon. "I've traveled to other countries since being here. Why not take a trip in the country I'm in?"

The USO offers other trips for Soldiers to get away and enjoy their time in Korea.

There are trips to the Demilitarized Zone Sept. 6 and 20; there is a dress code for the event. Visit <http://uso.org/korea> for more information.

The USO is also hosting All-Terrain Vehicle and Water Rafting tours Sept. 20.

For the fishing lovers out there, the next fishing trips to Goongpyeong Port are scheduled for Oct. 11 and 25.

For more information on how to participate in these events, contact Lim at DSN 730-4813, or West Yong, ITT Specialist, DSN 730-4813.

Warrior Combat Taekwondo Competition

Story and photo by
Cpl. Bo Park

Staff Writer

The very first division-wide Warrior Combat Taekwondo Smoker competition was held at Hanson Field House, Camp Casey, Sept. 5.

All of the battalions throughout the 2ID were invited to participate in the competition.

The competition was held in association with the 2ID Taekwondo Team and the Family Morale, Welfare, and Recreation office.

The day began with a weigh-in and brief medical checks, where the participants were put into five weight categories.

Each battalion had one athlete per weight category, five in total, to take the winning trophies home.

Preliminary fights were conducted in the morning. The gymnasium got really heated and spectators cheered when athletes came on to the floor mats.

The games were really exciting to watch, according to Pfc. Samuel Helderman, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery.

"There are lots of kicks and Soldiers are eager to win," said

Helderman. "I am here to support the fighters from our unit, but it's also fun to watch all other games because I feel like I am watching a good K-1 (UFC) or something."

Grandmaster of 2ID Taekwondo Team Kim, Mun Ok said combative Taekwondo is different from regular Taekwondo.

"Combative Taekwondo is very useful and tailored to dominate the enemy easily and quickly without using too much power, which the Army needs," said Kim. "It uses a combination of combative skills and some of the original Taekwondo moves to bring out the best of effective fight."

After lunch, semi-finals and final rounds took place.

"Any competition is good because it pushes to your limits," said 2nd Lt. Quentin Willard, A.Co., 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery, who participated in the heavyweight category.

"Also it builds confidence in us, so if anything happens in a real combat, we have the confidence to fight," Willard added.

Willard and his battalion team practiced for the competition and won second place.

First place was 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, and third place



Cpl. Ian Evans, B Co., 1st Battalion, 2nd Attack Aviation, fights against Sgt. Michael Poindexter, HHC, 302nd BSB, during the preliminary game under the middle weight category for the Warrior Combat Taekwondo competition held at Hanson Field House, Camp Casey Sept. 5.

went to 1st battalion, 38th Field Artillery.

Trophies and unit sports funds were awarded to each winning battalion. Also 20 mountain bikes were given as raffle prizes.

"Today's fight is controlled, strictly rule driven," said Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Gray, Command Sergeant Major 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team. "Taekwondo is

admirable Korean martial arts, in which not only we learn about Korean culture, but also teaches very important skills that could be used in the war front."

"It's a good opportunity to mix up with other Soldiers. Everybody wants to be a winner, but not everyone wins. But regardless, they shake hands and walk away and realize that we are all in the same team."



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Sgt. Scott Kim

Graduation Fun

Graduates and teachers from the 2008 Korean Language Class for Soldiers took a field trip to DaeJangGeum Theme Park Aug. 26 where they got to see firsthand the set of the MBC drama series DaeJangGeum.

2ID cultural concert brings fun for Soldiers

Story and photos by
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Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division and United States Army Garrison were treated to a display of Korean culture and heritage with the holding of the Korea Traditional Celebration Concert, Sept. 4, Carey Fitness Center, as the concert cele-



A performer plays a traditional Korean drum set for the Soldiers during the Korea traditional celebration concert held at Camp Casey Sept. 4.

brated the Korean Republic's 60th anniversary with performances and demonstrations designed to introduce U.S. Army Soldiers to Korean customs.

As part of the outside portion of the program, Soldiers were able to sample Korean food, wear traditional Korean costumes and participate in Korean themed sports, including a rope pulling contest which pitted Soldiers of 2ID against one another.

The second half of the program was a stage show which included a fan dance, a Korean Pan-gud display, B-boys break dancing, a musical performance from Si-a and a Korean drum exhibition from Ta-o.

Brig. Gen. Walter M. Golden, 2ID assistant division commander, thanked members of the Gyeonggi-Do province for organizing the event, including Dongducheon mayor Oh, Sea-chang.

"Today is a significant cultural event which the 2nd Infantry Division is proud to be a part of," Golden said. "I want to sincerely thank all of you for making this a wonderful occasion."

The various performers weaved a rich tapestry of colors and action as they entertained the Soldiers, including a duel between the traditional Pan-gud and B-boys, demonstrating ancient and modern dance routines.

Si-a, a Korean band consisting of five musicians, used Korean instruments, including variations of flute and violin, to provide their unique blend of harmony to the audience,



2ID Soldiers and Dongducheon mayor Oh, Sea-chang, together pulls Batjul during the rope pulling contest along with many other cultural activities at Camp Casey, Sept. 4.

bringing to life popular songs such as The Eagles 'Hotel California' and the classical standard 'Ave Maria.'

Staff Sgt. Nicholas Cademartori, USAG-RC, Headquarters and Headquarters Company said he was impressed most by the percussion performance of Ta-o during the stage show.

"The sheer volume and timing of each performer was remarkable," Cademartori said. The oversized drums made for an impressive visual, as did the energy of the group. I was glad to be here today and see this."

Some of the traditional Korean sports available were Too-ho, a variation on arrow throwing and Je-gi, which involved kicking a Korean shuttlecock and trying to keep it airborne for as long as possible.

The rope pulling contest was pre-

ceded by a flag bearing introduction from both teams, one side waving a flag featuring a white tiger, the other a dragon. The contest was the best of three rounds, won by a side led by Golden and Command Sgt. Maj. Keith Moore, 2ID Fires Battalion, Field Artillery, 6-37.

"On behalf of our commanding General, Maj. Gen John W. Morgan III, the 2nd Infantry Division wants to thank the Gyeonggi-Do province for inviting us here today," Golden said. "I want to thank all of you for what you do, second to none."

2008 marks the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Korea and the formation of its Armed Forces and national constitution. This formed the basis for the traditional concert, the theme of old meeting new.

Korea celebrates Thanksgiving, Chuseok

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Korea, like any other country, celebrates many holidays during the year. The biggest holidays celebrated in Korea are Chuseok and Sulnal, or Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, respectively. They are so big that they are celebrated over three-day periods.

Chuseok may sound unfamiliar to most newly arrived Servicemembers, but after hearing from Korean Soldiers about the holiday, it's not just about the bad traffic or inconvenience of services being shut down.

Chuseok means "the day of the beautiful full moon in August," but the day does not necessarily land in August because it follows the lunar calendar. One of many tales from the full moon in Asian culture is that people can make a wish for their Families' health and prosperity while the moon is brightest. The tradition began during ancient times when people used the moon as a great power to brighten the darkness at night. The festival was held Aug. 15 of every lunar year, the day with the

brightest moon. This tradition was kept until modern times.

Another foundation of Chuseok is very similar to America's Thanksgiving: being grateful to ancestors and nature for a prosperous season and rich harvest. Before the industrial development in the late 20th century, Korea was a self-reliant agricultural society. Therefore, a good harvest in autumn meant no starvation for a year. Koreans credit this success to nature and their ancestors. That is why many Families still have a custom of preparing food and honoring their ancestors by visiting their graves.

Most people visit the graves a few days in advance to cut weeds and clean the area before their actual visit the morning of Chuseok Day, when they bring food. Also, other customs include the Cha Rae ritual, which happens the morning of Chuseok. It involves preparing heaps of food to place on the ancestral table, then Families all bow from a kneeling position. The food is a representation of all Korean-grown food, including grains, fish, meat, vegetables and fruits with rice wine. The food is meant to represent the quality of the harvest of the year, so people use the best quality available for the Cha Rae.

The signature dish for Chuseok is called Song Pyun, the rice cake made with finely ground new rice. This rice cake is filled with toasted sesame seeds, chestnuts or peas sweetened with honey or sugar.

Chuseok has many aspects of Confucianist culture embedded within it, which is sometimes inconvenient or controversial to the modern society of Korea. For example, there is an issue of females in Families having to cook for laborious hours for the extended Families, while men do not have much of a role to play other than actual Cha Rae.

Also, some orthodox Christians do not agree with bowing for dead ancestors because of their religious beliefs. Some are skeptical about the need of traveling out and back to Seoul in the infamous holiday traffic. Sons and daughters instead invite the elderly parents to Seoul and have a get-together

in their homes.

Despite some of the gradual diversion away from the traditional way of celebrating Chuseok, many Families in Korea still value Chuseok as the main holiday season when it is a good opportunity for big Families to see each other and enjoy the festive spirit with a nice long three-day break. The meaning of Chuseok certainly remains very special to Koreans, just like Christmas for Americans.



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Song pyun, is the signature dish of Chuseok. This Korean rice cake is filled with toasted sesame seeds, chestnuts or peas and uses natural coloring from ingredients like red beans, mugwort and herbs.



Courtesy Photo

Cha Rae is a ritual done the morning of Chuseok Day, Families present their highest quality food to their deceased ancestors whom Koreans attribute the success of the autumn harvest.

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The Chuseok Korean Holidays Bus Schedule

From Sept. 13 2008 to Sept. 15 2008

Yongsan – Cp Jackson – CRC – Cp Casey

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Lv.	Yongsan	06:30	07:00	08:00	09:30	11:00	12:30	14:00	15:30	17:00	19:00	21:20
	121 Hospital						12:40	14:10				
	Jackson	07:00	07:40	08:40	10:10	10:15	13:25	14:45	16:15	17:45	19:50	22:00
	C.R.C	07:15	08:15	09:00	10:20	10:30	13:40	15:00	17:00	18:00	20:00	22:15
Ar.	Cp Casey	08:00	08:55	09:45	11:10	11:10	14:10	15:45	17:45	18:45	20:50	23:00

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