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Warrior 7 out!

Command Sgt. Maj. Brian M. Stall, right, outgoing 2nd Infantry Division command sergeant major, and Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, 2ID commander, salute during the playing of the Korean and American National Anthems as part of the Patch Ceremony held Monday at Village Green bidding farewell to Warrior 7. Prior to the ceremony, Stall was awarded the Legion of Merit. See related story on Page 3.



Yu, Hu Son

Soldier's quick response aides local civilian

Story and photo by
Sgt. 1st Class Krishna Gamble

2nd CAB Public Affairs

"Don't take the training lightly because you never know when it may come into play."

Those were the words Spc. Brendon McGee used to describe his actions Sept. 13 on a dark road between Osan Air Base and Camp Humphreys.

McGee, his wife, Spc. Jevisha Newton-McGee, and Sgt. Laquania Henderson, all assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Combat Aviation Brigade, shared a taxi returning to Camp Humphreys after spending the day in Osan. Suddenly, Henderson screamed and McGee noticed something in the road. McGee alerted the taxi driver, who swerved to avoid hitting it. As they passed the object, McGee saw that it was a man, and got the driver to pull over.

Before the taxi came to a complete stop, McGee opened the door and sprinted back to the where the man lay, and immediately began administering first aid.

"I called out to him, but he didn't say anything, so I did the look, listen and feel," said the aviation operations



Spc. Jevisha Newton-McGee and Spc. Brendon McGee

specialist from Memphis, Tenn. "I felt his breath, saw his chest move, and also felt a pulse. He was bleeding from his head, there was fluid underneath him on the ground and his was pinned under his moped."

McGee then carefully observed the man's body and positioning and after seeing no protruding bones or pools of blood, gently lifted the moped off the man and laid it aside. When the ambulance arrived, McGee spoke to the paramedics with the help of the taxi cab driver, while Henderson called emergency services and Newton-McGee again tried to get a response from the man.

"Walking to the scene, I was just

hoping that he didn't die," said Henderson, who is the 2d CAB Financial Liability Investigation and Property Loss NCO.

"My first thought was that this person was dead," Newton-McGee said. "But Brendon knew what he was doing. He knew what to do and he was doing the right thing."

Once the bike was clear, Newton-McGee again carefully checked the man for injuries and blood on his back. It was at this point the man turned his head. She began to hold his hand and offer words of comfort.

"I said a prayer. I've never experienced anything like this before," said Newton-McGee, who joined the

Army less than three years ago as a logistician.

But this incident was not her husband's first experience.

With four years of prior service in the Air Force, McGee had received training as a first responder, as well as combat lifesaver training after joining the Army. This training proved helpful in 2006 while deployed to Iraq and a fellow Soldier collapsed, and previously in 2004 when McGee witnessed a head-on collision between two cars in Fayetteville, N.C.

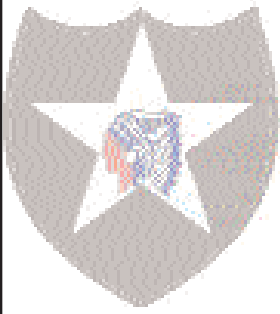
"No one was injured in the first car, but the lady in the second was unconscious," McGee said.

McGee said it was reported that the lady had suffered a heart attack while driving, but she did recover. He is still awaiting information about the man he helped over the weekend.

"I just want to know that he is all right," McGee said. "When somebody's hurt, you help them. Part of it is instinct, and part of it is the training you receive."

McGee's chain of command commended his actions.

"(There will) always be good Soldiers out there demonstrating just how good our Army is," said Command Sgt. Maj. Richard E. Santos, 2d CAB command sergeant major.



VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:

What is the most important thing you would take to the field?



"Books to complete off shift."

Capt. Jeremy D. Johns, HHC, DSTB

"I always take a picture of my wife."

Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Brown, S-4, 2nd CAB



"I take study guides and flight operations manuals."

Sgt. Major Wilburn, S-3, 2nd CAB

"My gym clothes."

Capt. David L. Cornelius HHC, DSTB



"My gerber."

Pfc. Brandon Arellanes Co. A, 1st BSTB

"I would take my I-pod. I can't live without my I-pod."

Pfc. Laura Aguirre, HHC, 1st HBCT



COMMANDER'S CORNER: Suicide Prevention Month

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

September is Suicide Prevention Month and I want to take this opportunity to discuss the very real and serious threat of suicide to our most precious and valuable resource – our men and women in uniform and their Families.

This year the Army will again demonstrate its on-going commitment to supporting the safety and well being of its Soldiers, Family members, and Department of the Army and DOD Civilians, by observing Suicide Prevention Month. The Army's 2008 suicide prevention theme is: "SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER, NO SOLDIER STANDS ALONE!"

The Army's suicide prevention initiative encompasses three areas of Army leadership concerns: suicide prevention awareness, suicide intervention actions, and postintervention grief and bereavement support.

We, as leaders and peers, must help our Soldiers and Family members understand that the perceived stigma, which is both the most difficult and most important obstacle to overcome when it comes to getting help, should not prevent them from seeking the help they need. We must ensure that the Warrior Ethos' statement "I will never leave a fallen comrade" is real, and our fellow Soldiers and Airmen know that someone will always look out for them without being judgmental. "SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER, NO SOLDIER STANDS ALONE!"

The vast majority of suicides occur among young enlisted males from 18-24 years old. However, there has been a rising number among older Soldiers and females. This means we have to look out for all of our Soldiers using all means of care – chaplains, primary care, behavioral health, suicide-prevention awareness, leaders and buddies.

If you have a buddy who you think may be thinking of committing suicide, remember the ACE acronym – Ask your buddy, Care for your buddy, and Escort your buddy. Ask your buddy in clear terms if they are thinking of harming themselves. Care for you buddy by talking to them and by not leaving them alone. Escort your buddy immediately to get help.

As your Commanding General, I recognize that the mental and spiritual health of our Soldiers is just as important as their physical health and battle skill proficiencies across our full spectrum of operations. The stresses of training and the difficulties of leadership that we face in our own lives can seem overwhelming at times. Even Moses, frustrated with his people and feeling completely crushed under the weight of his leadership responsibilities, cried out to God in despair. God's answer to Moses' crisis was to send others to stand "Shoulder-to-Shoulder" with him so he would not have to face his challenges of spiritual leadership alone. The best resource we have against the tragedy of suicide is each other.

When our level of tough, realistic training and OPTEMPO couples with other stressors such as relationship problems, depression, medical problems and significant losses, it is very important that the whole Warrior Division Family and community be involved in this effort to recognize Soldiers in distress and get them help.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame songwriter Leonard Cohen once noted that "there's a crack (flaw) in everything and in everyone. That is how the light gets in." That "Light" is the light of goodness, caring, kindness that gets inside of each of us and can then be shared with one another. Standing "Shoulder-to-Shoulder," no one should ever stand alone.

Bottom line: Suicide is NEVER the answer because it is a permanent outcome to a temporary problem or issue. The loss of even one 2nd Infantry Division Warrior or Family member through the tragedy of suicide is one loss too many.

Second To None!



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CSM Stall - A Soldier's Soldier

Story by
Master Sgt. Donald L. Sparks

2ID Public Affairs NCOIC

Although there have been many accolades bestowed upon him, Command Sgt. Maj. Brian M. Stall is simply defined by one word – Soldier. Taking care of the Soldiers, Airmen and Family members of the 2nd Infantry Division was the outgoing Warrior 7 primary duty and responsibility – the reason why he served each day. Warrior 7 shared his thoughts about his tenure as the senior enlisted leader for all those who wear the 'Big Black Patch.'

Q: When you first assumed duties as the 2nd Infantry Division Command Sergeant Major, you listed three objectives – to serve fairly and impartially as the division sergeant major, bridge the gap between the division headquarters and subordinate commands and to strengthen the bond we share with our host nation. Can you elaborate more on your first goal?

A: I heard prior to getting here that some of the previous sergeants major were not held in high regard. I just wanted to serve how I thought a division sergeant major should serve Soldiers. That was my objective and I made it very well known that I was here to serve Soldiers and their Family members of this division and not them serve me.

Q: I sat in during your Division Command Sergeant Major brief at the Warrior Readiness Center and I recall you telling all the Soldiers they will accomplish the five following goals while assigned to the division – master their individual weapon, be physically fit, know how to render first aid, be comfortable in joining their Army and have fun. Elaborate on your fourth point, because that one intrigued many of the young Soldiers in the room on that day.

A: People need to be comfortable in their choice in joining their Army. Something drove them individually to join their Army and I would

venture to say there are 547,000 different reasons why (laughs). They're all adults by society standards and they made that choice. That's a huge step to make in life, to say you're going to serve your nation, especially while we're at war. They are joining knowing they can be put in harm's way.

Q: What is your impression of the caliber of the young NCOs and junior leaders serving here in the division, especially at a time when many of the senior leaders complain about how today's NCO is different than how it was as we came through the ranks?

A: I think the caliber is high. They're looking for guidance and direction. Give them the mission and end-state and let them prove that they're capable of doing it – and they are. I think the grumblings we're hearing from some of the senior leaders is that we're holding them to a standard of a peace time army and we are not at peace. And I honestly believe that some of our seniors are jealous because they're doing much better than they were years ago. Our mission in life as senior leaders is to grow our replacements - not to make ourselves so valuable to a unit that should we fall to the wayside, if we exist no longer than the mission drives on. That's the nature of the Army.

Q: When you travel and talk to the Warriors in the division, what words of wisdom do you pass to the Soldiers?

A: It varies. I try not to talk too specifically about their job, but I do talk generalities. Really when I go around and talk to Soldiers, whatever pops in their mind, I answer. But I make it point to thank them for what they're doing because they'll never hear it enough.

Q: As you reflect over your final days here in the division, do you have any memorable moments that stick out in your mind?

A: I am going to leave with very fond memories of serving here in 2ID. The fondest memory

was when we (he and wife Cheryl) arrived. The Stall family was welcomed so warmly by the Soldiers of the division, that's the fondest memory. My engagements with our host nation dignitaries, whether military to civilian or military to military, were all rewarding. I was able to see what they do for our Soldiers and their families and it is genuine.

Q: What will you take from your tenure here as the 2ID command sergeant major to your next assignment serving as the U.S. Army Basic Combat Training Center of Excellence and Fort Jackson Command Sergeant Major?

A: I will go there with a little more patience. Looking at the infrastructure and how a division serves in multiple areas, the time here has helped me learn a little more about installation operations. It has afforded me the opportunity to work more with civilians as well. I think there are going to be high expectations, by virtue of my going to Fort Jackson, initial-entry Soldiers are going to come to the unit more prepared – no they're not. They're going to come trainable and units' better capture that; don't blame the drill sergeants.

Q: What will be the first thing you say to a brand new raw recruit that you meet as you make your rounds on Fort Jackson?

A: The first thing I'm going to say to him or her is, 'Thank you for joining your Army.' It's not my Army, but it's their Army and they will make it what they want it to be. Hopefully I've carried, like many other leaders, laying that foundation to keep it going and can be improved upon. I'm going to remind them that it's going to take some time to make them feel comfortable for the choice they made in joining their Army.

Q: What advice do you have for your successor?

A: Remember where you came from. It's all about the Soldiers and not about you; let common sense prevail.

Stinger competition builds air defense

Story and photo by
Pvt. Brian Glass

Staff Writer

Competition, when fueled positively, can be very useful in motivating Soldiers. This spirit was demonstrated during the Stinger competition, held by the 210th Fires Brigade Sept. 15-19 at Camp Casey.

Soldiers from Battery E., 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment participated in the week-long event, which consisted of three separate events to test Soldiers' readiness for potential threats. The four platoons from Battery E each produced six two-Soldier teams, one chief and one gunner.

"The first event we use is a 50 technical questions test," said Capt. Alexander B. Corby, battery commander.

For the test, each Soldier was asked to look at a projection screen showing blurred images. Each image lasted for two seconds, with the Soldier getting two to three seconds to determine which type of aircraft it was and whether the plane was friendly or not.

After testing the Soldiers mental awareness and quickness with the written portion, the next part of the competition consisted of crew drills.

"Each team is graded on how fast



Pvt. Albert Ramirez, Btry. E, 1st Bn., 43rd ADA Regt. completes the prepping of the Stinger missiles during the crew drill portion of the Stinger competition held Sept. 15-19 at Camp Casey.

they can upload and unload the Stinger missiles." said Sgt. Ivan Moehrle, squad leader, Battery E, 1st Bn., 43rd ADA Regt.

The crew drills start with the gunner on top of the cab and the team chief inside the cab. The team chief goes back inside the cab and waits for a stomp on the hood from the gunner. The stomp signifies that they are in correct position for missile upload.

The other objective of the crew drills is to get each Soldier "Table

Six" qualified. To be Table Six qualified, Soldiers must be certified in the crew drills by a platoon sergeant from another platoon.

The third leg of the competition consists of the "Commanders Challenge." This step consists of the Soldiers testing their physical limits, including a ruck run with a 20-pound rucksack. The ruck run will take place Sept. 24 during PT.

"They ran three miles up to the air assault tower, then three miles back to the company," Corby said. "When

they get back they grab a Stinger simulator and run up to the top of hill."

The Soldiers will have to show that they can properly load a Stinger missile. The winner of the competition will be determined by Sept. 26.

"The top six teams will be able to fire an actual Stinger missile at Chulmae Range, located inside Ducheon," said 1st Lt. William Viegas, Battery E executive officer.

"The Coast Guard will be notified to let us know if there are any ships in the water," Viegas said. "We don't want the missile hitting a ship or plane over the water."

The thrill of being the winner of this competition does bring the benefit of firing off a Stinger missile. Which for one Soldier, this opportunity is long overdue.

"While I was at Fort Campbell, Ky. I wasn't able to fire off a Stinger missile," said Moehrle. "Now that I'm here, if I win this I'll be able to fire a missile off. That drives me to compete harder."

The incentive of firing a Stinger missile is great motivation to do well in this competition, but there is a bigger picture to what the Stinger competition is all about.

"I want my Soldiers to be more confident in their ability to engage and destroy the enemy," Corby said. "They have to execute to standard."

4-2 AVN, 51st ROK conduct chemical training

Story and photo by
Spc. M. Benjamin Gable

2nd CAB Public Affairs

In today's world, the use of chemical weapons is a constant threat. After 9-11, the United States was hit by a bio-terrorist attack with anthrax, a very real threat to its security.

According to Staff Sgt. Larry Young, a chemical instructor with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, the threat of a chemical attack here "is a very credible one."

With this in mind, Soldiers with 4th Battalion, 2d CAB and the Republic of Korea's 51st Chemical Platoon participated in decontamination training at Black Cat Ramp, Sept. 12.

The Nuclear, Biological and Chemical training began with a 4 a.m. alert. Soldiers were instructed to get into Mission Oriented Protective Posture level 4, and were then deployed to the decontamination site, in this case, Black Cat

Ramp.

As the training began, AH-64D Apache helicopters were lined up on the ramp to begin the decontamination process. Each aircraft went through multiple stations to ensure they were fully washed down. In the first station, a super-tropical bleach and hot-water wash was applied to the aircraft.

Station 2 called for "decon solution 2," or DS 2, which breaks down the chemical agents and dissolves them. This solution is applied to "high contact areas" that are used to operate the aircraft. Once the aircraft arrived at the third and fourth stations, the DS 2 was rinsed off.

At Station 5, the last station before the aircraft was redeployed to the battlefield, the entirety of the aircraft was monitored with the Improved Chemical Agent Monitor, or ICAM. The ICAM "looks" for any basic contamination, and ensures the contamination is at or below acceptable levels.

During the day-long exercise, Soldiers with 4-2 and the 51st ROK Chemical Platoon trained on both aircraft and land vehicles, including



A Soldier with the 51st ROK Chemical Platoon decontaminates an AH-64D Apache helicopter at Black Cat Ramp Sept. 12 during decontamination training in the second of five decontamination stations.

Light Medium Tactical Vehicles, High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles and Family of Medium Tactical vehicles.

The strategy to combat NBC attacks is through training, according to 1st Lt. Diana James, a chemical officer with 4-2.

"For those of us stationed here in Korea, we need to understand how to man the 'decon' stations and ready

aircraft and vehicles to return to the battlefield at any time," she explained.

While no NBC attack is currently imminent, the training to clean contaminated equipment, both aerial and ground, will continue. The Soldiers of 4-2 and the 51st Chemical platoon will return to chemical decontamination training at Black Cat Ramp later this year.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Warrior Country Rucksack Challenge

Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation is sponsoring the "Warrior Country" 8-Mile Rucksack Challenge Nov. 15 at Camp Casey's Carey Physical Fitness Center.

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

The age categories are as follows:

- Men's Open - No age limit
- Women's Open - No age limit
- Team Category - 5-person

Team

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

New Hours for AAFES

The new hours of operation for Camp Stanley concession vendors are now in effect.

The schedules are as follows:

- Mon & Tue 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Wednesday Closed
- Thursday 12:30 p.m -7 p.m.
- Friday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sat & Sun 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information, call 732-6263.

Casey Dental Hours

Camp Casey Dental Clinic will provide the following services Oct. 6-10 due to the USFK Dental Conference.

Only sick call and dental exams (Dental class 4/ annual dental

exam) will be available Oct. 6 and 10, and for Oct. 7, 8 and 9, only sick call patients will be seen.

For more information, call 730-6753.

Yongin Everland Tour

MWR is sponsoring the Yongin Everland Tour Sept. 27.

Located in Yongin, Everland is one of Korea's largest amusement theme parks with six different themes.

Other Everland villages include Magic Land, Aesop's Village, European Adventure, Zoo-Topia and Global Fair.

Transportation fee is \$15 and admission fee for adults is 26,000 won, and for children, it is 19,000 won.

Visit your local Community Activity Center to sign up.

For more information, call 738-6276.

Telling War Stories

Capt. Mike Warren, an instructor at the Military Academy at West Point, is seeking to pair Soldiers' stories with cadets enrolled in English 101.

Cadets will provide constructive feedback and editorial advice for each story received through correspondence with the author, with the eventual end-state of publishing their stories.

Please submit stories to michael.warren@usma.edu.

For more information, call (845) 938-2006.

Finals for Operation Rising Star

MWR is sponsoring the Finals for Operation Rising Star at the Camp Casey's Gateway Park Sept. 27.

A panel of judges picked 12 winners to proceed to the semi-finals round where viewers voted to determine the six finalists.

Viewers then will vote on the six finalists to determine the top three prize winners.

For more information, call 732-9187.

AT Exercise

An Anti-terrorism and Force Protection Exercise is scheduled for Oct. 15-17.

On Oct. 16, only Korean National (KN) employees and KN contractors who hold FPCON DELTA Access Passes will be permitted on Camps Red Cloud, Stanley, Casey, Hovey, Castle, Mobile and Jackson.

All other KN employees and Family members will be denied access unless they are mission essential to base operations during the exercise.

Non essential offices and services must be closed all day.

There will be more announcements forthcoming on the need to inform KN employees and family members to avoid coming on base on Oct. 16 unless they are mission essential to base operations.

For more information, contact Shay Edwards at 732-6107.

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 26 ... Death Race
Journey to the Center of Earth
September 27 ... Death Race
September 28 ... Incredible Hulk
Hellboy II
September 29 ... Death Race
September 30 ... No Showing
October 1 ... The Mummy
October 2 ... No Showing
October 3 ... Lakeview Terrace
The X-Files
October 4 ... Lakeview Terrace
October 5 ... Step Brothers
The X-Files

Camp Red Cloud

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

September 26 ... The House Bunny
September 27 ... Wanted
September 28 ... Hancock
September 29 ... Journey to
September 30 ... Hellboy II
October 1 ... No Showing
October 2 ... The X-Files
October 3 ... Mamma Mia
Step Brothers
October 4 ... The Dark Knight
October 5 ... Step Brothers
October 6 ... Swing Vote
October 7 ... Mamma Mia

Camp Hovey

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

September 26 ... Incredible Hulk
September 27 ... Journey
September 28 ... Death Race
September 29 ... No Showing
September 30 ... Wall-E
October 1 ... No Showing
October 2 ... Lakeview Terrace
October 3 ... The Mummy
October 4 ... The X-Files
October 5 ... Lakeview Terrace

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 26 ... Hellboy II
Journey to the Center of Earth
September 27 ... The House Bunny
Get Smart
September 28 ... The House Bunny
September 29 ... Journey
September 30 ... No Showing
October 1 ... Lakeview Terrace
October 2 ... Hellboy II
October 3 ... Step Brothers
Swing Vote
October 4 ... Wall-E
Hancock
October 5 ... Mamma Mia

Camp Humphreys

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

September 26 ... Death Race
September 27 ... Wall-E
Death Race
September 28 ... Wall-E
Death Race
September 29 ... Hellboy II
September 30 ... Hellboy II
October 1 ... Swing Vote
October 2 ... Swing Vote
October 3 ... Lakeview Terrace
October 4 ... An American Girl
Lakeview Terrace

For additional movie times visit:
www.aaffes.com

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Camp Red Cloud

11 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Tuesday
11 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
11:30 a.m. M-F
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:
6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Memorial Chapel
Gospel:

11 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Tuesday
West Casey Chapel
Protestant:
10:30 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
12 p.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Thursday
2 p.m. Sunday
Jewish:
6:30 p.m. Friday

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

Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6 p.m. Tuesday

Camp Jackson Auditorium

KATUSA:
9 a.m. Sunday

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LDS: 730-5682

2-9 Tankers thunder through training

Story and photo by
Sgt. Scott Kim

IHBCT Public Affairs

The sweetest sound a tanker can hear is the explosion of his round destroying an enemy tank.

These days it is hard to gain that kind of experience outside the battlefield unless Soldiers train at the Close Combat Tactical Trainer center, which is exactly what the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment did Sept. 19 at Camp Hovey.

Simulation machines at the CCTT allow Soldiers to cycle through all the tanker jobs and gain the closest thing possible to combat experience in an M1A1 Abrams tank without actually firing rounds at real targets.

"Today we conducted training on how to maneuver, shoot, and move as a platoon or company in a simulated environment," said 2nd Lt. Andrew Bauder, first platoon



2nd Lt. Andrew Bauder, 1st Platoon leader, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt. and Pfc. Eric Lubus, left, a M1 armor crewman, go over tactics during a simulation at the Close Combat Tactical Trainer Sept. 19 at Camp Hovey.

leader for Crazyhorse Company, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt.

For some Soldiers, this training gives them a chance to experience things they would not be able to do outside a simulation device.

"I've learned a lot because

I've been able step up and experience what it's like to be in the gunner's seat and actually shoot," said Pfc. Eric Lubus, M1 armor crewman for C Co., 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt.

Another aspect of the training that is emphasized is

communication, as it can mean the difference between life and death to a fellow Soldier.

"The training helps the platoon to work on how to communicate and being able to trust that people have each other's back," Lubus said.

Training simulators at the CCTT are made to make the training as close to the real thing as possible, including small details such as weather conditions.

"The programmers here can set it to fog, daytime or nighttime so it's fairly realistic," said Bauder.

The training on these simulators is such an effective and successful training tool that Soldiers will come repeatedly to hone and sharpen their skills.

"We train on the simulators every two to three months for a week at a time," said Lubus. "We're often doing this training."

Along with realistic environments and feedback, training on simulators can save commanders time and effort while receiving top notch training.

"This is a great time saver, and if you can't get out to the field this is the best way to train," said Cpl. Chang Hwan Park, a 2-9 loader.

4-7 Cavalry fires mortars

Story and photo by
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Booms echoed across training ground Rooster 8 as Soldiers from 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment fire 120mm mortars from the backs of modified M113 Armored Personnel Carriers, marking the end of Slashing Sabers Sept. 18.

During the 11-day training period, Soldiers were given time to perfect their craft and cover everything from the basics to advanced techniques.

"Our exercise involved the entire squadron deploying to the field, where we worked on various tactics, techniques and procedures such as area recon, maintenance ops and a live mortar fire exercise," said Maj. Nathan Plummer, squadron executive officer for 4-7.

The regiment's mission has been slowly changing as of late so the training focused on the unit's new tasks.

"The regiment has been undergoing a transformation from a being a former divisional cavalry regiment to a lighter unit, where our focus is now reconnaissance heavy," Plummer said.

Soldiers found themselves pushed to the limit, but gaining knowledge and experience throughout Slashing Sabers.

"I learned a lot of things," said Pfc. Dustin

Cole, a gunner for Apache Troop, 4-7 Cav. "I learned how to plot and I learned how to be a better gunner."

During the training, all of the Soldiers were tested on their gunnery skills with a gunner's exam.

"The whole troop got a 95-percent expert rate; nobody shot below sharpshooter, and 5 percent shot at first class gunner," said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Dicks, an indirect fire infantryman for Apache Troop.

Slashing Sabers also helped relations between Republic of Korea Soldiers and U.S. Soldiers by conducting joint operations during one of the training days.

"We coordinated a last-minute training exercises with a ROK unit passing by," said Plummer. "We've received an immense amount of support from them."

Skills such as the ones that Soldiers have learned during Slashing Sabers can be applied no matter where they go.

"Training's going to help them immensely, especially when they go to a new unit because they have hands-on training," said Dicks.

At the end of the day, the results spoke for themselves as commanders and Soldiers alike commended themselves on a job well done.

"Our Soldiers have performed extremely well. I've only been in country a month now, but I am thoroughly impressed with all of them," Dicks said. "They're some of the best 11 Charlies (indirect fire infantryman) I've ever seen."



Maj. Nathan Plummer, squadron executive officer for 4th Squadron 7th Cavalry Regiment prepares to fire a live 120mm mortar round to the shouted commands of Sgt. 1st Class Robert Dicks, an indirect fire infantryman for Apache Troop 4-7 Cav. during Slashing Sabers, a training exercise, at Rooster 8 Sept. 18.



Han, Choon Sup, a former KATUSA, cooks Bulgogi with the sauce he created for the visitors at the Korean Master Artisans' Expo at the COEX Sept. 10. Han is a government accredited master chef who served with the 1st Bn., 9th Inf. Regt. from 1973-1976.

Former KATUSA chef relives time in service

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Interview with a former KATUSA is a popular series in the KATUSA Indianhead. By meeting former KATUSA Soldiers who are in different paths of their careers after their lives in the military, it lets current Korean Soldiers reflect on their time in the service, and gives them an opportunity to prepare for life after the military.

It is not often you see the nation's master artisans all in one place. However, the Korean Master Artisans' Expo was held at the COEX in Seoul Sept. 10. During the event, the Korean Ministry of Labor announced master artisans who are famous in their craftsmanship and life-long dedication to honor their work.

In 167 professions the government officially grants the title of 'Myungjang,' or the master hand. Among them, a former 2nd Infantry Division Soldier, Han, Choon Sup, is named as Myungjang in the cooking category.

Han served 34 months from 1973 to 1976 at Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment. Unlike the current system, the selection of KATUSAs was on a random basis then. He said it was lucky for him and a valuable point in his career and life.

"They selected 20 people from the basic training center in Wonju by the last two digits of their social security number, and I was the first of the 20 people," said Han. "I was lucky because I got to do what I do the best and what I enjoy."

He worked at the 1st Bn., 9th Inf. Regt. dining facility, where he learned diverse culinary culture and basic cooking skills. Even though he

cooked before his military service, he learned a lot more basic skills and earned a greater understanding of how the kitchen works.

It broadened his eyes to different types of food in the U.S. Army, because Korea didn't have flowing food like as it does today.

Han, vice president of the KATUSA Veterans' Association, ascribes part of his success to experience in the military. He still has passion in his heart as a KATUSA Soldier, and contributes a lot to the community.

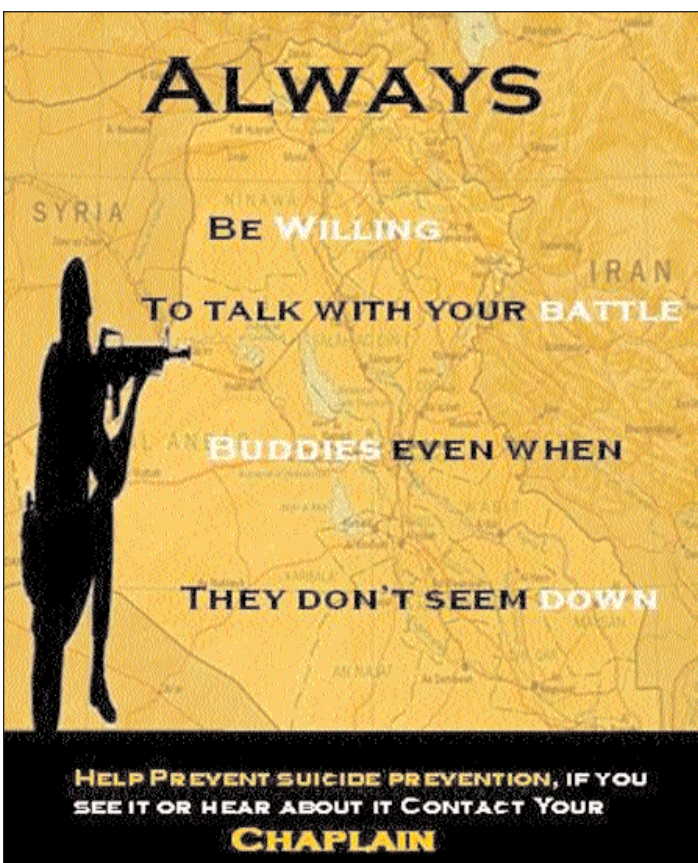
"I don't think anybody learned as much as I did from the KATUSA experience," Han said. "It was like going abroad for culinary school for me. My military service at the 2ID is definitely something I am proud of, which still fills a line on my resume."

He was invited to the 2ID KATUSA Hall of Fame in 2006. He also came back to the Division and lectured both Korean and American Soldiers about his career and his time in the military.

"Soldiers should take every opportunity whenever they can," he said. "Korean Soldiers should broaden their minds and be open to accept the different culture while you are serving alongside the Americans, because you don't know how big of an asset that is going to become. For American Soldiers, do venture out and see Korea and make friends with Korean people, food and the culture."

His ambition now is to globalize Korean cuisine to the world. His cooking background in Italian cuisine builds a good ground to target the international community for Korean food because he understands western taste.

The chef feels that tradition and history only come alive when people make it alive. Even at the top of his career field, his passion for food and life never dies.



Pfc. Lee, Eun Hong

Cool Jumpings

Second Lt. Andy Bauder sails over a hurdle during the 8th Army Track and Field Championships held Sept. 20 at Camp Caseys' Schoonover Bowl. Bauder placed second in the Men's Open 110-meter High Hurdles event. A total of 182 athletes from throughout the peninsula participated in the championship.

Families exposed to culture experience

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Chuseok, also known as the Korean Thanksgiving, is one of the biggest holidays in Korea. Korean people take this time to share their good fortune with their neighbors. However many American Soldiers and their Families who live in Korea don't have the opportunity to share in this great holiday.



Family members learn the Korean traditional tea ceremony, **Da-do**, conducted by Kim, Im Soon, vice chairperson of the Dongducheon Culture Center.

The Women's Cultural Exchange Program, sponsored by the Dongducheon Volunteer Center, was held Sept. 11 at Yu-rim Hotel in Dongducheon City. The purpose of the event was to expose American Soldiers to Chuseok and make a harmonious environment between Soldiers' Families and the local community.

"By doing this event, we can give them knowledge about Korean culture," said Kim, Kyung Cha, chairperson of the Dongducheon Volunteer Center. "It has positive effects on the local community as well as the Republic of Korea and United States alliance. We are trying to develop more programs for the local community and Soldiers' Families to be close to each other."

The event started with opening remarks by Kim. Professor Seong, Ki Ahn, from the Dongducheon Culture Center, then introduced seasonal Chuseok food and explained the traditional way of showcasing it.

"The food was spectacular," said Deanna Young, who works for the American Red Cross at Camp Casey. "We were discussing layout of the table. Everything has meaning, such as placing dishes and different items in certain places."

Following the food showcase, the attendees were taught the traditional bow, "Chol," and the tea ceremony,



American Soldiers Family members are taught the Korean traditional bow, "Chol," by Professor Seong, Ki Ahn, from the Dongducheon Culture Center.

"Da-do," conducted by Kim, Im Soon, vice chairperson of the Dongducheon Culture Center.

"We discussed the bow," said Amy Hickerson, Family Readiness Support Assistant for 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team. "It was much more complicated than I thought, and difficult to complete the whole procedure, but interesting."

"We were able to mingle with the local community here in Dongducheon as well as the female leadership in the club," said Young. "By this experience, we get a feel for what Chuseok means."

At the end of the event, Oh, Sae Chang, the mayor of Dongducheon City, addressed the attendees.

"It is a great pleasure to gather to celebrate this important holiday event in Korea," said Oh. "And I will keep trying to support these cultural events for American Families and the local community."

"I used to feel they were just foreigners," said Lee, Byung Joon, one of the Korean volunteers and female leaders of the Dongducheon community. "But now, thanks to the volunteer center's and female club's effort, I feel like they were my lifelong friends."

POW/MIAs: gone, but never forgotten

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CAMP HUMPHREYS, KOREA – A small table covered with a white cloth is set for one at Beacon Hill Sept. 19. There is a single red rose in a vase with a red ribbon tied around it, reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the lapel and breasts of many American citizens. There is also a lighted candle, a slice of lemon and salt on bread plate, an inverted chair and an empty chair.

All of these elements represent the hundreds of men and women of the U.S.

Armed Forces who have endured and may still be enduring the agonies of pain, deprivation and internment. These were the sentiments expressed at the fourth annual Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) observance sponsored by the CWO Benjamin K. Humphreys Memorial Post 10223 and 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

"The cost of their sacrifice is far too great to cal-

culate with words alone," said Col. Joseph A. Bassani, Jr., 2nd CAB commander and guest speaker for the event. "We honor and revere them because they are our own brothers and sisters."

Until July 18, 1979, no commemoration was held to honor America's POW/MIAs, those returned and those still missing or unaccounted for from wars. The Veterans Administration published a poster including only the letters "POW/MIA" and that format was continued until 1982, when a black and white drawing of a POW in harsh captivity was used to convey the urgency of situation. It was then that former President Ronald Reagan assigned priority to achieving the fullest possible accountability for Americans still missing from the Vietnam War.

"We vow never to forget them; that is our sacred covenant with them, with their Families and with each other," Bassani said. "Simple words that reveal the promise of a nation - that we are indeed our brother's keeper."

Editor's note: Information used in this article garnered from National League of POW/MIA Families.

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*Col. Joseph A. Bassani, Jr.,
2nd CAB commander*



Chong, Yong An, commander, 22nd Korean Services Company, places flowers at the 22nd KSC memorial plaque at Beacon Hill during the 4th annual POW/MIA ceremony Sept. 19.