



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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Newest Member of the Eighth Army Team,

Congratulations on your assignment to Eighth Army in beautiful South Korea. Cheryl and I, as well as Tina and CSM Harris, welcome you to the "Pacific Victors" Team. Korea is a dynamic country and a tremendous place to grow, both personally and professionally. It is our hope that you take advantage of the numerous unique cultural opportunities that are presented to you throughout your assignment in Korea.

Our headquarters on US Army Garrison-Yongsan is located in the heart of Seoul and offers the lifestyle of a small city while surrounded by the third largest population center in the world. Additionally, Eighth Army includes the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division in Uijongbu, the 19<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Support Command in Daegu, the 65<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade in Seoul, the 501<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade in Seoul and Pyongtaek, the 1<sup>st</sup> Signal Brigade in Seoul and the 35<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Brigade located in Osan/Suwon. Each of these locations offers our Soldiers and Families a unique way to experience the Korean culture and serve their country.

Currently, Eighth Army is undergoing a fundamental change from its previous role as an Army Service Component Command to a headquarters that commands and controls a war-fighting U.S.-ROK Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF). This change in scope requires changes in how we think, train, maintain and equip our combat force. During your service in Korea, you will be part of this historic transformation.

"Fight Tonight" is a core focus of Eighth Army's Campaign Plan and represents our determination to be trained, capable, and fully partnered with our ROK ally. While assigned to Eighth Army, you will train to be ready across the spectrum of conflict, to seize the initiative from any opponent under the most challenging conditions, in some of the most rugged, complex terrain in the world.

Finally, as an Eighth Army Soldier, you will be an ambassador to the people of Korea for our Army, our country, and our way of life. As American Soldiers we are held to a very high standard and it's vital to our mission that all members of this command serve honorably and carry themselves with distinction, both on and off-duty.

I look forward to serving with you on Freedom's Frontier.

Pacific Victors! Katchi Kapsida!

  
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