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THREE COMMANDS IN KOREA

- **United Nations Command (UNC)** integrates 17 Sending States in maintaining the Armistice to provide stability in Korea.
- **ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command (CFC)** is our bilateral Alliance warfighting headquarters.
- **U.S. Forces Korea (USFK)** is the U.S. joint command under Pacific Command.

OCTOBER'S SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

President of the Republic of Korea (POTROK) Visit to U.S. (Oct. 14-16)

President Park, Geun-hye visited the White House, Pentagon, Korean War Memorial, NASA's Space Flight Center,



SECDEF welcomes POTROK at Pentagon

and the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). At the Pentagon, Secretary of Defense Carter and President Park discussed challenges posed by North Korea and the importance of continued Alliance cooperation and coordination to deter and, if necessary, defeat the North Korean threat.

At the White House joint press conference, President Obama reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to defend the Republic

of Korea. President Park stated that the ROK-U.S. Alliance is moving toward a comprehensive global Alliance. They also reaffirmed that both nations will never accept North Korea as a nuclear weapons state. The two nations' joint fact sheet states that the U.S. and the ROK have an advanced partnership into "New Frontiers of Cooperation" such as cyber, space, climate change, and global health.

"...our unbreakable Alliance is not just a foundation for security in the Korean Peninsula and in the Asia Pacific region, more and more our Alliance is helping people around the world in their own pursuit of happiness..."

*~ President of the United States
Barack Obama*

Second Infantry Division's (2ID) Warfighter Exercise (Sept. 29 – Oct. 9)

2ID conducted this major annual exercise to assess warfighting functions and mission command capabilities. This marked the first exercise since 2ID integrated into the ROK-U.S. Combined Division to assess interoperability. Participating units included the 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 8th Military Police Brigade, and 71st Ordnance Group. Fort Leavenworth's Mission Command Training Program observers came to Korea to assess exercise objectives.



ROK and U.S. Soldiers in 2ID Warfighter Ex.

Seoul International Aerospace and Defense Exhibition (ADEX) (Oct. 19-25)

The Seoul ADEX is one of Northeast Asia's largest air shows with participation from 32 nations and 370 companies. Seoul ADEX plays a major role in helping Korea develop its aerospace and defense industry. Top Air Force chiefs from 12 countries attended at the Seoul K-16 airport, and also met with ROK Air Force leadership to discuss defense

industry cooperation.

U.S. static displays included the F-16, A-10, KC-135, and E-3 aircraft. Aerial demonstrations included the F-22 Demonstration Team from Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, and the C-17 Demonstration Team from Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Osan Air Base's 5th Reconnaissance Squadron also provided U-2 flybys.

OCTOBER'S KEY VISITORS

We are honored to welcome Distinguished Visitors to learn about the Command, our mission, our people, and to exchange ideas. These were the most senior visitors in October:

- Anthony Blinken, Deputy Secretary of State
- Admiral John Richardson, Chief of Naval Operations
- General Vincent Brooks, Commander, U.S. Army Pacific
- Heidi Grant, Deputy Undersecretary of the Air Force, International Affairs
- Lieutenant General Raymond Thomas, Commander, Joint Special Operations Command
- Lieutenant General David Quantock, Inspector General of the U.S. Army
- Graham Fletcher, First Assistant Secretary, North Asia Division, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
- Michael Miller, Staff Delegation, House Armed Services Committee
- Ambassador Thomas Hubbard, President of Korea Society
- UNC Sending State Ambassadors in a monthly roundtable discussion

OFF DUTY KOREA

The annual Itaewon Global Village Festival on October 17-18 celebrated diversity of cultures in Seoul. The festival included a parade, live bands, and opportunities to try the many different foreign and Korean foods available in Itaewon and throughout Korea.

COMING NEXT MONTH

On November 1-2, the U.S. Secretary of Defense and U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will visit Korea to meet their ROK counterparts during the Security Consultative Meeting (SCM) and Military Committee Meeting (MCM). They will discuss strategic Alliance issues.