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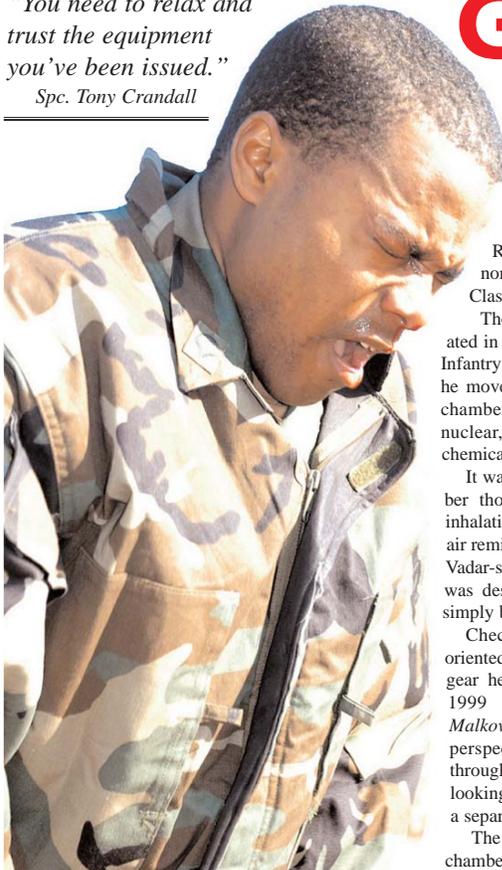
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*"You need to relax and trust the equipment you've been issued."*

*Spc. Tony Crandall*



## GAS! GAS! GAS!

**Story and photos by  
Spc. Timothy Dinneen**  
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**NORTHSTAR RANGE** – "Breathe normally," said Sgt. 1st Class Owen Fowlkes.

These words reverberated in the mind of the 2nd Infantry Division Soldier as he moved closer to the gas chamber Nov. 15 for nuclear, biological and chemical training.

It wasn't hard to remember those words as every inhalation and exhalation of air reminded him in a Darth Vader-style that his mask was designed to keep him simply breathing at all.

Checking his mission oriented protective posture gear he's reminded of the 1999 film *Being John Malkovich* as the surreal perspective of looking through the mask is like looking through the eyes of a separate person.

The reality set in as the chamber door opened to the

dark and misty room.

As the Soldier entered, smoke fled through the open door and he wondered if the smoke had the right idea.

"Look up and down, now clockwise, now counter-clockwise. Lift up your masks and reseal to breathe," Sgt. Mark C. Crosby, NBC NCO commanded.

The Soldiers obeyed the commands waiting for the final test that would open the door to fresh air.

Walking closer to the exit, the Soldier took off his mask completely and revealed the sanctuary that the mask provided him.

Immediately, his eyes and lungs began burning, however, there was one thing left to do before freedom.

Much like the film, Soldiers taking part in the NBC training all took different perspectives of the same situation although looking through similar mask lenses.

However, after surviving the chamber they all received confidence in their equipment that would save them in the event of a NBC attack.

"It gives confidence in the

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Soldiers from HQ, 2ID were checked to determine if they had a complete MOPP suit and how to properly dress before entering the gas chamber.

## Patch ceremony welcomes division's top NCO

**Story and photo by  
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*Assistant Editor*

**CAMP RED CLOUD** – As the autumn leaves have changed, so has the 2nd Infantry Division's command sergeant major. Command Sgt. Maj. James A. Benedict became the new 2ID command sergeant major Nov. 16 on a crisp evening change-of-responsibility patch ceremony on the Village Green.

"We gather on the Village Green

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Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division display their unit colors proudly during the Division Patch Ceremony which welcomed the division's new top NCO, Command Sgt. Maj. James A. Benedict. He is coming from Fort Hood Texas, where he was the Division Artillery command sergeant major.



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## VOICE OF THE WARRIOR: What are you thankful for?



*"I'm thankful for my  
freedom and my  
family."*

*Spc. Chris Deevers  
1st Bn., 38th FA*

*"I'm thankful for the  
freedoms we have  
today."*

*Master Sgt. Ralph  
Dempsey  
G-3 DTOC*



*"I'm thankful for the  
many blessings God  
has provided me."*

*Pfc. Bradly Walters  
HHSC, STB*

*"I'm thankful for my  
family and God for  
keeping me alive."*

*Spc. Michael Irizzary  
G-6 NETOPS*



*"I'm thankful for my  
health and the  
friends I have made  
here."*

*Spc. Rossney Soljour  
HQ, 2ID*

*"I'm thankful for my  
new wife."*

*2nd Lt. Daniel Young  
G-2*



## Loose Blogs may blow up BCTs

By Gary Sheftick  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – This is not your father's war, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker tells troops in a videotaped message emphasizing proper Operations Security procedures and responsible use of the Internet.

The video is part of the Army's comprehensive OPSEC Action Plan that has Mobile Training Teams visiting deploying units to teach how improper information and photographs posted on the Worldwide Web could endanger lives.

For instance, photos of combat operations and destroyed military equipment could provide the enemy with clues about U.S. vulnerabilities, said Maj. Michael Pate, the Army's OPSEC officer at the Pentagon.

### 'OPSEC is not censorship'

"This isn't censorship," Pate said about the OPSEC plan he had a key role in devising. "It's about striking a balance between freedom of expression and protecting sensitive military information."

In World War II and Korea, it took a long time for information to move from the battlefield to the public, Schoomaker says at the beginning of his video.

Today with the Worldwide Web, it's immediate with the push of a button.

### CSA: Info-tech explosion global

"We have an informa-

tion-technology explosion that is global," Schoomaker said. "Our adversaries have the ability to take our utterances, our writings and our pictures and do all kinds of things to harm us."

Web logs, or blogs, are a venue where instances of unauthorized photos and some sensitive information have been inadvertently disseminated, Pate said.

### MNC-I first with blog policy

So the Multi-National Corps-Iraq headquarters came up with a policy for the increasing number of Soldiers posting blogs in theater. Some of the Soldiers found that posting a periodic blog to the Web was easier than sending multiple e-mails to friends and family.

Others have found a modicum of fame for their descriptive coverage of life in the combat zone.

The MNC-I policy requires Soldiers to register their blogs through their unit chain of command. A list of blogs is maintained at the division level, complete with Web addresses and points of contact.

The policy also identifies established elements such as Army Web Risk Assessment Cells and Information-Assurance teams that assess Web sites and monitor information for compliance with Army policy.

Such information includes classified info, casualty information before next-of-kin notification, info prohibited by the Privacy Act and details of incidents under investigation.

Commanders are able to develop their own OPSEC policy addressing blogs, Pate said, under the umbrella of Army policy and guidance.

### OPSEC plan comprehensive

The Army's new OPSEC initiatives are comprehensive and range from individual to institutional training, Pate said.

The Mobile Training Teams provide unit-level training, Pate said, to priority-one units scheduled to deploy.

The MTTs come from the Army OPSEC Support Element established earlier this year out of the 1st Information Operations Command (Land), located at Fort Belvoir, Va.

MTTs recently visited the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) to provide OPSEC instruction to one of its brigade combat teams at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Smaller units can access OPSEC training modules through Army Knowledge Online, Pate said.

He said users can click on center right of the AKO front page on "Army OPSEC News," sign in again using their AKO password and enter the OPSEC Portal.

The OPSEC Portal includes a number of Power-Point briefings that Pate said assist in satisfying OPSEC training requirements.

**Editor's note:** You can access the OPSEC Web site at <https://opsec.1stiocmd.army.mil>. You will be prompted to provide your AKO ID and password.

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## New program provides protection, privacy

By Spc. Timothy Dinneen  
Assistant Editor

A position has been created in order to give sexual assault victims the ability to receive the help they need while providing the protection of full confidentiality.

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is a one-year-old position here in Area I where victims learn options on how to get help. Once the victim makes a decision on how to proceed, the SARC will take action to fulfill those requests.

"In many instances, sexual assaults go unreported because victims don't want to be exposed as a victim of a crime," said Cheris K. DeBolt, Area I sexual assault response coordinator. "The consequence is that victims are not receiving the help they need. Hopefully, the result of this program will allow more victims of sexual assault to come forward because SARC provides restricted reporting."

Restricted reporting must be reported only to the fol-

lowing personnel: the area sexual assault coordinator, healthcare provider or Chaplain, SARC and Sexual Assault Victims Advocates attend to victims needs and provide supportive services such as medical care and counseling. The unit commander is not notified.

However, unrestricted reports can still be reported through SARC, HCP or Chaplains, but the reports are mandated to go to the unit commander, law enforcement agencies, staff judge advocate and are public records that deny victims confidentiality.

DeBolt said SARP doesn't force the victim into any action when they seek their help. She said they will ask the victim if they would like to officially report the incident, get counseling, and seek medical care or just talk. The victim then decides on the action they want to take and the SARP will see that their wishes are taken of.

"Women who first come in are very timid but after they begin receiving the help they want they become empowered and are ready to

begin resuming their lives," DeBolt said.

Eighth U.S. Army Public Affairs Office defines sexual assault as non-consensual sexual offenses including rape, forcible sodomy, indecent assault and the attempts of those offenses. Such crimes have no statute of limitations and are punishable by the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

"Area I is out to make examples of perpetrators handing down maximum sentences because of so much attention being brought to the subject," DeBolt said.

DeBolt said the best weapon against sexual assault is to trust you're your instincts and always make sure the door to your room is secured.

"Eighty-two percent of all sexual assaults are from people you know," DeBolt said.

The Army policy on sexual assault is that it simply has no place in the military and is incompatible with the highest standards of professionalism, respect, and discipline according to the Eighth U.S. Army Public Affairs Office.

### Sexual Assault Reporting Options

**Unrestricted Reporting**  
Area Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Healthcare Provider, and Chaplain  
Mandatory reporting to Commander, Law Enforcement, Legal, SJA, Soldiers and Friends.

**Restricted Reporting**  
Area Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Healthcare Provider, or Chaplain. SARC and Sexual Assault Victim Advocates attend to victim needs and provide supportive services.  
For more information, call 730-3494.

## Smoking cessation offers insight into health risks

Story and photo by  
Pfc. Amanda Merfeld  
Staff Writer

CAMP CASEY – Everyone should know that smoking is bad for you, after all, it is written on the pack. But just how dangerous is it, and who does it affect?

On Nov 17, Capt. Jennie Polk, the command health nurse for Area 1, and Kenneth Cobb, the health promotion coordinator, manned a smoking cessation information booth at Camp Casey post-exchange in an effort to heighten health awareness concerning smoking.

Polk administered a carbon-monoxide test on willing participants passing by. The test measured the level of carbon-monoxide parts per million in the participants breath. Some Soldiers were more eager to find their own carbon-monoxide levels than others, and the results were black and white.

For non-smokers, the results would show anywhere from .00 ppm to .96 ppm. Light smokers produced a reading of 1.12 ppm to 1.6 ppm. Average smokers blew a 1.76 to 3.2, and smokers classified as "heavy smokers" would tip the scale at 3.2 and above.

One curious Soldier who had been smoking for the past three years participated in the testing and blew 5.62

ppm. Testing a theory, the Soldier went outside to smoke a cigarette and came back inside to take the test again, this time her test showed 8.16 ppm.

Spc. Mathew Cooley quit smoking one month prior to taking the carbon monoxide test and blew a .32.

"He's now registering like he never smoked," Polk said.

No matter how much or how long you've smoked, when you quit smoking, your risk of heart disease starts to drop. One year after quitting, your risk of death from heart attack is cut in half.

People who smoke a pack of cigarettes a day have more than twice the risk of heart attack than people who have never smoked. Smokers who have a heart attack have less chance of surviving than nonsmokers do. And people who keep smoking after a heart attack increase the chances they'll have a second attack.

Nicotine isn't the only bad element in cigarette smoke. Carbon-monoxide gets in the blood and reduces the oxygen available to the heart and all other parts of the body. Tobacco smoke makes blood clot faster and makes clots more likely to form. These effects harm a person's cardiovascular system.

Second-hand smoke promotes illness too. In 1996, about 15 million chil-



Pfc. Josiah Robinson, right, is administered a carbon-monoxide test by Capt. Jennie Polk during activities at the Great American Smoke Out.

dren up to age 18 (more than 20 percent of all U.S. children) were exposed to ETS (environmental tobacco smoke) in the home. Children of smokers have many more respiratory infections than do children of nonsmokers. Nonsmoking women exposed to tobacco smoke are also more likely to have low birth weight babies.

Smoking reduces the amount of oxygen to the heart muscle. At the same time it makes the heart beat faster, which increases its demand for

oxygen. Thus, when smokers with angina exert themselves, they get chest pain sooner than they normally would. Often this means they must restrict their activity more than they normally would.

To learn more about smoking cessation or any other health related questions, call Cobb at 730-3542.

**Editor's Note:** Information for this story was provided by the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association.

# Spartans shoot, move through first FTX

Story and photos by  
Capt. Jason Buursma  
1st BTB

CHAPARRAL TRAINING AREA – As a simulated Improvised Explosive Device erupted, a convoy from A Company, 1st Brigade Troops Battalion reacted to the situation.

Minutes earlier, the convoy linked up with a humvee carrying a liaison officer.

The convoy was given the mission of transporting this officer safely to a specific location, as part of the battalion's Field Training Exercise, Oct. 7-14.

What the Soldiers didn't see was the next thing coming – the humvee was disabled with smoke billowing from it and Soldiers inside screaming "Medic!" To top it all off, the opposing forces had opened up on the unsuspecting convoy.

"This training is critical because war is chaotic and you must be able to react to unpredictable situations to survive on the modern day battlefield," said Lt. Col. Eric Sweeney, battalion commander.

During the training, each convoy went through four different scenarios in succession, react to an ambush, react to IED/disabled vehicle, react to chemical attack and conduct vehicle decontamination. While under heavy fire, the troops dismounted and used their vehicles for cover and lay down suppressive fire.

The convoy leader then

assessed the situation and sent a spot report to higher command.

Because the OPFOR had superior firepower, the battalion Tactical Operations Center deployed the battalion's Bradley Security Section serving as Close Combat Action Support to eliminate the enemy threat.

While waiting for the CCA to arrive, the convoy leader called for his aid and litter teams to evacuate the casualties to another vehicle.

A hard-skinned vehicle moved between the disabled vehicle and the enemy to provide cover for the aid and litter team. Another vehicle pulled right behind and served as the hasty ambulance.

As the aid and litter teams began transferring casualties to the other vehicle, the CCA arrived. The convoy leader marked the location of the OPFOR with smoke.

Despite the stressful conditions, the element executed their battle drills as rehearsed.

"It was good to see how the battalion came together and completed the missions, even with the elements against us," said Pfc. Justin Gaiser, HHC, 1st BTB.

Although the various battalion elements are well-trained in their MOS-related tasks and have existing relationships with the maneuver units they have supported, Sweeney saw the need for the unit to deploy to the field and train as a battalion.

Since one of the 1st BTB's



Soldiers from the 1st BTB unload a casualty from a vehicle at the rally point.

primary missions is rear security, the battalion set up a TAA and trained on perimeter security.

Convoy lane training was made the primary focus of the FTX because the units in the battalion must move around the battlefield tactically in order to link up with and support various units in the division.

Although the FTX focused on convoy security and battle drills, it also gave the battalion headquarters a chance to train on its command and control systems. The companies were able to set up their company TOCs and practice reporting to the battalion TOC.



An M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle from the security section suppresses the OPFOR.

"This is some of the best training I have ever seen," Sweeney said. "Soldiers and leaders at every level made

critical tactical decisions in the same manner that they would in a combat environment."



Spec. Timothy Dinneen

Members of the 2ID Band performed prior to the Patch Ceremony at the Village on the Green.

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today to mark a new era of senior noncommissioned officer leadership in the Warrior Division," said Maj. Gen. George A. Higgins, 2ID command general.

Benedict rejoins the Warrior team having left his most recent post where he served with the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Benedict succeeds Command Sgt. Maj. James T. Williams, Jr., who is returning to his former position as the 1st Heavy Combat Brigade Team command sergeant major at Camp Hovey. Williams served as the interim 2ID command sergeant major since August.

The commanding general thanked Williams for his service to the division during a time of transition.

"Command Sergeant Major Williams' dedication to the division has truly been remarkable," Higgins said.

Benedict's military career has been served completely as an artilleryman beginning as a pri-

vate cannon crewmember at Fort Sill, Okla. His previous assignments include the III Corps. Artillery, 1st Armor Div., 4th Inf. Div., 1st Cavalry Div. and has served 11 years with the Warrior Division.

"His 11 cumulative years of service here in the Republic of Korea has given him an insightful appreciation for the meaning and enduring value of the ROK/U.S. alliance," Higgins said.

Benedict has served as a command sergeant major with the 3rd Bn, 82nd FA, "Red Dragons," Fort Hood, Texas and the 1st Bn., 15th FA, "First to Fire," Camp Casey, Korea.

"We will have a great team. We will speak with one voice. We will lead this team together from the front, to fight and to win, to protect freedom's frontier and our nation's wars when called upon," Benedict said.

"We will maintain our readiness and be ready for whatever our nation calls on us to do," Benedict said.

He will be joined by his wife, Su An, of 25 years next month.

# Family ties: Battle buddies find shared roots

Story and photo by  
Tobi Elder  
Army News Service

FORT JACKSON, SC. – From day one, their drill sergeants affectionately called them the Williams sisters, not knowing exactly how much truth the nickname held.

The two Soldiers-in-training were placed together because their last names fell in alphabetical order, and they ended up in the same Basic Combat Training battalion, company, unit and then platoon.

Pvt. Yolanda Williams, 20, and Pvt. Kieshia Williams, 18, discovered they were sisters after being placed together as battle buddies during basic training.

Their father, Tyrone Williams, was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, but he passed away when the girls were aged five and seven.

### Commonalities

Like ships passing in the night, they were raised by their mothers in two separate cities in California.

Both girls played basketball for their high schools and both wore the number 32, which was the age their father

was when he passed away.

Their father was married to Yolanda's mom, Kathleen Williams-Bennett, and after they divorced he married Kieshia's mom, Marilyn Williams-Smith, fathering other children to include a sister named Kail Williams, also currently attending BCT at Fort Jackson.

"It is amazing that although they lived separately, they have so much in common," said Williams-Smith, Kieshia's mom.

### "...too much of a coincidence"

It was during an exercise requiring the Soldiers of Company D, 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, to get to know the details of their battle buddies lives that brought their common parentage to light.

Seven weeks of BCT had passed; they had literally done everything together and were each other's moral support without knowing they were related.

"We were talking about it and I was like 'oh my God', this is just too much of a coincidence," said Kieshia.

"Then I called my mom and she asked me some



Pvts. Yolanda, left, and Kieshia Williams model their Army black berets for their moms at family day.

detailed questions, like what is her mother's first name," said Yolanda. When I told her, she said 'yes, that is your sister.'"

### A sisterly bond

Both Soldiers are extremely happy that they found each other and were able to share such a life changing experience.

"We were friends before, and we got along really well," said Kieshia. "So when we found out, it just reinforced that sisterly bond."

They both decided to join

the Army to get away from home, grow up and gain some independence, but had it not been for chance, they would have ended up in different units.

Kieshia's flight was delayed which put her on the same bus as Yolonda from the Atlanta airport to Fort Jackson.

"I wasn't supposed to meet her really, because I was originally going to be placed in a different platoon, but because my flight was delayed we ended up at reception at the

same time," said Kieshia.

"We met at the airport, the whole time never knowing," said Yolonda.

They both chose a Military Occupational Specialty in the 92 series, which will again put them in the same company at Fort Lee for Advanced Individual Training.

"I am just so thrilled that they found each other and will continue to have each other after graduation," said Williams-Bennett, Yolonda's mom.

## Rapid Fielding Initiative



Pfc. Paul Esparza

TOP: Soldiers work on putting together the new Advanced Combat Helmet. The ACH, has replaced the old Kevlar helmet. The ACH is 3.5 lbs lighter than the old model and is cushioned on the inside, which sits more comfortably on a Soldiers' head. It also has a different suspension system inside which allows a Soldier to fight more effectively when wearing body armor.

RIGHT: RFI scanners were used to account for what pieces of equipment Soldiers were issued and what size they received. Soldiers received goggles, combat gloves, a desert camelback, Oakley sunglasses, and knee and elbow pads.



Pfc. Paul Esparza

# Claims procedures after bicycle theft

## Camp Red Cloud Legal Office

Due to the recent rise of Area I on-post bicycle thefts, all Soldiers should be aware of the claims procedures for stolen property.

The Army claims service is a gratuitous service. Claims offices do not provide total insurance and often can only make partial compensation.

Therefore, the best way to protect your belongings is to purchase private homeowner's, renter's, or personal property insurance.

The Personnel Claims Act allows compensation for bicy-

cle thefts that occur at on-post or assigned off-post quarters if claimants made a reasonable effort to safeguard their personal property.

A "reasonable effort" requires that the bicycle was properly secured at the time of theft. Bicycles must be kept indoors or chained to a fixed outdoors object (rack, pole, post or tree).

A bicycle left unsecured in a hallway or patio will prevent an owner from collecting on a theft claim.

Claimants also must comply with several additional factors.

The bicycle must be registered on-post in accordance

with local regulations. In the 2nd Infantry Division, registration requires owners to submit the following information to the Pass and ID Section: (1) Serial Number; (2) Manufacturer; (3) Color; and (4) Brand. The bicycle owner must place the colored sticker they receive from the Pass and ID Section on their bike.

Additionally, claimants must report the theft to the military police or the Korean National Police if the theft occurs off-post as soon as possible.

Most thefts that are not reported promptly are considered unsubstantiated and, therefore, not payable.

Finally, keep in mind that often a claimant who files a compensable theft claim will not receive the amount of money he paid for the bicycle. The Army will pay the claimant an amount based on the depreciated value of the bike, rather than its replacement cost or the amount necessary to purchase a bicycle of similar type.

Depreciated value takes into account the age of the bike and associated wear and tear. Under Army regulation, the original price paid for the bike will be depreciated by 10 percent for every year since its manufacture date.

Further, the maximum

amount payable for bicycles under the Personnel Claims Act is \$750.

If you own a valuable bicycle, it is wise to purchase a private insurance policy that provides replacement value and not depreciated value for stolen items. The Army will provide partial compensation.

However, purchasing a private insurance policy that reimburses you for the replacement value will ensure that you receive full compensation for your stolen bicycle.

For more information, call an Area I Claims Office: Camp Red Cloud, 732-6017/6099 or Camp Casey, 730-1910.

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### Native American Heritage Celebration

There will be a Native American Heritage Celebration at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 29 at the Camp Red Cloud Theater.

The theme of the event is "Honoring Heritage - Strengthening our Nation's Spirit." The celebration will honor Medal of Honor recipients and their heritage.

### Smoking Cessation

The next smoking cessation classes will be from 10 a.m. to noon at the Camp Red Cloud TMC and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dec. 2 at the Camp Casey TMC.

### Mail Deadline

Be sure to get your holiday letters and packages in the mail before Dec. 10 to ensure they get home before the Christmas holidays.

### St. Barbara's Day Celebration

The Fires Brigade St. Barbara's Day Celebration will be from 5 to 10 p.m. Dec. 17 at Camp Casey's Carey Fitness Center. The events is designed to gather all Field Artillery "Redlegs" on the Korean Peninsula. The dress is military formal. For more information, call 730-2545.

### Inspector General

The Office of the Inspector General for Eighth U.S. Army and U.S. Forces Korea is looking for Soldiers in the rank of Capt. (with

successful completion of company command) or Maj. (branch immaterial) and Sgt. 1st Class, 42As, to serve as Inspectors General.

For more information, call Lt. Col. Lavern Eady at 725-6739.

### Sexual Assault Hotline

In a restricted report, a Soldier's command is not notified. In an unrestricted report, a Soldier's command is notified of the incident.

The number to the hotline is 730-3494 or 011-740-0479.

### Tax Assistance

The 2nd Infantry Division will be offering a Tax Assistance Program for the 2005 tax year from Jan. 1 to June 15, 2006.

The TAP provides free federal income tax preparation and electronic filing services to all active-duty servicemembers, military retirees, dependents and eligible civilian employees in Warrior County.

For more information, call Capt. Erin Delevan at 730-1885.

### Weight Allowances

The weight allowances for shipment of household goods for senior NCO grades has been increased by 500 lbs.

E-9s are now allotted 13,000 lbs. of baggage if unaccompanied and 15,000 lbs. with dependents.

E-8s are allotted 12,000 lbs. of baggage if unaccompanied and 14,000 lbs. with dependents.

E-7s are allotted 11,000 lbs. of baggage if unaccompanied and 13,000 lbs. with dependents.

## HET Activation



Yu, Hu Son



TOP: 7th Korean Service Corps personnel stand in formation during their activation ceremony.

LEFT: Hong, Chin Ho, left, accepts the company guidon, which officially gives him command, Nov. 10 at Camp Casey. Hong retired from the ROK Army in 1986 at the rank of major.

Tune into 2ID Talk from  
3 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays  
on Eagle FM 88.3/88.5.  
To request a song, call 730-6324.

## Coffee House offers alternatives

**Story and photos by  
Spc. Chris Stephens**  
Editor

CAMP STANLEY – Soldiers on Camp Stanley now have a place they can call their own, where they can hang out, listen to music or watch T.V.

The place is the newly renovated Coffee House which had its grand opening Nov. 7.

“We established this place for the Soldiers,” said Chaplain (Maj.) David Lockhart, 501st Corps Support Group chaplain. “We wanted to give them an alternative to the ‘ville.’”

Originally used by the aviation units on Camp Stanley, the coffee house went through a three-month renovation project to return it to a Soldier-friendly place it was before.

“Just about everything in here needed redone,” said Sgt. Lee, Dong Woo, chaplain’s

assistant. “This place looked like a storage shed.”

In fact, the Soldiers weren’t confident they could accomplish the task.

“They were telling me to just ‘lock it up,’” Lockhart said.

While at the Coffee House, Soldiers will be able to participate in Bible studies, watch T.V., play one of the many musical instruments available, surf the Internet and sing karaoke.

“This is all a part of the Camp Stanley outreach,” Lockhart said. “The Coffee House gives Soldiers an opportunity to fellowship and it gives us a chance to provide a support channel for them. We’re here for them.”

And what coffee house would be complete without the most important thing – coffee?

“We’ll always have coffee available here,” Lockhart said.



The Camp Stanley Coffee House includes the most important ingredient in a successful coffee house – the coffee.

The Coffee House will be open Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight and Sunday from 3 p.m. to midnight.

“This place’s main mission is to be a positive place for the Soldiers,” Lockhart said. “No matter what kind of day they’ve had, we want them to know they can come here and receive encouragement.”



Musical instruments are also available for Soldiers to jam with while the Coffee House is open.

## ROTC program shows more similarities than differences

**Story and photo by  
Spc. Timothy Dinneen**  
Assistant Editor

CAMP HOVEY – U.S. Reserve Officer Training Course graduates serving in Korea had a luncheon with ROK ROTC cadets Nov. 8 at the Iron Triangle club for the Konyang University ROTC Exchange Program visit.

The intent of the program is to assist Konyang University in becoming one of the leading institutions for the ROK ROTC military program, enhance the ROK/U.S. alliance and support the goals of the Good Neighbor Program, according to Maj. Adam J. Augustowski, 2nd Infantry Division civil military operations officer.

“The program exposes the cadets to the capabilities of 2ID and also provides interaction with our officers who were ROTC graduates,” Augustowski said.

After the luncheon, the cadets trained on the Combat Tactical Trainer giving them an opportunity to fire M-16s at computerized range targets without using live ammunition.

Wang, Ji Hoon, a ROTC student at Konyang University said it was neat to fire the M-16s because it’s a different weapon and the pro-

gram is a good opportunity to learn about the U.S. Army and American culture.

“It teaches not only a young generation of future ROK army officers on how to be a good neighbor with the U.S. but it also teaches our Soldiers and officers how to be a good neighbor to the ROK army and also to the citizens of Korea,” Augustowski said.

A broader picture of the program encompasses KU faculty so both sides can come to a cultural awareness and it has shown there are more similarities than differences in ROTC programs, said Col. Ross E. Ridge, 2ID Chief of Staff.

“Sometimes breaking down those barriers is just as important to building a team relationship,” Ridge said.

The biggest obstacle to the successful year-and-a-half relationship is finding the right time to carve out critical resources so schedules match allowing events as this, Ridge said.

“We should gain from exchanges like this that there are more similarities than differences. We may speak different languages, wear different uniforms and patches but the reality is the dilemmas, challenges and leadership skills are no different whether in a U.S. or ROK uni-



Col. Ross E. Ridge, 2ID Chief of Staff, shakes hands with a ROK officer during the ROTC visitation program at Camp Hovey’s Iron Triangle.

form,” Ridge said.

“The message to the Soldiers is to get involved,” Augustowski said. “There’s a lot more to learn about Korea than what we’re

exposed to on a daily basis. The purpose of the program is to learn about the Korean culture and be good neighbors while they’re stationed here.”

## Common skills tested at Order of the Tomahawk

Story and photos by  
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CAMP RED CLOUD – Special Troops Battalion Soldiers participated in a four-day Order of the Tomahawk competition.

The competition was held from Nov. 8 to 9 and 16 to 17. The event examined Soldiers on Common Task Training, including APFT, M-16 firing, caliber .50 M2 Machine Gun assembling, M18A1 Claymore mine installation, humvee PMCS, NBC attack prevention and NBC protection. Nov. 16 was the day for NBC attack prevention and NBC decontamination section.

In NBC attack prevention test, Soldiers had to put on their MOPP gear in a limited time. They had to hold their Kevlar helmet between their legs, put on gas mask and shout ‘gas, gas, gas.’

When a Soldier failed to put on their gears on time, he or she got a ‘no go.’ However, if the rest of the team members had a ‘go,’ the whole team, including the Soldier who failed, received ‘go.’

For the NBC decontamination test, Soldiers had to use NBC protection kit to wash off contaminated parts of their hand and face. Unlike other NBC protection training, Soldiers had to use ash, the main ingredient of NBC protection kit, to clean off the contamination in this competition.

After decontamination, they cleaned their training rifle and gas mask.

Team leaders carefully explained to their team members on decontamina-

tion procedure and helped them out to make sure they are doing it right.

“Soldiers were able to help each other while doing their mission, which looked really nice,” said Staff Sgt. Ronald Apholz, B Company, STB, who participated as a test inspector.

“By practicing and studying hard after working hours in weekdays, our team members could achieve better result,” said Spc. Edward Criswell, 2ID Band. “I think team members put a lot of effort on building the solidarity of the team for this competition.”

2ID Band Soldiers all passed on NBC attack prevention and NBC decontamination section.

“I was very happy to participate in this event and it was also very interesting to conduct military-related operation as if we are in an actual action,” said Spc. Ashley Sangret, 2ID Band.

“I think this kind of competition is good for KATUSA Soldiers since we can learn many military English terms,” said Cpl. Seo Jin Hee, HQ, 2ID.

“This event helped us understand how well STB Soldiers are aware of Common Task Training,” Apholz said. “STB is planning on holding this event twice a year, which will help us measure how Soldiers’ skills are improving.”

The grading standard is different on each subject. In some subjects, even if a member of a team fails, as long as the rest of the team members pass, the team will get ‘go.’ But, in certain subjects, if one member fails then the whole team will get a ‘no go,’ he said.

“There weren’t many difficulties conducting Common Task Training related missions,” Sangret said. “It’s the grading standard of inspectors and not knowing what the test will be like that makes this competition difficult.”

Examination on M2 caliber .50 M2 Machine Gun assembling and disassem-



Spc. Matthew Jackson, 2ID Band, uses his decontamination kit on his face and hands.



Spc. Matthew Jackson, left, and Spc. Ashley Sangret of the 2ID Band put on their MOPP gear in preparation to start the decontamination portion of the Order of the Tomahawk. Jackson and Sangret along with teammates Staff Sgt. Jeremy Davis and Spc. Edward Criswell won the overall competition. Teams from Headquarters, 2nd Inf. Div. took second and third place.

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2ID Band*

bling, M18A1 Claymore mine installation, and First Aid were held Nov. 8.

In the first aid section, the test NCOIC told the participants the condition of the patient and Soldiers had to take the correct first aid action.

The teams had to show perfect and organized safe-

ty check and installation for M18A1 Claymore mine installation part.

“We studied and practiced on weekdays after our working hours,” Seo said. “Considering the short time we had to prepare, we are satisfied with our result.”

“We weren’t familiar

with assembling and disassembling the M2 caliber .50 M2 Machine Gun and I think that was the hardest part,” he said.

“This kind of competition helps us to be better Soldiers and it should be held more often,” said Pfc. Yoon Yoo Ra, 2ID civil military operations.

## Warriors compete in first Rucksack Challenge

Story and photos by  
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Staff Writer

CAMP CASEY – Area I MWR hosted the first Rucksack Challenge Nov. 19 at Carey Physical Fitness Center.

“It’s a great event, it’s a great challenge,” said Ron Fortin, Area I MWR deputy director.

There were three different categories for the Rucksack Challenge: men’s, women’s, and team division, consisting of five Soldiers on each team.

Teams that finished with less than five members were disqualified. Team times were counted when the last team member crossed the finish line.

The competition in the heavy division required all participants to carry a rucksack weighing a minimum of 35 pounds during the march.

Rucksacks were inspected and weighed at the finish line as each participant completed the march. The weight requirements could not be water, sand, rocks or any other items that can be replenished along the way.

“It’s good exercise, it’s good to get out and do in the morning,” said Cpl. Peter Barone, HHC, 2-9 Infantry (CAB), one of the Soldiers

who competed Saturday morning.

The first candidate to make it across the finish line was Air Force Staff Sergeant Martin Baker, 604th ASOSOLA Operational Detachment, with a time of one hour and 21 minutes.

“I was a little off pace,” Baker said. “I’m a runner, usually in marathons, but I did it because I said I would.”

After all the candidates were across the finish line, awards were presented to the first and second place teams in the team category, and first through fifth place



Soldiers started out the Rucksack Challenge with a quick pace.

winners in the individual event categories, followed by a barbecue.



A buddy team works together to get to the finish line.



A Soldier stretches before the start of the Rucksack Challenge at Camp Casey.

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people’s masks and to make sure it’s properly PMCSed. If there’s a deficiency we’ll find out here,” Crosby said.

The Soldiers went through two separate briefings: one on equipment and detecting any failures; the second, on Army standards about the time it takes to don the mask and get in full MOPP gear.

“We need to be prepared for real-world instances, especially being overseas not being as safe as in the United States,” said Spc. Toby Crandall. “You need to relax and trust the equipment you’ve been issued and follow the instructions. You’re only in there for a couple of minutes.”

Taking a deep breath, the Soldiers lungs burned yet they managed to yell, “Second to None,” the password which unlocked the door to fresh air.



Soldiers from Headquarters, 2ID walk into the chamber for the yearly qualification with their protective masks.

Spc. Timothy Dinneen



**Story and photos by  
Capt. Stacy Ouellette**  
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INCHEON, Republic of Korea – An array of red and yellow shower the restaurants, shops, and even lampposts that make up Chinatown located in Incheon.

There are a variety of stores to browse through where visitors can purchase silk items, tea sets and jade products.

Most shops sell similar products, but it's still fun to visit each one.

During our trip, my

friends and I had lunch at one of the many restaurants in the area. We sampled egg drop soup, egg rolls with beef and large prawns.

The egg rolls were unlike any I've had, made with real egg wrapped around the inner contents. Everything was delicious and worth the cost.

After roaming the streets for a bit, we journeyed upward to Jayu Park, the first modern-style park built in Korea. After being completed in 1897, the park was named

All Nations Park.

It was renamed after the Korean War and the well-known Incheon Landing Operation.

The operation was staged on Sept. 15, 1950. Gen. Douglas MacArthur led the daring landing that changed the outcome of the Korean War.

This operation aided the Allied Forces, led by the U.S., to recapture Seoul.

A bronze statue of MacArthur was placed in central park in Incheon overlooking the sea to honor him.

Two other memorials are also located in the area in honor of the U.S. Korean Alliance and also the non-combatant Korean citizens. Many were students who volunteered to fight in the war for their nation.

There are many places to have a snack or view the surroundings. The har-

bor's shipping industry is visible from a variety of angles.

During our visit, we were able to watch the sunset.

Incheon Landing and Chinatown are directly across from the Incheon stop on Seoul Subway Line 1. It's the last stop on this line.



Shoppers can buy a variety of items in Chinatown.



The statue of Gen. Douglas MacArthur overlooks the landing site of U.S. forces during the Korean War.

## Casey defense smashes CRC, 76-57

Story and photos by  
Spc. Chris Stephens

Editor

CAMP RED CLOUD – Transition offense and a 1990s Kentucky Wildcats-style press defense was enough for the Camp Casey basketball team to defeat Camp Red Cloud's, 76-57, men's post basketball action.

With the score 22-20 with less than four minutes left in the first half, Camp Casey went to the press defense. With the defense, the Casey team was able to cause a lot of turnovers

and get easy buckets.

"Pressing them was the key," said Earnest Goode, Casey guard. "We knew if we could stop the ball in the back-court and cause havoc, we could get some easy buckets."

In the second half, Casey picked up the defense and the transition game, pulling away four minutes into the half.

After falling behind by more than 20, CRC was never able to get any closer than 18 points.

"It's a good win, and we look to continue to win games," Goode said.



Camp Casey's Kareem Williams, left, shoots over the outstretched arms of CRC's Jeremy St. Julian.



Camp Casey's Dequalain Smith, center, takes the ball to the basket between two CRC defenders.



CRC's Jamar Lee looks for an open teammate in the low post.



CRC's Leroy Williams takes the ball to the hole.

# Warriors brandish fists during boxing competition

Story and photos by  
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CAMP CASEY – The atmosphere of Hanson Field House was getting hotter as the excited crowds gathered in and the Warriors were getting ready to fight.

The seventh Annual Tough Warrior Boxing Competition, sponsored by the 177th Finance Battalion, was held at Hanson Field House, Nov. 19.

Twenty 2ID Warriors, 24 male and one female, participated in this event to show off their fighting instinct.

Twelve wild matches entertained the crowds with each winner receiving a trophy, Tough Warrior T-shirt, a certificate and a coin from 177th Finance Battalion.

"I'm a light-heavyweight boxer," said Pvt. Trey Steele, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, before the match. "I practiced every day and I am very confident that I can win my match."

Steele had a hard time at the beginning of the match. With a few shots to his face from the opponent, his nose started to bleed. However, as his punches warmed up, he started to gain the advantage, ending up with the win by judge's decision.

"Every day, I practiced. I mean, every single day. And it finally paid off," he said.

The self-proclaimed 'Executioner of MRC 702nd (Main Support Bn.),' Spc. Edward Becerra-Moreno, was another hero of the event. He held up the trophy high in the air as he showed his winner's smile.

"The moment I saw my opponent bleeding on his face, I knew it was my chance. I punched him as fast and as hard as I could," Becerra-Moreno said. "It feels good to be a winner. This is the first time I tried boxing. That's why I'm so proud of myself. I wish



Spc. Jeremy Wood, right, receives water from his corner between rounds.

this kind of event is held more often. I'll definitely try for another boxing match."

There was a heroine in this event as well. Spc. Holly Mears, 702nd Main Support Bn., was the only female in the event to sign up for the boxing match. Since she was the only female boxer, she was automatically named the winner for the female boxer section. She received the trophy in the ring.



The referee jumps in to stop the fight.

"I know I didn't fight, but I am still proud of myself. I did have guts to participate in this event as a boxer," Mears said, showing a proud, Warrior smile.

The 177th Fin. Bn. held the competition to not only entertain Soldiers, but to also raise money for their battalion.

"I think this event is very meaningful," said 2nd Lt. Mary Petri, the officer-in-charge of the event. "We not only provided a great evening for Soldiers to get together and enjoy, but it also will help us provide more entertainment to them in future."

The finance Soldiers also took a great part to pull this event to success.

"We've been preparing this event for a month and a half," said Sgt. Lee Jin Woo. "This is second time I've helped with this event and everyone in the battalion seems to enjoy it."

"This kind of event helps Soldiers to relieve stresses they get from working. I wish this kind of event was held more often," said Sgt. Yoon, Yeo Joon.

## Movies

### Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Fri.-Sat. 7 & 9 p.m., Su. 6 & 8 p.m., Mon.-Tue. & Thur. Nov. 25 ... *Roll Bounce*  
Nov. 26 ... *Exorcism of Emily Rose*  
Nov. 27 ... *Flightplan*  
Nov. 28 ... *Tim Burton's Corpse Bride*  
Nov. 29 ... *Exorcism of Emily Rose*  
Dec. 1-2 ... *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*  
Dec. 2 ... *Serenity*  
Dec. 3 ... *The Greatest Game Ever Played; An Unfinished Life*  
Dec. 4 ... *Serenity*  
Dec. 5 ... *The Greatest Game Ever Played*  
Dec. 6 ... *An Unfinished Life*  
Dec. 8 ... *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*

### 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.  
Nov. 25 ... *Flightplan*  
Nov. 26-27 ... *Exorcism of Emily Rose*  
Nov. 28 ... *Chicken Little*  
Nov. 29-30 ... *Tim Burton's Corpse Bride*  
Dec. 1 ... *The Greatest Game Ever Played*  
Dec. 2-3 ... *Serenity*  
Dec. 4-5 ... *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*  
Dec. 6 ... *The Greatest Game Ever Played*  
Dec. 7-8 ... *An Unfinished Life*

### Camp Hovey

Show times: Mon.-Fri. 7 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 3 & 7 p.m.  
Nov. 25-26 ... *Tim Burton's Corpse Bride*  
Nov. 26 ... *The Skeleton Key*  
Nov. 27 ... *40-Year Old Virgin*  
Nov. 28 ... *Flightplan*  
Nov. 29-30 ... *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*  
Dec. 1-2 ... *An Unfinished Life*  
Dec. 3 ... *Just Like Heaven; Get Rich or Die Tryin'*  
Dec. 4 ... *The Cave*  
Dec. 4-5 ... *Serenity*  
Dec. 6 ... *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*  
Dec. 7-8 ... *The Greatest Game Ever Played*

### Camp Humphreys

Show times: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 & 9 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 3:30, 6:30 & 9 p.m.  
Nov. 25-26 ... *Chicken Little*  
Nov. 26-27 ... *Tim Burton's Corpse Bride*  
Nov. 27 ... *Four Brothers*  
Nov. 28-29 ... *Flightplan*  
Nov. 30 ... *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*

\*The Camp Humphreys December Movie Schedule wasn't available at press time.

For more information on movie schedules or to see if there are any changes, visit [www.aafes.net](http://www.aafes.net).

