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## Warrior Division welcomes new 'M'

By Sgt. 1st Class Robert Timmons

2nd ID Public Affairs Chief

The 2nd Infantry "Warrior" Division welcomed a new assistant division commander for maneuver during a ceremony on the Village Green at Camp Red Cloud, Oct. 7.

During the "Patch" ceremony, Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, the 2nd ID commanding general welcomed Brig. Gen. Charles "Chuck" Taylor into the Warrior Division as the unit's new ADC-M, replacing Brig. Gen. Terry Ferrell who departed in September.

"Today we are hailing our new assistant division commander for maneuver, or more commonly called the 'M,'" Tucker said during the ceremony. "I know the 'S' Brig. Gen. Kelly Thomas has probably been counting the days until the new 'M' hit the ground because he's been wearing two hats since we said goodbye to Terry and Robbie Ferrell last month."

Thomas is the current assistant division commander for support.

Tucker said that Taylor, who had been to numerous exercises on the peninsula, is no stranger to Korea. He also added that the new "M" will see how strong the Alliance is.

"There is no alliance on Earth that is as strong as the one we have with the Republic of Korea," he said. "When you see M1 and K1 tanks rolling side-by-side putting steel on target, you will have no doubt of the capacity of our ROK partners."

Tucker added he felt Taylor would be perfect for the job.

"I am confident you are the right guy at the right time to take on the challenges that lie before us," he said.

During his remarks at the ceremony, Taylor thanked Tucker and the division staff for the warm welcome he received.

"(Lt. Gen.) Fil and (Maj. Gen.) Tucker thank you for giving me the opportunity to join the Warrior Team in the



Mr. Yu Hu-Son

**Led by 2nd Infantry Division Chief of Staff Col. Thomas Graves, the command group salutes Brig. Gen. Charles Taylor during a 2nd ID "Patch" ceremony welcoming Taylor as the new assistant division commander for maneuver at the Camp Red Cloud Village Green Oct. 7.**

Land of the Morning Calm," Taylor said. "General Tucker and Theresa, I appreciate the kind words and warm welcome you have given me. I will do everything in my power to support your strategic and tactical vision in maintaining the Division's readiness to face any challenge."

Taylor, who recently served as the Deputy Director for Operations and Requirements for the Department of Defense Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO), has extensive experience serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and Haiti. He also served in the 25th Infantry Division where he participated in many exercises in Korea.

"Early in my career I had the opportunity to witness firsthand the character and commitment of our allies here in Korea," he said. "As a young infantryman, I witnessed

the indomitable spirit of the ROK Army partners that I walked the rugged ridgelines with during the Team Spirit exercises.

"After returning many times to Korea over the past years, I am proud to see the tremendous progress, and look forward to build upon the solid foundation that together for 60 years, shoulder-to-shoulder, has maintained security and stability on the peninsula."

The "Patch" ceremony is a 2nd ID tradition that officially welcomes new senior leaders into the Warrior Family.

Click on  at [www.2id.korea.army.mil](http://www.2id.korea.army.mil) for more photos of the event.

## Wi-Fi in 2nd ID DFACs helps Warrior University students

By Sgt. Jung Ho-Young

Staff Writer

Since its launch almost a year ago, Warrior University has become more and more popular with 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers, as they work their way to earning "a degree at three." While many believed at first that it only applied to Soldiers taking in-class courses, WU applies to those taking online courses as well.

To further support the WU mission, wireless internet is now available in

most Area I dining facilities, said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Erica Nowells, the Division food service logistics officer.

"I expect the number of Soldiers and Families who are taking college courses will only increase with such easy access," said 2nd ID commander, Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker.

"A national poll in USA Today revealed that the most important life-enhancing action a person chooses in their entire lifetime is investing in their education," Tucker continued. "It was through off-duty education that allowed me to go from private to general."

The following Dining facilities now offer Wi-Fi: Kilbourne Hall and Commanding General's Mess on Camp Red Cloud; Crusader Restaurant, Thunder Inn, and Iron Horse Café on Camp Casey; Sports Café and World Café on Camp Hovey; and the K-16 Mess on K-16 in Area II.

"I believe this service will help promote education and it gives the Soldiers a place to do school work that is minutes away from their barracks and is free," said Nowells.

"Let's not allow our Soldiers to put their lives 'on hold' during their serv-

ice here in 2nd ID, but enrich them with such opportunity," said Tucker.

One dining facility per brigade will remain open from 8-11 p.m. for Soldiers to use Wi-Fi daily and will start extending their hours no later than Nov. 1, added Nowells.





**VOICE OF THE  
WARRIOR:**  
What  
will you do to  
not get sick  
this winter?



*"Keep myself warm, do  
some exercises and drink  
lots of water"*

**Pfc. Maria Caldwell**  
HHSC, DSTB

*"Drink hot tea with honey  
and eat chicken noodle  
soup"*

**Spc. Christopher Baldwin**  
A Co., DSTB



*"I will make sure the air  
circulates in my room"*

**Pvt. Ko In-Hwan**  
B Co., DSTB

*"Dress in layers"*

**Pfc. Michael Totorica**  
C Co., DSTB



*"Dress properly and take my  
vitamins"*

**Pfc. Whitley Tucker**  
HHSC, DSTB

*"Eat a lot of kimchi and  
drink hot chocolate"*

**Spc. Jessica Hobbs**  
B Co., DSTB



# COMMANDER'S CORNER

## A tale of flu season, getting inoculated

By Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker  
2nd ID Commander

Soldiers and Families of the Warrior Division, as the days begin to get a little shorter and the nights a little cooler, our thoughts typically turn to the highlights of fall and winter. We look forward to things like the changing of the leaves, ski trips, and of course, football. One thing we usually don't look forward to, or think much about, is the annual cold and flu season.

That time of year is fast approaching once again and it has the potential to impact all of us. Every year, more than 200,000 Americans are hospitalized and about 30,000 die from influenza or its complications. Last year's H1N1 pandemic had global implications, with almost 1.5 million cases reported around the world.

In order to combat the potentially negative effects of flu season on military readiness, and in the interest of maintaining the health of Soldiers and their Families, the Army mandates that all active-duty Soldiers receive influenza immunizations annually. This also includes all KATUSAs assigned to 2nd Infantry Division and Eighth Army units.

To make sure we get ahead of the flu this year, I have directed that all 2nd ID Soldiers and KATUSAs, unless specifically exempted, will receive their immunization before the Thanksgiving holiday. Lt. Col. Dave Wolken and his team at the Division Surgeon's Office are working with health care providers across Warrior Country to get the

ball rolling even as you read this column.

In addition to active-duty Soldiers, our federal civilian workforce, Department of Defense Dependents Schools personnel, Child, Youth and School Services personnel and, of course, our Warrior Families are eligible to receive the influenza vaccine, without charge, from military medical activities. It's important that we all take a role in keeping our communities healthy.

Getting your flu vaccine is fast and easy. Most of you will get the FluMist, which is administered like a nasal spray. Children under two, or those of us who have a few more miles on our roadwheels, will get the traditional flu shot. Either way, the few seconds it takes to get the vaccine should bring you the necessary protection during the upcoming influenza season.

Now, back to one of the things I look forward to in the fall— football. Whether you're an Army football fan, or just a plain old Army fan, this weekend is one for all Warriors to cheer on the United States Military Academy as they take on Rutgers University. When the Black Knights of West Point take the field in the new Meadowlands Stadium tomorrow, they will be proudly wearing the Indianhead patch of 2ID on their football uniform jerseys. I have already informed them in a letter which will be read in the locker room before the game that the Warrior Division's mojo will be with them on the field with 93 years of service to the Nation and a fighting spirit that is "Second to None."

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(Left) Brig. Gen. Kelley Thomas, assistant division commander support, and 2nd ID Commander Maj. Gen. Michael Tucker get their influenza shots to prevent getting sick during this flu season.

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Maj. Will Griffin, 2nd ID Public Affairs

## Leaders show the way in flu prevention

(Left) Col. Thomas Graves, 2nd Infantry Division chief of staff, and Brig. Gen. Charles L. Taylor, assistant division commander maneuver, get their annual FluMist Oct. 6 in order to prevent getting sick during the upcoming flu season. Active-duty Soldiers, their Families, and Department of Defense personnel can now get their vaccinations free of charge.

## 'Manchus' train with real-life scenarios

By 1st Lt. James I. Maeng

2-9th Inf., 1st HBCT

Scouts, snipers, and fire support teams from the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, part of the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, along with AH-64 Apache helicopters from 4th Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade conducted urban operations training at the Korean Training Center, Rodriguez Range, Sept. 15-17.

The Apaches from 4-2nd Avn. out of Camp Humphreys, provided close combat attack support with the



A Soldier with a 2-9th Inf. fire support team, looks over the roof of a building during urban operations training at the Korean Training Center Sept. 15.

2-9th Inf. fire support teams.

The training also incorporated multiple other assets. "Manchu" snipers took their positions in the woods surrounding the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility, awaiting a signal to erase targets off of their scopes, while Manchu Scouts established observation posts to provide streaming reconnaissance updates.

The training provided was a first for most of the FST Soldiers. To prepare for the exercise, the teams conducted simulated training at Camp Casey and rehearsed the day they arrived at the range.

"It's one thing to train in a simulator, but it becomes a whole new environment when you're in a building with the Apaches flying overhead," said Sgt. 1st Class Phillip Gipson, a FST platoon sergeant with 2-9th Inf. "To fight tonight as combined arms, this training was a valuable opportunity."

The platoon leader from the FST described what happened during the exercise.

"For two days 4-2nd Avn. pilots were able to provide the Apaches to support the Manchu FST," said 2nd Lt. Gregory Funk, FST platoon leader. "The teams established an urban observation post and conducted a continuous 36-hour operation, providing a sense of realism to their training. This training ensures the Manchu Death Dealers are always ready to fight tonight. It was good for the Soldiers to train in a manner they may have to face."

For training purposes, Gipson established the OP on the roof top to provide a more open learning environment. There, the Soldiers had room to participate and learn procedures to control the fire effects over radio communication. Communicating with the aircraft was done via radio with Gipson listening to their transmissions to provide immediate feedback and coaching.

"To facilitate training, we set up on the roof, but part of our training was setting up a proper OP within the building," Gipson said.

Several of the FST Soldiers stated that this was the best training they have received since coming to Korea.

This will not be the last time 2-9th Inf. and 4-2nd Avn. train together, Funk said.

"The more we train, Soldiers with the FST will be able to become even more proficient in a skill that could one day save fellow Soldiers' lives," Funk said.

## 'Avenger Btry.' completes semiannual gunnery

By 2nd Lt. Daniel Kim

6-52nd ADA

Soldiers with 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment completed their semiannual .50 caliber machine gun range Sept. 14-18.

A successful completion of this training, which took place at Nightmare Range, allows the Air Defense Battery to be Table VIII qualified. This is part of the Avenger Gunnery Skills Test that allows short range air defense Soldiers to become better prepared for their mission.

All teams were able to safely qualify on the M2 .50 caliber machine gun, which is one of the longest serving weapons systems in the U.S. military.

The battery's highest score went to Pfc. Maurissa Steppe.

"This is one of the most exciting ranges I have been to," said Steppe, with 6-52nd ADA. "It was fun and rewarding. My team chief Staff Sgt. Harvey coached me well throughout each iteration. The range provided a great avenue for team cohesion and confidence building."

Col. Steven Sliwa, 210th Fires Brigade commander, visited the range in order to personally award the top scoring teams from each platoon with coins. Also visiting Nightmare Range for the first time was Lt. Col. Dale Smith, 6-37th FA battalion commander.

"I feel more confident in Echo Battery's role as part of the 'On the Minute' Battalion to execute its air defense mission," Smith said, who met with Soldiers and expressed his appreciation.

E Battery Commander Capt. John Kim, who recently took command in July, stated, "Everyone in the Battery contributed greatly, which allowed us to successfully execute Nightmare Range. I cannot be happier by the results. I look forward to conducting future operations with the battery."

As the only Avenger unit on the Korean Peninsula, E Btry. is continuing to become more proficient in its air defense tactical capabilities. After the gunnery, Soldiers gained more confidence and are preparing for the upcoming Avenger missile live-fire exercise during Operation Sea Strike.



2nd Lt. Alex Diebold

Soldiers with E Battery, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment inspect their Avenger Weapons systems during training that took place at Nightmare Range Sept. 14-18.

### Correction:

On the Oct. 1 *Indianhead* edition, page 4, it was erroneously written that 1st Lt. Joshua Hudson placed 3rd on a 10-K run. Hudson took 1st place in the 10-K run of the 2010 Gyeonggi Peace and Unification Marathon.

# Wildcards conduct combined training with 37th ROK ID

Story and photos by Cpl. Tim Oberle

2nd CAB Public Affairs

One can sum up the U.S. relationship with the Republic of Korea with “Katchi Kapshida” or “We Go Together,” but nothing really encapsulates the ROK/U.S. Alliance like a good old-fashioned “shoot from the hip” combined training exercise. From the planning stage to the actual carrying out of the mission, one thing reigns clear to the wayward bystander: the ROK and U.S. combined fighting force is clearly ready to “Fight Tonight.”

Lt. Col. Erik Gilbert, commander of 2nd Assault Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, said he is fully aware of this need to be prepared to roll out at the drop of a dime and made it a priority upon taking over command of 2-2nd Avn. to conduct as much “high-speed” combined training as possible.

Gilbert’s most recent initiative to further prepare his “Wildcard” battalion involved the integration of C Company, 2-2nd Avn. and ROK Soldiers from the 37th ROK Infantry Division in a mission to sling load four Korean 105mm Howitzers to U.S. UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters. The guns were then transferred to Tactical Assembly Area Tom via the helicopters where ROK Soldiers unhooked the weapons and fired blank rounds at strategic locations.

“In the event that another war ever occurs here on the Korean Peninsula, it wouldn’t necessarily take place on a linear battlefield,” said Cpt. John Paxton, C Co. commander and officer-in-charge for the exercise. “This is why the scenario is played out against (notional) guerrilla forces.”

“It’s not just the realistic nature of the training that helps both forces though,” he added, “but also the experience of integrating forces that utilize different operating procedures and tactics.”

“Because the integration of multinational units is difficult, we used the crawl-walk-run method. We conducted four different training preparations in order to be able to run the two-day mission,” he said.

Paxton elaborated that the first mission was during the day and the second was a night mission using night vision gear.

“This is why we had to have four practice missions: to be ready for the different lighting conditions that running a night-time mission present,” he said.

In order to prepare for the difficulties presented by the mission, Soldiers from 2-2nd Avn. went out of their way to make the exercise a success.

“One of our pilots, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Joshua Robinson, who is a former (infantryman) reverted to his past experience and worked on the ground slinging the Howitzers to the Blackhawks,” said Paxton.

“I absolutely loved working down on the ground with the ROK forces,” said Robinson of C Co., 2-2nd Avn. “Working like this with Korean Soldiers helps us to unify as a single fighting force here on the peninsula.”

Robinson went on to explain that “this is a stepping stone for both our battalion and the ROK field artillery unit. It helps identify weaknesses so as we move forward toward the ROK-led coalition, both sides are familiar with joint operations.”



**Top left:** A Soldier from the Republic of Korea 37th Infantry Division waves a red flag signaling that it is OK to fire from a 105mm Howitzer during a combined exercise at Tactical Assembly Area Tom. **Top right:** Three UH-60 Blackhawks from the 2nd Assault Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, with 105mm Howitzers fly toward TAA Tom.

**Right:** Chief Warrant Officer 2 Joshua Robinson, a pilot from 2-2nd Avn., helps a ROK Soldier from 37th ID prepare a 105mm Howitzer to sling load it to a U.S. UH-60 Blackhawk.



## Be on the look out for these upcoming Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers events:

| Event:                           | Date:   | Time:     | Fee:      | Location:                      |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Hoop-It-Up                       | Oct. 16 | 10 a.m.   | Free      | Camp Red Cloud Gym             |
| Halloween Party                  | Oct. 30 | 6 p.m.    | \$5       | Camp Casey Gateway Club        |
| Black and White Ball             | Nov. 6  | 7 p.m.    | \$30/\$50 | Camp Stanley Reggie's          |
| Veteran's Day Spades Tourn.      | Nov. 11 | 6:30 p.m. | \$10      | Camp Red Cloud Mitchell's Club |
| Thanksgiving Texas Hold 'Em      | Nov. 20 | 5 p.m.    | \$10      | TBD                            |
| Amazing Turkey Race/Eating Comp. | Nov. 24 | noon      | Free      | Camp Casey Gateway Club        |

For more information, contact your company BOSS representative or call the following numbers:

Camp Casey DSN: 730-6187

Camp Red Cloud/Stanley DSN: 732-9190

Camp Humphreys DSN: 753-8970

## WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

### Dental assistant training

The 618th Dental Company and Area I American Red Cross are sponsoring a free Dental Assistant Training course. Six applicants will be selected. Applications are now available at the Camp Casey Red Cross building. For more information, call Jana Fullmer at DSN 730-3246/3184.

### S.A.L.T.

The Area I Army Substance Abuse Program brings the National Save a Life Tour 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to the Camp Casey Carey Fitness Center Oct. 15, 18-19. The tour promotes alcohol awareness with videos, personal stories of loss of loved ones, and a drinking and driving simulation experience.

### 5K, 10K run

The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program will participate in a 5K and 10K walk sponsored by Family Morale Welfare and Recreation at Camp Hovey Oct. 16. Individuals are invited to participate in the walk in recognition of Domestic Violence Month, and bring awareness by wearing or bringing something purple. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m.

### Holiday greetings

A Joint Hometown News Service team will be available to record holiday greetings outside of the Camp Casey Post Exchange 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 20.

### English class

The next Conversational English session at Camp Casey will begin 5:15

p.m. at the Army Community Service classroom in Bldg. 2317 on Oct. 25. The session is open to ID-card holders, both active duty and Family members, who want to improve their English language skills. Class size is limited. For more information or to pre-register, call DSN 732-7779.

### SF recruiters visit

Special Forces recruiters will be available to speak to interested Servicemembers and Families at the Camp Casey Education Center during open hours Oct. 27-28.

### Casey DFAC closes

The Camp Casey Main Dining Facility, Bldg. S-2151, will close its doors temporarily due to renovations Oct. 29 and is slated to reopen March 1, 2011.

### Family appreciation lunch

The Camp Red Cloud Pear Blossom Family Outreach Center and the Division Special Troops Battalion Family Readiness Group will be hosting a military Family appreciation celebration at the CRC Pear Blossom noon-2 p.m. Nov. 18. There will be a guest speaker, a luncheon, raffles and presents. For more information, call DSN 732-7168.

### AER changes forms

The Army Emergency Relief will no longer use DA Form 1103 to process AER loan requests. The new forms are: AER Form 700, the application for AER financial assistance and AER Form 600, the commander's referral program. For more information call Doris Planas at DSN 730-3142.

### Homeschooling meeting

The Child, Youth and School Services will be hosting a meeting for all parents who are interested in homeschooling their children 3-5 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Camp Casey Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 2403. For more information, call DSN 730-3628 or stop by Parent Central located in Maude Hall Room 209.

### Outdoor Rec Center

The Camp Casey Community Activities Center has opened the doors to its first outdoor recreation program. The following services are available:

#### Mountain bike rental

Open 10 a.m. daily

Soldiers can rent a mountain bike for \$10 a day and \$2 for a safety helmet. There are 35 bikes available for rental. Call DSN 730-6188/4601 for reservation.

#### Go cart track

Open noon-6 p.m.

Sat., Sun., & U.S. holidays

The Casey 500 Go Cart Track is still open for the season. Enjoy riding the go carts while you still can; the season ends Oct. 31. Call John Hanger to reserve the facility for a unit event during the week at DSN 730-4601/6188.

#### Paintball field

Open 9 a.m. Sat. & Sun.

The Casey Paintball Field is open to the community on the weekends. Shooting equipment and paintballs are available for rent and sale. For unit events or training during the week call John Hanger at DSN 730-6188.

## Movies

### Camp Casey

Show times: Mon. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. & Sun. 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.  
Sat. 3:30, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.

- Oct. 15: The Social Network/Eat Pray Love
- Oct. 16: Nanny McPhee Returns/The Social Network (2)
- Oct. 17: Charlie St. Cloud/Eat Pray Love
- Oct. 18: The Social Network
- Oct. 20: Eat Pray Love
- Oct. 22: Secretariat/Scott Pilgrims vs. the World
- Oct. 23: Secretariat (2)/The Switch
- Oct. 24: Vampires Suck/Lottery Ticket
- Oct. 25: Secretariat
- Oct. 27: The Switch

### Camp Red Cloud



\*\*No showings until further notice due to renovations\*\*

### Camp Hovey

Show times: Mon.-Sun. 7 p.m.

- Oct. 15: The Other Guys
- Oct. 16: Step Up 3D
- Oct. 17: The Social Network
- Oct. 19: Eat Pray Love
- Oct. 21: Secretariat
- Oct. 22: Scott Pilgrims vs. the World
- Oct. 23: The Switch
- Oct. 24: Secretariat
- Oct. 26: Eat Pray Love
- Oct. 28: Red

### Camp Stanley

Show times: Sun., Mon. & Thu. 7 p.m.  
Wed. & Sat. 7 & 9 p.m.  
Fri. 9:30 a.m., 7 & 9 p.m.

- Oct. 15: The Switch/The Other Guys
- Oct. 16: Scott Pilgrims vs. the World/Dinner for Schmucks
- Oct. 17: Eat Pray Love
- Oct. 18: Cats & Dogs
- Oct. 20: Secretariat (2)
- Oct. 21: Eat Pray Love
- Oct. 22: Vampires Suck/Lottery Ticket
- Oct. 23: The Social Network/Scott Pilgrim vs. the World
- Oct. 24: The Social Network
- Oct. 25: The Switch
- Oct. 27: Red (2)
- Oct. 28: Nanny McPhee Returns

### Camp Humphreys

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

- Oct. 15: The Social Network (2)
- Oct. 16: The Last Airbender/The Social Network (2)
- Oct. 17: Ramona and Beezus/The Social Network (2)
- Oct. 18: Scott Pilgrims vs. the World (2)
- Oct. 19: Scott Pilgrims vs. the World (2)
- Oct. 20: The Switch (2)
- Oct. 21: The Switch (2)
- Oct. 22: Secretariat (2)
- Oct. 23: Secretariat (2)/Lottery Ticket
- Oct. 24: Secretariat (2)/Lottery Ticket
- Oct. 25: Lottery Ticket (2)
- Oct. 26: Vampires Suck (2)
- Oct. 27: Vampires Suck (2)
- Oct. 28: Nanny McPhee Returns

## CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

### Camp Red Cloud

#### Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

#### Catholic:

9 a.m. Sunday

#### KATUSA:

7 p.m. Sunday

#### COGIC:

12:30 p.m. Sunday

### Camp Casey

At Stone Chapel

#### Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday

At Memorial Chapel

#### Gospel:

11 a.m. Sunday

#### KATUSA:

6:30 p.m. Tuesday

At West Casey Chapel

#### Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday

#### Catholic:

Noon Sunday

#### LDS Bible study:

7 p.m. Thursdays

### Camp Hovey

At Hovey Chapel

#### Catholic:

9:30 a.m. Sunday

#### Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

#### KATUSA:

6:30 p.m. Tuesday

At Old Hovey Chapel

Bldg. 3592

#### Orthodox:

10 a.m. 1st, 3rd Sundays

At Crusader Chapel

#### Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

### Camp Stanley

#### Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday

#### Gospel:

12:30 p.m. Sunday

### Camp Humphreys

At Freedom Chapel

#### Catholic:

9 a.m. Sunday

#### Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

#### Church of Christ:

5 p.m. Sunday

#### Gospel:

1 p.m. Sunday

#### KATUSA:

7 p.m. Tuesday

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#### Hovey Chapel:

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#### Camp Stanley:

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#### Camp Humphreys:

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# Quinceañera: a father's journey to celebrating his daughter's womanhood

By Sgt. 1st Class Michelle M. Johnson

2nd ID Public Affairs

It's two weeks from the big day for Master Sgt. Ramiro Cespedes. Actually, the big day is for his daughter, Cassandra, but the way Cespedes talks about the upcoming event, you'd think it was *his* special day.

Cassandra is 15, not such a big deal if you grew up in Ohio. Though, for those who grew up in Hispanic households along the Mexican border, the 15th birthday for a young lady has always held honor.

History book authors don't have a conclusive explanation of the tradition's origin, though most believe it began during an ancient civilization. Some Mayan and Aztec rituals were likely carried-on by ancestors and adapted as the years passed to become the present day fiesta acknowledging a girl's ascent into womanhood.

"It's probably the biggest day in a girl's life, second to her wedding," Cespedes said, as he packed the last of his things into his suit-

case in preparation for his final few hours wearing the 2nd Infantry Division patch. Cespedes moves on to his next assignment at Fort Bliss, Texas, after his daughter's quinceañera – a Hispanic tradition celebrating a young girl's coming of age on her 15th birthday.

"Well, she turned 15 in August, but I wasn't there. So, we'll hold the quinceañera when I'm home," Cespedes said.

Cespedes spent 24 months as the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 2nd Infantry Division inspector general's office.

His co-workers say they know as much about Cassandra's "quince" as her dad does.

"He talks about it all the time," said Sgt. 1st Class Lloyd Pegues.

"If you don't get all the information from him for this interview, I can fill you in. I know all about it," joked Pegues.

But, it's the "brotherhood" of being in the Army that has made this birthday party even more poignant for Cespedes. He says the Army is so diverse that he has been able to share his story with friends and co-workers from all different nationalities and races, some who have never heard of this tradition. He really enjoys being able to bring his culture to other people.

Cinderella-like dresses, tiaras and cake aren't the typical pastime concerns of men north or south of the border. Cespedes' obsession with his eldest daughter's coming of age was born out of a combination of cultures.

First, it's something he grew up with.

"It's been a part of my family for a long time, ever since I was a little kid. I always knew I wanted my girls to have the experience," he said.

Add his lifetime of tradition to a military father's regret over being separated for the last two and a half years of his child's life, and you have the makings of one very involved dad.

"I've heard this story told growing up about a father who spent lots of time away working. Each time he returned to his family he would bring a toy or a doll to his girl. When she turns 15, he realizes she is no longer a child and he does not give

her the doll this final time. I am going to present Cassandra with her 'last doll' as part of the quinceañera."

Cespedes said this ritual is typical of the fiestas he celebrated for his cousins and sister in Mexico and it stems from a Mayan tradition.

"The family is welcoming a girl into society as a young woman, and this is the last toy she'll have from her father," he said. It's a way for a father to hold on to the final moments of his daughter's innocence before she becomes an adult and prepares to leave the family to begin her own.

"I have kept it so my girls do not dance and do not date and do not wear makeup until their quinceañera," Cespedes said as he described another of the rituals associated with the passage into womanhood.

"The first dance has to be with her father," Cespedes said. That night will also be the first time she wears makeup.

But, before the party is the "misa de acción de gracias" or thanksgiving mass.

"As Roman Catholics, we have a church service specifically for the quinceañera; a priest will bless my daughter," he said.

After the mass is a dinner followed by a party, much like a wedding reception.

The planning begins years before and it involves the extended family.

"In the old days, the mother would go out to the family members with a big list of things needed for the quinceañera. There's a special pen for the guests to sign-in with, a special necklace that says fifteenth, a special ring that says fifteenth," said Cespedes. These financial supporters are called "padrinos."

As a first generation Mexican-American, with most of his family still living and working in a small town in Mexico, Cespedes didn't want to burden them with his daughter's quinceañera. Instead, he said he's lucky in that the military has been good enough to him that he and his wife were able to save up money over the last three years to pay for the \$10,000 event themselves.

"With the economy the way it is, it's hard for some of my family to help, many are still ranchers and farmers back in our small village in Mexico," said Cespedes. "I know they would do it if I asked, regardless of their money situation. I just don't want to place that on them."

Cespedes said many times while he was growing up he remembered asking himself how his aunts and uncles were able to pull it off. "No matter how hard times were, somehow everyone pitched in and made sure the ladies had their special day, even though they knew they were gonna be in debt for the next couple years," he said.

"I've seen my uncles; they'll get loans or start saving five years in advance," he continued.

The only exception is Cassandra's dress, a flowing burgundy tiered gown with embellishments on the bodice, which was given to Cassandra by her godparents.

"It's about family and community," said Cespedes. "We are welcoming all our family to come join us in the celebration."

Several family members will cross the border to share the day with Cassandra in the Cespedes hometown of Brownsville, Texas.

With three daughters, Cespedes says he's going to become something of a quinceañera pro.

"We have some time to recover from Cassandra's party before we have to begin planning our middle one, Catherine's – she's seven. But, Chriselda, our youngest, is only two years behind Catherine."

Dad says he plans to provide each of his girls with the fiesta of her dreams and the cost is inconsequential.

"It's a once in a lifetime event for the girl. And families are so proud to introduce their daughters to society. That's why we still do this," the proud dad says.

Thanks to technology, Cespedes knows all the details of the party despite being stationed on the other side of the globe. He was able to share each step through Facebook and talked on the phone with his wife and daughter often. But, he doesn't take credit for any of it.

"I have to give credit to my wife; she's the one running around taking care of all the details. She's done a great job," he said.

"I feel very good about it knowing that he's here to help and it's great to know that both him and my mom are trying their best to get everything perfect for my big day," said Cassandra.

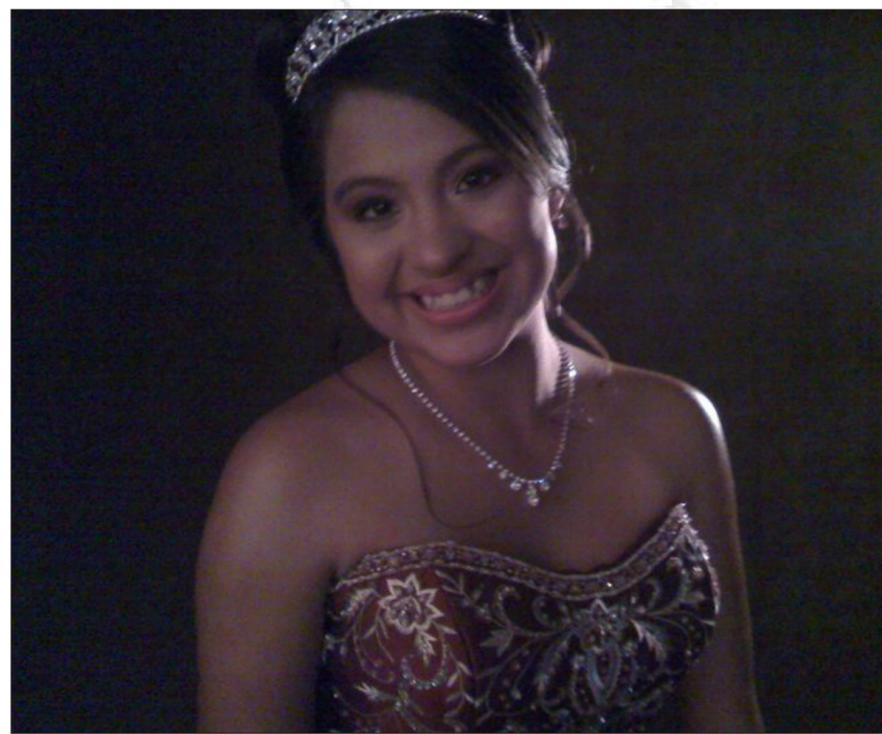
Mom and dad have a few more surprises for Cassandra. Along with a \$10,000 party for 400 of her closest friends and relatives, she'll receive a bankcard with some cash already in the account.

"And the first thing she has to do is take me and her mom out to dinner. I want to teach her about responsibility and this is a start," he said.



Above: Master Sgt. Ramiro Cespedes, a former 2nd ID Warrior, poses with (left) youngest daughter, Chriselda, and oldest daughter, Cassandra, at a zoo.

Below: Cespedes takes a photo with his three daughters (left to right) Chriselda, Catherine and Cassandra.



Cassandra, 15, daughter of Master Sgt. Ramiro Cespedes, the former noncommissioned officer in charge of the 2nd Infantry Division inspector general's office, poses in her quinceañera dress days before her 15th birthday celebration, a Hispanic tradition celebrating a young girl's coming of age.

## AAFES pulls recalled trampolines, baby sleep positioners

Courtesy of Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — Specific models of trampolines and baby sleep positioners have been removed from shelves at Army and Air Force Exchange Services as part of recalls and warnings from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The commission issued warnings about the sleep positioners — mats or pillows used to keep a baby from rolling around, according to a Friday news release from AAFES. The government found 12 babies died in the past 13 years while sleeping with the positioners, according to AAFES.

Three models were sold at exchange stores:

- The Sleep 2 in 1 Positioner (Style 50) manufactured by Sassy, Inc. with a UPC number of 037977000504
- The Airflow Sleep Positioner (Style 4064), with UPC number 071463040643
- The Airflow DLX Sleep Positioner/Pad (Style Y7332), with UPC number 071463073320, both manufactured by Learning Curve Brands

Any customer with the above models can return the items to their local exchange for a full refund.

The trampoline recall is a voluntary move by Bravo Sports. Model numbers 139300, 138467 and 138489 were sold at exchange stores from January 2007 through September 2010.

Consumers with these models should immediately stop using the trampolines and contact Bravo Sports for instructions on how to inspect them for top rail damage and to request revised assembly instructions.

To contact Bravo, call toll-free at 877-500-2459 between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (PST) weekdays or visit the company's Web site at [www.airzone-variflex-recall.com](http://www.airzone-variflex-recall.com).

## LEGAL ADVICE: get replacement value for lost, damaged goods

By Capt. Nathan Lew  
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Permanent change of station season is here again. If you find that your unaccompanied baggage or household goods arrive damaged, destroyed, or got lost, the full-replacement value claims system can help you recoup the value of those items, or a new replacement of those items.

The FRV system allows you to file directly with the carrier for the full, undepreciated replacement value of a lost or destroyed item, or a brand-new item of similar make and model. Servicemembers and Department of Defense civilians are eligible to take advantage of the FRV system. The FRV claims system is distinguished from the Personnel Claims Act, wherein a claimant can file a claim with the Army but only recover the fair, depreciated market value of personal property that was lost, damaged, or destroyed.

Under the FRV system, you file directly with the carrier within nine months of shipment delivery. However, you must first provide notice of your intent to file a claim to the carrier within 75 days of delivery.

This is done by submitting a DD Form 1840, identifying lost, destroyed, or damaged property discovered at delivery, or a DD Form 1840R, identifying such property after delivery. You should include any facts that identify the shipment, each item for which you are seeking payment, and a demand for a certain amount of money.

If you choose to submit either of these notice forms to the Military Claims Office to forward them to the carrier on your behalf, you must get them to the MCO within 70 days of shipment delivery. This notice must be postmarked by the deadline, so be sure to send it via certified mail with return receipt requested.

As long as you file your actual claim within nine months of delivery, the carrier is responsible for obtaining repair or replacement estimates. You may assist in this task, but you should be reimbursed for all costs incurred in obtaining the estimates, even if you later refuse the final claim settlement offer from the carrier.

The carrier is liable for the greater of \$5,000 per shipment or \$4 times the net weight of the shipment, up to a maximum limit of \$50,000. If you believe that your shipment is worth more than \$50,000, additional coverage can often be obtained from a private insurance company at your own expense.

If you miss the nine-month deadline, you can still file your claim with the MCO, but it will be paid under the depreciated-value system. Additionally, you will completely forfeit your right to file with the carrier for full-replacement value. And remember that either way, you must still file your claim within two years of shipment delivery.

The claims process can be confusing, but your local claims office will be happy to help you through it. We can help you navigate the new system, and assist with any necessary paperwork or follow up contacts with carriers. For additional information, visit your local on-post claims office.

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# The sun never sets on the 2nd ID



## Warrior Adventure Quest: Let the healing begin

By Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Piper

I Corps Public Affairs

HOOD RIVER, Ore. - Jumping off a bridge or going over a waterfall might not seem like the best way to cope after a deployment, but Soldiers at Joint Base Lewis-McChord did just that earlier this week with the Warrior Adventure Quest program following yearlong deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The program, which started two years ago, created a safe environment through bungee jumping and white river rafting for Soldiers to learn how to cope with the high levels of adrenaline they faced during their deployment.

The program included other extreme sports, such as paintball and rock climbing, and left it up to the platoon to decide what would be the best fit for their troops.

"After establishing a whole year of having that adrenaline, they need to be trained on the actuality of getting rid of it and the knowledge that they may not get rid of it, but there are safe activities to create that rush," said Amia Coffey, Warrior Adventure Quest program manager.

The adrenaline issues begin at a very early stage when they start training for a deployment, Coffey explained. As the Soldiers prepare to deploy, their adrenaline levels start to rise. The frequent adrenaline rushes that Soldiers feel during training continue throughout deployment, creating a higher level that eventually becomes normal and stabilizes. This new level of normalcy stops Soldiers from coming down from adrenaline highs. Then they are brought right back into civilian life where they are expected to quickly adjust.

"Guys come back and just get out of control," said Staff Sgt. David Wasierski, a sniper section leader with 1st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. "It's like they've been leashed up for 12 months and that's (only) half of it."

"The reason that they can't relax, the reason they don't know why they are so aggressive, the reason they have all these aberrant behaviors is because their adrenaline is so high, and it's basically a chemical imbalance in their head," Coffey said. "Your body wants to get to that level again and again - you don't know why you're so aggressive - you don't know why your road rage is so high."

Platoons started the training in the classroom so they could learn how adrenaline had affected their bodies over the course of the deployment. The lectures focused on the chemical and hormonal responses that high-levels of adrenaline create inside the body.



Soldiers from 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment go over Husum Falls on the Hood River. "After establishing a whole year of having that adrenaline, they need to be trained on the actuality of getting rid of it and the knowledge that they may not get rid of it, but there are safe activities to create that rush," said Amia Coffey, Warrior Adventure Quest program manager.

"A lot of time they come to the classes they don't realize that this is a chemical inside them that is really hard to come down off of," Coffey said. "During the training we do, you can see the light bulbs coming on. (They say) 'oh that's why I'm fighting with people; oh that's why I'm trying to find something else.'"

Coffey said because of the type of events the Soldiers participate in, they create a sense of anticipation that ends with an adrenaline rush.

When they get on the bus to go bungee jumping or white river rafting, she said, they start thinking more about what they are going to do, and the adrenaline issues start to become clearer.

At the rafting course, only one Soldier jumped into the water at a time. As the platoon watched one of their teammates take the plunge, the anticipation built as they wait for their own turn. Slowly the adrenaline levels increased until it peaked when they made their jump.

Once on the water, the rafters followed an eight and a half mile course that included a series of rapids that culminated with a trip over Hood River's 12-foot waterfall called Husum Falls. As they traveled from calm

waters to rapids and eventually over the waterfall, their adrenaline levels rose and fell.

When the Soldiers were deployed, the adrenaline rush was not one they chose to create, Coffey said. It was done to protect their fellow Soldiers and to aid the people of Iraq and Afghanistan and support our nation. The Warrior Adventure Quest lets them make the choice to create an adrenaline rush not provoked by war.

Following the adrenaline-packed experience, the Soldiers conducted a Leader Led After Action Debrief that compared the event to their deployment.

"My goals were to get the soldiers to relate and open up," Wasierski said. "I know that sometimes when I'm wearing staff sergeant rank and ACUs, and they come up and talk to me they might not be thinking that this is a guy I can just talk to. But being in this environment where we are all having fun together, it is a lot easier to come up and talk."

"We're here to listen and deal with any issues they may have, and we're probably the only people who will really understand what they went through, because we went through it with them," Wasierski said.

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