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Sgt. Jesus M. Buenafe, a machinist with B Company, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion on Camp Casey, monitors a closed circuit television system April 27. CCTV systems are monitored from the charge of quarters' desk and are able to show images from each floor of the barracks. CCTV systems were installed in an attempt to deter crime and violence in the 2nd ID footprint.

## CCTV installed in Area I barracks

Story and photo by Sgt. Mark A. Moore II

Assistant Editor

In an effort to keep Area I Soldiers safe, a program to install Closed Circuit Television monitors, cameras and Electronic Security Systems in Warrior Country barracks began April 8, and is scheduled to be completed June 30. Once installation is completed a total of 23 barracks will be equipped with monitoring systems.

"The installation of the CCTV will potentially reduce crime rate, provide a safer living environment for

Soldiers, and ensure that good order and discipline is maintained at all times," said Sgt. Maj. Tonia P. Littlejohn, the 2nd ID division supply and service noncommissioned officer in charge.

Barracks with 24-hour Charge of Quarters manning will monitor the CCTV and ESS systems. These systems allow the CQ to monitor the interior and exterior of the buildings in which they are installed.

"Being able to watch the entire barracks allows us to react faster to situations that may arise," said Pfc. Claudio E. Napoli, a signal support systems specialist with the 4th Chemical Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops

Battalion on Camp Hovey. "This will keep the Soldiers in the barracks safer."

Barracks belonging to 1st Sgt. Melvin C. Cox with B Company, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, on Camp Casey were one of the first to have the system installed.

"Now that the system is installed, we need to ensure that it is maintained and the operators understand how to use it," said Cox.

CCTV and ESS training was conducted April 27, on Camp Casey. The training was designed to educate operators on how to use and maintain the systems that have been installed in their barracks.

## 2nd ID Soldiers train up on counter-IED skills

Story and photo by Pfc. Chang Han-him

Staff Writer

More than 60 Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division took part in a train-the-trainer counter-improvised explosive device course May 2-6 at the Multipurpose Range Complex in Pocheon.

IEDs are defined as make-shift or "homemade" bombs often used by enemy forces to attack military convoys. They are the leading cause of casualties to troops deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The week-long course was taught by a mobile training team from the Asia-Pacific Counter-IED Fusion Center based out of Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

Lessons were taught in the classroom on combat patrols and counter IED awareness. Instructors next led students through the lane and gave demonstrations on concepts learned during class.

On the last day, Soldiers were separated into two groups. One group placed inert IEDs along the lane while the other group conducted combat patrols while looking for IED indicators.

"Our main focus is to instruct Soldiers to understand what the enemy will do and make them think like the enemy," said Master Sgt. Paul E. Price, the senior trainer from the Asia-Pacific C-IED Fusion Center. "If our training can eventually save one life in the future, it is worth us being here."

Soldiers had to pay close attention to the information given in class, not only for its possible life saving information, but many of the students will be responsi-



Soldiers assigned to 2nd ID take part in the combat patrol phase of the train-the-trainer counter-IED course May 6 at MPRC in Pocheon. ble for training Soldiers in their respective units.

"I learned a lot more than I already knew," said Spc. Kevin R. Foster, a Soldier assigned to C Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion. "We have already set schedules to train Soldiers back in our unit. I believe it will be a great chance for them to learn too."

The mobile training team has visited the peninsula before to train Soldiers from 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, as well the Republic of Korea Special Forces.

"The plan always changes a little bit, but overall it went great," said Price. "2ID has really helped to support us, and I hope this class helped them stay proficient."



**VOICE OF THE  
WARRIOR:**

**What advice would  
you give to new  
Soldiers in Korea?**



*"Save up your money so  
you can use it when you  
get back home."*

**Pfc. Donald Metheny**  
HHC, 2nd CAB

*"Get off post and  
explore the country."*

**Cpl. Tyler Masten**  
A Co. 4-7th Cav.



*"Don't let the rumors  
get you down. Go out  
and experience Korea."*

**Staff Sgt. Jason Dillard**  
D Co., 1st HBCT



*"Don't stay in your room  
on the weekend. Go out  
to Seoul and have fun."*

**Pfc. Lee Shin-jae**  
HHC, 2nd CAB



*"Take the time to see  
Korea as a tourist."*

**Pfc. Gunner Franks**  
HHC, 1st HBCT



*"Get out and learn  
some Korean culture."*

**Sgt. Christina Mayfield**  
C Co., 302nd BSB



# COMMANDER'S CORNER

## Courageous Channel NEO exercise

**By Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker**

*2nd ID Commander*

Warriors, the Non-combatant Evacuation Operation "Courageous Channel" Exercise is near and every time our Spouses hear us talk about "fight tonight" I know they are thinking, "Will I be able to fly tonight?"

Now that our Families are serving side-by-side with us throughout Warrior Country, like us, they need to be ready for anything. That is why we conduct the Non-combatant Evacuation Operation Courageous Channel exercise every year.

NEO is a State Department ordered operation to transport our loved ones from their current location to a place of safety in times of crisis. The events of the last year, both here in Korea and recently in Japan, remind us that we live in an unpredictable world.

If an emergency does occur, our Families must be equipped with a well thought-out and rehearsed plan to keep them safe.

Courageous Channel is an annual USFK exercise designed to rehearse our NEO procedures. Participation is mandatory for both command sponsored and non-command sponsored Families to ensure all are prepared should an evacuation ever be called.

This year Courageous Channel will be conducted from May 18-21 for 2nd Infantry Division Families residing in Area I and III (May 19-22 for Area II-Seoul). The lessons learned in this and previous exercises will help us be ready if a real situation ever arises.

Warriors, it is your responsibility to ensure your Family is prepared in the case of a NEO. Each company in the division has a NEO Warden to assist Family members of Soldiers in their unit. All the documents and basic information you need for your NEO packet can be obtained from the NEO Warden. The NEO packet contains vital information about your Family, pets, current contact information and a strip map to your Family's residence. It will be inspected as part of the Courageous Channel exercise.

Each Family member must also have a protective gas mask. If you have not drawn civilian gas masks for your Family from the Central Issue Facility, masks will be available for issue or exchange during the exercise at all of the

Evacuation Control Centers.

Your company NEO Warden will inspect your Family's NEO packet prior to the exercise. During the exercise, each Family should bring their packet and their protective mask to their designated ECC to be processed. We will have ECCs established at camps Casey, Red Cloud, Humphreys (May 18-21) and Yongsan (May 19-21).

Family members should not bring suitcases during the exercise but may bring one bag and a pet less than 25 pounds in an approved pet carrier.

The ECC will consist of several processing stations to rehearse NEO procedures.

After initial reception at the ECC, protective masks will be inspected and Families will demonstrate proficiency in their use. Families will then be entered into the NEO electronic personnel tracking system and be issued their NEO tracking bracelets.

Some volunteer families and pets will also have the opportunity to experience first-hand what it is like to be evacuated as we load them up on CH-47 Chinook helicopters for a short flight to rehearse our loading, boarding, tracking and processing procedures.

If you are interested in participating in this exciting opportunity, contact your Chain of Command or NEO Warden for details. The NEO packet and additional information regarding NEO and the upcoming Courageous Channel exercise can be found on the web at the 8th US Army Web site. (<http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/NEO/Neo.asp>)

Finally, let me be very clear that participation in Courageous Channel is not an option. Each year we find ourselves contacting service members to escort their Family members to their Area ECC. In light of this requirement, this year we have added an additional day (May 18) for our 2nd ID Families in Area I and III. The visit to the ECC will take less than 30 minutes, so let's work together and ensure we accomplish this required task.

Warriors, with your hard work, and your Family's support, Courageous Channel will be a success and our preparations for unexpected emergencies will remain Second to None.

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# 1ST HBCT hosts 'Eggstravaganza' spring fest

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Bunn

1st HBCT Public Affairs

The Soldiers and Family Readiness Groups of 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division hosted their Annual Eggstravaganza Spring Festival on April 23 at the Carey Fitness Center Soccer Field on Camp Casey.

The event brought Iron Brigade children and several students from Dongducheon area schools together for a day of festivities.

"The idea came from our FRG leaders at the battalion and brigade level," said Col. Ross Davidson, the commander for 1st HBCT. "They wanted to do something nice for the kids, in particular, for the Families of the Soldiers in the brigade and our Korean partners."

The children were treated to a magic show by "The Great Magician Jintae," and a demonstration from the 2nd ID Tae Kwon Do Team. Activities included face painting, a bounce house and slide, a balloon artist, and an egg run. The Easter Bunny arrived on a fire truck and posed for pictures with the children.

Heather Sickafoose, a parent and military spouse, said the event was wonderful and that her son enjoyed the bounce slide the most.

One parent said social events like this give their children time to interact with others.

"I home school my children," said Mary Ann Machado, who has three children. "This event is important for their social interaction; they can mingle with other kids."

The sunny day filled with festivities brought smiles to everyone who attended.

"This is a great [event] to take us into the warmer weather and build a stronger team," said Davidson. "As you can see, everyone seems to be having a good time."



The Great Magician Jintae interacts with the children in the audience during the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team Annual Eggstravaganza Spring Festival on Camp Casey April 23. The event brought together children from 1st HBCT and Dongducheon schools.

# Crossing rivers for first time with 2-9th Infantry

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. John D. Brown

1st HBCT Public Affairs

Although the units had conducted river crossing training many times, this was a first for a 2nd Infantry Division unit and its Korean allies.

Members of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment joined with the 1st Floating Bridge Company, 5th ROK Engineer Brigade May 2 for their first combined river crossing exercise.

The training began when the ROK engineers constructed two floating bridges on a 15-acre lake that replicated the conditions necessary to complete a floating

bridge mission.

Nearly 150 U.S. and South Korean Soldiers practiced the methods used to move Soldiers and equipment across large bodies of water under realistic combat conditions.

The 2-9th Inf.'s Archangel element, following the directions of the floating bridge crew, drove its 33,000 pound M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles onto the floating bridges.

"It was a little eerie at first," said Pvt. Jim David Johnson from Big Piney, Wyo., who is a Bradley driver with 2-9th Inf.'s Archangel element. "I've never done it before. It was a little rocky, but it was actually really stable. It was actually a lot of fun."

Once the Bradleys made it onto the floating bridge, the ROK engineers took them for a trip around the lake on the floating bridge.

"(Riding) on the bridge was like walking in one of those moon-bounce houses," said Johnson. "You could feel the rocking and the wind pushing you, but it was really pretty smooth."

Joining 2-9th Inf. on the floating bridges were V200 armored vehicles belonging to the 107th ROK Mechanized Infantry Battalion.

"When we do (work together), we actually learn a lot from each other," said Johnson, about training with the ROK Army. "It's good to intermingle, see each other's equipment, and learn how each other's units work."



Engineers from the 1st Floating Bridge Company, 5th ROK Engineer Brigade, bring Soldiers assigned to 2-9th Inf. back to shore during a combined river crossing exercise in Cheorwon May 3.



A Multiple Launch Rocket System crew assigned to Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment based out of Camp Casey fires a qualifying rocket at Damtea Valley in April. Courtesy photo by 1-38th FA

# 'Thunder' rocks the range

## Steel Battalion ready to 'fight tonight'

Story by 1st Lt. Patrick Loeuis  
1-38th FA

Ending six months of peace and quiet in the Damtea Valley, the 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade, conducted their first live fire exercise of the year, April 25 - 29.

When the range went "hot," the Steel Battalion did what artillerymen do best -- send rockets down range.

"It felt good to get back to Army core competencies," said Warrant Officer Harry L. Burgess, targeting and acquisition warrant officer.

"Working on our go-to-war mission, establishing digital communications, and knocking off the dust with rockets down range was exhilarating," he added.

During the 2010 holiday season the entire battalion spent its time laboring intensively in support of Northwest Island Operations resulting from the Yeonpyeong Island crisis when North Korea shelled the island on Nov. 23, 2010.

Efforts to conduct a live fire exercise were further stymied by construction in the Saint Barbara's impact area throughout March.

The artillerymen were anxious to get down to field training which is a critical aspect of keeping the unit's mission essential tasks current, and maintaining proficiency in their core skills.

"It was nice getting back into the field, trouble shooting our systems, and fine tuning our skills," said Pvt. Adan M. Mendoza, B Battery, 1-38th FA.

North of Camp Casey there is more to field training than just driving up to the firing line and firing the weapons. Establishing command and control, conducting tactical deployment, and survivability are just a few of the tasks necessary for the Steel Battalion to succeed at its mission of deterring, and if need be defeating, North Korean aggression in defence of the people of The Republic of Korea.

The Steel Battalion has three firing batteries with six Multiple Launch Rocket System assigned.

In order to maintain their current qualification, each MLRS three-man crew, which consists of a driver, gunner, and section chief, must fire three missions every six months.

The three firing missions are: when ready, at my command, and time on target.

In addition, the Battalion Survey section, the Fire Direction Centers and each Firing Battery are responsible for ensuring surface-to-surface fires are both timely and accurate.

The battalion also receives crucial support from the Foxtrot Target Acquisition Battery that provides essential meteorological and radar support to facilitate the unit's ability to train.

## 6-37th FA rains hot steel on valley

Story by Sgt. Mark A. Moore II  
Assistant Editor

The North Korean shelling of Yeongpyeong Island last year reinforced the fact that Soldiers must be ready to perform their mission at a moment's notice.

To keep their edge, Soldiers from the 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, based out of Camp Casey, conducted a Multiple Launch Rocket Systems live fire exercise May 4, at Rocket Valley.

When Yeongpyeong Island was struck by artillery rounds fired by North Korea, Soldiers from 6-37th FA were alerted and their MLRS crews deployed to designated launch sites.

Spc. Kyle A. Cifalde, a MLRS crew member assigned to A Battery, 6-37th FA, was stationed on Camp Casey when the island was attacked. He said he knows firsthand how important realistic training is.

"The first sergeant came into our class room and told us to get our bags and load our trucks up," said Cifalde. "We thought he was messing with us, but he wasn't."

"So we ran down stairs and loaded our trucks up," said Cifalde.

Cifalde said that because of the frequency of their training they were well prepared to handle real world situations.

"We train so often that these movements come natural; it's like brushing your teeth," he said.

One personnel officer in the battalion agreed.

"The 6-37th conducts live-fire exercises to continually develop and maintain combat-ready Soldiers, leaders, and units able to perform all assigned tasks to specified standards," said 2nd Lt. Matthew L. Kindig, a personnel officer assigned to A Battery, 6-37th FA. The units trained with ROK units during every live fire, he added.

While qualifying MLRS crews on live fire gunner tables is required to be performed semi-annually, crews take time to train on their own.

"We qualify once every four to six months as a crew, but every week we are doing dry fire runs," said Staff Sgt. Frank Borba, a multiple launch rocket systems crew chief with A Battery, 6-37th FA.

"The training is outstanding, this is about as real as it can get," Borba said. "I'm really excited to be out here and train with my crew."

Borba's newest crew member Pfc. Jacob J. Flowers was motivated by being on a live fire range for the first time.

"This is my first fire mission," said Flowers, a multiple launch rocket systems crew member with A Battery 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment. "I am stoked to be out here."

"The first sergeant came into our class room and told us to get our bags and load our trucks up. We thought he was messing with us, but he wasn't."

Spc. Kyle A. Cifalde  
MLRS crewmember



# Promotion-point calculations change for Army sergeants

Story by C. Todd Lopez  
Army News Service

Beginning in June, 2nd Infantry Division Warriors seeking advancement to sergeant or staff sergeant will find the Army has automated its promotion-point calculation and changed the way points are earned.

On June 1, the Army will implement modifications to the Semi-Centralized Promotion System for those applying for promotion to the ranks of sergeant and staff sergeant.

Soldiers will still earn a maximum of 800 points on the promotion-point worksheet, but where those points come from has changed.

The biggest change is that points will no longer come from either a promotion board or a Soldier's commander. Currently, Soldiers earn as many as 300 points in those two areas.

Commanders will still be able to recommend Soldiers for promotion, and boards will still provide a "go" or "no-go" for promotion -- but Soldiers will no longer earn points in those areas.

"It allows us to be more fair and objective in our promotion points, as opposed to a subjective system," said Brig. Gen. Richard P. Mustion, the Army's adjutant general. "Yet it retains the responsibility of the chain of command. It doesn't undercut the chain of command in any way. In the end I think it results in us having an even higher-caliber [noncommissioned officer], focused on skills for sergeant, and leadership for staff sergeant."

Those 300 points have been moved to other sections of the promotion-point worksheet, allowing Soldiers to show they have excelled in other areas.

The largest increase in points goes toward military training. For promotion to sergeant, Soldiers can now earn a maximum of 340 points for military training. For promotion to staff sergeant, Soldiers can earn 255 points. Previously, that category capped out at 100

points for both ranks.

The points have also gone up for military education, meaning the combined emphasis on military education and training has gone up for both ranks when considering promotability.

Under the current system, for instance, Soldiers seeking sergeant and staff sergeant earn only 50 percent of their promotion points in military education and military training. In June, that number jumps way up. For those seeking staff sergeant, about 67 percent of their points will come from military training and military education. For those seeking sergeant, that number will be 75 percent.

"The Army has an Army training, Army leader-development strategy," Mustion said. "That helps us identify what we need our sergeants and what we need our staff sergeants to do in the Army."

The general said for sergeants, the new system is "calibrated to reflect a Soldier's skills." And for those seeking staff sergeant, the emphasis is on leadership skills. Included in those training and education points is credit for deployment. Those seeking sergeant can earn up to 30 points for their deployments - two points for each month deployed, up to 15 months. For those seeking staff sergeant, that number is even higher. They can earn a total of 60 points for up to 30 months deployed.

That's "to recognize the development and the education and experience that's gained by our Soldiers and NCOs in those environments," Mustion said.

One major change under the new system - a change that will likely change many Soldier's points: no points will be awarded for correspondence sub-course completion. Instead, Soldiers can only earn points for finishing a course in its entirety.

Some Soldiers will see a decline in points, Mustion said. But the Army will still promote as many Soldiers as it needs.

"We'll see a significant reduction in the number of Soldiers that max out their points, which is a problem

we have now," Mustion said. "While the promotion points that our Soldiers have will decline, so will the promotion cutoff. We'll still promote about the same number of Soldiers."

Another change in Soldier promotion in June is that a Soldier's calculation-point worksheet will be automatically calculated from information already in electronic Army databases.

"No longer will we have to go through the re-evaluation re-computation that we've done for many, many years," Mustion said, saying that the manual calculation process is gone. "As soon as a Soldier makes a change and it gets posted to the personnel and training system, the promotion points get recalculated. You'll be able to go in and see your promotion points went from 700 to 710, based on completing a course, or receiving an award."

There are multiple databases the promotion-point worksheet draws on, Mustion said.

Included among those is the Total Army Personnel database and the Army Training and Resource System.

With automation of the promotion-point worksheet, there's increased responsibility on the Soldiers to ensure their information is accurate.

"It's the Soldier's responsibility to make sure that his awards, his assignment history, his military and civilian schooling, and all the military training he's received are accurately reflected in the personnel system, as well as in the Army training system," Mustion said.

Soldiers can ensure their information is accurate by using the Personnel Electronic Records Management System online, or by visiting their S-1 shop, Mustion said.

"We encourage Soldiers to go visit their battalion and brigade S-1 shops and sit down with them and look at their Enlisted Record Brief and make sure it accurately reflects their career," he said.

The Army will implement the new promotion-point system June 1. Mustion said Soldiers should start checking their records for accuracy now.

The Tax Center for Area I is located in Maude Hall, Bldg. 2440, Rm. 241 and is open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Walk-ins will not be accepted. To make appointment, call DSN 730-3591.

The Camp Humphreys Tax Center is located in Bldg. S-751 and the hours of operations are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 1-8 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment, call DSN 753-5680.

Taxpayers should bring all relevant paperwork to their appointment, including all W-2 forms, 1099s, 1098s, Social Security cards, a power of attorney for taxes if their spouse will not be present at the appointment, and a copy of their 2009 tax return.



# Learning about a new religion

Story and photo Cpl. Paek Geun-wook

2CAB Public Affairs

The 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade held a "Duty Day with God" on April 15 to provide its Soldiers with an opportunity to visit an old Buddhist temple and hike a mountain near Seoul.

Fifty-two U.S. and Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd CAB visited Heung-guksa, a renowned, more than 1,300-year-old temple in Goyang, Gyeonggi, and had a chance to make lotus flower lamps, eat Buddhist ritual meals and practice the Korean traditional tea ceremony.

The 2nd CAB unit ministry team spent several weeks preparing for this event.

"We wanted to provide an opportunity to practice the spiritual fitness in visiting the Buddhist temple and attend the temple's ritual class for the religious exercise," said Maj. Sun Macupa, 2nd CAB chaplain. "I hope for the Soldiers to be able to understand other's religious practices, views and the culture in Korea."

Arriving at the temple on a cloudy morning, 2nd CAB Soldiers were guided into a guest room and given a metal frame and hanji, a traditional Korean paper handmade from mulberry trees, to make lotus flower lamps. In Buddhist symbolism, the lotus represents purity of the body, speech and mind as if floating above the muddy waters of attachment and desire. Each Soldier made his or her own lamp and hung it up on the ceiling in the guest room.

Buddhist ritual meals were provided for lunch. Bibimbap, a Korean traditional food of rice mixed with vegetables was equally distributed to the individuals, teaching the spirit of living together, absolute equality and moderation. A Korean traditional tea ceremony was followed by lunch.

"I hope today's ritual class helped to ease your mind and relax," said Dae-oh, the chief monk of Heung-guksa. "In Buddhism, every meeting is not a coincidence. Please cherish every relationship and I hope we can see each other again" he added.

After spiritual training at Heunggusa, 2nd CAB Soldiers headed to nearby Mt. Bukhan to hike together and build team spirit. Mt. Bukhan, which stretches over both Seoul and Gyeonggi, is well-known for its natural majesty and rugged terrain. Soldiers tirelessly climbed up the steep rock hills to get to Baegundae, the 836m-high peak of the mountain.

"I really enjoyed visiting Buddhist temple and learn-



Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade make lotus flower lamps during its visit to Heungguksa, Goyang, Gyeonggi April 15. Fifty-two U.S. and KATUSA Soldiers visited old Buddhist temple Heungguksa and had a chance to make lotus flower lamps, eat Buddhist ritual meals and practice the Korean traditional tea ceremony.

ing its rituals such as a tea ceremony," said Pfc. Donald Metheny, an operations Soldier from HHC, 2nd CAB. "The most memorable part was hiking Mt. Bukhan. It was pretty high and rough, but it was fun."

"A Duty Day with God" is not a regularly scheduled event, but the 2nd CAB unit ministry team will have this kind of event more often so that Soldiers can un-

derstand the culture and enjoy their time in Korea.

"I want to provide some special events that help Soldiers see things out of a box in terms of understanding other cultures, especially Buddhism this time. We need to open our eyes and minds to understand others and embrace them instead of push them away," said Macupa.



Medics perform a two-man carry as part of the standardization training conducted May 9 on Warrior Base to earn the Expert Field Medical Badge. Less than three percent of medics have the EFMB.

# Medics fight odds to earn EFMB

Story and photo Sgt. Mark A. Moore II

Assistant Editor

More than 170 medical Soldiers from across 8th U.S. Army and the Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii conducted standardization training exercises May 9 on Warrior Base.

Standardization training is conducted for five-days to help Soldiers in the medical field better understand what is expected of them during the following six-day Expert Field Medical Badge testing lanes.

Soldiers must pass the Army Physical Fitness Test, qualify on their individual weapon and obtain a cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate as a pre-requisite to the EFMB course.

To qualify for an EFMB, Soldiers must successfully

complete three combat testing lanes that combine communication testing, warrior and medical tasks, day and night land navigation, written testing and a 12-mile foot march.

"All lanes are graded by personnel who hold that specific military occupational specialty," said Master Sgt. Erano R. Bumanglag, with the 168th Multifunctional Medical Battalion.

Many Soldiers attempt to navigate the EFMB lanes. However, few Soldiers complete their mission successfully.

"Over the past 22 years nearly 100,000 Soldiers have attempted to earn the badge, achieving an overall EFMB pass rate of 22 percent," said Lt. Col. Michael W. Smith, the expert field medical badge test board chairman on Camp Walker.

"Less than three percent of medics have the badge,"

said Spc. David M. Sanders a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion on Camp Hovey. "If you can get your hands on it you have accomplished something."

Despite the odds, Soldiers in the medical field continue to attempt to earn the badge and find the motivation to take on the challenges of the EFMB course.

"This is my second attempt at completing the course," said Pfc. Mark J. Gillette a medic with C Company, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion on Camp Casey. "My squad leader graduated from the course that motivates me to continue to try."

Gillette will be given that second chance April 14 on Warrior Base when the qualification testing lanes begin. Qualification lanes will end April 19 with a 12-mile foot march and graduation ceremony where Soldiers who complete the course will be awarded the EFMB.

# Stinger crew aims to be best

Story by 2nd Lt. Ray S. Labio

6-52nd AMD

Soldiers of E Battery, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air and Missile Defense started off their semi-annual Stinger live fire exercise aiming to receive the title of "Republic of Korea's Best Stinger Crew."

The most forward deployed air defense artillery battery located at Camp Casey ended their Tables I-X gunnery in mid-April.

"Throughout my two years of command, I am proud to see that this battery consistently becomes more efficient and effective in both their preparation and execution of these difficult training events," said Lt. Col. Dale Smith, commander of 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment. "This year's live fire exercise has to be by far the smoothest from the last four I have observed."

The battery, under the command of 6-37th FA, fired over 20,000 .50 cal rounds and 25 live stinger missiles

at both Chipori and Chulmae ranges during their gunnery.

"In addition to the Air Force and Coast Guard support we normally have, we had additional ROK support that we didn't have last time, such as the Army and Navy ships blocking our perimeter," said Senior Range Safety Officer Maj. Raymond Johnson Jr. The range must be cleared of sea and air through different radar systems to lessen the risk of collateral damage.

One noncommissioned officer considered it among one of the best ranges he has been associated with.

"Compared to our previous ranges, this has been the smoothest one," said Staff Sgt. Branden Rouege.

Other Soldiers were excited to engage targets with a live missile.

"Shooting a missile and destroying a moving target is one of the most thrilling things I've ever done," said Pfc. Bryan Roney from Maryland. The battery was able to exceed the standard by qualifying all 24 crews on the M3P .50 cal Machine Gun and had the unique oppor-

tunity to fire the Stinger missile at an airborne target.

"It is a refreshing experience for me to see all the training we have conducted in the last six months be applied at this culminating event," said Cpt. John Kim, the battery commander. Medics of 6-37 FA conducted combat life saver classes every night for the battery during the exercise.

Kim had more than just the qualification planned. "The table qualifications were not my only training objectives," said Kim. "Integrating the 1st Brigade Combat Team's Air Defense and Airspace Management Cell and the 2nd ID DTAC gave us the historic opportunity to ... communicate from the shooter to the proper authorities."

The air defence community establishes control measures for resource management and fire control called the "joint kill chain," Kim said. E Battery was able to simulate multiple scenarios using the joint kill chain during this exercise in order to practice "go to war" scenarios.

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## WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

### SGM Black-Tie Event

The 2nd ID Area I Sergeants Major Association will hold their annual Black-Tie Event May 27 at the Naija Ballroom located in the Dragon Hill Lodge from 6-11 p.m.

All E7-E9 are invited to attend with a guest. Tickets may be purchased at \$50 per person.

For more information on Camp Red Cloud call Sgt. Maj. Littlejohn at DSN: 732-6724.

For more information on Camp Casey call Command Sgt. Maj. Denson at DSN: 730-1587.

For more information on Camp Hovey call Command Sgt. Maj. Huerta at DSN: 730-2763.

For more information on Camp Humphreys call Command Sgt. Maj. Cain at DSN: 753-3971.

### 2ID Language Lab open

The 2nd ID Language Lab is located in Bldg 701 on Camp Red Cloud. It is available to all Soldiers and KATUSAs who desire to learn a new language, or improve on existing language skills.

Hours of operation are 9-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Mon.-Fri. and 1-4 p.m. on Thursdays.

The facility offers language materials for Korean, Chinese Mandarin, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Hindi, French, Pashto, Japanese, and Punjabi as well as several other languages.

The facility has full internet access for Soldiers to access various language sites such as LingNet, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Rosetta Stone and Joint Lin-

guist University. The language lab has a large screen TV to watch foreign movies in a comfortable atmosphere. Language materials may also be checked out for two weeks at a time.

For more information contact Chief Warrant Officer 2 William Vredenburg or Warrant Officer Raymond Sifuentes at DSN 732-7624.

### Finance Hours

The Camp Casey finance office located in Bldg. 2440, is open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. and closed Thursdays.

The Camp Stanley finance office located in Bldg. 2245, is open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. and closed Thursdays.

The Camp Red Cloud finance office located in Bldg. 267, is open 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Fridays.

### Family members allowed to eat in Area I DFACs

Military Family members are permitted to eat in all dining facilities on Area I installations as part of a 60-day trial, except Camp Casey's Iron Horse Café.

The Iron Horse Café will not participate because it's operating above 100 percent capacity.

Family members will pay the existing rates based on the pay grade of their sponsor.

Contact your local Area I DFAC for current rates.

For more information, call Chief Warrant Officer 3 Luis Aviles at DSN 732-6586.

### Upcoming NEO Exercise

The annual non-combatant evacuation operations exercise, Courageous Channel, is just around the corner. Courageous Channel is an exercise which prepares Department of Defence Family members and non-emergency essential DOD civilians for an emergency.

As part of the exercise, all DOD affiliated dependants – whether or not they are command sponsored – must process through one of four evacuation control centers from May 19-22.

It is voluntary for U.S. embassy personnel, DOD retirees, contractors and their Families.

Any other U.S. civilians with base access can participate.

The evacuation control centers are as follows:

Camp Casey Hanson Field House, Camp Red Cloud fitness center, US-AG-Yongsan's Collier Field House and Camp Humphreys' Zoeckler fitness center.

Families must bring all passports and required paperwork to the ECC for processing.

Contact your NEO warden for more information.

### Vehicle inspection site

The Area I vehicle inspection office has moved from Camp Mobile to the Auto Skills Shop, Bldg. 2230 on Camp Casey. Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wed.-Sun.

For more information call DSN 730-6028

## Movies

Prices: \$5 for first run movies, \$4.50 for regular releases. Children 12 and under: be \$2.50 and \$2.25 respectively

### 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.

May 13: Fast Five / Adjustment Bureau  
May 14: Rango / Fast Five (2)  
May 15: Rango / Red Riding Hood  
May 16: Fast Five  
May 18: Red Riding Hood  
May 20: Thor / Battle: Los Angeles  
May 21: Prom / Thor / Paul  
May 22: Prom / Paul  
May 23: Thor  
May 25: Battle: Los Angeles

### Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Mon.-Sun. 7 p.m.  
Fri. 7 & 9 p.m.

May 13: Rango / Water for Elephants  
May 14: Prom / Hall Pass  
May 15: Prom  
May 16: Red Riding Hood  
May 17: Adjustment Bureau  
May 19: Fast Five  
May 20: Mars Needs Moms / Fast Five  
May 21: Rango  
May 22: Battle: Los Angeles  
May 23: Red Riding Hood  
May 24: Paul  
May 26: Thor

### Camp Hovey

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

May 13: Unknown  
May 14: Adjustment Bureau  
May 15: Fast Five  
May 17: Adjustment Bureau  
May 19: Thor  
May 20: Prom  
May 21: Battle: Los Angeles  
May 22: Thor  
May 24: Prom  
May 26: Priest

### Camp Stanley

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

May 13: Rango / Adjustment Bureau  
May 14: Water for Elephants / Red Riding Hood  
May 15: Water for Elephants  
May 16: Prom  
May 18: Thor (2)  
May 19: Prom  
May 20: Battle: Los Angeles / Adjustment Bureau  
May 21: Fast Five / Paul  
May 22: Fast Five  
May 23: Hall Pass  
May 25: Priest (2)  
May 26: Mars Needs Moms

### Camp Humphreys

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

May 13: Fast Five (2)  
May 14: Prom / Fast Five (2)  
May 15: Prom / Fast Five (2)  
May 16: Fast Five (2)  
May 17: Adjustment Bureau (2)  
May 18: Adjustment Bureau (2)  
May 19: Battle: Los Angeles (2)  
May 20: Thor (2)  
May 21: Rango / Thor (2)  
May 22: Rango / Thor (2)  
May 24: Battle: Los Angeles (2)  
May 25: Paul (2)  
May 26: Paul (2)

## 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:

7:30 p.m. Thursday

#### LDS Worship:

4 p.m. Sunday

### Camp Hovey

At Hovey Chapel

#### Catholic:

9:30 a.m. Sunday

#### Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

#### KATUSA:

At Old Hovey Chapel

Bldg. 3592

### Orthodox:

10 a.m. 1st, 3rd Sunday

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

### Points of contact

#### Camp Red Cloud:

732-6073/6706

#### Memorial Chapel:

730-2594

#### West Casey:

730-3014

#### Hovey Chapel:

730-5119

#### Camp Stanley:

732-5238

#### Camp Humphreys:

753-7952