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COL David J. Rehbein takes the helm at FED



(above) COL (P) Carl Strock, Pacific Ocean Division Commander, passes the Corps' colors to COL David J. Rehbein as he assumes command of the Far East District. (right) Many well wishers congratulate COL Rehbein and his wife, Leila, following the Change of Command Ceremony.

It was 3 p.m., July 15, 1998, at the Balboni Theater on Yongsan Garrison's main post, when the ceremony began. COL David J. Rehbein assumed command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Far East District in Seoul, Korea. COL (P) Carl Strock, Pacific Ocean Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officiated.



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BG Park, Jang-Man, Assistant Chief of Staff, Engineer, Combined Forces Command, welcomes COL Rehbein and his family to FED and Seoul.

From the Commander



COL David J. Rehbein

Let's Try

It's really a privilege to assume the duties of Commander of the Far East District. My family and I are looking forward to living, working, and learning here in Korea. FED is blessed with a capable and hardworking team of Koreans and Americans who are doing great things for the Armed Services defending the interests of our two great nations.

I believe that people respond to the trust given them. When entrusted with meaningful missions and responsibilities, most people will respond by trying to demonstrate that the trust given them was not misplaced. That's the environment

in which I'm most comfortable working, and I intend for it to be the hallmark of this District. Heaven knows I don't know everything. Believe it or not, I'm even capable of making mistakes! So I also trust that those with whom I work can give me advice and good counsel. I trust them to correct me when I'm wrong and teach me the things I may not know. That goes for all of us. We need to listen to each other, realize that sometimes a better way may come from an unexpected source, and be willing to work together for our common good.

I also believe that respect and consideration of others matters as much as mere technical competence. The most junior female Korean secretary is just as deserving of common courtesy and self respect as the American Colonel sitting up here in the front office. That goes for every member of FED. Each of our roles and responsibilities may be different, but the right to dignity and recognition of our worth is the same for all of us.

I remember suffering through two years of French in Junior High School. Math, Science, English were all easy –

but, I never could quite get the hang of conjugating verbs...present tense, future tense, past tense, past perfect tense, and on and on and on. But one thing that did stick with me was the phrase "let us" in the grammar books. It was the stuffy, strictly formal, way of writing how, in colloquial American English, we say "Let's." For example: let's walk, let's read, or let's go. "Essayons" really means: "Let's try." It is not merely a plea to someone outside of our community to "Let Us Try," as it is too often translated. It's most real meaning is "Let's Try." That lends a slightly different shade to the meaning. "Essayons" is something we say to each other. It is Engineer to Engineer. It is USACE Employee to fellow Employee. It's within the family...within our circle. It implies confidence in each other and our collective abilities. Let's try! No matter what the challenge. Let's try! We're in this as a team. Let's try! We're willing to take on the mission. Let's try! Personally, I like this translation the best.

Essayons!



Check out the Far East District web site at [Http://www.pof.usace.army.mil](http://www.pof.usace.army.mil)

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Safety

Recent safety surveys at work sites and FED offices have revealed shortcomings in Hazard Communications (HAZCOM) Programs. Either the contractor/supervisor was not aware that he needed a HAZCOM program or he did not know what should be included in one. The OSHA standard 29CFR, 1910, 1200, requires any employer, who has any chemicals present in his/her workplace, to "develop and implement a written hazard communication program for their facility. . . ."

While this plan does not have to be lengthy, the standard requires the program:

--be written;

--describe how the facility will comply with the standard;

--deal with plans for labeling and other forms of warning;

--describe how Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) will be obtained for each hazardous chemical used in the work area;

--describe how MSDS's will be made available in the workplace;

--describe how information and training will be provided to employees;

--include an inventory of all toxic chemicals known to be

present in the workplace (cross-referenced to the MSDS file);

--explain how workers will be informed of hazards connected with non-routine jobs, such as dealing with accidental spills and leaks;

--explain how workers will be informed of hazards associated with chemicals contained in unlabeled pipes;

--and, contain information on how contract employers will be informed about hazards their employees may encounter while working in the facility.

**"The first
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The purpose of your HAZCOM program is to ensure the hazards of all chemicals produced or imported are evaluated, and information concerning their hazards is transmitted to employers and employees.

The first and most critical step in implementing your HAZCOM program is a hazard assessment since it determines which hazardous substances and which employees will be covered by the program. The hazard assessment will determine the identity and location of hazardous chemicals at your workplace and will give you a good inventory of those requiring MSDS's.

Conduct the hazard assessment under the direction of the FED Industrial Hygienist, if you're not sure how to go about it. The hazard assessment should be updated when changes in work activities and processes occur, and the results of the hazard assessment should be documented in writing.

For a copy of a written sample program, contact the Safety Office at 721-7385.

"SAFETY FIRST, FOR LIFE"



August Safety Slogan:

**Careless Little Habits
Cause Big Accidents.**

The 2IC's Corner



by LTC Mark Cain
Deputy Commander

My initial thoughts

It is good to be back in FED! After being away from the District for over 15 years, it is great to see this organization's magnificent accomplishments and the many many changes. I have become reacquainted with many old friends and have been privileged to meet many of you for the first time during my in-processing. Many of my old mentors are still here but I look forward to learning and working with all of you to accomplish the District's mission as the DOD design and construction agent for Korea.

When I was first assigned to FED, back in 1981, it was my intention to exit the service after my tour was complete. However, I guess it is quite obvious that something kept me in the Army...and that something was FED. The wonderful Korean people, the challenging installation support projects, and the armistice mission caused me to remain in the service and continue on with my career. I can say, without a doubt, that my best tour of duty to date was with the Far East District in the early eighties.

We all change and mature with time...a number of you have noticed my receding hairline and I, in turn, have noticed the same or some graying of the flanks. However, I need to tell you all that the years have changed my perspectives and priorities. As a young officer, my first priority was to the Army and everything else took a back seat...some of you may remember that officer. Now, I recognize that my priorities should be God, family, and then the Army. This influences how I work, how I view day to day living, and how I will act as your Deputy Commander. For example, as the Deputy Commander, I will strive to be this organization's greatest servant.

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My views on equal opportunity, sexual harassment, and consideration of others are strongly influenced by these priorities. And my work ethic is influenced by the trade-offs between mission accom-

plishment and quality time with my wife and children or work in the Chapel/Church.

We all face a number of upcoming challenges in the administration and logistics arenas: tightening resources versus requirements, DAC five year overseas limitations, KN over 60 retirements, network infrastructure shortfalls, facility maintenance and repair, CPAC/CPOC systems, new USACE programs, our higher headquarters requirements/suspenses...the list goes on. However, I do know that FED has always figured out how deal with these challenges, adapt if necessary, and how to overcome. Together, hand in hand, we can solve these problems, continue as the great organization that we truly are, and build our way into the next century!

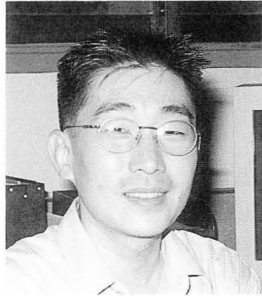
I look forward to a great two-year tour with you! If I haven't met you, please take the time to introduce yourself at the first opportunity.

See you around the District.



New Team Members

Mr. Yu, Chae-Hwang (Jay), joined FED on July 6th as a mechanical engineer in Design Branch. He holds a Bachelor



of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University and a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati. Before obtaining his master's degree, Mr. Yu worked for Belcan Engineering Services, an A-E consulting firm in the Cincinnati area, and for Johnson Controls, Inc. His outside interests include hiking, road/mountain biking and reading.



Mr. Chon, Kyong-Ho, reported to FED for duty as an electrical engineer in Design Branch and as an electrical inspector

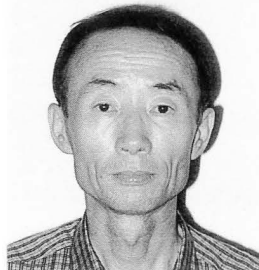


with the Dragon Hill Resident Office, Construction Division. From 1991 to 1998 he was the Chief, Control and Electrical Section, Korea District Heating Corporation. His hobbies and interests include bowling and fishing. He and his wife have

two sons, Ji-Hong and Ji-Yong.



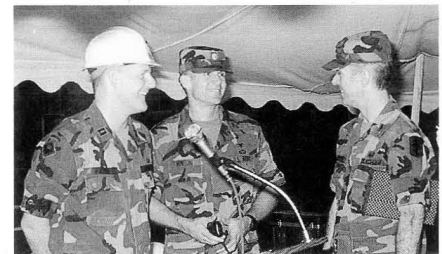
Mr. Chon, Sang-Kon joined FED on July 27th as a mechanical engineer in Design Branch. Mr. Chon holds a



Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Dong-A University and started his career in mechanical engineering design while a Captain in the ROKAF. Mr. Chon has worked for Dealim Industrial Company, Doosan Construction Company, and the Korea District Heating Corporation, among others. Mr. Chon previously worked at FED from 1982 to 1990. Mr. Chon has two sons attending Korea University. His outside interests include tennis and mountain climbing.



The 18th MEDCOM and FED hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on August 10, 1998 for a new \$1.2 million optometry clinic to be built on Yongsan Garrison. The clinic will be completed next year.



Attendees and participants included CPT Donald Payne, NRO; Major Hinton, commander of the optometry clinic; LTC David Carden, 121 renewal transition officer, 18th MEDCOM (above l-r); Hinton, Won Lee, PPM, and Tim Phillips, NRO (below l-r).



COL Rehbein explains his philosophy to the FED team during his first town meeting as FED's commander.

Flooding inundates U.S. installations in South Korea

Recent rains and flooding in South Korea have caused damages of \$100 million plus with assessments of the damage continuing. The installations in the northern part of South Korea including Camp Casey, Hovey, Red Cloud in the Uijongbu and Tongduchon areas have been the hardest hit.

The Far East District Compound did not totally escape flooding however. On the morning of August 3, 1998, water flooded the supply building, motor pool, snack bar and AAFES administration office.

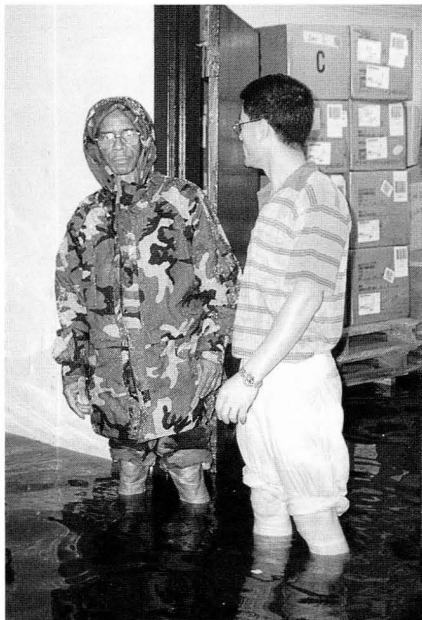
One of FED's first actions was deployment of a geotechnical team to Camp Tango on August 9, 1998, following mud-slides, to provide technical assistance.



The Augmentation team departs FED compound in a caravan to Tongduchon Resident Office at Camp Casey.



Soldiers on Camp Casey work to clear debris from the buildings and the installations grounds following the recent flooding.



Mr. Bill Baker, LMO, and Mr. Edward Nam (LMO) survey flooded supply room on the FED compound



Mr. Kim, Yong Kil, Mr. Chong, Hyong-Kim, and Mr. Nam, Edward of the Supply Branch, Logistics Management Office, work to save supplies when the storeroom floods.

FED deploys augmentation team to Camp Casey

FED has been given the mission to conduct detailed damage assessments on all buildings/structures for Camps Casey, Nimble and H220, a total of 1,550 structures.

FED formed an Augmentation Team consisting of 26 FED engineers, two engineers from Hawaii Engineer District, two from Japan Engineer District, and one from Alaska Engineer District. They are in direct support of the Director of Public Works (DPW), 501st Support Group, assisting with damage assessments. The team left the FED Compound for Camp Casey on Monday, August 10, 1998. A command center has been set up at the Tongduchon Resident Office (TRO). Major Paul Cramer, TRO, is commanding the team.

So far, FED job sites have not suffered any significant damages, but the installations **have** suffered significant damage. Hazards include scattered debris, open drainage ditches, weakened bridges, washed out roadways, broken and/or damaged electrical lines, unstable buildings and quonset huts. The military has significantly cleared most of the roads and are piling up and hauling away trash and debris.

Up to 45 inches of rain fell in some areas of the Republic of Korea between the 4th and 11th of August.



Mr. Chon, Kyong-Ho, FED electrical engineer, surveys damage to foot bridge abutments on Camp Hovey.



Mr. Yi, Won-Son, team leader, and other members of team 3 inspect damage on a foot bridge abutment adjacent to water treatment plants on Camp Casey.



A crew removes debris from the road in front of TRO on Camp Casey.



The interior of one of more than two dozen flooded quonset huts on Camp Hovey.

August Events

August 1

Army's Aeronautical Division, forerunner of U.S. Air Force was established, 1907.

August 2

Declaration of Independence officially signed, 1776.

August 3

Colorado is 38th state admitted to the United States, 1876.

Christopher Columbus sets sail from Spain on voyage that discovers the New World, 1492.

August 7

George Washington creates Order of the Purple Heart, 1782.

Congress approves Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, expands involvement in Vietnam War, 1964.

President George Bush orders military buildup, known as Operation Desert Shield, following Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, 1990.

President Jimmy Carter declares New York's Love Canal a disaster area following discovery of toxic waste, 1978.

August 9

Jesse Owens wins his fourth gold medal at Berlin Olympics as United States places first in 400-meter relay, 1936.

August 10

Missouri is 24th state admitted to

the United States, 1821.

Congress charters Smithsonian Institution, 1846.

August 14

Panama Canal opens, 1914.

August 15

Final link in transcontinental railroad made at Strasburg, Colorado, 1870.

August 17

Continental Convention adopts Congress' "power to declare war," 1787.

Robert Fulton begins first American steamboat trip, between Albany and New York City, takes 32 hours to travel 150 miles, 1807.

August 21

Hawaii is 50th state admitted to the United States, 1959.

August 22

Ann Franklin becomes first female editor on an American newspaper, The Mercury, Newport, R.I., 1762.

August 23

U.S. and foreign Little League baseball teams begin World Series, runs through August 28, Williamsport, Pa.

August 31

Thomas Edison receives patent for motion picture device, 1887.



Congratulations

Mr. William H. Barna, P.E., recently passed the electrical portion of the Professional Engineer examination.

Mr. Aaron Tashiro and his wife gave birth to their daughter, **Leia**, 6lbs.-12 oz., on Friday, 7 August 1998.

Mr. Doug Bliss, Mr. Larry Drape, and Mr. Norm Boeman have been selected to attend the Army Command and General Staff College.

Ms. Michelle Amigleo, received the Commanders Award for Civilian Service.



COL David J. Rehbein presents the Commanders Award for Civilian Service to **Michelle Amigleo** on 10 August. Ms. Amigleo is returning to the United States and the Corps' Los Angeles District.

