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FED celebrates the completion of a busy fiscal year

It was a challenging year end for the Far East District and an appropriate year-end celebration on October 16th was a fitting salute to the District team who worked especially long hours to complete the year end work for FY98. In addition to the normal year-end workload, the District participated in the Ulchi Focus Lens Exercise, and continued its role in the ongoing recovery effort from the disastrous August flooding.



FED team members celebrate the end of a very challenging fiscal year.

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A Taekwondo demonstration by 35 students from the Ko Yang Technical High School was a highlight of the year-end party sponsored by the Far East District's supervisors, branch chiefs, division chiefs, and command group.
(photos by Mr. Yo, Kyong-Il)

From the Commander



COL David J. Rehbein

An Eye-Opener

As many of you know, I recently traveled to Huntsville, Alabama, and attended the PROSPECT course for new District Commanders. It was an eye-opening experience in many ways, but, for me, the theme that came through loud and clear was the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is an incredible organization. Each District is a unique and valuable part of a greater whole. While some Districts are better postured than others to contribute to specific needs of the nation, the synergy from the combined efforts of all Districts sharing expertise and work makes us among the most responsive of all federal agencies. From disaster relief to environmental regulation, permitting, and cleanup; whether massive civil works projects or small O&M projects for installations, our Corps is very busy making meaningful contributions to our nation's welfare and defense. Of course, we in the Far East District find

ourselves as the District most directly associated with the tactical part of the Army. Our whole existence is to serve our Army, other U.S. forces, and our Korean allies in the defense of freedom on the peninsula. While some of our sister Districts may also do military construction, nobody else has our tactical mission. And so it goes, each District serves in special ways. The Corps is an exciting and vibrant organization, and I hope while I'm in command I can pass on an enthusiasm to each of you about our Corps ... and its vision for the future.

I'm sure you've all had a chance to see the pamphlet on the Corps' vision - if not, I'd better get cracking and make sure you have that chance! It describes the three main ideas behind forging a better future for us and our successors. They are: Revolutionize Effectiveness, Invest in People, and Seek Growth Opportunities. While we can surely improve on anything we do, FED has a solid history of progress in each of these areas. Some examples: our implementation of the Korea-Wide JOC contract revolutionized our installation support; our continuing willingness to support Army Management Staff College and similar schooling will grow future Corps leaders; and our

proven track record of professionally executing missions has convinced many that their dwindling defense dollars are best used in partnership with FED.

I want to leave this District better for every civilian and military member that follows. I am convinced that will happen if we consider everything we do in terms of the strategy outlined in the Corps' vision. Keep up the good work!

Essayons!

COL David Rehbein

The Corps Plus Strategy is designed to provide:

Better service to the Army and Nation in traditional Corps mission areas

-and-

Enhanced service through an expanded Corps role in strategically targeted Army military and civil mission areas.

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

Cold weather will be here before you know it, so it's time to review some cold weather safety rules. Extremely cold temperatures are a big danger during the winter. Prolonged exposure to the cold can cause frostbite, hypothermia, or even death. Infants and the elderly are most susceptible to the cold weather.

FROSTBITE: This occurs when the skin becomes cold enough to actually freeze. Watch for a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in extremities like fingers, toes, ear lobes, or the tip of the nose. Get medical help immediately. If you must wait for help, slowly rewarm the affected area(s).

HYPOTHERMIA: This is a dangerous lowering of the body's temperature. Warning signs include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. If medical care is not available, begin warming the person very slowly. Warm the body core first. Get the person into dry clothing and wrap them in a blanket covering the head and neck. DO NOT give the person alcohol, drugs, coffee, or any hot drink or food. Warm broth is the best. Do not warm extremities such as arms and legs first as this will drive cold blood towards the heart and could lead to heart failure.

WIND CHILL: The wind chill is based on the rate of

heat loss from exposed skin caused by the combined effects of the wind and cold. It is a good way to determine the threat of frostbite or hypothermia, because the lower the wind chill factor, the higher the danger. Animals are also affected by the wind chill, however, inanimate objects are not.

If you must go outside in extreme cold, dress for the conditions. Wear several layers of light-weight, warm clothing. Layers can be removed if necessary to prevent perspiring and subsequent chill. Outer clothing should be tightly woven, waterproof, and hooded. Mittens, snug at the wrist, offer better protection than fingered gloves.



TEST YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR.
"Observe Fire Prevention Week"
4 ~ 10 October 1998

**October 4-10 was
Fire Prevention Week!**

*Did you test your
smoke detector?*

Fire Prevention Week



The Far East District observed Fire Prevention Week on October 8, 1998, when about 75 FEDsters and others attended a demonstration by representatives of the Yongsan fire department on the differences of class A, B, C, and D fires and the various types of fire extinguishers used for each. Mr. Chu and Mr. Kim, fire inspectors, received FED safety coins for their contribution in the fire prevention week observance.



November Safety Slogan:

*"Many a wreck
has followed an
empty train of
thought."*

The 2IC's Corner



by LTC Mark Cain
Deputy Commander

This month, the Acting Commander's Corner

This is my fourth article for the East Gate Edition and I look forward to contributing -- this month, just some odds and ends.

As you all know, COL Rehbein is on an extended TDY until 22 November and Scott Bearden has departed for Alaska. Larry Drape, our Executive Assistant, is gone until mid-January to school with some leave at the end. So, the Executive office is a bit short-handed. However, the District continues to execute to standard. I am very pleased with your efforts despite the aforementioned absences and manpower shortages throughout the District. What the District family really boils down to is a group of very talented folks doing the right thing day after day. I see this in my daily wandering through the compound and during recent trips to all the Resident Offices. Keep up the good work! Our customers don't always say it, but they really do appreciate what you do for the command.

This is going to be a busy year and for the next two to three years to come. We have our existing program and on top of that flood restoration

work. The flood MILCON looks like \$111 million and possibly \$70 million more in O&M work. Disposition of the O&M has yet to be determined by EUSA. Mr. Howard Blood will spearhead our efforts in the flood restoration arena from PPM. Ms. Peggy Grubbs will continue to champion our existing program. It is going to be an interesting and very challenging year. Let's continue to pull together... we'll get through FY99 with flying colors.

I've finally had the opportunity to visit all of our Resident Offices. *(I still have some Project and Field Offices to go.)* This is where the rubber meets the road for the District. I have to say that the Resident and Project staffs are doing excellent work. I am really overwhelmed with the quantity and quality of construction. My baseline is 1981-1983. FED at the time was doing lots of O&M work and relatively small simple MCA/MCP projects. But in comparison, what we are doing now is just fantastic! Some projects are really significant... the CDIP work at Camp Carroll, the *(Starship Enterprise)* CAC at Camp Humphreys, and the many barracks and company operations facilities in the 2nd Infantry Division area... superb stuff. I have spent many

days and nights working and living in Quonset huts... this new construction is just amazing. It is hard to imagine that anyone would complain. For those in the Resident and Project Offices, keep pluggin', you're doing great things, and I wish I were with you.

Of course, what would my corner be without some warfighting stuff? First, thanks for your efforts in the EEC and Anthrax Immunization Program (AVIP). I really appreciate your support. Since the Anthrax immunizations are a series of six shots over a long period of time, it is easy to forget to go, particularly with the workload we are facing in FY99. I'd ask you to remain attentive to where you are and what might happen should the North Koreans choose to act. I believe that from that mind set, you'll remain on track in the AVIP. Second, Logistics Management is issuing the new M-40 Protective Masks and some other chemical gear to our military, EECs, and MECs. Please get this done expeditiously. The North Koreans have an extensive chemical

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Mr. Douglas Hansen, Director, Installation Requirements and Management, Office of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, visits Far East District

On October 11, 1998, Mr. Douglas B. Hansen, Director, Installation Requirements and Management, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Industrial Affairs and Installations, arrived in Seoul with Mr. Tom Ushijima, Director of Programs Management, Pacific Ocean Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. They were here to meet with U.S. Forces Korea leadership and to tour installation areas damaged by the August flooding in Korea.

Mr. Stephen E. Browning, Chief, Programs Management Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Mr. Louis C. Carr, Director, Engineering & Technical Services, Pacific Ocean Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Mr. Howard P. Stickley, Chief, Army Branch, CEMP-MA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; LTC Daniel V. Perron, Pacific Command, USCINCPAC/1441, Camp Smith, HI; and LTC Cardell K. Richardson, Joint Staff, Logistics Directorate, International Logistics and Engineering Division, Pentagon, made up the remainder of the visiting group.

Hansen is responsible for stewardship of the Department of Defense's military base structure. His office is focused on achieving three objectives: supporting military readiness and quality of life with sufficient high-quality facilities;

appropriately sizing the domestic and overseas base structures; and improving installation management in the face of changing requirements, while meeting energy and environmental mandates.

"The purpose here is to make sure there is enough flexibility in the plan for flood recovery military construction," said Hansen. "There are three



Mr. Douglas B. Hansen, Director, Installation Requirements and Management, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Industrial Affairs and Installations.

issues of execution involved in doing this: deciding what to do first, determining how to get it done, and establishing what the impact is on training and operations."


The Far East District's workload is doubling in one year with the \$111 million dollars in flood recovery military construction projects and Hansen wants to make sure all of this work can be done in one year along with our regular program. More and not less

flexibility must be built into the program. Hansen said he will do his best to see that happens but cannot assure it.

"FED's objective during Mr. Hansen's visit was to explain what happened during the August flooding, what's left, and what it's going to take to restore the facilities that were lost," said Ms. Peggy Grubbs, Acting Deputy for Programs and Project Management, Far East District.

Over \$200 million in estimated replacement costs will be needed for operations & maintenance, equipment, and military construction. Within what was estimated, there must be flexibility to allow the money to be spent efficiently and effectively within those three categories. For example, if there are cost savings in either operations and maintenance or military construction, the District needs to be able to apply savings from one program to the other program.

"Our headquarters has advanced planning and design funds so we can be pro-active on the projects," said Grubbs.

Part of Hansen's job is to predict questions that will be asked by people in Washington, D.C. Being in Korea, touring the affected areas and meeting with the USFK leadership about their concerns, will provide Hansen with information that will add credence to the District's effort and to what he reports back to Washington, D.C. 

New FED Shirts!

\$10,000 won - long sleeves

\$8,000 won - short sleeves



CWR bake sale nets \$285.00!

The money will help fund this year's FED Christmas Party.



Mr. David Wilson, Executive Office, (photo above left), Ms. Anita Alcantara, Resource Management Office, and Ms. Peggy Grubbs, Programs and Project Management Division, (photo above right) support the October 30th CWR bake sale and model the new District T-shirts which are now available. See your CWR representative to order a T-shirt.

FED Compound now has a travel agency



Ms. Lee, Kyung-Sun (right), checks airline flight availability for her first customer, Ms. Gloria Stanley, PAO. (photos by Walt Petersen)



Ms. Lee, Kyung-Sun, looks forward to assisting FED team members.

A full-service branch of U.S. Airline Alliance, commercial travel offices, is now open for business on the FED compound. Ms. Lee, Kyung-Sun, looks forward to helping you arrange your next family vacation or TDY trip. Her office hours are 10a.m. to 5p.m., Monday through Friday, and the phone number is 721-7201. Her office is in Building 68, Room 106.

"I encourage everyone to visit Ms. Lee and take advantage of having this conveniently located travel office available to assist with your TDY or leisure travel needs," said Mr. Walter Petersen, Chief, Logistics Management Office.

2ID Corner

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weapons inventory. This new gear will provide increased protection in the event of hostilities. Training for this new gear will be provided later. Finally, physicals for all EECs will be required in the near future. The District "picks up the tab" for the physicals. We are working details with the CPAC and J-1. Once all the bureaucracy is worked out, we will get on with this program. All these efforts are to prepare our total force for conflict. Yes it costs a lot of money, but it is the price to be ready for contingency. Can you put a cost on a human life? I think not!

See you around the District!

Bob Ingram recognized for contribution to safety

LTC Mark Cain presented a District safety coin to Mr. James R. Ingram, Central Resident Office, in recognition of his contribution to safety. Ingram defused a potentially serious situation with a DPW CCK contractor crane which was operating too close to power lines.

The crane operator was using the crane to lift materials across a high voltage power line in violation of construction safety practices. This was life threatening to construction workers on a nearby FED work site. Ingram's quick response in neutralizing a dangerous operation quite possibly saved workers from injuries.

POD Commander now Brigadier General

COL Carl A. Strock, the 21st Commander and Division Engineer of the Pacific Ocean Division, USACE, attained the rank of brigadier general in Nov. 4, 1998, ceremonies in Washington D.C. Strock was officially promoted by Chief of Engineers, Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard at USACE headquarters. Strock has been the commander of POD since August 1997.



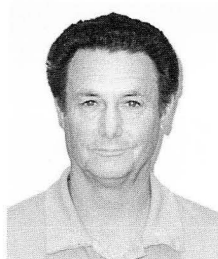
LTC Mark Cain (2nd from right) presents District safety coins to Mr. Song, Yong-Mo (2nd from left), and Mr. Kim, Dong-Su (3rd from left), of Pumyang Construction Co. Ltd., in recognition of their voluntary efforts to promote safety on the job site.

Contractor employees recognized for safety efforts

On October 23, LTC Mark Cain, Deputy Commander, Far East District, presented District safety coins to Mr. Song, Yong-Mo, Project Manager, for Pumyang Construction Co. Ltd., and Mr. Kim, Dong-Su, Safety Engineer, for Pumyang Construction Co. Ltd. Mr. Song and Mr. Kim distinguished themselves in promoting safety on the job site by voluntarily bringing first aid/CPR and fire extinguisher training to the Pumyang employees.

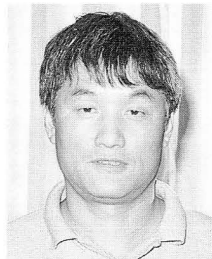
By providing this training, their fellow employees are better equipped and trained to provide prompt on-the-job treatment to injuries and control accidental fires. This spirit of safety promotion is in keeping with the Pumyang dedication to the safety and welfare of its employees. Pumyang received the U.S. Army Chief of Engineers, 1996 Contractor Safe Performance Award. FED owes Mr. Song and Mr. Kim its gratitude for their dedication to enhancing the safety posture of the Pumyang Co. and the District.

New Team Members



Mr. James L. LaFrenaye arrived at the Far East District on October 13, 1998, to assume

responsibilities as a construction representative at the Camp Humphreys Project Office. He is a graduate of the University of Phoenix with a major in Business Administration. He is a member of the Certified Engineering Technicians. LaFrenaye has worked for the Corps since November, 1972. In 1994, LaFrenaye received an Award of Merit from The Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Board of Supervisors. His outside interests include hiking, outdoor sports, and the American Red Cross-Disaster Services. He and his wife, Jane, have two daughters, Jeanette and Aimee.



Mr. Shin, Dong-Kook, arrived in the Far East District on October 13, 1998, after serving two

years and three months for the U.S. Navy, Commander, Fleet Activities, Chinhae, Korea, as the Deputy Public Works Officer. This is a homecoming for him. He worked for the Corps' Sacramento District from 1986 to 1996. Shin holds a Masters degree in architecture from the University of Idaho and is a registered architect in the State of California. He was born in Seoul, moved to California in 1977, and had lived in Sacramento since 1986. His outside interests include running, fishing, skiing, outdoor activities, and the arts. Shin and his wife, Kim, Mi-So, have two daughters, Soo-Jung and Jee-In.

Please donate to the Combined Federal Campaign between now and December 3!

The Far East District is conducting the District's Combined Federal Campaign until December 3, 1998. Again this year, you have a choice of almost 1,000 agencies, or you can contribute to either an "All Agency Designation Option" or the overseas Family Programs and Youth Activities Programs. The District's goal this year is to

offer each employee the opportunity to contribute. Please take the time to decide on a pledge.

Please contact Ms. Song, Mi, Resource Management Office, 721-7337, for a contribution form or more information about the Combined Federal Campaign.

Awards

Congratulations to the recipients

Korean Service Medal

Mr. Scott Bearden
Ms. Shirley Bearden
Ms. Sheila Bergeron
Mr. Philip Han
Mr. Lynn Ray

Promotion

Ms. Charlotte Stockwell

Service Pins

Mr. Hawing, Sang-Cherie
Mr. Yu, Peonage-Kwon
Mr. Pak, Chae-Kyong
Mr. Douglas Bliss
Mr. Kim, Yong-Kil
Mr. Yi, Hon-Kyu
Mr. Song, Chong-Hwan

Department of Army Commendation

Ms. Kim, Tok-Kyung
Ms. Pak, Un-Yong
Mr. Song, Chong-Hwan
Ms. Yi, Chong-Hui
Mr. Yi, Hak-Chong
Ms. Yi, Pong-Hui
Ms. Yun, Sun-Han

Charles E. Christ Award

Mr. Milton Matsuyama

Congratulations to everyone who received certificates of achievement for the JOC Contract and Flood Damage Recovery.

