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Camp Red Cloud celebrates the grand opening of "Mitchell's"



(Above) On November 24, 1999, everyone at Camp Red Cloud was invited to help celebrate the grand opening of "Mitchell's", the installation's new community activities center. Festivities included a menu display and the antics of skilled stiltwalkers as well as the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony. The photo below shows the exterior of the new and recently-opened "Mitchell's" community activities center at Camp Red Cloud.



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From the Commander



COL David J. Rehbein

December, 1999.
Only a few short days until
..... ah-ha!

I bet some of you were expecting me to write about the new millennium. NO! I'm not going to write about the new millennium....I'm getting tired of hearing about it. Even my 8 and 10 year old sons know it's still over a year away. "Dad," they say. "The new millennium isn't until 2001!" They can even explain it to you with the dollar bill analogy. The one hundredth cent is still the first dollar bill. The "next" dollar bill doesn't start until the 101st cent. No, I refuse to contribute to the over-hype of the coming year. Besides, there are much more important things which deserve our attention.

December's end of the year Holiday season is an important time for us to pay attention to the blessings of a year past, to gather with family in a special way, and for many of us, to celebrate holy events. I know how richly I've been blessed this past year. At home, our family has grown by two with the finalized adoptions of Stephanie (Hye Kyung) and Jessica (Sun Young). We also saw the arrival of a new grandson and sent our oldest boy to college. At work, I've been humbled by being supported by the most wonderful group of people you could imagine in the Far East District. What a treat it has been to be associated with this organization. 1999 was a year of historic achievements for FED. We've accomplished so much for the soldiers, airmen, sailors, and marines here in Korea.

More significant than reflecting on past blessings is to take time to consider the hope of the future. For my family and me, the special significance of this season is Christmas. For us,

the Christmas season as captured by the very name of the holiday is about the miraculous arrival in human form of peace, love, and grace. In a place where the threat of war is real and a people stands divided by an armed border, it is even more befitting to ponder the ideals of peace, love, and grace. My Christmas prayer for all of you is to cherish your family, love your neighbor, and appreciate the grace that God has bestowed on all of us to live in free and democratic nations. While the work we do in FED is important to the deterrence of war and the preservation of the values of free peoples, it is of little value if we become a people not worthy of freedom's blessings.

Whatever your heritage or faith, use this season to renew commitments to family and to share the joy of life with others. May God bless your holidays and the new year!

Essays!
COL Rehbein

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Safety

Material Handling

Improper lifting techniques are a major cause of injuries, so it's a good idea to use material handling aids such as dollies or hand trucks whenever possible. But accidents can happen with these aids, too. So it's worth reviewing their safety basics to prevent injuries and make the jobs go more smoothly.

The biggest hazard with dollies and hand trucks is losing the load. In the worst case, it falls on the operator or some other person who just happens to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Another hazard is overexertion. If you move a dolly the wrong way, you're defeating the purpose of using it because you put extra strain on your back and risk injury.

Even the simplest aids, like ropes and strapping, can be hazardous if you don't know what you're doing. Using the wrong rope for the job can also mean dropping a load. Steel and plastic straps are usually able to handle their assigned weight, but the sharp ends and edges can cause injuries if they're not handled properly.

To prevent injuries with dollies and hand trucks, you have to know how to select, load, and operate them safely.

Most of it is just common sense and thinking before you forge ahead. First, choose the right hand truck or dolly for the job. Choose one whose size and shape matches what you're going to move.

When you load or unload a dolly or hand truck, be sure to use safe lifting techniques so that your legs, not your back, are doing the work.

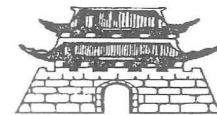
With that in mind, follow this loading procedure:

- * *Place heavy objects on the bottom.*
- * *Position the load forward so it rests over the truck's axles and the truck, not the handles, carries the load.*
- * *Secure any bulky, awkward, or delicate objects to the truck.*
- * *Keep the load at a height you can see over.*

When you operate a dolly or hand truck, you want to do it so that the truck does the work, not you.

Here's how:

- * *Get a firm grip on the handle.*
- * *Keep your back straight, knees bent.*
- * *Lean in the direction you're going.*
- * *Walk, don't run.*
- * *Keep the load ahead of you when you go downhill.*
- * *Look where you're going. Be alert to other vehicles, obstructions, edges (platforms, docks, etc.), and items on the floor that could send you and the truck flying.*



December Safety Slogan

"Which prevents accidents -- being right or being smart?"

The 2IC's Corner



by LTC Mark Cain
Deputy Commander

A Happy Holiday greeting to you and yours. I trust you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The Cain family certainly did! We are thankful for being a part of this wonderful organization and serving with you here in the Republic. You are all special people and I think you know my feelings from last month's article. However, the Cain family is most of all thankful for Grandma Kim's return home from the hospital. Thank you all for your prayers ... she is doing much better now.

There have been a lot of rumors floating around about the Deputy Commander's position. It was my original intention to stay at FED for another two years and Engineer Branch supported this two-year extension. However, a wonderful opportunity was presented to me two weeks ago by the Eighth Army Chief of Staff and I accepted. As the saying goes, it was an offer I could not refuse.

I will assume command of the Korean Service Corps

(KSC) Battalion in early June. My report date to Eighth Army will probably be on or about 1 June. For those of you that don't know, the KSC Battalion is approximately 2,500 strong and is organized into 14 Companies stationed throughout the peninsula. (*Note: That ain't a Battalion, it's a Brigade!*). The KSCs have a combat support and combat service support mission in both armistice and wartime and they have a wonderful tradition that dates back to the Korean War. Their annual operating budget runs approximately \$38 million per year and the Property Book is currently valued at \$7 million. As you can see, this is a great opportunity and one I simply could not turn down. From my first days in the Army as a Second Lieutenant, I wanted to be a Battalion Commander. Now, my dream has come true. I am very humbled yet anxious to take on this new challenge.

It is ironic that a year and a half ago, I was ready to retire. Thanks to LTC Gary Sullivan, COL James Hickey, COL Terry

Youngbluth, BG Carl Strock and many others, I was able to come to FED and be your Deputy Commander. And now this opportunity?!? Sometimes it is strange how God works. I must tell you I am very thankful during this Holiday Season. This Command opportunity is the best "gift" that I could ever hope to receive.

LTC Chuck Markham has been designated as my back-fill. He should report in mid-May, but we still need to work out some details. Many of you know Chuck. He served in the District not long ago and was the Acting Deputy Commander for a period in time. Obviously, he will need minimal "spin-up" and will be effective from day one. That's Good News!

I will close with last year's comment, "For this month's edition and though we are at armistice...Think Peace!...It is what this world needs."

May the Prince of Peace and my Savior bless your Holidays.



Holiday Message from the Chief of Engineers



During the holidays, people look back and reflect on the lessons of the previous year. But this should be a time to look forward as well! Although the next century and next millennium doesn't really start until 2001, we will all celebrate the turning point when 1999 rolls over to 2000. So this is a good time to look to the future.

The Corps is changing and growing, and we're more ready than ever to meet the challenges of a new millennium. Response 2000 received its first real-world tests this year and came through with flying colors. During Hurricane Georges the Corps provided ice, water, roofing, debris removal, and emergency power throughout Puerto Rico. During Hurricane Floyd, we assisted in damage surveys, controlled floodwaters with our reservoirs, supplied emergency ice and water and temporary housing, and managed sandbagging operations. The Corps also provided vital damage survey and clean-up work in Oklahoma after the tornado in May.

New concepts like Divisions as Business Centers and One door to the Corps ensure that outside agencies will continue to consider us the "Engineer Team of Choice." This past year, other agencies have sought our expertise in growing numbers. To name just a few, Jacksonville District was an important part of the effort to write the Central and South Florida Comprehensive Review Study which will restore the Florida Everglades. The U.S. Agency for International

Development requested Transatlantic Programs Center's help to repair damage after the terrorist bombing of the American embassy in Nairobi. After a gas pipeline explosion in St. Cloud, Minn., the Minnesota Department of Safety turned to St. Paul District for technical expertise. When a ski-equipped C-130 fell into a crevasse in the Antarctic, the National Science Foundation called on the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory to find crevasse-free taxiways and work areas to free the aircraft.

Our first and most important mission of supporting the Army also continues to flourish. From replacing flood-damaged buildings in Korea, to building SEAhuts in Kosovo, to managing a quarter-billion dollars in projects at Fort Benning, Ga., the Corps is making a difference in the Army. At bases throughout the world, soldiers and airmen and their families have brand new or renovated homes, barracks, schools, and other quality-of-life facilities. And innovations like the Installation Support Forward Program, re-engineering Military Programs, the Theater Construction Management System, and tele-Engineering will ensure that the Corps is firmly embedded in the Army and that we will continue to carry out our most important mission.

But what gives me the most faith in our future is our people. There has been no shortage of Corps volunteers to serve in austere conditions in Kosovo and Albania. I'm never prouder than

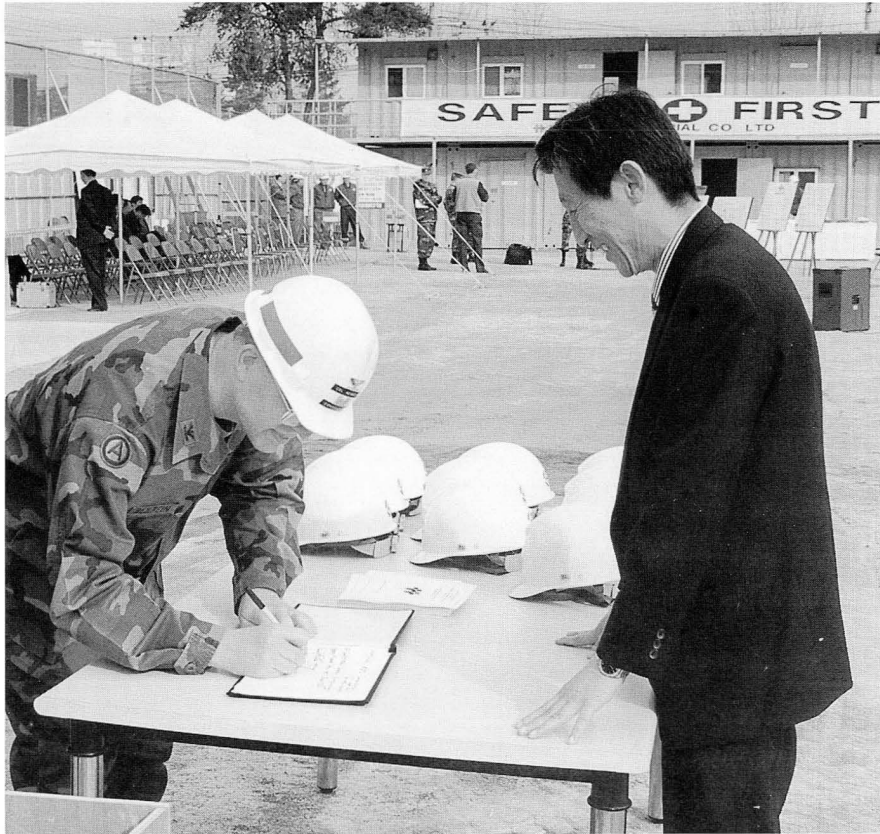
when I hear people like Clint Anuszewski from Baltimore District say, "We at USACE believe in a totally integrated Army, with soldiers and civilians working side by side. As civilians, we're looking to fit in and be in the trenches with the Army. I'll move out of the tent when the soldiers are out of tents." After the tornado in Oklahoma, Corps workers collected personal items they found and took steps to return them to their owners. Corps people like Mike Rosales and Matt Burg in Little Rock District unhesitatingly risked their lives to rescue a mother and her baby from a flaming wreck. John Lindermann of the Transatlantic Programs Center is helping build a storage facility in Russia. He and other folks from TAC have joined with people from Bechtel National Inc., to support a Russian orphanage near the project site. With people like these in the Corps of Engineers, I know our future is in good hands.

I am proud of the Corps of Engineers and how far we have come during my time as Chief of Engineers. I look forward with anticipation (*and no fear at all*) to the challenges of the New Year, and the new century, and the new millennium.

The Corps family wishes you a safe and joyous holiday season, and a happy, exciting new year.

JOE N. BALLARD
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

Consolidated administration facility groundbreaking ceremony at Camp Red Cloud ---November 24th ---



(Above) COL David J. Rehbein, Commander, Far East District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, signs the guest book just prior to the groundbreaking ceremony for the consolidated administration facility at Camp Red Cloud on November 24, 1999.

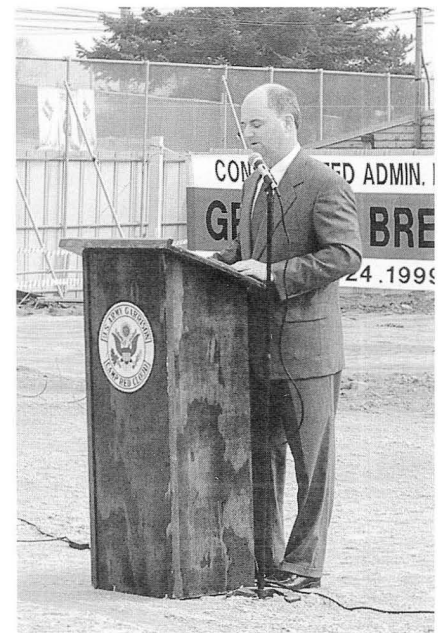
(Below) Invited dignitaries, including COL David J. Rehbein (6th from the right), Commander, Far East District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, toss the ceremonial first shovel of dirt to signify the beginning of project construction.



On November 24, 1999, the groundbreaking ceremony for a consolidated administration facility at Camp Red Cloud was hosted by the Far East District and the project contractor, Daelim Industrial Company.

Part of the 1998 flood recovery construction effort, project design began in early December of that year with a charette. This week-long intense meeting and fast track process cut four months off the normal design time for a project of this type.

The \$5.4 million project is scheduled for completion in April 2001.



"This facility, when completed in the Spring of 2001, will be the centerpiece facility of the Camp Red Cloud Garrison and future home of the 2nd Infantry Division," said Mr. Curt Lypek, Project Engineer, Uijongbu Project Office.



The seven-week 1999 Ministry of National Defense (MND) Exchange Training Program is being conducted by the Far East District. The nine attendees include: (back row, l-r) Capt. Jung, Ki-Yeol (ROK Air Force); Capt. Kim, Nam-Tae (ROK Marine Corps); CPT Pak, Su-man (ROK Army); Mr. Kim, Pan-seop (MND DPA), Mr. Kim, Sang-kyu (MND DPA); Mr. Song, Jae-hong (MND DPA); (front row, l-r) LT Sung, Choong-hyon (ROK Navy); MAJ Yi, Kwan-seop (ROK Army); Mr. Sam Han (FED PPMD); Mr. Lenny Kim (FED PPMD); and Maj Han, Myong-hwan (ROK Air Force).

FED trains ROK military and Ministry of National Defense engineers

Through the Republic of Korea (ROK) Ministry of National Defense Exchange Training Program, the Far East District (FED) is providing valuable training to some host nation military engineers in the Republic of Korea.

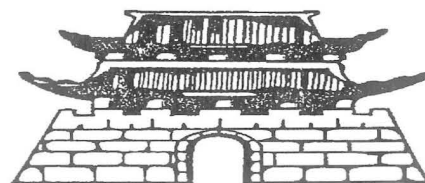
On November 1, 1999, FED began a seven-week training course for MND personnel. The nine member class is the largest class since the program began three years ago. This program is an annual event during which FED introduces its organization and the way it conducts construction operations to the military and civilian engineers selected from ROK Ministry of National Defense components.

This year, two ROK Army officers, Two ROK Air Force officers, one ROK Navy officer, one ROK Marine Corps officer, and three civilian engineers from the MND Defense Procurement Agency are experiencing a rare opportunity to learn about our program. The attendees began training with an orientation of the FED organization by the PPMD on November 1 and the program will end with visits to some Northern Resident Office (NRO) project sites with Mr. O, Sung-sik from NRO.

During their seven weeks with us, they will visit PPMD, Contracting Division, Foundation & Materials Branch, Design

Branch, Cost Estimating Branch, Quality Assurance Branch, Customer Services Branch and the Northern Resident Office.

The Exchange Training Program is contributing greatly toward improved construction quality in the Combined Defense Improvement Projects (CDIP) Program. It is also helping promote a good working relationship between the Far East District and its counterparts in ROK MND.



Mark your calendar!**January 12, 2000**

Prayer Breakfast
0730-0900 hrs.
2nd Floor Classroom
18th MEDCOM
121 Hospital

January 14, 2000

Martin Luther King Breakfast
Dragon Hill, Naija Ballroom
0700 hrs.
Tickets - \$5.00
Watch for more information.

January 16, 2000

Candlelight Unity March
 (sponsored by 8th U.S. Army)
1700hrs -
begin lining up in the ACS
parking lot -
Yongsan South Post
1730hrs -
March begins
March ends at South Post
Chapel at about 1800hrs.
Everyone is invited to
participate for unity and
awareness.

Speaker:
Chaplin Otis Mitchell
1st Signal Brigade

Mark your calendar!**February 3, 2000**

Installation Celebration of
African-American/
Black History Month
1500 hrs.
Dragon Hill Lodge
Naija Ballroom

Entertainment:
Ms. Tonya Henry
18th MEDCOM
modern dancer

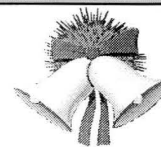
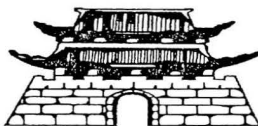
Seoul High School Band

Negro National Anthem
 sung by
Ms. Monte Howard

*(food sampling follows
 program)*

February 23, 1999

18th MEDCOM
121 Hospital
Luncheon
1100-1300hrs.
2nd Floor Classroom



As we near the end of the 20th Century, we pause to reflect on the remarkable contributions of American soldiers throughout the years to our nation and to freedom throughout the world. Over 225 years ago, a "shot heard 'round the world" ushered in a new era. That shot sparked a fight for freedom that produced the greatest testament to the human spirit in the history of man -- a nation so committed to the blessings of peace, hope, and liberty that it sent its best sons and daughters into harm's way to keep the flame of freedom burning for all mankind.

Preserving liberty has always and will continue to require tremendous personal sacrifice. Like our forefathers, many of whom gave their youthful lives, you are shouldering today's heavy burden as you guard the frontiers of freedom -- in Korea, Bosnia, Kosovo, East Timor, and in over 60 other countries. Often in harm's way, you are sacrificing the comforts of your own home and the joys of sharing the holiday season with your families to give hope to others around the world.

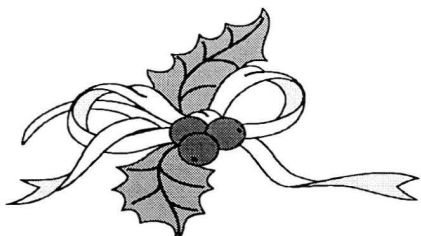
You are there because the world is depending on the greatest fighting force on the face of the planet to give every man, woman and child the opportunities Americans take for granted. No matter what the challenge -- from conflicts to natural disasters -- our army has the capability to quickly restore order and stability. You are there because we want others to know the joys of freedom, so they will join us in guarding that freedom.

Your nation is profoundly grateful for your service. People the world over are grateful. As you celebrate this holiday season, many deployed far from home, may you find comfort and joy in the hope you bring to the less fortunate and in the light of peace you bring to the world.

We wish you a happy and safe holiday season and a peaceful new year.

Honorable Louis Caldera
 Secretary of the Army

General Eric K. Shinseki
 Army Chief of Staff



*May the joys of the
 holiday season be with
 you the whole year long!*

