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## Walker Clinic ground breaking chilling

by Patrick Forrest

"It's as cold as my mother in law," one soldier estimated, while awaiting the Health Clinic Ground Breaking Ceremony. Or was it as cold as the ashes of love that December 11 at Camp Walker? As cold as outer space? As cold as an iceberg's shady side? More precisely, it was in the Twenties Fahrenheit that day in Taegu. However, calculating in the wind-chill factor meant the effective temperature experienced by the human popsicles stuck outside was, in technical terms, *freaking* cold.

SFC Thomas Gloss emceed the frigid ceremony, hosted by LTC Ronald A. Hamilton, Commander of the 168<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion. After the singing of the



LTC Markham had warm words but a cold day.

ROK and US national anthems, a total of five colonels spoke. 20<sup>th</sup> Area Support Group Chaplain (COL) Byron Simmons invoked the "unseen presence." COL Edward C. Huyke, Commander, 18<sup>th</sup> Medical Command, observed that ultimately health care is more vital than chow, mail, or even pay to soldiers and their families. COL Russell A. Bucy, 20<sup>th</sup> Area Support Group Commander, promised to watch the project as if his own construction company were building it. LTC Hamilton underlined his own unshakeable

faith in the project. FED's own Deputy Commander, LTC Charles Markham, hoped to visit the new Walker Clinic on its successful completion in 2002, no matter how cold that day may be.

Over 492 days, contractor Byucksan Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd. will transform two separate buildings, one originally a commissary, into a single, quality health care facility. With the main entrance facing the Evergreen Golf Club, the finished 24,000 square foot clinic will provide primary care for active duty soldiers and their families at Camp Walker, Camp

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# From the Commander



COL Gregory Kuhr

## COMMUNICATIONS

I chose this rather simple topic – COMMUNICATION – because it is simple yet very complex. During the Commander's Sessions I have held with many of you over the past two months, I have learned that we really don't communicate well. Although I would rather listen to your ideas about communications in Logistics Management or within Quality Assurance Branch or on Project Delivery Teams, I need to 'communicate' some of my ideas first.

**The More We Communicate, the Less We Communicate.** We frequently call meetings without clear agendas or focus. We also have a tendency to bring people into meetings just because we think everyone should know. In attempting to keep everyone informed, frequently our meetings lose focus and we lose the ability to solve problems during the meeting. If the meetings you attend are tedious, ask yourself

whether you really need to be there. Other evidence of our over-communication is the number of emails you receive every day. Look at the number of deleted emails in your "Deleted Emails" folder and ask yourself how many of these provided information you really needed. This flood of information causes a lack of focus and makes real communication more difficult.



Mr. Rao listens to CPT Kim. Cultural barriers can include nationality, "military vs. civilian" communication styles, and more.

**Listening is More Difficult Than Talking.** In my Commander's Sessions I attempt to just listen. It is more important to me that I understand what is on many of your minds, than talking about my views. I am sure most of you have heard the old adage that the Lord gave us two ears but only one mouth. Perhaps we should use them in the same proportion. Many colleges now teach the art of teach the art of listening. Listening is difficult because we all have a preference to express our opinions and be understood by

others. When others express views opposite to ours, we don't like to hear it because it challenges our perspectives. Our impulse is to change their view. I encourage everyone to take time to understand others.

**Culture Counts.** It is quite evident to me that there is truly a barrier between our Korean and American employees. First there is the cultural deference to speak out and express one's views among those senior to oneself. Then there are the language barriers. Look at those emails which are distributed to CEPOF-ALL. Unless the subject line indicates that the message has some particular importance to our Korean workforce, many of them simply delete the message. In fact, look at this edition of the *East Gate*. Despite our at-



Mr. Gardiner, Ms. Hawkins, and Mr. Drape deep in chat. Cross-cultural communications enrich life.

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# Safety

## Industrial Hygiene?

by Edward Primeau

Most people have never heard of industrial hygiene and have no idea what industrial hygienists do. Honestly, until I joined the Air Force, I never heard of the profession. Mention the word “hygienist”, and most people think of a dental hygienist. The two professions have one thing in common—health. A dental hygienist works to maintain the health of your teeth. An industrial hygienist works to maintain your occupational health. The textbook definition of an industrial hygienist is a professional concerned primarily with the control of environmental health hazards arising from or during the course of employment.

There are three main processes in industrial hygiene—hazard recognition, evaluation and control. The first area, hazard recognition, includes the anticipation of hazards in the workplace. A walkthrough of the workplace identifies all potential hazards including noise, radiation, temperature extremes, and chemical exposures. The industrial hygienist identifies operations of the work processes that may produce environmental hazards. Once you have identified processes or operations that may produce one or more environmental hazards, you need to evaluate these exposures.

This evaluation of the environmental hazard is crucial due to the decisions to be made based

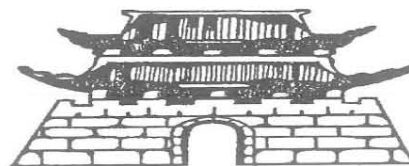
on the evaluation, such as the need for engineering controls, use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), appropriate level of PPE, and need for medical examinations. The evaluation determines whether the exposure is considered hazardous or not. Numerous organizations perform health studies on occupational environmental hazards, such as the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH), trade organizations, and universities. From these studies, limits are established of what exposure levels may negatively impact health. In the Department of Defense we use the Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA) Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs), and the ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLVs). If there is a PEL and a TLV for a specific hazard then we use whichever standard is more stringent. If no PEL or TLV exists, we look for an industry or consensus standard to use to limit exposure. Generally, all these standards indicate hazard levels to which it is believed nearly all workers may be exposed, repeatedly, day after day, without adverse health effects.

These standards do not require that the exposure level be zero because the human body can handle certain levels of exposure without negative health impact. A concern employees often share with me is that they smell a chemical, and therefore feel this exposure is unsafe. However, most chemi-

cals have an odor threshold in the parts-per-billion range but only become a health hazard in the parts-per-million range. That means you smell the chemical long before the concentration becomes hazardous. To determine whether the exposure is hazardous, an evaluation must be performed.

The evaluation process usually involves some form of measurement. That measurement can be performed by using a calibrated instrument to obtain a direct reading of the exposure level or by taking a sample using a collection media, then having the sample analyzed by an accredited analytical laboratory. Direct reading instruments are often used for hazards such as noise and radiation. For exposures to chemicals such as solvents, a small pump is used to draw air from the breathing zone of the worker through a sample media. The media is then analyzed for the quantity of chemical present in the sample. Samples are usually drawn over a period of time, since exposure standards are based on an 8-hour time-weighted average. Unfortunately, science and technology offers no method to measure every environmental hazard. For hazards that cannot be measured, we try to limit exposure to as little as possible.

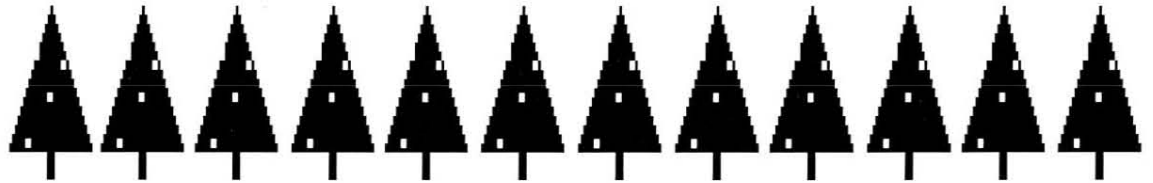
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# The Deputy's Word



by LTC Charles Markham  
Deputy Commander



Happy Holidays! My wife, Sun, and I would like to express warm wishes of holiday cheer and happiness to everyone. We hope 2001 is prosperous to the Far East District and all its employees and families.

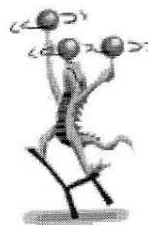
This is a busy time of year for us all. It seems like we just finished with our year-end flurry of activities, took a small breath, and we're right back at it, sprinting for the FY01 closeout. The "FED work monster" is on us again!



**FED Work Monster**

Our Division Commander, BG Castro, always talks about "balance" when he's around. He expresses a need to balance work with family, religion, your spouse and yourself. A balanced life style provides everyone, to include FED, a well-rounded, healthy, and satisfied

at ourselves and see if we have a balanced lifestyle. Are you constantly working long hours? Have you done anything special with your family lately? Are you in need of spiritual rejuvenation? Do you lose leave every year? If we answer yes to too many of these types of questions, I think the "FED work monster" is getting the best of us.



As BG Castro suggests, we need to make a contract with ourselves and put it down in writing on our support forms. Think seriously about this and write down some achievable goals. Some examples would be attending important school activities coming up, celebrating your wedding anniversary, taking leave periodically, or attending a religious retreat. By writing such goals down on your support form, your supervisor will understand the importance of these events to you and your family and become a part of your personal contract.

We all need to ensure we remain mentally, physically and

spiritually sound individuals. I encourage all of us to review where we are in each one of these areas and make a contract to maintain or improve in each one. The district as a whole will only improve as we all improve ourselves.



We lost one of our employees recently and in helping close out his estate a few important issues arose worth mentioning. I encourage all of us to review and update our will. If you don't have a will, please see the local legal office and make one. Also, review and organize your important financial and personal files and ensure other people know where they are kept. Our NEO packets are a good start for this. Keep them current and easily accessible.

As always, think safety and be careful. "Safety is an Everyday Affair!"

*Serving the District and you!*





## Industrial Hygiene?

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After we have quantified exposure to environmental hazards, we develop a means to keep the exposure below hazardous levels. First, we see if we can engineer out the hazards. For example, if the hazard comes from a hazardous, noise-producing piece of equipment, we look to provide dampers to prevent the transmission of noise to workers' ears. If the hazard is due to an airborne contaminant, we look at providing local exhaust ventilation such as a welding hood to remove the contaminant before it can enter the worker's breathing zone. In addition to engineering controls, we often look at applying administrative controls, like substituting non-toxic for toxic chemicals, or rotating workers into the hazardous environment to limit each one's exposure. Finally, if we have no other means of control, we recommend PPE, such as respirators.

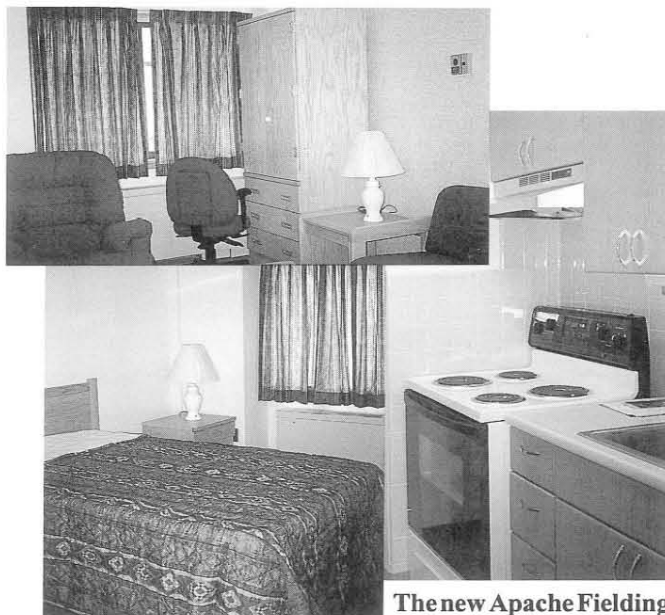
My primary goal as the Far East District's Industrial Hygienist is to maintain your occupational health by identifying, evaluating and controlling the environmental hazards that FED employees are exposed to in performing their mission. If you feel you face an exposure that may harm your health or the health of others, please contact me at the Safety and Occupational Health Office: 721-7385.

*"A healthy and safe workplace is central to the ability to enjoy health, security and the opportunity to achieve success and happiness in the 21<sup>st</sup> century."*

-- James R. Thornton, President,  
American Industrial Hygiene Association

## Camp Humphreys' New BOQ

How do junior officers live? A lucky few will live as shown below. Here are pictures from the November 15 ribbon cutting for Apache Fielding Bachelor Officers Quarters (BOQ) on Camp Humphreys. ROK BG Jun, In-Goo, Chief of Installation Division, MND Defense Procurement Agency and FED Commander, COL Gregory Kuhr, and other dignitaries attended. Poong Lim Industrial Co. Ltd. completed the \$4.5 million contract in less than two years.



The new Apache Fielding BOQ.



Showing success, BG Jun welcomes guests.



The champagne of BOQs. From left to right, FED's James Dalton; COL Han, Jae-Soo; Yi, Pil Sung, President, Poong Lim Industrial Co. Ltd.; BG Jun, In-Goo, Chief of Installation Div., MND Defense Procurement Agency; FED's COL Gregory Kuhr; and COL Glenn DeSoto.

## Walker Clinic Groundbreaking

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George, and Camp Henry. The north part of the building will house family practice, occupational health, urgent care, logistics, an x-ray lab, a pharmacy and administrative support. The south part will house optometry and physical therapy.

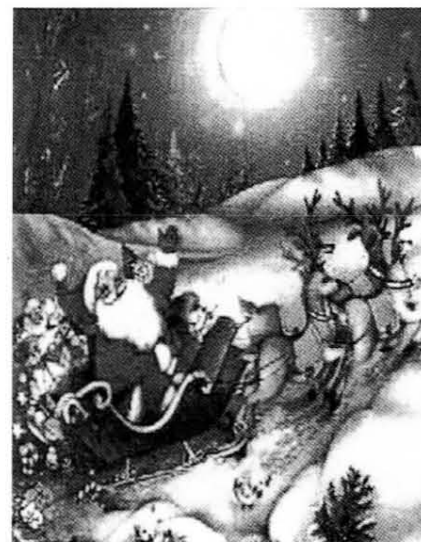
The \$3.8 million project is targeted to open in Spring 2002. Byucksan Ltd. won the project after successfully taking on several other renovation and construction projects for FED, including a medical clinic, barracks and company operations facilities at Camp Casey, a water storage tank at Camp Hovey, and the Pusan All-Ranks Club. The new Walker Health Clinic, like Camp Walker, is named for LTG Walton A. Walker, Commander of the Eighth US Army in the Korean War's most desperate days, until he was killed in a jeep accident, just two days before Christmas, 1950.

As the shovel ceremony started, shovels shattered harmlessly into crushed ice. Actually, shovel bearers included COLs Huyke and Bucy; LTCs Hamilton and Markham; Mr. Kim, Dai-Hyun, Managing Director, Byucksan Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.; COL Gary Trede, Chief of Staff, 19<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command; MAJ Christopher Castle, Chief, Health Facilities Planning, Korea; MAJ Jennifer Peterson, Officer-In-Charge, Camp Walker Army Health Clinic; CPT Alan Davis, Commander HQ and Support

Company; 168<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion; and PVT Tonia Young, HQ and Support Company's youngest soldier.

Next came the traditional Shamanistic Blessing by Mr. Kim, Dai-Hyun and appointed guests. The ceremonial blessing is a Korean tradition, performed before important events to bring good fortune both to the event and those who take part. The blessing table held a pig's head, symbolic of an offering; dried fish to be strung later over the clinic's doorway for luck; fruit, symbolic of beauty; and rice wine to feed the spirits. Money was placed in the pig's mouth and the rice wine was poured on the site's four corners to ward off evil.

Chaplain Simmons delivered a benediction, and the Army Song (*The Army Goes Rolling Along*) was played. SSG Gloss then announced to the snowmen in the stands that the Walker Health Clinic Ground Breaking Ceremony was concluded. Moments later, guests reconvened inside the Camp Walker Dining Facility to enjoy cake, coffee and warmth.



## From the Commander

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tempts to communicate a message and talk about our FED family, many Korean employees do not read the paper. English is a second language and for many, still very time consuming to read lengthy articles. If you really want to get your message through, consider putting it in both English and Korean. The strength of our District is truly the dual cultures and bilingual capabilities of our workforce. Both add so much to the workplace.

I now ask you what the message is I have attempted to communicate above. Hopefully I have opened your ears to the challenges we face and increased your appreciation for the diversity of our wonderful workforce.

***Essays!***  
**COL Greg Kuhr**



Rebecca Mason  
gets a Christmas  
tree from  
Ms. Monte Howard.



Santa hangs with kids of all ages.

## **NEWSFLASH! Santa attends children's Christmas Party**

*by Chris Vaia*

Engineering Division held FED's Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, 9 Dec 00 from 1230-1700 hours in the new Activity Building T-109. Children and adults of FED and our neighbors AMKOR and TJD attended. Geotech Branch brought an international menu. Santa handed out presents supplied by family members for their children. Nearly one hundred of our FED family, including forty children, enjoyed a nice luncheon and holiday entertainment.

Decorations were set up by the high-spirited team of Ms. Pak, In Myong, Ms. Paek, Chong Won, Ms. No, Young Hye, Ms. Ko, Son Cha and Ms. Yun, Sun Han. Mr. Ben Gompers coordinated the setup and luncheon with sublime taste. Mr. Jack Giefer, Mr. Tom Spoerner, Dr. Chon, Un Young and Mr Pak Chong Pin transported the cheerful decorations. Ms Song, Sop Sun and Ms Kim, Hyon Suk formed FED's chorus. Ms. Monte Howard provided face painting and a marvelous version of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Mr. Yi, Hong

Chong conducted the golfing game and ping pong bounce with distinction. Mr. Chris Kim survived an impromptu game of KaWee Bai Bo (Scissors, Rock, Paper). Santa, known occasionally as Mr. Potong Bhramayana, proved that the spirit of Santa can also come from Thailand. Mr. David Wilson coordinated funds from our CWR and provided Christmas presents. Mr Kim, Hwa Yong insured the party room was left better than when found. Mrs. Gompers led the efforts to present the luncheon scrumptiously. Mrs. Tonya Dalton presented the quiet and peaceful Christmas Story with Korean translation by Ms. Kim, Hyon Suk. Mr. Dave Hahn presented a parable of the cracked pot with Korean translation by Ms. Kim, Yeoun Joo. Our fine TJD partners provided Santa's outfit. When the need arose to move heavy items or volunteer to be part of the Twelve Days of Christmasing-a-long, many others joined in.

Our FED family donated 145 cans and packages of food for the Seoul Salvation Army Shelter. Captain Lee of the Seoul Salvation Army sends his thanks and wishes for a Merry Christmas. The capacity and desire to share with others is a blessing.

May all enjoy God's Grace and Peace through this Holiday



Byron Kim was good this year.

## An Interview with the Sergeant Major of the Army *by PFC Nicole Adams*



### SMA Jack L. Tilley

*Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley visited soldiers in Korea Nov. 20 through Nov. 23. He took time out during his visit to Yongsan to speak with PFC Nicole Adams from KORUS magazine. Here are excerpts from the interview.*

*What brings you to Korea?*

Since I swore in as Sergeant Major of the Army, I've tried to visit as many installations as I can. So far I've visited about 37 installations. Germany is my next stop. I'm trying to visit the Army to hear the concerns and issues that soldiers have.

*Has it been effective?*

Absolutely, it's been very effective. It really gives me a good understanding of what kind of issues soldiers have. You find out that just about every installation has the same kinds of issues.

*What are the main issues?*

The main issues are the 'Standard Five', as I call them: pay, TRICARE, Quality of Life, retirement benefits and retention. We pay for soldiers coming in, but don't pay for them to stay in.

*What are you working toward now that you have been sworn in?*

First of all, retention, Quality of Life, and how well the soldiers are being taken care of.

*Speaking of retention, can we talk about the black berets? What kind of feedback are you getting?*

Well, I get mixed feedback and get feedback from everybody. A lot of people initially are like, "No, I don't want to wear it," but once you talk to them about the beret and they understand the beret, then they buy into it.

The beret is not just about wearing a beret on your head; it's about transforming the Army. It's about doing something that's good for the Army. The beret will come with the Army flag, which symbolizes Yorktown. It will also have the 13 stars, so we're really talking about the history of the Army.

*Have there been a lot of complaints from women about wearing the beret?*

No, there haven't. Most females in the military understand that there is a standard in the military and they live up to the standard.

We sent soldiers down to Fort Bragg, N.C., to talk to the female soldiers that are assigned to the airborne unit. What we found was that AR 670-1 was already in effect. All we have to do is enforce the Army standards.

*Do you think this will help with recruiting?*

They've been talking about switching to the beret for the last 10 years. It's not about retention. It's not about morale. It's about what's good for our Army.

*What made you choose the Army?*

I was 17 years old, just graduated from high school. I was sitting on the beach with a friend of mine, and he said, "What are we going to do?" I said I had no earthly idea. He said, "Let's go in the Army," and I said fine.

*What do you think it takes to be a good soldier?*

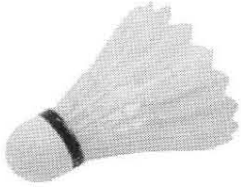
To be a good soldier, you need to focus and understand the soldiers you work with. People talk about taking care of soldiers and, in some cases, the people who talk about it just absolutely don't do it.

The key to success is to talk to the soldiers and get an understanding of what their issues are. If I could change anything, I'd make it mandatory for monthly counseling, for someone to sit down and give you direction on the things you need to work on. We're so busy that we don't take that extra time to develop our soldiers. That's important.

Sometimes I walk around shaking hands and smiling at people and they understand that I care about them. I look them in the eye and tell them exactly how it is. I tell them how I feel and if I don't know the answer I tell them I don't know the answer. Soldiers understand if you are honest and straightforward, they can handle that.

*Read the complete interview with SMA Tilley in November's KORUS magazine.*



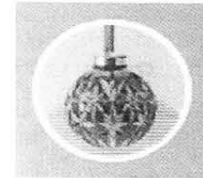


# FED SPORTS PAGE



**Mr. Kang, Pyong-ho (right) of IMO on his way to the FED Badminton Championship 2000 over Mr. Yun, Pyong-chol of EMO.**

and strength-building, then why not strike a shuttlecock right here with your friends at FED?



## LOVE ON THE BADMINTON COURT

At lunchtime, November 30, 2000, next to building T109, FED's Badminton League completed its first ever championship. Mr. Kang, Pyong-ho (IMO) defeated Mr. Yun, Pyong-chol (EMO) two games to love. Mr. Kang completed the season with a record of 6 and 0. Mr. Yun's record was 4 and 0. The FED League has been in existence for 2 months, with about a dozen courses, many of our people have played at lunchtime for years, rain or shine. The audience for the big tournament was small but distinguished: COL Kuhr and LTC Markham.

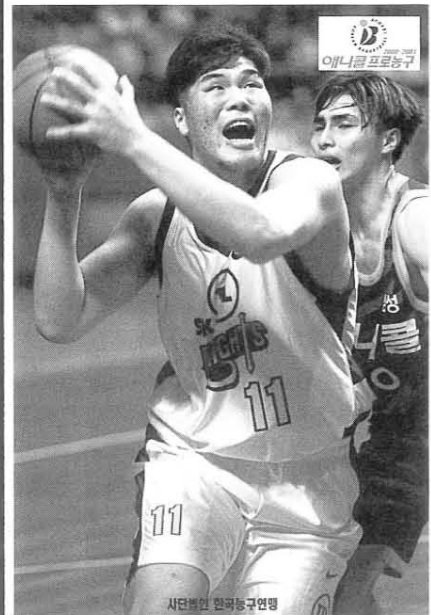
According to *MSN ENCARTA ENCYCLOPEDIA*, badminton is a game for two or four players using lightweight rackets and a shuttlecock, which for casual players is a plastic ball with synthetic feathers. Players hit the shuttlecock back and forth over a net, trying to keep it from hitting the ground. The game is

reminiscent of tennis but the equipment is much lighter, and the aerodynamics of the shuttlecock equipment is much lighter, and the aerodynamics of the shuttlecock more unpredictable than a tennis ball. Harkening back to an old-fashioned, reentering space capsule, the shuttlecock, when struck, may waft through space like a paper airplane. Or it may rocket by too fast for the eye to follow.

Badminton evolved from a Chinese game of the 5th Century BC called *tijianzi* that involved kicking the shuttle. While badminton has won popularity in the West, in some East Asian nations the sport is as popular as basketball is in the United States. South Korean men's star Park, Joo-bong won an Olympic gold medal in mixed doubles in 1996.

Anyone can play badminton anywhere. But if the urge strikes you for exercise that's sociable, safe, aerobic, flexibility-

## FED's basketball team?



**Uh, no, but the Public Affairs Office has schedules (with ticket prices) for the professional Korean Basketball League (KBL). Confession: the schedules are in Hangul. But they are quite decipherable. Score one today.**

# New Team Members

**Mr. David J. Hahn** joined FED on August 28 as a Civil Engineer. He hails from Chicago, and graduated from the University of Southern California in Civil



Engineering (Building Science). Prior to joining FED, he served as Eighth Army A CofS Engineer, Environmental Programs Office, Seoul. David enjoys golf, tennis, scuba, and hiking.

**Mr. Ralph Youins** joined FED on October 26 as a Safety and Occupational Health Specialist in the Safety Office. He is a graduate of Central Texas



College and the Department of the Army Safety Intern Program. A native of New Haven, Connecticut, he spends his quality time with his family and listening to jazz. He joins us from Ft. Riley, KS.

**Mr. George Pavlounis Jr.** joined us on November 20 as an Engineering Technician. A native of Sayerville, New Jersey, George served 12 years



at the Naval Station Earle Colts Neck, New Jersey in the Public Works Center, Contracts Division. His wife is Diana, and his children, John, George and Renia.

**Mr. Ho, Sung** joined FED on December 4 as a Mechanical Engineer. He graduated Pukyong National University with a Masters in Refrigeration and



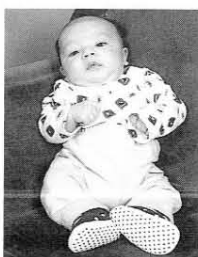
Air Conditioning Systems. He worked at CP Carroll for two years as a realty specialist. He comes from Pusan. His wife is Jeong Ho-young, and his daughter, Ho Da-sol. He enjoys computer games and baseball.

**Dr. Chon, Un-Yong** joined FED as a geologist in Geotech & Environmental Services on September 1. He did post-doctoral work at the Dept. of Geo-Environmental Sciences



of Chonbuk National University. He graduated with a Ph.D. from Yonsei University. His wife is Kim Mi-Jun and his son, Chon Jong-Gunn.

**Trevor Blake Smith** joined us on October 28 as a baby boy. A graduate of 121 General Hospital, he weighed 7lbs. 8 oz. He spends quality time with



mom and dad, **Hyacinth** and

**Roger Smith**, and 4-year-old big brother **Tanner**. Trevor enjoys cooing, sleeping and producing occasional "wahhhh!" sounds.

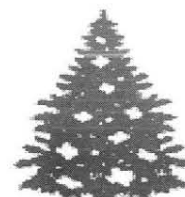


## Congratulations, SFC McManus!

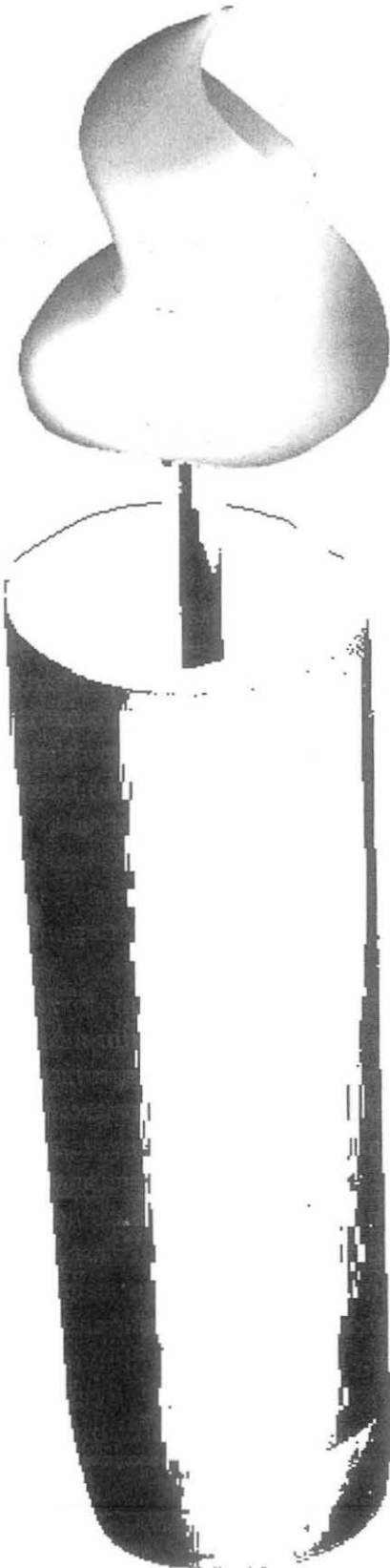
As of December 1, Staff Sergeant (SSG) James L. McManus, QAR Kunsan Project Office, was promoted to Sergeant First Class (SFC), LTC Markham announced.

"It has been a long road making it to the senior ranks, but I have enjoyed every day trying to reach my goal," SSG McManus reflected. "I would like to thank the entire FED community for your continued support since I have been assigned here in Korea. I'm proud to be a part of the FED family."

FED is just as proud of SFC McManus. A formal promotion ceremony was planned for December 20, when COL Kuhr travels to Kunsan.



## A poem by a Marine in Okinawa



**T**WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE  
CHRISTMAS,  
HE LIVED ALL ALONE,  
IN A ONE BEDROOM  
HOUSE MADE OF  
PLASTER AND STONE.

I HAD COME DOWN THE  
CHIMNEY  
WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE,  
AND TO SEE JUST WHO  
IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.

I LOOKED ALL ABOUT,  
A STRANGE SIGHT I DID  
SEE,  
NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS,  
NOT EVEN A TREE.

NO STOCKING BY A  
MANTLE,  
JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH  
SAND,  
ON THE WALL HUNG  
PICTURES  
OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.

WITH MEDALS AND  
BADGES,  
AWARDS OF ALL KINDS,  
A SOBER THOUGHT  
CAME THROUGH MY  
MIND.

FOR THIS HOUSE WAS  
DIFFERENT,  
IT WAS DARK AND  
DREARY,  
I FOUND THE HOME OF A  
SOLDIER,  
ONCE I COULD SEE  
CLEARLY.

THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING,  
SILENT, ALONE,  
CURLED UP ON THE FLOOR  
IN THIS ONE BEDROOM  
HOME.

THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE,  
THE ROOM IN SUCH DISOR-  
DER,  
NOT HOW I PICTURED  
A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.

WAS THIS THE HERO  
OF WHOM I'D JUST READ?  
CURLED UP ON A PONCHO,  
THE FLOOR FOR A BED?

I REALIZED THE FAMILIES  
THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT,  
OWED THEIR LIVES TO  
THESE SOLDIERS  
WHO WERE WILLING TO  
FIGHT.

SOON ROUND THE WORLD,  
THE CHILDREN WOULD  
PLAY,  
AND GROWNUPS WOULD  
CELEBRATE  
A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY.

THEY ALL ENJOYED FREE-  
DOM  
EACH MONTH OF THE  
YEAR,  
BECAUSE OF THE SOL-  
DIERS,  
LIKE THE ONE LYING  
HERE.

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I COULDN'T HELP WON-  
DER  
HOW MANY LAY ALONE,  
ON A COLD CHRISTMAS  
EVE  
IN A LAND FAR FROM  
HOME.

THE VERY THOUGHT  
BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY  
EYE,  
I DROPPED TO MY KNEES  
AND STARTED TO CRY.

THE SOLDIER AWAKENED  
AND I HEARD A ROUGH  
VOICE,  
"SANTA DON'T CRY,  
THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE;

I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM,  
I DON'T ASK FOR MORE,  
MY LIFE IS MY GOD,  
MY COUNTRY, MY  
CORPS."

THE SOLDIER ROLLED  
OVER  
AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP,  
I COULDN'T CONTROL IT,  
I CONTINUED TO WEEP.

I KEPT WATCH FOR  
HOURS,  
SO SILENT AND STILL  
AND WE BOTH SHIVERED  
FROM THE COLD NIGHT'S  
CHILL.

I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE  
ON THAT COLD, DARK,  
NIGHT,  
THIS GUARDIAN OF  
HONOR  
SO WILLING TO FIGHT.

THEN THE SOLDIER  
ROLLED OVER,  
WITH A VOICE SOFT AND  
PURE,  
WHISPERED, "CARRY ON  
SANTA,  
IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY,  
ALL IS SECURE."

ONE LOOK AT MY  
WATCH,  
AND I KNEW HE WAS  
RIGHT.  
"MERRY CHRISTMAS MY  
FRIEND,  
AND TO ALL A GOOD  
NIGHT."

*Thanks to Mitchell Glenn,  
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## IN MEMORY



**Mr. James (Bob) R. Ingram,**  
Deputy Resident Engineer, Central  
Resident Office, passed away of a  
heart attack over Veteran's Day  
weekend. He was just 46 years old.  
Good friend, Mr. Lynn Ray, Osan  
Project Engineer, remembered Bob as  
"a laid-back Southern guy, just like  
me. He couldn't rub you the wrong  
way."

Originally from North  
Carolina, Bob earned a Mechanical  
Engineering degree from the Univer-  
sity of North Carolina. He served his  
country these past 15 years, with the  
past 6 years at FED, Osan.

A memorial service was  
planned for Friday, December 1  
with LTC Markham and Mr. and  
Mrs. Fred T. Davis attending. Close  
friend, Mr. Simon Saucedo, Con-  
struction Inspector, will accompany  
the remains to Reidsville, Georgia, to  
rest near the home of Bob's parents.  
Our prayers are with his wife,  
Hyon-ok.

