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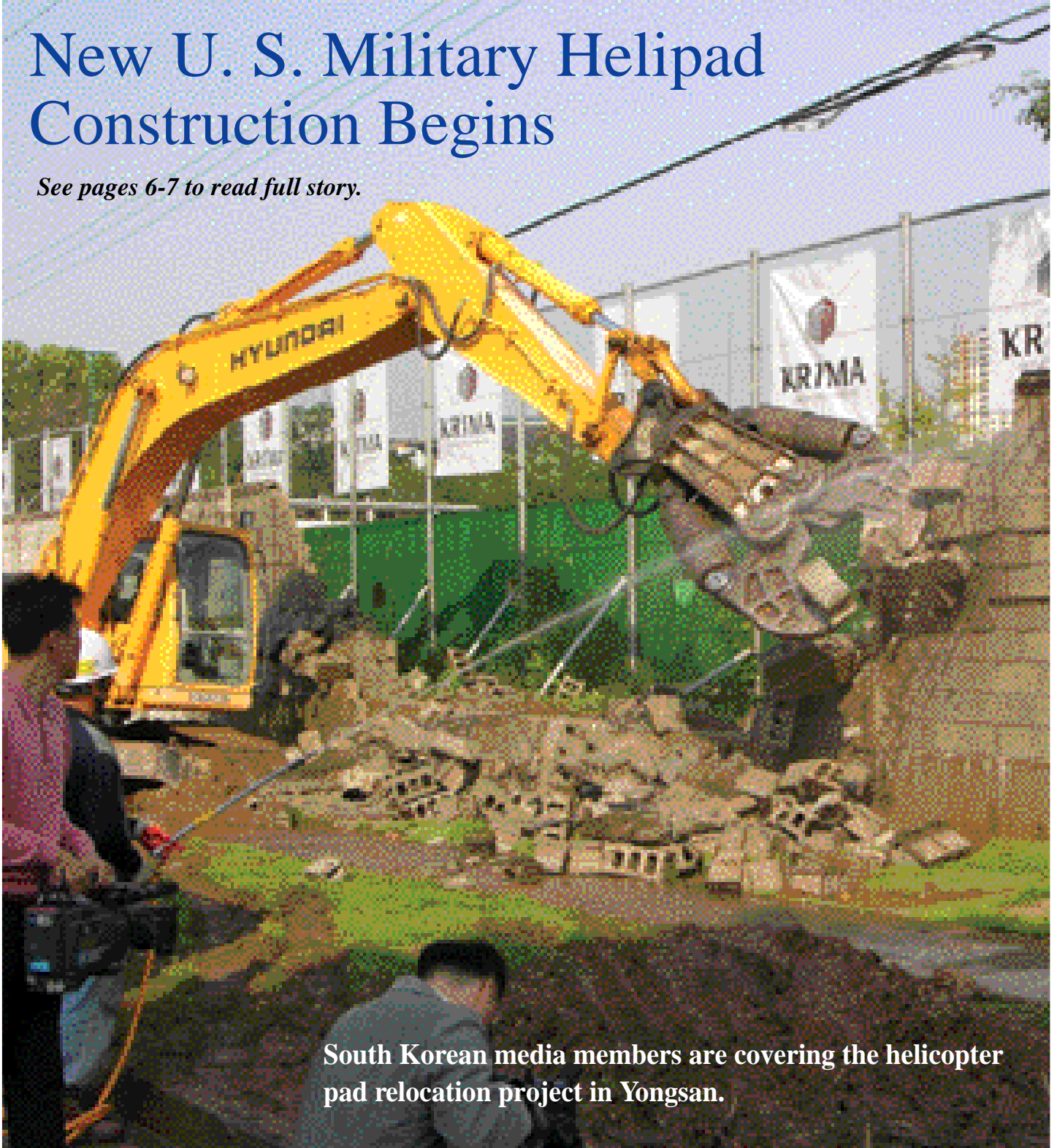
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From the Commander



**COL Janice L. Dombi
 Commander**

Greetings FED Teammates.

I trust everyone is enjoying the warm autumn weather and the beauty of the surrounding hills as the leaves change color. The turning of the leaves, and the raking that accompanies the season, is a sign of transition from summer to winter. LTC Loeffstedt and I recently attending training to assist us with our transition to the district. At this command course in Mississippi, Lieutenant General

Strock, the Chief of Engineers, talked to the group about transition. I'd like to share a few of his thoughts with you as we move into the new fiscal year.

LTG Strock reminded us that our number one priority is supporting the global war on terrorism (GWOT). He said the requirement to support this war will continue for years to come. Currently there are three districts in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. FED is supporting this effort both abroad at "home" in Korea. I'm proud of the volunteer spirit displayed in the district by people deploying to the combat zone. I am also proud of the support for the war by the teammates remaining in the district that pick up the duties of those deployed. I certainly understand the work load, the customer support, suspense's and high quality standards do not change because we have numerous people deployed. I appreciate your understanding of this important mission and am amazed at the extra effort many offices put forth to make ends meet. We have also supported the GWOT with reach back capability. We recently assisted the USACE division headquarters in Bagdad with designs for force protection structures that could save many people from injury or worse, death.

LTG Strock is open to suggestions on changes in USACE as directed by 2012 but made it clear that he wants to build on the momentum of vision and values that LTG Flowers began with the transition. He said non-negotiables for change were the Regional Intergration Teams (RITS), Regional Business Centers (RBCs) Communities of Practice (COPs), District Support Teams (DSTs) at division level, the implementation of P2, and our focus on mission execution.

LTG Strock directed us to improve our vision by seeing the vision of the customer. He asked us to help the customer understand what we can do for them. He suggested we can do this by gathering feedback and ideas. FED will soon have the opportunity to "see how we are doing" and gather feedback because we will send out customer surveys in the next few weeks.

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Safety & Occupational Health

Women and Heart Attacks

by Cho, Un-Chong, Language Assistant, Safety & Occupational Health Office

According to 'www.HeartCenterOnline.com', heart disease and heart attacks are the number-one killers of women in all of the developed countries throughout the world. Although women do not recognize heart attacks are more deadly to women than men. Women, in fact, are half as likely as men to survive their first heart attack, and significantly more likely than men to have a second attack within one year. Researchers have proposed it may be harder for women to recognize that they are having a heart attack and to get treatment immediately because women tend to have "atypical" symptoms that are actually signs of a heart attack.

For both men and women, common warning signs of a heart attack include the following:

- Chest pain or discomfort that is unrelieved by rest or a change in position and often spreads or radiates through the upper body to the arms, neck, shoulders or jaw. The sensation tends to be very intense and unrelieved by medication.
- Chest-area pressure or squeezing sensation that may be either constant or intermittent.
- Shortness of breathing such as shallow breathing.
- Abnormally weak and/ or fast pulse.
- Feeling faint or dizzy.
- Sweating, often heavy and often cold.
- Nausea or upset stomach

In contrast with the common warning signs listed above, some women may have less "typical" symptoms when they are having a heart attack. Women are less likely than men to feel severe chest pain and are more likely to report a feeling of severe heartburn in the upper abdomen or pain in the breast. Unless a woman is familiar with these atypical symptoms, she may delay getting to the hospital.

For both women and men, the best strategy for preventing heart attacks is to make lifestyle changes that help prevent the main cause of heart attacks. You may also need to get treatment for conditions that raise your risk. As doing so, you can lower your risk of having a heart attack even if you have already had a heart attack or are told that your chances of having a heart attack are high.

Make lifestyle changes to prevent a heart attack:

- **Eat Well:** Whereas unsaturated fats are not harmful and are sometimes helpful, both saturated and trans fats cause the liver to produce higher levels of cholesterol and, therefore increase the risk of heart attack.
- **Maintain A Healthy Weight:** The one-two punch for a healthy weight is, not surprisingly, a good diet and regular exercise.

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The Chin Report



*by Allen Chin,
Deputy for Programs and
Project Management*

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE FAR EAST DISTRICT?

During these days of uncertainty regarding the Future of the Alliance in Korea, many folks at FED are wondering what the future of the District will be. I hear this question a lot of times from concerned employees. From where I sit, FED still has a very good future. But as you may know, the amount of construction projects that the District awarded in the last two years has dropped significantly. For example, the amount of construction contract awards dropped from \$338 Million in FY02 to only \$184 Million in FY04. This is due mainly to the fact that projects in the Yongsan and 2nd ID area have been cancelled in the last two years due to the potential relocation of troops from those areas.

Although the past two years have seen a lot of projects terminated or delayed in areas north of Cp Humphreys as well as Cp Humphreys itself, there are a lot of future projects planned for the Cp Humphreys area. But since many of the future projects are to be sited on existing rice paddies outside of Cp Humphreys, the ROK Government still has to acquire the land and we still need to develop the land for construction. The current problem of course is that land in the new area adjacent to Cp Humphreys has not been acquired yet. Until the land is acquired we cannot complete the designs and award the construction projects. But once the land outside Cp Humphreys is acquired or purchased by the Korean Government, we should expect to award a lot of construction projects (MILCON, Host Nation, NAF, etc.) in FY06. So even though we don't expect a significant increase in workload in FY05, we should see a significant increase in workload in FY06.

We should keep in mind that the Air Force program is fairly healthy in FY 05 because we have several Dorms in Osan AB and Kunsan AB scheduled for award in FY05 as well as another Family Housing project in Osan AB in FY05. Furthermore, since Army Host Nation projects have been delayed due to potential relocation of troops, the Host Nation funds will be used this year to design and award for construction of many Air Force and Marine Corps projects. Beginning in FY05, we should also expect to see some Build to Lease (BTL) Family Housing projects being awarded. BTL projects are funded by a private developer who leases back the facilities to the U.S. Government for a period of years so the developer can recoup his investment. All of these projects should tide us over in FY05.

As a result of workload related to relocation of facilities, I project a very large workload starting in FY06 and continuing for several years. This workload is expected to be large enough that we will need to look at innovative contracting tools such as Design Build MATOCs. In conclusion I believe the District has a bright future for many years especially starting in FY06.

U.S., Republic of Korea Reach Agreement on Troop Redeployment

NEWS RELEASE from the United States Department of Defense

The Department of Defense announced on October 06, 2004 that after several months of close consultations, the United States and the Republic of Korea have reached final agreement regarding the June 2004 U.S. proposal to redeploy 12,500 U.S. troops from Korea. Throughout these consultations, the United States has made clear that it remains committed to the defense of the Republic of Korea, to the security and stability of the region and to a strengthened Republic of Korea-U.S. Alliance. The future of the alliance is strong and will be adaptive to change and responsive to the needs of the Korean people.

During these consultations, the United States and South Korea fully considered the combined requirement to maintain a robust deterrent and defense capability while increasing combat capacity. Additionally, consultations considered the Korean public's perceptions regarding a potential security gap.

Specifically, the United States and the Republic of Korea agreed to the redeployment of 12,500 U.S. troops in three phases that will last until 2008. Inclusive in this redeployment is the 2nd Brigade Combat Team that was sent to Iraq in August.

The first phase will be conducted in 2004 and include the 2nd Brigade Combat Team and associated units. The redeployment in 2004 will total about 5,000 troops.

This agreement also includes the transfer of certain missions from U.S. forces to Korean forces, such as South Korean forces taking over security at the joint security area in the demilitarized zone, and the transfer of responsibility for rear area chemical decontamination to a special South Korean unit.

During the second phase, 2005-2006, the United States will redeploy a total of 5,000 troops (3,000 in 2005, 2,000 in 2006), comprising combat units, combat support and combat service support units, units associated with mission transfer areas, and other support personnel.

In the third and final phase, 2007-2008, the United States will redeploy 2,500 troops consisting primarily of support units and personnel.

As part of the agreement, the United States will maintain a multiple launch rocket system battalion and associated counter-fire assets on the peninsula, and initiate a review of U.S. Forces Korea pre-positioned equipment and make adjustments as appropriate.

The United States will continue the \$11 billion investment in enhancing U.S. capabilities on the peninsula and in the region to strengthen its mutual deterrent with South Korea. Additionally, the transformation of U.S. Army units in Korea will continue and will lead to a significant overall increase in combat capability.

New U. S. Military Helipad Construction at Yongsan Begins

by Chong Yun Kim, PAO

The construction of a new landing pad for U.S. helicopters began on September 23, 2004, as a group of South Korean media members was clicking their cameras. A concrete wall between the Yongsan Garrison and the Korean Ministry of National Defense was torn down in order to construct a new USFK helicopter pad.

South Korean officials have expressed concerns, for many years, over the possible noise

cultural center of Seoul. However, many Korean historians and curators have expressed the concerns over the possible damage that the noise and vibration of departing and landing of helicopters could cause to tens of thousands of historical artifacts exhibited in the museum.

After almost seven years of negotiations on the relocation of the helicopter pad, Seoul and Washington finally agreed in May 2004 to move it a



The backhoe with ripper jaws is tearing down the wall between Yongsan Garrison and Ministry of National Defense compound.

and security problems that the current helicopter pad H-208 located in front of South Korea's new National Museum could cause.

National Museum of Korea is set to open its new 300,000-square-meter Yongsan venue in October 2005 relocating from the Gyeongbok Palace. The museum in Gyeongbok Palace was temporarily closed on October 18, 2004 for its relocation and opening in Yongsan. When the national museum finally settles down in Yongsan, it will play a major role in Yongsan's rebirth as a



The USFK helicopter pad in Yongsan was located right next to the National Museum of Korea under construction.



The bird's-eye view of the National Museum of Korea which is scheduled to open in Yongsan in October, 2005.

few hundred meters away to the back side of the Ministry of National Defense compound North of Gate 17. The new site will be used by both U. S. and South Korean militaries after Yongsan Garrison is returned to South Korea in 2008, according to the officials.

The first two stages of relocating the pad began with tearing down a concrete wall and senior officer housing quarters to accommodate the approach area. Families moved out to other housing areas. The third stage is rebuilding the new helipad and the final stage includes building a new air traffic control tower and a 21-foot high sound-dampening wall surrounding the landing area to reduce noise. The number of landings is expected to be reduced down to five helicopters from eight to ten now, according to Stars and Stripes.

Under the agreement between the two allies South Korea's Ministry of Culture and Tourism will



LTC Steve Roemhildt, Chief Engineer for the U.S. military in the Seoul area (above) and Sam Han, Program & Project Management Division, FED (right), answer the questions from the reporters.



pay for this project of which the cost for the first two stages reaches \$4.50 million. The cost for the next two stages is yet to be determined, according to Mr. Sam Han, Project Manager at the Program Project Management Division, Far East District.

This complex project overseen by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District draws growing interest from USFK, Ministry of National Defense and Ministry of Culture and Tourism. The construction is estimated to be completed by November 30, 2005, but helicopters can start using the landing area as early as May 1, 2005 while other site work continues.

From the Commander

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Our "Just Do It!" cards are still in effect. If it is good for the customer, legal and ethical, and we are willing to accept accountability for the decision, we should do it! We should use this freedom to develop and strengthen relations with our partners. Each of you will have the opportunity to hear LTG Strock's views on transition because he will come to Korea to visit us in January. We will have a town hall meeting so each of you can hear our new commander's vision as we move into the New Year.

One final word on transition. Unfortunately we lost one of our family members in October with the death of Tom Knipper. He was a wonderful man and you all once again showed me your compassion and sense of family in the planning and conduct of a beautiful memorial service. Thanks to all that planned, conducted and attended the ceremony. It is clear that Tom was loved and expressed his love to our district.

Commander's First Impressions and Insights

by Gloria Stanley, Public Affairs Officer

Now that COL Janice L. Dombi has been in command of the Far East District for three months, PAO interviewed her to find out her first impressions so we could pass her thoughts along to you, our EAST GATE EDITION readers.



PAO: *COL Dombi, what are your first impressions about the Far East District?*

COL Dombi: *What I find most noticeable is the teamwork in the district - people's willingness to work with other sections and a genuine sense of team. For example, the other day on the way down to Taegu, Mr. Yi talked about the Corps taking family seriously and he referred to the District employees as family. I think family is much more than just co-workers being congenial to each other. I think the sense of teamwork goes much deeper than that. Whenever I get out to project sites - and I have been trying to get out to all the resident offices - I get that same feeling. People seem to really enjoy what they do. It's more than just coming to work. It's a much deeper feeling than just the job that they do.*

PAO: *That has been more evident to you here in FED than at other units where you have been assigned?*

COL Dombi: *Yes, some people may have unit pride but I didn't really have that sense of interpersonal pride and relationships. Here, it includes not just what the unit does, but who the unit is, and who the people are. I'm also impressed with the wide range of technical competency. It extends beyond just what people do in their everyday job.*

I went to the District's farewell for Ryo Nakamoto at a local Korean restaurant where I got to experience a great traditional meal. There was a grill at the table and we sat on the floor. We took strips of beef, liver and a few other meats as well as condiments and wrapped them in different types of leafs. And again I noticed people just have a genuine concern and enjoy socializing and doing things together. I like that people don't wait for something to be officially organized. They get together and play soccer after work and things that in other military units someone would have to be tasked to set up. People here get together just because they want to get together, not because it's an obligation.

I'm certainly open to doing social activities, if the District wants to do have them. One example is the Year End party. Another is the monthly birthday party. The purpose of that is to recognize people on their birthday and also it gives me an opportunity to recognize people for their length of service, deployments and

other awards.

Another thing I have really enjoyed is that the senior leaders here all work very well together. I have also been in units or organizations where there were several senior leaders with friction between them and that affects the entire unit. What I have seen here is that everyone really works together to try and figure out the best solution. They really try and do what's best for the organization.

PAO: *This your first time in Korea. Have you had an opportunity to see much of the country yet?*

COL Dombi: *Actually I haven't been out much because I've had several TDYs. Only a couple of Saturdays. I have played golf at Osan and the Sungnam course twice. I really enjoyed that. I haven't been out shopping or done many weekend tourist activities yet.*

PAO: *From your point of view what is the most important thing you would like the readers to know?*

COL Dombi: *I guess what I want people to know is I am committed to taking care of our people. We have an important mission to do in Korea and with all the changes that are coming up in the next few years we're going to depend on people to be flexible. Our flexibility and competence will allow us to achieve any missions we are assigned. To maintain that capability, we need to take care of our people.*

I also want people to know I look forward to hearing their ideas on how to improve things. We have some areas we can improve in with our customer relations so that customers here in Korea choose our district as their first option for construction and getting that work done.

PAO: *Have you set any goals to accomplish during your tour?*

COL Dombi: *I know I want to complete our projects on time, to standard, within budget. Those are my goals for the District. As far as specific steps I am just completing my assessment of what we need to do to move ahead.*

I think it's important to assess the unit. You need to know the people and you need to understand the interpersonal workings of the unit. With a goal there needs to be a path, a choice, of how you are going to achieve those goals. Without knowing the details, you might be able to identify a problem without really understanding what's behind it. You need to know the unit a little better before you can set realistic goals.

From the USACE perspective and in general, I want to take care of the people and improve the process and communicate more effectively. I think these are too generic, when you set a goal there needs to be substance behind it. And that's the People, process, communicate, but there has to be specific goals.

I think ISO 9001 certification is important because it shows customers we're concerned with our practices, we're trustworthy, and their best value for performing work.

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PAO: *How do you feel about the interactions you have had with stakeholders and customers you have met?*

COL Dombi: *What I have found is that people who understand what the Corps does have a much better appreciation for us than people who see the Corps as a vehicle that's forced on them. Also, I think the turnover here in Korea is so fast that we are constantly educating people on the way USACE works. Most military people have never worked with an organization that has to earn its keep. Most military organizations work where the people get paid whether there is work or not, so they think people's salaries just come from the government, and with USACE that's not the case. With USACE everything's done on a reimbursable basis. And that's very foreign to military people. With everyone they have worked with, whether DA civilians or military, their checkbook comes from the military, but with USACE we have to charge for our hours. I think that is still a very foreign concept some people need to be consistently educated about. And that's where the idea comes from that we're too expensive. They've never had to pay for services.*

PAO: *You have a degree in History. Where did your interest in history originate?*

COL Dombi: *Teaching at West Point actually inspired me to study history. I originally thought I was going to go to graduate school for construction management, and then I was accepted for teaching position at West Point. My husband, Joe, taught in the engineering department and I taught history. I really wanted to teach at West Point, so I was pretty flexible about what I taught. Certainly, my strength is in the humanities, social sciences or history. I would have enjoyed any of those, but I really enjoy military history. I've studied other eras, other portions of history, but the majority of it is how it affects the military and how it affects the military in war. Not necessarily social history or economic history, but more how social factors and economic factors would affect the military. So military history is my strength.*

My area of expertise is the American Civil War. However, I taught everything from Greek warfare all the way through Desert Storm in the history course all the cadets take. I also conducted many staff rides. I've been to Gettysburg 16 times. I look forward to seeing some of the Korean War sites and military studying in terms of doing staff rides. There's a lot take out of Pusan, and the whole war offers good examples of how an army is demoralized and how you turn that around - many leadership lessons.

One thing I enjoy about history is not just knowing what happened in the past, but how we can apply it today. You can gain insights and how to motivate people. People don't necessarily change over time, but what motivates people and how you take care of people transcends time. Soldiers in the civil war appreciated a hot meal just as much as soldiers do in Iraq today.

I think our support of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) - Iraq and Afghanistan - are important goals for the district. We have a small opportunity to change the world and make it safer from terrorism.

PAO: *Have you personally noticed a change in people's attitudes since Desert Storm and 9/11?*

COL Dombi: *I think there is more appreciation for the military and what the military does. I guess evidence of that for me, personally, is having people I don't know thank me. For example, I've had people in the subway in D.C. seeing me in uniform come up to me and say, "Thanks for what you're doing". They don't know what I'm doing; they just know I'm in the military. They would ask me what I do. There is just more interest in the military.*

Yes, I do think that has been since 9/11. I think people are genuinely interested in the military and really don't know much about it. People would ask me what my degree is in and what I studied, and I'm just speaking in general, but when they find out about how educated our military is and how much we value education benefits, they are very surprised by that. A lot of people still think going in the military is for people who don't want to go to college and that it's kind of a transition point. In fact, more people in the military are going to college and going to night courses. They are finding it is a good career and you can make a difference in people's lives.

I think any time we can educate people about what we do it is beneficial. It's just like educating our customers and our stakeholders. People don't know and when people don't know they draw their own conclusions and believe what they want to believe.

USFK Amends Legal Drinking Age up to 21

by Chong Yun Kim, PAO

Effective November 1, 2004, U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) raised to 21 the legal drinking age for all military personnel, contract workers, civilians and family members assigned to USFK, according to an announcement issued on October 27, 2004. This change would apply to personnel off-base as well, although the legal drinking age in South Korea is 20.

A 1995 Defense Department regulation states that the minimum drinking age on a DoD installation located outside the United States shall be 18 years of age and higher minimum drinking age will be based on international treaties and agreements and on the local situation as determined by the local installation

commander. Because USFK made the decision in South Korea, it will affect all troops throughout the peninsula.

The change bringing the drinking age in line with the U. S. age limit comes from command leaders' increasing concerns about the number of alcohol-related incidents involving younger service members.

Offenders of this policy may face action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Those not subject to the UCMJ may have administrative or other adverse administrative actions authorized by laws and regulations.

Helping Fight the GWOT

Far East District Employees Volunteer to Work in Iraq and Afghanistan

by Chong Yun Kim, PAO

Since the Global War on Terror (GWOT) began, over 1,700 military and civilian employees have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. The requirement for most specialties remains great.

At this writing the Far East District (FED), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), headquartered in Seoul, has five members returned safely to Korea, six members currently deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, four members waiting for their orders and two employees waiting tasker nomination.

Among these volunteers from FED is Ms. Gloria M. Martinez. She immigrated to the United States in the 1960s with very little and couldn't speak a word of English. However today she has successfully carved her career with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and became the first woman from the Far East District to go to Iraq. As a contracting officer at Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq, she has accomplished many projects to support the war effort.

"The time in Iraq has allowed me to gain my deepest understanding of the Corps and its values. Everyone worked very hard. That was the beauty of our work. We had to get the mission done, no matter what that was. And we made it happen. I'm so proud of what we've done in Iraq," said Ms. Martinez.

Her son, Stephen Martinez, who works for the Corps as a lead project manager in Germany also recently finished his deployment in Iraq. And something that may surprise you is she is now in Iraq again. Soon after she returned from her 6 months assignment, she chose to go back to Iraq. This time she plans to stay for one year.

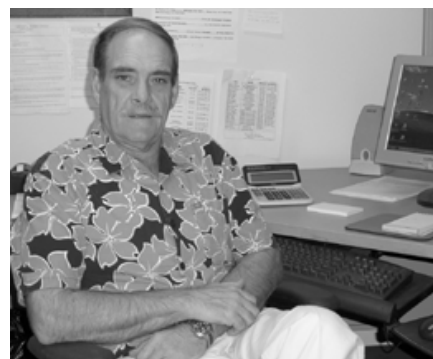
Not only Ms. Martinez, but many Corps employees who have deployed found it an excellent opportunity for professional and personal development.

Mr. Jimmie E. Moore, a

quality assurance representative for the Central Resident Office, Far East District volunteered to go to Iraq and served as a civil engineer technician in Kirkuk for 4 months from February 2004 to July 2004.

He worked on Restoring Iraqi Oil, which is one of the major missions of USACE. This task was assigned by the Department of Defense to restore Iraq's infrastructure and oil production.

Iraq's oil production before the liberation averaged 1.8 million barrels per day. However it dropped to zero in April 2003. The USACE team has boosted the level to roughly 2.5 million barrels per day one year after the war.



Mr. Jimmie E. Moore is back in his office at the CRO. He has applied for the second deployment to Iraq.

"I am absolutely proud of what the Army Corps of Engineers and the military are and will be accomplishing in Iraq. If you have questions as to what we, as Americans, are doing in Iraq,

well, just ask the little Iraqi boys and girls we have provided with badly needed donated school supplies, the absolute pleasure of using a simple no.2 lead pencil which they did not have before. Having them say "Hey, Mister, we Love Americans" and thank you so much for helping us, simply melts any apprehension I may have had before working in Iraq. The motto is Stay the Course. There are problems and there will be more trials to come I suspect. This is a new born government that will have many growing pains. It is my hope that we can help walk the Iraqi people through those growing pains," Mr. Moore said.

Mr. Moore made a difference by offering hope for the future of countless Iraqis. With 95 percent of Iraq's national income coming from oil, the mission is vital to Iraq's future.

Mr. Edward E. Flint is also one who made a difference. He has served in Iraq as a project manager/civil engineer with the Forward Engineering Support Team-A, Coalition Provisional Authority Baghdad Central. After fulfilling his mission, he is now working as a civil engineer at the Far East District.

Mr. Flint counts meeting and working with wonderful people from all over the entire world, including Iraqis, as a highlight of the deployment.

"Seeing and meeting Iraqi children and realizing that, in the

words of one of our Iraqi team members, 'It is they who are the future of Iraq',' said Mr. Flint.

Asked about what he feels he's accomplished, he said on the whole it seems very little.

"From your small individual accomplishment, combined with all of the other small accomplishments contributed by co-workers and others, comes a revitalized nation full of people who can take charge of their newly found freedom, like we in the United States have, and be a part of determining their own individual destiny."

Upon his return from supporting the top priority mission of fighting the global war on terrorism, Mr. Flint turned his eyes to the Korean community. He and his wife, Sandy, teach English to a group of Korean mothers at the Korean Community Center. Both the Flints and the mothers enjoy this Saturday English Program.

Ms. Doshin Park from the Engineering Division, FED and Mr. Larry Shockley from the Construction Division, FED have served in Iraq since May 15, 2004 and recently returned. Ms. Park was deployed to Balad, approximately 50 miles north from Baghdad. During her deployment, she worked on two Aircraft parking projects and one hospital renovation project as a project engineer. Mr. Shockley worked as a resident engineer at Kirkush, Iraq.



Ms. Doshin Park (center) is having an Iraqi dinner with the contractors and co-workers whom she worked with during her deployment to Iraq.



COL Janice L. Dombi, Commander, FED, presents Mr. Larry Shockley (left) the Commander's Award for Civilian Service awarded to him by the Commander of Northern District, Gulf Region Division, USACE.

MAJ Donovan Ollar from the Central Resident Office, Osan Air Base deployed to Afghanistan on July 24, 2004 as a resident engineer at Kandahar. Mr. Woody Bargar and Mr. Mark Cunningham from the

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Komapsumnita and Domo Arigato for My Experience in Ulchi Focus Lens 04

by CPT Tong Smith, Project Manager, Air Force Branch, Japan Engineer District

I would like to start this article by apologizing to the great workers of the Far East District for its lateness. I happened to commit myself to writing the article after Ulchi Focus Lens (UFL) 2004, however the actual process of putting words on paper or computer continuously missed the mark. With the apology out of the way, most of you are asking; 'Who the heck is CPT Tong Smith?' and 'Why is he writing an article for us?'

I am assigned to your sister district in the Far East: the Japan Engineer District (JED). I work there as a project manager for the Air Force Branch, working for Misawa Air Base, which is home mainly to the US Air Force's 35th Fighter Wing, a Navy P3 squadron and a fighter wing of the Japan Air Self Defense Force. I also have the privilege of being the Field Force Engineering planner for JED and team leader for one of the Pacific Ocean Division's Forward Engineer Support Team - Advance (FEST-A) based in Japan. Because of this, I fortunately had the immense pleasure to come to the Republic of Korea to work with several great workers from various offices of FED. I hoped I could help teach my experiences and methods to one of two FEST-A teams that FED operated for UFL.

I had reservations though as I was hit by flashbacks of the immense time and effort that JED expended to train and deploy our own FEST-A team for the first time. There were definitely thoughts of many missions that went throughout the day and night to get accomplished. However, I arrived at FED compound for the first week and was thoroughly

impressed with the training schedule for the FEST-A teams. The schedule included training on the computer software and technical hardware required to accomplish all of our missions. The training was great, but my fellow teammates actually made all of my nervousness and reservations disappear.

The team consisted of Roger Smith and Pak, Sam Kun from the Southern Resident Office and SSG Jason Stedman and SSG Carlos Santiago from the Central Resident Office and myself. These gentlemen carried themselves confidently and professionally in nearly every action. I was starting to feel giddy about our upcoming adventures.

"After this experience, I can say without a doubt that the Far East District stands shoulder to shoulder with all of the other great Corps employees spread across the Pacific."

After the training, we deployed down to Camp Henry in Taegu to work on mission requirements for 8th Army. Numerous aspects of all of our missions are classified and I can't describe too much detail,

but I can say that the entire team provided a great effort to accomplish everything successfully. One of our first missions was to locate and establish Enemy Transfer Points. These are basically holding areas where captured enemy combatants are transferred to the ROK Army from the U. S. forces. For this particular mission; Mr. Roger Smith and Mr. Pak, Sam Hun talked and coordinated with the Korean nationals at the mission site. They performed so admirably that we were given a guided tour of all the facilities and surrounding areas. In fact, the site director and supervisors gave them copies of the facility layouts, which saved significant amounts of time. While they were doing that, SSG Stedman and SSG Santiago quickly went about getting measurements and sittings of the various facilities. These gentlemen did such an

outstanding job at the site, I felt like a fifth wheel on a car. The team worked so well, that the only significant thing I did was give the director of the facility a box of peaches for his folks' great assistance with the mission (which we bought from a very nice elderly lady on one of our earlier recons). After this, we went back and packaged the mission products to give to the customer. The customer was thoroughly pleased with the products and gave each member of the FEST-A team one of their unit coins in appreciation.

This level of success was carried out through every one of our missions. The team members all had talents and skills that impressed all of our customers. Rarely can the FEST-A team meet all the customer's needs because many of them are time sensitive; we can only provide our 100% best effort. This is one of those rare times. Mr. Roger Smith, Mr. Pak, Sam Hun, SSG Stedman, and SSG Santiago performed admirably in all aspects of their job and made the Far East District shine in the eyes of the various customers located throughout the Republic of Korea.

In addition, from the time I arrived to the time my plane's wheels left the ground at Incheon Airport, I felt that nearly every aspect of the trip to FED's territory was superb. I was met by professional and timely support from nearly every office. The Information Management shop provided great assistance with nearly every phase of the operation, the Logistics shop did great work in providing vehicles, lodging and meals at every location, and the Construction division did a great job of providing superb team members.

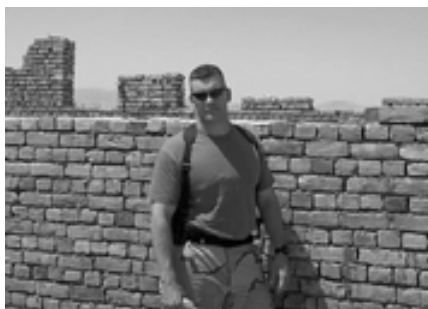
The one thing I take away from this experience is that I am thoroughly impressed by how the entire district can take so much time to support the War Fighters while maintaining the day to day operations of the district so efficiently. I've had the privilege to work with the other districts in POD. After this experience, I can say without a doubt that the Far East District stands shoulder to shoulder with all of the other great Corps employees spread across the Pacific. Komapsumnita and Domo Arigato for the experience.

Helping Fight the GWOT

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Construction Division, Far East District, departed Korea for Ft. Bliss, Texas on August 21 to serve as an area engineer in southern Iraq and as a construction representative, respectively.

While those who deployed have made a major difference, those who remained have also made sacrifices. Some have willingly taken additional work on behalf of volunteer co-workers and



MAJ Donovan Ollar is standing by the kitchen for the temporary camp for the Afghanistan National Army stationed in Kandahar. At the time of the photo the project was 25% completed.

others have developed engineering solutions that have been applied in Iraq or Afghanistan.

“The people that pick up the workload for the deploying



Mr. Woody Bargar at the Iraqi and Kuwait border.

volunteers are hometown heroes. Volunteers of all skills are required in this war and FED is committed to supporting this mission. I strongly encourage volunteers to come forward so we can work a schedule that integrates their talent into this world-changing mission.”
COL Janice L. Dombi,
Commander, Far East District, said.

Rebuilding Afghanistan One Brick at a Time

by MAJ Donovan D. Ollar,
Resident Engineer, Kandahar Resident Office,
Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan

The Afghanistan National Army (ANA) had little to no infrastructure prior to the U. S. led coalition's invasion of Afghanistan. The Office of Military Cooperation - Afghanistan (OMC-A), the Afghanistan Engineer District (AED), and selected contractors are building the ANA an infrastructure throughout Afghanistan to provide a military presence to ensure security and stability. The ANA infrastructure will consist of ANA brigade sites located throughout Afghanistan. I am going to tell you about one site in particular located in Kandahar.



Kandahar 250 miles from Kabul (AED HQs). Due to current road conditions, it is an 8-10 hour drive.

The first goal was to have an immediate presence to supplement the coalition forces already on the ground. A HESCO camp was hastily constructed to provide an area for the ANA soldiers to conduct operations. A HESCO is basically a 4' x 4' x 4' fabric lined wire framework that is filled with dirt and rocks to provide blast protection.



Example of HESCO wall construction

Once the HESCO camp was constructed, OMC-A contracted a local national construction company to build a temporary camp capable of housing, feeding, and bathing 600 ANA soldiers. Once the OMC-A temporary camp was complete, the Afghanistan Engineer District issued NTP for Task Order 6 ANA Brigade, Kandahar.

The scope of work included:

- 600 ANA soldier temporary camp similar to OMC-As
- Demine 1.2 million square meters
- Prime Power Plant
- Water Distribution System
- Sewage Collection System
- Five Battalion Complexes
- The separate HQs complexes (Brigade, Corps and Garrison)
- Dining facility
- Ammo Supply Point
- Reception Center
- Helipad
- Road network and parking areas

The basic task order is \$50,300,071 with \$13,490,517 in awarded options for a total task order price of \$63,790,588. The performance period for this task order is 270 days from award. The task order was awarded on 27 August 2004. NTP coincided with award.

The prime contractor's, Contrack International Inc., first priority was to complete the temporary camp. The temporary camp included:

- 16 50'x18' housing units
- 2 32'x32' office units
- 1 40'x40' dining facility
- 4 shower units
- 2 toilet units
- 2 ablution units
- 1 temporary well

The units in the temporary camp were manufactured by a Turkish company called Mega. The completion date for the temporary camp is October 27, 2004 (60 days from award). At the time of this article, the ANA brigade Kandahar temporary camp was 50% complete.



Pictured above is one of the slabs needed to construct the temporary camp. This particular slab is for a prefabricated metal housing unit.



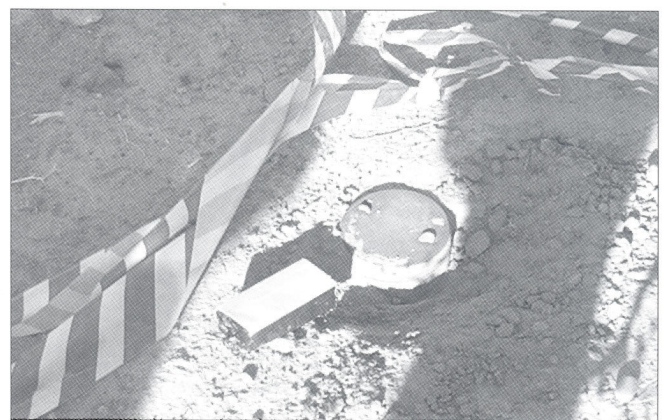
Pictured here are eight of the housing unit slabs and the two office unit slabs

A parallel priority to temporary camp construction was demining certain areas of the permanent camp to allow construction to begin while the demining continued in other areas. The first locations for demining were for the prime power plant and the waste water lagoons. (The waste water lagoons are a smaller part of the sewage collection system.)



One of Minetech's deminers is clearing an initial lane. Minetech is the subcontractor to the prime contractor responsible for demining. This particular team is from Zimbabwe, Africa.

Minetech has mostly found unexploded ordnance. However, on several occasions they have found PMNs, a Soviet anti-personnel mine, which contains 200 grams of explosive.



The circular object is the PMN anti-personnel mine and the white rectangular object is the C-4 explosive that was used to dispose of the PMN.

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Starting a New Era of Life after 47 Year-Old Service

Retirement of Ms. Hwang, Chong-Sun

by Chong Yun Kim, PAO

Ms. Hwang, Chong-Sun, Procurement Assistant in Contracting Division, retired on September 30, 2004 after 47 years of dedicated service.

When Ms. Hwang first started working for the U. S. Army in August 1957 as a clerk typist at 55th Quartermaster Depot Adjutant Supply she was just 20 years old and couldn't imagine she would spend the next 47 years with the U. S. Army.

She moved to the Far East District in July 1962 for the same



(Above) LTC John F. Lofstedt, Deputy Commander, FED, presented the Commander's Award for Civilian Service to Ms. Hwang at the CT Conference Room on September 24, 2004.

job at Procurement Agency Industrial Division and worked as a clerk for over 10 years in various divisions in FED. She became a Contract Administrative Clerk in the Controller Administrative Section in 1973 and ended her career as a Procurement Assistant in the Contracting Division.

"I spent over one third of my life with the Far East

(Right) Ms. Hwang received a ring from her co-workers as a token of love and gratitude for her hard work. The ring was awarded by Harry Kim, Chief (left) and Chun S. Tucker, Contracting Officer (right), Contracting Division.



District. I got married here and had a son, Park, Sang-Yong, and saw him get married and have two daughters. I can't talk about my life without mentioning FED," said Ms. Hwang.

"It is bittersweet to leave the Far East District," she added.

Although Ms. Hwang has mixed feelings about saying good bye to her old friends in FED, she



(Left) Many district members gathered at the award ceremony to say good bye to Ms. Hwang.

looks forward to spending more time with her two granddaughters, So-Yeon and Chae-Yeon. Her son's family moved to Texas in 2000, so Mr. Hwang submitted an application for a Special Immigration Visa, which Korean National employees who have worked for the U. S. government over 15 years can apply for, and plans to move to the States and live with her son's family.

Ms. Hwang says when her son was young was the most difficult time she had as a woman with a career. She expressed her deepest thanks to her mother who took good care of her son and helped her continue her career. Also, she added her gratitude and love for her long time co-workers.

"I won't forget the many people with whom I spent my life here in FED. I will miss them."

Fight the Flu!

by LTC Renee L. Nelson,
Chief, Community Health Division, 18TH MEDICAL COMMAND

It is that time of the year again. While there may be an influenza vaccine shortage in the US this year, we have enough vaccine to immunize USFK active duty service members, KATUSAs, Emergency Essential Civilians, Mission Essential Civilians and medically high risk people (all children aged 6-23 months; adults aged 65 years or older; persons aged 2-64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions; all women pregnant during the influenza season; children aged 6 months-18 years on chronic aspirin therapy; out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children aged <6 months). As more influenza vaccine becomes available we anticipate offering vaccinations to other beneficiaries.

This year, the flu shot will be given with Anthrax and Smallpox vaccinations for those

who are required to receive these additional shots. Receiving all three shots at the same time is safe and very effective at protecting the force against all three threats. Military Treatment Facilities (MTF) and unit POCs will coordinate active duty service members and other essential personnel immunizations. All high risk beneficiaries should contact their MTF or discuss the flu vaccine with their health care provider.

For your convenience, the 18th MEDCOM Medical Readiness Team located at the Yongsan Soldier Support Center, Building S-4034, Room 117/118 (Across from the Dragon Hill Lodge behind Harvey's Lounge) now offers expanded evening hours from 1600-1900 for individual service members that require immunizations. Service members

must bring their medical records and yellow shot records.

Influenza, better known, as "the flu" is an infection of the respiratory tract and caused by the influenza virus. People at highest risk of severe illness or death from the flu include people 65 years and older and small children less than 2 years old. Although it is a very common illness the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that about 200,000 people are hospitalized and about 36,000 people die in the US annually because of the flu. More than 24,000 US service members were affected with influenza in 2002 with 1501 of them requiring hospitalization. Compared with most other viral respiratory infections, such as the common cold, influenza infections often cause the more severe complications. Generally, people who get the flu recover in about 1-2 weeks. Common flu symptoms include fever, sore throat, stuffy or runny nose, cough, headaches, fatigue and muscle aches.

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Far East District's Soccer Club



Players in the soccer game on October 14, 2004; (Counter-clockwise from bottom left) Kwak, Kyu-Song; O, Se-Hwan; Chong, Song-Uk; Han, Sam; Kim, Lenny; Choe, Hyon-Ku; Jung, Lee S; Song, Chong-Hwan; Kim, Sang-Hun; Chu, Chong-Mun ; Chong, Hyong-Kun; Kim, In; Pae, Un-Hwan; Yi, Yong-Han; Truong, Steve P.; Kwon, Mark Y.; Kim, Chris Y.

by Chong Yun Kim, PAO

Every Thursday evening is highlight on the calendar for the members of the Far East District's Soccer Club. They gather at Collier Field on South Post, Yongsan, and kick a soccer ball.

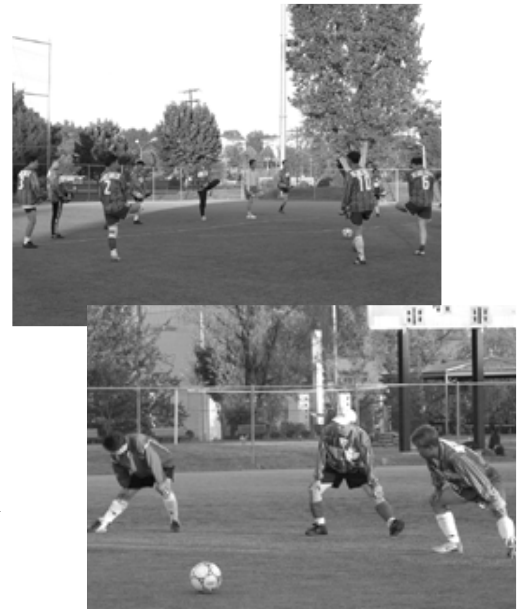
The FED Soccer Club was organized in May, 2004 as the players realized the necessity to practice more to get a better result in the Seoul Labor Union Soccer Tournament held every May. The FED team has failed to advance to the second round of the Tournament since it began attending.

This club is not just for the Korean employees. Several DOD employees are also members of the club and enthusiastically play the game every week.

"There are about 40 members in the club and 15 to 20 people come to play every week. Some people didn't know how to properly draw the ball when the club first started practice. Now we learn from each other and improve ourselves," says Mr. Song, Chong-Hwan, president of the FED Soccer Club.

"What is important is not that we get a better result in the next tournament, but that we practice hard and do our best," said Mr. Choe, Hyon-Ku, director of the team.

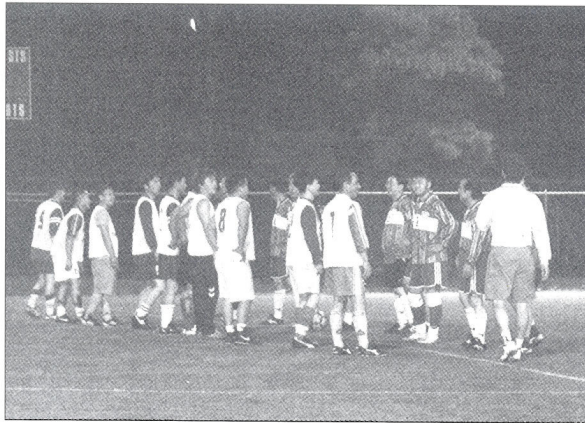
Members of the FED Soccer club can't wait until the schedule for the next year's Soccer Tournament is announced.



Players are doing warm-up exercises before the game starts. Mr. O, Se-Hwan, coach for the FED Soccer Club (right in the bottom picture), led the exercises.



The FED team finished the first half with a 2-1 lead as Mr. Yi, Yong-Han made the first goal 15 minutes after the game started (left) and Mr. O, Se-Hwan made another soon after the Yongsan DPW team redeemed itself by making a goal five minutes after the FED's first goal.



The FED team tied the game 3:3 with the Yongsan DPW team. Mr. Kwak, Kyu-Song scored the third goal staging a dramatic recovery after the team lost two consecutive goals.



COL Janice L. Dombi visited and encouraged the players after the game.

Rebuilding Afghanistan One Brick at a Time

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Minetech has demined approximately 50% on the 1.2 million square meters. No major construction has begun on the ANA permanent camp. However, the contractor has begun to construct the rock wall the will encircle the ANA permanent camp and he has begun to clear and grub the demine areas.

The personnel from the Afghanistan

Engineer District currently working on the Kandahar ANA brigade site project are:

- Gary Headley, Project Manager, Sacramento District
- MAJ Don Ollar, Resident Engineer, Far East District
- Gloria Markovci, Project Engineer, Baltimore District
- Erin Duffy, Project Engineer, St Louis District
- Ed Freer, Construction Representative, DPW Fort Campbell
- Dave Wells, Construction Representative, Walla Walla District
- Ken Allensworth, Construction Representative, St Louis District

Hispanic Heritage Month ends with the 1st FED Chili Contest

by Chong Yun Kim, PAO

Hispanic Heritage Month, like other cultural months honoring different ethnic groups, is a good opportunity to recognize what those groups have added to American culture and to learn about different customs and traditions to help enhance understanding.

One of the most obvious characteristics of Hispanic culture is passion. They have a passion for the food, the music and their dance. On October 14, 2004, members of the Far East District gathered and enjoyed the food and the culture with Hispanic music in background to celebrate the first FED Hispanic Heritage Day. And of course the food was Chili.

“It is good to have a chance to recognize the contribution that the Hispanic make to the U.S. as a melting pot,” LTC John F. Loefstedt, Deputy Commander of FED, said in his opening remarks, followed by a short quiz about Hispanic heroes.



Chili not purchased with any appropriated funds.



It is time to eat: “Enjoy the food and enjoy the culture.”

Do you know who the first Hispanic was to win the Nobel Prize? Who is the first Hispanic who won the Pulitzer Prize? You might know the answers if you participated in the quiz.

Hispanic Heritage month, which began Sept. 15, a day when five Latin American countries claimed their independence — Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua — was first observed as a one-week celebration in 1968, under a proclamation by President Johnson and then extended to one month by President Reagan in 1988. Now, the Hispanic is the fastest growing minority group within the states, the U.S. Census Bureau says.

For the day’s main event, Ms. Song Bliss from Information Management Office, LTC John F. Loefstedt and Ms. Monte Howard from Resource Management Office brought the chili for the contest.



Setting up the serving tables

The plan was to judge the chili on five criteria from the Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI): color, aroma, consistency, taste, and after-taste but because there were just three contestants no ranking was determined.

“All the chili tastes good. And the corn bread is also tasty,” said Ms. Chon, Chun-Ki, Resource Management Office.



LTC Loefstedt gave the attendees a quiz about Hispanic heroes after his opening remarks.

There are many different ethnic months. February is Black History Month. In May, it's Asian Pacific Islander Month. And a September-October period celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month. However, remember it is not enough to think about diversity only during those months celebrating certain ethnic groups. We need to think about this issue all the time.

Women and Heart Attacks

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- **Get Active:** Aerobic exercise, such as jogging, biking or brisk walking, three to five times a week for at least 30 minutes can prevent high blood pressure and improve overall health.

- **Stop Smoking:** Smoking is particularly dangerous for women who are taking birth control pills (especially after the age of 35), because the combination has been associated with a significantly increased risk of blood clots. If blood clots either form in, or travel to, the coronary arteries, then they could cause a heart attack.

Get treatment for conditions that raise your risk:

- **Lower Your Blood Pressure:** More than 60

percent of all women over 65 have high blood pressure - a major risk factor for heart attack. Just as serious is poorly controlled high blood pressure, which may be harbinger of an impending heart attack.

- **Lower Your Cholesterol:** Total cholesterol levels should be less than 160 for women. Women should keep their LDL levels below 130, according to current guidelines. For women who already have heart disease, new guidelines suggest LDL levels of 70 or lower.

- **Lower Your Blood Sugar (Diabetes) :** Regardless of blood sugar control, diabetic women have a 3 to 7 times higher risk of death from heart disease than non-diabetic women.

Remember, a heart attack is an emergency. If you think you (or someone else) may be having a heart attack, don't delay!

“Just Do It... Safely”

Ribbon Cutting Updates

Navy Bachelor Quarters Modernization

Navy Bachelor Quarters on Main post, Yongsan, re-opened on September 20, 2004 after the renovation providing for 10 each 1+1 modules, kitchen, lounge, computer room, and utility room. The 346 days-long construction by Ilkwang Industrial Co. Ltd includes complete interior demolition: construction of new walls, doors/windows, finishes on the exterior wall, and replacement of a A/C system, plumbing, fire alarm system, electrical system, and automatic fire sprinkler system. Site utilities include sewer, water, and electrical service.



(From left to right) CAPT Michael Rieger, Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics, U.S. Naval Forces, Korea; Rear Admiral Fred Byus, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Korea ; Mr. Kwon, Byung Joo, Vice President, Ilkwang Ind. Co. Ltd ; LTC John Loefstedt, Deputy Commander, FED



Renovated Navy Bachelor Quarters, S-1661, Yongsan

Wolf Pack Fitness Center at Kunsan Air Base

A New Kunsan Physical Fitness Center opened on October 14, 2004. The two story 65,950 square feet facility features two cardio rooms, an aerobic room, a spin room, an indoor running track, two full-sized basketball courts, four racquetball courts, a rock climbing wall, and a smoothie bar. A Health and Wellness Center is co-located within the fitness center. Construction of a new outdoor basketball court is scheduled to be complete in December 2004. The contract value of this project was eleven million dollars.



(From left to right) COL Janice L. Dombi, Commander, Far East District; Mr. Yoo, Young-Yol, Vice president of Central Construction Co.; COL William Becker, Vice Commander, 8th Fighter Wing.



Reception desk at Wolf Pack Fitness Center

Camp Mu Juk Groundbreaking

The groundbreaking ceremony for a series of upgrades to Marine Corps base Camp Mu Juk at Pohang, on the East coast of South Korea, was held on September 3, 2004. The \$60 million project comprises CY02 ROKFC Electrical System Upgrade, New Paved Roads, New Sewage Treatment Plant, Water Treatment Plant, and CY03 ROKFC New 80 PN Barracks. The construction contract was awarded by U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District to Yuil Engineering & Construction Co. Ltd. and is scheduled for completion in September, 2006.



On the left is an artist photo on the rendering and the right is the customary wielding of the shovel by GYSGT Vincent Lucky, SNCOIC of Camp Mu Juk; Mr. George A. Ward III, Chief, Construction Division, FED; COL Janice L. Dombi, Commander, FED; Mr. Shin, Woo-Hyun, CEO, Yuil Engineering & Construction Co. Ltd. (from right to left).

Fight the Flu!

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The elderly and people with chronic health problems are more likely to get the flu and may develop serious, life threatening medical complications such as pneumonia.

The virus is spread indirectly through coughing or sneezing, and directly when shaking hands or sharing items such as a drinking glass. The best ways to prevent or significantly reduce flu or cold risk include frequent hand washing, covering

the nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, and proper disposal of tissues after use.

Another risk reducing preventive measure is to get the annual flu shot, and the best time to get the flu shot is October and November. Since influenza has a history of causing disease and non-battle injury (DNBI) rates that reach epidemic proportions, getting the influenza vaccine helps to preserve and ensure readiness of the command. Many people think the flu shot can give them the flu. This is simply not true. Some people may get the flu even after getting the flu shot, but they will still be protected against the more severe complications of the flu. People who may not be able to get the flu vaccine include those with a high fever, previous severe flu vaccine reactions, or those allergic to eggs.

“Just do it....Safety” Recognition Awards



Mr. Yi Yun Hak (right), Project Engineer, Seoul Project Office

Mr. Yi was recognized for his outstanding support and professionalism of the FED Safety program on August 12, 2004. His dedication and quick follow-up actions on safety issues or concerns have played a key role in ensuring FED maintains a robust safety program. Thank you Mr. Yi!!!



Mr. Choe, Ji Won (left), Contractor Quality Control, Yuil Engineering Construction Ltd., Southern Resident Office, Cp Henry

Mr. Choe was recognized on the spot for safety on August 31, 2004. Mr. Choe was instrumental in addressing fall protection concerns for the roof installation phase of work. His efforts to design a fall protection system (horizontal lifeline) IAW with COE EM 385-1-1 Safety and Health Requirements Manual demonstrates what our contractors can do with a little mentoring and education of the safety requirements. Thank you Mr. Choe and Yuil Engineering Construction Ltd. for the **OUTSTANDING** effort and professionalism



(From left to right) Mr. Nam, Sae-Byol, Safety Engineer; Mr. Heo, Woo-Pum, Contractor Quality Control; Mr. Kim, Yong-Chin, Project Manager, Yuil Engineering Construction Ltd., Southern Resident Office, Whole Barracks Renewal, Cp Carroll

Yuil Engineering Construction Ltd. management staff was recognized on the spot for safety on August 31, 2004. Their proactive attitude and safety partnership continues to result in no major safety findings or observations during quarterly site safety surveys. Project has progressed 574 days with 274,850 contract man hours worked without any lost work day accidents from NTP to 31 Aug 04. **OUTSTANDING** effort!!!



Mr. Pae, Chin-Su (left), Quality Assurance Representative, Southern Resident Office, Whole Barracks Renewal, Cp Carroll

Mr. Pae was recognized for his dedication and proactive attitude towards safety on September 1, 2004. His efforts to address fall protection concerns during the structure steel phase of work and exterior scaffolding resulted in the contractor's increased awareness and implementation of the safety requirements. Mr. Pae continues to be an effective safety team member ensuring the contractor maintains an **OUTSTANDING** safety program.

Question of Ethics

Hatch Act for Federal Employees

by Song U. Kim, Office of Counsel

As the Election Day comes closer, it is of utmost importance to be aware of the rules governing political activities. The Hatch Act restricts the political activity of executive branch employees of the federal government, District of Columbia government and some state and local employees who work in connection with federally funded programs.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities for Employees Who May Participate in Partisan Political Activity

These federal and D.C. employees may-

- be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections
- register and vote as they choose
- assist in voter registration drives
- express opinions about candidates and issues
- contribute money to political organizations
- attend political fundraising functions
- attend and be active at political rallies and meetings
- join and be an active member of a political party or club
- sign nominating petitions
- campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, municipal ordinances
- campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections
- make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections
- distribute campaign literature in partisan elections
- hold office in political clubs or parties

These federal and D.C. employees may not-

- use official authority or influence to interfere with an election
- solicit or discourage political activity of anyone with business before their agency
- solicit or receive political contributions (may be done in certain limited situations by federal labor or other employee organizations)
- be candidates for public office in partisan elections
- engage in political activity while:
 - on duty
 - in a government office
 - wearing an official uniform
 - using a government vehicle
- wear partisan political buttons on duty

Penalties for Violating the Hatch Act

An employee who violates the Hatch Act shall be removed from their position, and funds appropriated for the position from which removed thereafter may not be used to pay the employee or individual. However, if the Merit Systems Protection Board finds by unanimous vote that the violation does not warrant removal, a penalty of not less than 30 days' suspension without pay shall be imposed by direction of the Board.

FED Lost Dedicated Team Member



The Far East District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, is mourning the loss of one of its dedicated employees, Thomas "Tom" Louis Knipper, who worked for the U. S. government for over 40 years. He passed away from a heart attack on October 27, 2004.

"To me, Tom was not merely a colleague but somebody I can truly call a friend. We talked about anything and everything. Tom was always there where people need help. He was a good father having raised an adopted daughter to high school graduation and also a non-selfish and loyal employee committed and dedicated to completing any mission tasks. I am going to miss Tom. I will miss seeing

him with an electric megawatt smile every morning," said Mr. Richard F. Schiavoni, Chief, Engineering Division in his tribute during the memorial service held at the South Post Chapel, Yongsan on November 3, 2004.

Born on March 5, 1942, in Richmond, Indiana, Thomas Louis Knipper entered military service on April 15, 1959 at the age of 17. While in the military, he worked in many capacities such as: Club Manager, Personnel Sergeant and Administrative Specialist. In his military service travels he was assigned to Vietnam, South Korea, Germany and Fort Hood, Texas. After his distinguished 23 years in the Army, Knipper was honorably retired as an E-8 Master Sergeant on April 30, 1982 at Fort Hood, Texas.

In 1983, he returned as a civilian in South Korea to become the Sub-Regional Administrator for Central Texas College. He resigned from Central Texas College in July 1984 to begin working with the U.S. Army Engineer District, Far East as a Funds Control Technician. He remained with the Far East District until 1998 when he returned to the U.S. to work at Ft. Hood, Texas. A year later he returned to the Far East District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where he worked in the Resource Management Office as a Budget Officer and in the Engineering Division as a Program Analyst.

Thomas Louis Knipper is survived by his wife, Yon Hui Knipper, two daughters and two sons.

Farewell...



Pyongtaek Resident Office said farewell to SSG Hector R. Rios, QAR, on September 22, 2004. He will be at the recruiting school at Fort Jackson, South Carolina for several months and then go to LA, California.



The Logistics Management Office had a farewell luncheon for Mr. William A. Yerabek, Chief, LMO on September 24, 2004.

New Member



Darren Jyo joined the Far East District as a Mechanical Engineer for the Engineering

Division. He is from Honolulu, Hawaii and graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1991. Mr. Jyo worked in the private sector in Hawaii as a mechanical engineer. This is his first experience working for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. He is single and enjoys golf.

Administration at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He worked in Korea with USACCK and 1st Signal Brigade in contracting from July 1988 until Jan 1998 and then worked for Japan Engineering District in Contracting Division from Jan 1998 until he moved to FED. He is married to Kim, Gyong Suk and has a son, Daryn.



Jaime Chapeau joined the Far East District as a Contract Specialist for the

Contracting Division. Mr. Chapeau is from San Antonio, Texas and graduated from Regents College in 1988. He has served in the Army for 4 years and worked for USACCK for 3 years. He is married to Chun Hi. He enjoys reading and SooBahkDo, a Korean martial art from the Tang SooDo.

Donn T. Arakawa joined the Far East District as a Procurement Analyst for the

Contracting Division. Mr. Arakawa is from Honolulu, Hawaii and majored in Business

Just Married...



Ms. Sin, Sung-Hye, Engineering Division got married to Mr. Ku, Kwng-Min on September 19, 2004.

Their sweet home is in Daejeon where Mr. Ku runs the art institute. Mr. Ku majored in sculpture. Ms. Sin lives in Seoul and stays in Daejeon over the weekends.

Congratulations!



FED Team Members,

This past four years has been a wonderful experience that I would not change with anyone. It's been the honor of my life to be your Logistics Manager. So many of you have written and spoken to say thanks, but I could say as much to you. My wife Hoa and I are grateful for the opportunity for us to have served you and met your logistics support needs. People ask how I feel about leaving. And the fact is "parting is such sweet sorrow." I will be in another beautiful workplace, Portland District, and if you are in Portland please stop by and say hello.

Please accept my sincere thanks for allowing me to learn and help you with your Logistical matters.

Your friend,
Bill Yerabek

사령관 메세지



COL Janice L. Dombi
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FED식구들에게,

여러분 모두 따뜻한 가을과 낙엽으로 덮힌 산의 아름다움을 즐기고 계시리라 믿습니다. 나뭇잎들이 형형색색으로 물들고, 계절을 벗삼아 낙엽을 치우는 것들은 여름에서 겨울로 가는 변화의 징표입니다. 로프스테드 중령과 저는 최근에 공병단의 변화를 돕는 교육을 받고 왔습니다. 미시시피에서 열린 이 교육에서 공병감이신 스트록 장군께서는 변화에 대해 참석자들에게 말씀하셨습니다. 새로운 회계년도를 맞아 그의 생각을 여러분과 함께 나누고 싶습니다.

스트록 공병감은 우리가 가장 우선해야 할 것은 테러와의 전쟁을 지원하는 일이라고 했습니다. 이 전쟁의 지원을 위한 요구는 앞으로도 계속될 것이라고 했습니다. 현재 세 개의 공병단이 이라크에 있고, 아프가니스탄에는 한 개의 공병단이 파병되어 있습니다. 극동 공병단은 한국에서 이 두 지역 모두를 지원하고자

노력하고 있습니다. 저는 전투지역에 파병된 사람들이 보여주는 지원 정신을 매우 자랑스럽게 여깁니다. 또한 남아서 파병되어 간 사람들의 임무를 맡아 수행해주고 있는 분들의 전쟁에 대한 지원도 자랑스럽습니다. 많은 사람들이 파병되어있다고 해서 업무량이나 고객지원, 높은 수준의 기준 등이 변하는 것은 아니라는 것을 잘 알고 있습니다. 이 중요한 임무에 대한 여러분의 이해에 감사드리며, 목표를 달성하기 위한 여러 부서들의 노력에도 놀라고 있습니다. 최근에 우리는 바그다드에 있는 공병단 본부에 군기지 보호 구조물의 설계를 지원했는데, 이것은 수많은 사람들을 부상이나 사망으로부터 구해줄 것입니다.

스트록 공병감은 2012년까지의 공병대의 변화에 대한 여러 제안에 대해 매우 열린 태도를 가지고 계신데, 플라워 장군이 시작하신 비전과 가치에 계속 탄력을 불어넣어 나가기 원한다는 것을 강조하셨습니다. 그는 꼭 이룩해야하는 변화로 Regional Intergration Teams (RITS), Regional Business Centers (RBCs), Communities of Practice (COPs), 사단 수준의 District Support Teams (DSTs), P2의 이행과 임무 수행의 주안점 등을 들었습니다.

스트록 공병감은 고객의 시각을 보면서 우리의 시각을 향상시키도록

지도했습니다. 그는 우리에게 고객이 우리가 그들에게 무엇을 해 줄 수 있는지를 이해하도록 도와야한다고 했습니다. 이것은 고객의 피드백과 견해를 모음으로써 가능하다고도 하셨습니다. 극동 공병단도 곧 우리가 어떻게 일해 나가고 있는지를 볼 수 있을 텐데, 몇 주 후에 고객 설문지를 돌려 피드백을 모을 것입니다.

우리의 "Just Do It" 카드도 여전히 유효합니다. 이것이 고객에게 이롭고, 합법적이며 도덕적이라면, 우리는 기꺼이 그 결정에 대한 책임을 질 것이며, 반드시 그래야만 합니다! 우리는 파트너와의 관계를 향상시키고 강화할 자유를 이용해야 합니다. 내년 1월에 스트록 장군이 한국에 오실 것이기 때문에 여러분도 직접 그의 변화에 대한 시각을 들을 기회가 있을 것입니다. 새해를 맞이하면서 새 공병감의 시각을 듣기 위해 다운홀 미팅을 가질 것입니다.

변화에 대한 마지막 말입니다. 불행히도 우리는 10월에 우리의 가족인 탐 니퍼를 잃었습니다. 그는 정말 좋은 사람이었고, 그의 추도식을 준비하고 거행하면서 여러분은 다시 한번 애도와 가족의 개념에 대해 저에게 보여주셨습니다. 추도식을 계획하고 참석해주신 모든 분들께 감사드립니다. 탐은 분명 사랑받는 사람이었고 우리 공병단에 그의 사랑을 보여주었습니다.

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주한미군 감축협상 결과

1. 한·미 양국은 금년 6월에 미측이, 2005년 말까지 이라크 지원부대를 포함한 주한미군 12,500명의 감축을 희망한다는 기본구상을 제시한 이후 약 4개월 동안의 공식·비공식 협의를 거쳐 주한미군 감축계획에 대하여 최종 합의하였다.

2. 한·미 양국은 지난 8월 19~20일간 개최된 제11차 「미래한·미동맹 정책구상」 회의에서, 이라크 지원을 위한 미2여단전투단의 차출에 동의하고, 한측의 입장에 따라 전반적으로 감축시기의 연장이 필요하다는데 인식을 공유하였으나, 감축대상 전력규모와 시기에 대한 이견이 있어 협의를 지속해 왔으며, 9월 21~22일 개최된 제36차 한·미안보협의회의 준비회의(Pre-SCM) 및 제12차 FOTA시 협의를 거쳐 양측간 이견을 조정하였고, 이후 추가적인 검토와 협의를 거쳐 최종 합의를 도출하게 되었다.

3. 한측은 미측의 주한미군 감축계획이 대북 군사억제력의 약화 또는 공백이 초래되거나 않을까 하는 한국민들의 우려를 충분히 감안 하면서 ① 대북억제력 긴요전력의 감축 최소화, ② 한·미간 기 합의된 군사임무전환 일정, ③ 주한미군 전력증강계획, ④ 미2사단의

1·2단계 재배치계획, ⑤ 협력적 자주국방 추진계획 등 5대 협상중점을 바탕으로 미측과 긴밀한 협의를 진행해왔다.

4. 한·미 양국이 최종 합의한 주한미군 감축계획은 다음과 같다.

가. 미국은 이라크전 지원을 위해 차출된 미2여단전투단을 포함한 주한미군 12,500명을 '04년부터 '08년까지 3단계에 걸쳐 감축한다.

나. 먼저 1단계로 미2여단전투단과 일부 전투부대 및 군사임무전환 관련부대 등 5,000여명을 '04년 말까지 감축하고,

다. 2단계는 '05~'06년간 일부 전투부대 및 군사임무전환 관련부대, 기타 지원병력 등을 '05년에 3,000명, '06년에 2,000명으로 구분하여 5,000명을 감축하며,

라. 마지막 3단계는 '07~'08년간 기타 지원부대를 중심으로 2,500명을 감축한다.

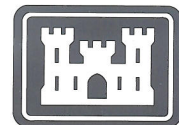
마. 한측이 대북억제력 긴요전력으로 중시해 온 MLRS와 對포병레이다 등을 포함한 對화력전 자산은 감축계획에서 제외하여 잔류하며,

바. 감축되는 부대의 주요 전투장비는 주한미군 개편과 연계하여 조정하되, 美육군 사전 배치재고(APS)에 포함하여 유사시 즉각 사용가능토록 한다.

* APS : Army Prepositioned Stocks

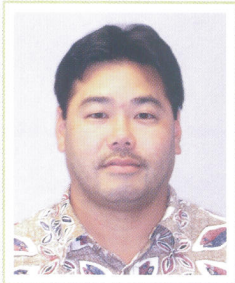
5. 주한미군 감축과 관련하여 미측은, 감축 이후 주한미군이 美육군의 군사변혁(Army Transformation) 계획에 따른 미2사단 개편과 '06년까지 110억 달러를 투자하여 시행하는 전력증강계획에 따라 현대화됨으로써, 병력규모는 축소되나 실질적인 전투능력은 보다 강화되어 한·미 연합억제 및 방위태세는 더욱 굳건해 질 것이라는 점을 강조하였다.

6. 우리 정부는 향후 미측과의 긴밀한 협의를 통해 주한미군의 전력현대화 계획이 차질없이 진행되도록 노력하는 한편, 우리 군의 「협력적 자주국방 추진계획」에 따른 전력증강계획을 차질없이 추진하여 한·미 연합방위능력을 더욱 강화하고 대북 억지력을 향상시킬 수 있도록 노력해 나갈 것이다.



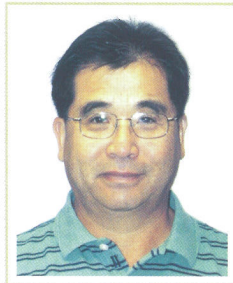


FED의 새식구



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Engineering Division의 신승혜 씨가 9월 19일 구광민 씨와 결혼했습니다.

대학에서 조각을 전공한 신랑 구광민씨는 Nakamoto씨의 farewell 선물로 드린 예쁜 수채화 그림을 그려준 분이라고 합니다.

신랑이 대전에서 미술학원을 운영하고 있는데, 신승혜씨의 절친한 친구의 조카가 그 미술학원에 다니게 되어 소개로 만나서 1년여 연애 끝에 결혼하게 되었다고 합니다.

신혼집을 대전에 차려서 한 동안 주말 부부로 생활할 예정이라고 합니다.

축하드립니다. 행복하세요!

