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Col. Clarence D. Turner, US Army Corps of Engineers Far East District Commander explains to Gyesong Elementary School kids the military construction process at the Parcel I relocation site at US Army Garrison Humphreys, July 11. The visit was part of FED's Good Neighbor Program. (Photo by Kim Chong-yun)

From the Commander



Col. Clarence D. Turner

The past several months have been bustling with activities. In July, I had the opportunity to represent FED at the Pacific Ocean Division Change of Command. Brig. Gen. John Peabody passed the command to Col. (P) Mark Yenter. We wish Brig. Gen. Peabody all the best! Col. (P) Yenter is a Nevada native. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers in 1981 after graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Nevada ROTC program. His most recent assignment was at the Pentagon where he served as the Executive Officer to the Army G-3/5/7. Col. (P) Yenter is scheduled to visit the District in mid-December; we are looking forward to his visit.

Also in July, our Good Neighbor Program took us to United States Army Garrison-Humphreys, where we hosted the first “Kids in Hard Hats” event. Nearly 50 elementary school students and faculty visited Parcel 1, the new fitness center at MP Hill and had lunch at the Red Dragon Dining Facility. In September, our Good Neighbor Program supported an ongoing book drive for elementary schools here in Seoul and several surrounding USAG-Humphreys. I want to thank the entire District for its continued support of our GNP.

The FED team did an outstanding job hosting Maj. Gen. Bo Temple and Mr. Lloyd Pike’s visit to Korea in early August. They had the opportunity to visit several project sights and see first hand the hard work and dedication of our team. In addition, Maj. Gen. Temple was briefed on the Yongsan Relocation Plan and Land Partnership Plan, conducted a joint engineer roundtable, visited USAG-Humphreys Garrison, visited Osan Air Base, ate lunch with the Korean Labor Union, and participated in a Town Hall. I want to personally thank Maj. Gen. Temple and Mr. Pike for taking out the time to visit us in the Land of the Morning Calm.

Also in August, FED participated in Ulchi Focus Guardian 2008. The District provided direct support engineer services to U.S. Forces Korea. We also supported the 412th ENCOM future plans group by providing facilities at the District Compound and two liaison officers to assist in theater engineer command and control planning.

The FY 08 Year-End Closeout in September was a tremendous success; thanks for all of your hard work, it showed! The Far East District successfully awarded all executable projects in FY 08. These projects included Job Order Contract delivery orders, Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity task orders, basic construction contracts and Architect-Engineer design task orders. All funds were obligated and contracts awarded before midnight. I want to express my sincere thanks to the entire team for its diligent efforts.

We currently have 11 members deployed in support of the Global War on Terror and three deployed for USACE Hurricane Recovery Operations. My thoughts and prayers are with them.

We continue to execute our mission in fine fashion. Recently, the Osan Second Runway project was approved by the Ministry of National Defense; we just completed the 60% onboard review. We turned over a quality Dormi-

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Safe Chusok- Korean Thanksgiving!

FED Safety Office

On September 12 millions of Koreans began the annual pilgrimage to their hometowns for Chusok, Korean Thanksgiving. This holiday is a time to celebrate the harvest, pay homage to ancestors and reacquaint with family relatives. Many people drive while others use buses or trains to reach their destinations. It is estimated by the Korean government that more than 30 million cars, trucks, taxis and buses are on the roadways during the three-day holiday.

During the last five years there have been 1,167,363 accidents on the Korean roadways and of those 10,131 happened over Chusok. Of the accidents there were 343 fatalities and 19,406 injuries. During each day of Chusok approximately 596 automobile accidents will occur and 20 people will die which is 104 percent of the normal fatality rate. So your risks are greater if you happened to fall into the category of people that must drive to their Chusok destinations and they are even greater from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as this is when most

accidents occur.

Many experts believe that the safest place to drive is on the highway which only accounts for 4.8 percent of the accidents. Sedans have the most accidents, 71 percent. The roads of Seoul account for 22.6 percent of all accidents while other cities account for 60.9 percent. So, what city were you going to again? Risk is a multiplier, so if you are driving a sedan to Daegu and plan to arrive there around 1 p.m. you are in a high risk profile. You need to drive defensively because 61 percent of all the accidents are caused by defensive driving violations. "Not me" you say, you're an experienced driver with over 10 years driving experience...think again, your experience group is responsible for 63 percent of all accidents.

So what's the point? Avoid driving during the Chusok holiday and if you must be on the road drive defensively; your family needs you and we need you.

BUY YOURSELF A LITTLE TIME

Sometimes only a few milliseconds are enough to make the difference between life and death. If I told you it would require an investment of five seconds every time you climb into a car to reserve the option to buy yourself a few milliseconds at some point in the future, you might think that was a poor return ratio. Factor the rest of your life into this scheme, however, and suddenly it's well worth the investment. When you strap on a seatbelt, you're reserving yourself an option to buy critical time... a few milliseconds worth of critical time in the event of an accident. Seat belts work because they spread the energy of an impact out over area and time...granted, not a lot of area, and certainly not a lot of time...but usually enough. Seatbelts spread forces out over a substantial area of the body. Seatbelts, in concert with the rest of the vehicle, can spread the force of an impact out over time. A seat belt protects you because it attaches you to a part of the vehicle that is subject to less acceleration during most impacts.

Let's say you run headlong into a bridge abutment at 60mph. Now we're talking real acceleration and real force! This is where the "in concert with the rest of the

vehicle", comes into play. For you see, a vehicle subject to the kind of force mentioned above no longer behaves like a solid object, but rather like a giant crash helmet...deforming, bending, crushing, absorbing energy, and lowering the acceleration of the passenger compartment as it is impaled against our bridge abutment. The pertinent phenomenon here is that you, held fast by your seatbelt, have taken much longer to go from 60 to zero than, say, your front bumper. Of course, if you're not belted in, all bets are off. You become a projectile, destined for a rendezvous with whatever solid object gets in your way as you continue to hurdle forward in space as the passenger compartment around you slows down. Will it be the steering column? The dashboard, how about the windshield? Or perhaps you'll go through the windshield and experience first hand the incredible acceleration just undergone by your bumper as you, too, slam into the bridge abutment. Bottom line...when you're belted in, the impact felt by you in a collision is spread out over time...reducing the acceleration and the force applied to you. Granted, a crash like this only takes a few violent, blinding milliseconds to play out, but every one of them is precious considering what we've just talked about. So, reserve yourself the option to buy a few milliseconds of this precious time...BUCKLE UP!

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division has a new commander

POD News Release

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division has a new commander and division engineer.

Col. (P) Mark W. Yenter became the Division's 28th commander during a ceremony presided over by Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General U.S. Army Corps of Engineers July 29 on Palm Circle at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Yenter replaces Brig. Gen. John Peabody who has been reassigned as Commander and Division Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lakes and Rivers Division in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Prior to coming to Hawaii as the Division Commander, Col. (P) Yenter was Chief of Staff, G-3-5-7, Headquarters, U.S. Army Headquarters in Washington D.C. The Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates has announced that the President has nominated Col. (P) Yenter for promotion to the grade of brigadier general.

As the Division's new commander, Yenter is respon-

sible for the engineering design, construction and real estate management for the U.S. Army and Air Forces in Hawaii and Alaska and for all Department of Defense agencies and U.S. installations in Japan, the Republic of Korea and Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.

The Division also administers the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' federal water resource development and regulatory programs, which govern work in the waters and wetlands of Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Division's Civil Works mission includes construction and operation of inland waterways; construction and maintenance of ports and harbors; hydropower; flood control and environmental regulation.

The Division, through its four districts located in Japan, Korea, Alaska and Honolulu, is also charged with responding to natural and manmade disasters such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes and tsunamis.



Far East District's Book Drive for local school broadens Good Neighbor Program

By Kim Chong-yun
FED Public Affairs

Seoul— The US Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District conducted book drives and delivered English books to the Seoul Hyoje Elementary School located nearby the FED compound, September 30. This event is a part of the FED Good Neighbor Program to reach out to the Korean community through cultural and educational exchanges to promote mutual understanding of one another.

“It will be very helpful for me and my students to have many English books. I will be able to use them as teaching materials for my class,” said Kim Hae-wook, one of school’s English teachers.

This book drive was the second outreach program between FED and the school since FED established its good

neighbor relationship with the local community in June when FED invited 44 students to its organization day event.

“I think it is great that my school is located very close to FED and I also hope to build up a very close relationship together,” Kim added.

FED collected new and used books to be used to help teach English and donated nearly 200 books to the school. A lot of FED employees and the Second Hand Rose Thrift Store on Yongsan showed great interest in this good neighbor program by donating a wide variety of books. More books are expected to be collected and will be sorted and delivered to the school in the near future.

“The Far East District and its employees are excited



Lt. Col. Michael Neaverth (Right), US Army Corps of Engineers Far East District Deputy Commander shows Hyoje Elementary School kids English books that FED donated as part of its Good Neighbor Program, September 30. Standing at the far left is the school's principal, Han Sung-kak. (Photo by Joe Campbell)

about any chance to engage with our close Korean neighbors. We are thankful to have the opportunity to be associated with this fine school, its faculty, and students; and any partnership and friendships we can establish can be beneficial for us all," said Lt. Col. Michael Neaverth, the deputy commander of FED who visited the school to hand over books.

Hyoje Elementary School is one of the oldest Korean elementary schools boasting its 113-year history. "It is very meaningful that FED established the Good Neighbor relationship with Hyoje because the school was used as a US Army base camp during the Korean War," said Kim Bok-dong, Vice Chairman of Jongno District Council.

"My school has a plan to make a new English classroom this year and FED's book donation will help the kids' English education," said Han Sung-kak, the principal of the school. Han said having this good neighbor program with FED will be very inspiring to the school and the students to have more interest in English language and culture and will also help to better understand other through frequent contacts. "I want to thank all of our good neighbors at FED who donated books for my school."

Salam Alaikum – Greetings from Afghanistan

By Lawrence C. Grant
Afghanistan Engineer District

Time has gone by pretty quickly and I now have less than a month before I am back in the Republic of Korea. "Enshalla" (God willing), I will be back on 11 October.

Was it worth it...; only time will tell?

Our mission here in the Afghanistan Engineer District is contractor development and capacity building along with constructing projects to enhance security, commerce and governance in remote areas of the country. I hope much of what we tried to do will make a difference.

Often the security here in Laghman province did not lend itself to contractor development/mentoring since we had to keep moving to prevent giving the anti-Afghan forces a stationary target for a long time. To overcome the security problem, we held regular progress meetings with each contractor at least once a week at a conference room on our Forward Operating Base.

There have been improvements in safety, but we still cannot get the workers to wear gloves, masks, goggles or shoes unless a PRT team member is around.

Recently we had a worker loose part of his little finger in a belt that was not adequately guarded, but they said it was Allah's will. On the improvement side, their work platforms have improved significantly and they wear safety vests on the highway and helmets almost always at most construction sites. We also have them constructing safety barriers around excavations and marking them with small lights as a night time warning.

We helped them with little things like showing them a gravity feed siphon method that does not require them to suck a cup full of fuel into their mouth when they are trying to transfer fuel from a big drum to a small can. We built and showed them how to use a gradation screen to improve the quality of their work requiring sand.

Their brick or stone and mortar work still is lacking, but at least the walls are pretty level and plumb now. They use a water level to do this. By that I mean a long piece of clear rubber hose water in it. Getting them to use enough mortar in their brick/stone work is always a challenge. As a result of not using sufficient mortar, they have to come back and patch it and strike off the finish; adding an additional step to the process.

It is hard to the Afghans to understand that they are doing double the work on a lot of activities, but I guess it is all about full employment over here. Full employment is a good thing since paying them for brick and mortar work and picking up stones is better than having the Taliban paying them to build IEDs and/or shoot at the ISAF soldiers.

One of our major contributions in this area was to complete a foot bridge that allowed 300 children easy access to a school year round and farmers to bring their produce to market before it spoils.

It's hard to tell the complete story of my six months in a short commentary. I would be glad to sit down with you and explain more of what goes on over here during lunch sometime. Just give me a call and I will be there.

Kids in Hard Hats visit the Humphreys relocation site

By Kim Chong-yun
FED Public Affairs

Pyongtaek—Fifth and sixth graders from Gyesong Elementary School in Pyongtaek visited US Army Garrison Humphreys, July 11. The students were invited by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District as a part of the US Forces Korea Good Neighbor Program.

Thirty-four students and school officials received a briefing about USFK's relocation program at the FED's Pyongtaek Area Office. The group also had an opportunity to view a fly-over video which depicted what USAG Humphreys will look like in the future.

"This is fabulous that the kids located nearby Humphreys can come and see the future of their neighboring military base as the expansion of Garrison Humphreys is progressing," said Col. Clarence D. Turner, FED Commander. "It is very exciting that some of these kids can also be an employee of FED in the future."

After the briefing the kids went out to the Parcel I relocation site and learned about how the land has been raised, compacted and prepared for construction.

"Right now this is a little different from what I've seen



Col. Clarence D. Turner, Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers Far East District helps one of Gyesong Elementary School kids climb an artificial wall in the Humphrey's MP Hill Gym, July 11. (Photo by Kim Chong-yun)

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Col. Clarence D. Turner, Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers Far East District

on the video but it will be great when the construction is completed and this area turns into what is in the video, said Cho Dae-geun, a 5th grader. “I want to live here then.”

This kids’ visit to the USAG Humphreys relocation site is to help them understand what is going on in their community and why there is an increase in the number of trucks operating in the immediate area.

After visiting Parcel 1 the kids’ next stop was the MP Hill Gym which has an indoor climbing wall. Instructors conducted a demonstration and provided a safety prior to giving each student a chance to climb the wall.

To top off their visit the group was treated to lunch at the

Red Dragon Dining Facility at USAG Humphreys.

“These kids will be a future generation who will interchange with the US military. It is a great opportunity for the kids and also for the US side to have this event and build up a new relationship,” said Choi, Chong-reok, the principal of the school. Ha added that this kind of event will strengthen the ROK-US relationship hoping that the school can continue the relationship with the US military.

“I’ve wondered how the US Base would look like since it is located nearby my home. I’m very happy and interested to get on post and see how it looks like and what is inside,” said Yang, Ji-eun, a 5th grader.



Gyesong Elementary School kids visiting US Army Garrison Humphreys have lunch at the Red Dragon Inn Dining Facility.
(Photo by Kim Chong-yun)

Engineering the Future



Cadet Elyse Vail (second from right) from the United States Military Academy talks with Maj. Gen. Bo M. Temple, Deputy Commanding General, Military and International Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during his visit to the Parcel I Relocation construction site in U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys. (Photo by Kim Chong-yun)

By Kim Chong-yun
FED Public Affairs

The Far East District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has a special intern this summer. Cadet Elyse Vail from the United States Military Academy works at the Pyongtaek Resident Office, July 28-August 15.

Vail had just finished her second year at West Point and chose the Corps of Engineers as her training spot for the individual advancement program.

“The USACE internship was my first choice because I wanted to be able to have something that would carry over into the academic year and to experience a little bit of what I want to do later in my career,” said Vail.

Vail majors in civil engineering, which she thinks is fundamental to quality of life. She said well planned and designed public works are the foundation for the effectiveness of any society and that prompted her desire to be an engineer.

“As a civil engineering major who wants to be an En-

gineer Officer, this opportunity to experience the FED has been not only educational but has also affirmed my choice of major and choice of branch,” said Vail. She continued saying that she was able to see the finer points of construction at the basic level which she would never have had the opportunity to see and experience without the Corps taking and active interest in the professional development of cadets.

“I am grateful to the Corps for creating the CDEP program because I believe that I will take this experience with me for the rest of my career,” said Vail. “The Pyongtaek Resident Office employees involved in activities and each Quality Assurance Representative made sure that I understood each one of their on-going projects, I had the unique experience of being able to see a project in every phase of construction and the QARs were integral to my understanding the process.”

For Vail who spends the majority of the year at USMA, coming to Korea was a way to have both an educational and

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Cadet Elyse Vail from the United States Military Academy

cultural experience. She said she has found Korea to be enjoyable and the people extremely nice and welcoming. “All the employees of FED were very welcoming and genuinely interested in making sure that my stay in the district was the most comprehensive overview of USACE construction possible.”

“Cadet Vail is always ready and very flexible on the assignment I gave her. She is very easy to get along with, so we don’t have any problem assigning her to work with any Quality Assurance Rep in any given time,” said Elena Pelias

who sponsored Vail during her internship in PRO. “She is polite, respectful, obedient, friendly and eager to learn. She possesses a character of ready to do it and lead.”

“My experiences at FED will help me in my studies because unlike my classmates when we study for instance vertical design or pile driving, I will have seen it at one of the construction sites at PRO. Firsthand experience is invaluable and PRO has insured that I have a wealth of information for my upcoming studies,” said Vail.



Clockwise from left:

Kim Nak-in, Far East District’s Pyongtaek Resident Office briefs Cadet Elyse Vail on the 4 Barracks Complex. (Photo provided by Elena Pelias)

Cadet Elyse Vail from the United States Military Academy shakes hands with Maj. Gen. Bo M. Temple, Deputy Commanding General, Military and International Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during his visit to the Parcel I Relocation construction site U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys. (Photo by Kim Chong-yun)

Cadet Elyse Vail looks around the Parcel I Relocation construction site at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys with Maj. Gen. Bo M. Temple and other dignitaries. (Photo by Kim Chong-yun)

The Hottest Days of the Year

By Denise “Soyoung” Yang
FED Public Affairs, Volunteer Intern

South Korean culture is known throughout the world for its dense history and the prolonged influences from its neighbor, China. One of the traditions that have traveled into Korea from China is “Boknal.” Boknal has been a famous Korean tradition since the Chosun era. It has been known that during the three hottest days of the summer; (Chobok, Jungbok, and Malbok,) the emperor allowed his civilians to obtain ice from him. Additionally, he would set aside these three hottest days as celebrations; he and his people would enjoy various foods in order to withstand the summer torridity. The emperor would indulge in expensive liquors, and most importantly Boshintang. It was also known that on these three days, women and their children would eat fruits, and men would enjoy liquor and food as they bathed. The tradition has not remained identical throughout the years, and bathing has become more uncommon for most of the working class. However during these three days, civilians still enjoy Samgyetang or Boshintang as an effort to chase away the relentless heat.

Boshintang is a dish that is often notorious as it comprises of broiled dog meat. Despite the controversy against the consummation of dog meat, people enjoy it due to its healthy effects. These effects include; strengthening the liver and stomach, and help blood flow. Most people however, substitute Boshintang with Samgyetang, a

Korean dish that contains a chicken stuffed with various ingredients, including glutinous rice, ginseng, and red dates. Due to this variety of healthy ingredients, it is nicknamed as a “Kunang Shik”, literally meaning healthy dish.

The three days; Chobok, Jungbok, and Malbok are spread out over the months of June, July, and the first few days of August. The first two days are ten days within each other. Therefore, Chobok (the first celebration), and Jungbok (the second celebration) are ten days apart. However, the time intervals between Malbok (the last celebration) and Jungbok are not identical every year.

The first celebration of Boknal begins on the third “kyungil”* after the summer solstice, as the next celebration (Jungbok) begins ten days promptly after the Chobok. This year, the Chobok was July 19th, Jungbok was July 29th, and Malbok was on August 8th. If you were not fortunate enough to catch one of those three days to taste Samgyetang, make sure to mark your calendars next year!

*Kyungil is one of the ten Korean letters that were created in order to express days and weather. It is not used frequently today, but is still used to make calculations.

Engineering Experience in Afghanistan

By Sanghun "Steve" Kim
Afghanistan Engineer District

I have been in Afghanistan since May of this year. There are eight other Far East District members here in the Afghanistan Engineer District with me. They are Norm Boeman, Mike Burke, Dang Bhramayana, Kerwin Donato, Larry Grant, Chris Kim, Yong Kim and Tony Oby. I am working as an Area Engineer for the Kabul Area Office. The area office is located inside the AED Compound. The compound is often referred to as Qalaa House.

The Kabul Area Office oversees construction projects in and around Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan. Our projects construct various facilities primarily for the Afghan Nation Police (ANP) and Afghan National Army (ANA). Barracks, dining facilities, class rooms, warehouses and gyms are some of the typical facilities. Other end users are the Afghan Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Defense. Their projects include security upgrades, communication buildings, roads and water wells.

Afghanistan has limited commercial electrical power and running water. We construct many facilities with dedicated generators or generation plants (for large complexes). Water wells are also constructed with the new facilities. One of the greater challenges in the future as Afghanistan modernizes will be finding adequate supply of water, since the existing water aquifers are drying up and there is very little amount of rainfall.

The challenge of working here in AED is executing the projects in a relatively short time period. Most performance periods are a year or less. In theory, this is doable given the fact the projects are not complex. However, most of these projects are design build. The concept of design build is that one contractor is responsible for the both the design and construction. The projects must be designed first before the construction starts. The design can take up a considerable amount of the performance period which leaves less time for construction. This has an adverse affect on the construction quality and progress. Security issues also impact the projects. Contractors are constantly hampered by attacks from insurgents which delays the construction progress. Also, quality is impacted, since quality assurance inspections cannot be conducted on a regular basis due to inaccessibility of the construction sites. Many Afghan construction companies are not well versed with the three phase inspection system. Therefore a lack of QA oversight will most likely lead to quality deficiencies and subsequent rework.

One of the rewards of working here in AED is that we directly support GWOT and the security of the Afghan people. Insurgent forces are trying to broaden its influence in Afghanistan by bombing and destroying infrastructures and killing Afghan civilians. The insurgents are a great threat to the security of the Afghanistan. The facilities constructed by AED provide the infrastructure to the ANP and ANA which in turn allows them to combat and overcome the insurgents.

This is without a doubt an engineering experience of a life time!!



Sanghun "Steve" Kim deployed to Afghanistan Engineer District poses for pictures at a gym (right) and a warehouse (left) sites.

Vanessa Bruce [me], an outstanding student attending Seoul American High School, shares a lifetime experience while working in the Public Affairs Office during a one month time frame.

Fifteen years is a little too long to finally recognize that giving up gets you nowhere and too short to undergo the obstacles that life is about to bring you.

During this experience I have learned a lot about life. For instance, it's not all about the money but most of all it's about what you make of what you have. Before I started working here I didn't like doing any form of work whether it was doing chores around the house or a part time job. But while I was here I watched a lot go on. It's like your all a part of one family and yeah you guys are busy but you associate like everyone's your brother/sister.

Living it up, as a Summer Hire

By Vanessa Bruce

FED Public Affairs, Summer Hire



Vanessa Bruce and Brian Morton who work for Public Affairs and Equal Employment Opportunity Office respectively introduce themselves during the June Birthday and Recognition Ceremony. (FED File Photo)



Clockwise from left:
Jacob Popham and Bryson Ott who work for Public Affairs and Workforce Management Opportunity Office respectively pose for a picture at the Far East District's 50-year commemoration castle. (Photo by Kim Chong-yun)

Jacob Popham, Public Affairs Office Summer Hire takes pictures during Maj. Gen. Bo M. Temple's visit to the Far East District. (Photo by Kim Chong-yun)

Vanessa Bruce, Public Affairs Office Summer Hire hands out pieces of a cake at the June Birthday and Recognition Ceremony. (FED File Photo)

That's the kind of atmosphere that makes people feel invited and is a great environment to work in. I'm not going to lie, when I signed up for a job I was telling myself that I did not want to do it but I needed the money and it turned out to be a great experience. I eventually forgot about the money and just focused on making this time worthwhile. Have you ever heard the saying "It's not boring, but yet it's what you make of it?" Well, I never thought that was true but once I had nothing to do I started thinking about it and realized that I wasn't doing a whole lot to have a good time. So I got to meet a lot of the staff, which are by the way the friendliest people, and I took time to do things I would have never done before.

Unlike me, other people may have had to do labor work or just plain boring office work. So that basically makes me thankful to be able to work in the Public Affairs Office. I have done basically everything you can imagine like reading newspapers to cutting out articles or reading books to finishing crosswords. Most of you are probably like "When I always saw her she looked like a bump on a log" but as the days went on and the hours flew by they found things for me to do. Usually during summer hire the time goes by extremely slow because you have absolutely nothing to do. But that wasn't me, my office made sure I always had something in

my hands which made time go by even faster.

My friends that had participated in summer hire years before told me about their experiences and most of them were horrible. They always told me how boring it was or how they would ask people if they needed help and the staff would just tell them to sit down because they can handle it themselves. When I heard about their experiences I started hoping and praying to god that that would not happen to me. And guess what? All that praying paid off; I got a job that's extremely interesting and even though I'm not really doing what everyone else is I'm glad to be there to assist.

Last but not least, I want to thank all the staff for being so kind. Most of you were probably like "Are they the new summer hires?" or "Oh great! Their back", but you did a great job at welcoming us and helping us become more comfortable here. I don't think you guys know how big of a role you play when others come and visit your work. When I first walked in I noticed it right off the bat. Everyone was talking to each other and I bet most of you help each other with your work. Well basically the fact is all of you do a great job at being a role model. So thank you for all your help, I appreciate it very much.

FED, Humphreys, Hanwa break ground for new barracks



Officials from the US Army Corps of Engineers Far East District, USAG Humphreys, and Hanwa Engineering and Construction Corporation break ground for the first four 1 + 1 barracks on the Korean peninsula. (Photo by Kim Chong-yun)

By Bob McElroy

USAG Humphreys Public Affairs

USAG HUMPHREYS - Officials from U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District and Korean Contractor Hanwa Engineering and Construction Corporation gathered here July 16 to break ground on the first four 1 + 1 barracks on the Korean peninsula.

Hanwa Engineering and Construction Corporation, the prime contractor for the barracks project, will build the new structures on Parcel One, the 100-acre tract of land that surrounds the MP Hill area of post. They are the first new construction on the new land.

The barracks are called 1 + 1 because two Soldiers live in a module with two separate bedrooms but they share a bathroom and a kitchen. The new barracks will be eight

stories high and house 302 Soldiers.

The eight-story buildings reflect the FED's and the garrison's philosophy of building up instead of out. Given the limited land available and the number of Soldiers to be housed a high-rise barracks is the best solution.

Common areas include a mud room that Soldiers can use to clean and store their field gear, a laundry room and a Charge of Quarters room.

Outside of the barracks will be sidewalks, exterior lighting, gates, parking areas and bicycle racks.

According to the FED the four new barracks will be completed by June 2010 and cost approximately \$54.5 million to build.

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In his remarks USAG Humphreys Commander Col. John E. Dumoulin, Jr. said that the new barracks represented a break from the past when Soldiers stationed in Korea lived in old Quonset Huts.

“It wasn’t too long ago that we housed our Soldiers in 50-year old Quonset Huts that were like ovens in the summertime and ice boxes in the winter. They were drafty, they leaked when it rained and they were about as aesthetically pleasing as living in a warehouse,” Dumoulin said.

Dumoulin added that the new barracks will provide Soldiers with safe, secure and comfortable quarters plus Internet, television and telephone connections.

“The field conditions of Korea are gone, they are history,” Dumoulin asserted. “No more Quonsets, no more sub-standard barracks, no more just making do because this has been a one-year assignment. Our Soldiers are the best in the world...they deserve to be treated that way.”

Col. Clarence D. Turner, Commander Far East District, US Army Corps of Engineers followed Dumoulin and praised the team members in the project-USAG Humphreys, the FED and Hanwa Construction and Engineering.

Turner noted that with such a strong team in place he was confident the project would be a success.

Mr. Yi, Kun-Po, Vice President of Hanwa Engineering and Construction Corporation echoed Turner’s remarks and said his company would perform to the utmost of its capabilities to ensure success.

“We have placed the most talented individuals here and have the most-efficient support system in place,” Yi said.

Yi said that it is a great honor for Hanwa to be selected to build the new barracks.

“I promise our utmost effort and the highest quality. I’m confident everyone here will support us,” Yi concluded.



Officials from the US Army Corps of Engineers Far East District and USAG Humphreys bow in front of a table in a traditional Korean ceremonial offering to spirits for the safe and successful completion of the project. (Photo by Kim Chong-yun)

Far East District visits the Catholic Hospital



The commander U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District, Col. Clarence D. Turner, and several engineers visited the Catholic Medical Center Seoul, St. Mary's Hospital project site Sept. 9. The visit provided the Far East District with an in-depth look at hospital construction here in Korea as it prepares for the construction of a new hospital at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys. The visitors received a briefing and tour of the general wards, intensive care units, operating rooms and other areas of the site. Following the tour Col. Turner presented a plaque of appreciation to Sung Chung-kyung executive director of the Catholic Medical Center. (Photos by Joe Campbell)

Commander

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tory in Kunsan; the Army Lodge, Barracks, Super Gym at USAG-Humphreys, and a host of other projects. I ask that you continue to focus on delivery of superior quality projects for our customers, they deserve nothing less.

The District is in the process of awarding a Design-Build contract for Parcel 2A and utilities and roads for Parcels 2A, 1, K and the existing USAG-Humphreys; this will be the largest project the District has ever executed. FED, in partnership with IMCOM-K hosted the Senior Leaders Quarters Build to Lease Industry Day. FED is also collaborating with IMCOM-K, USFK, POD, and HQDA for the Humphrey Housing Opportunity Program

that will deliver housing to USAG-Humphreys in support of the Korea Relocation Program. Our efforts continue up north at Rod Range and down south in Daegu and Kunsan. We will continue to upgrade the 121st Hospital.

We celebrated several holidays: Labor Day, Chusok, Founders Day, and Columbus Day; thanks for returning safely! I ask that we continue to keep safety foremost in all that we do.

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Ribboncutting Updates

Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital Phase II, Yongsan

The Multicare Unit Wing at Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital was unveiled with a ribbon cutting ceremony June 30. The hospital was renamed the Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital in honor of the former 18th MEDCOM commander who died in Iraq January 20, 2007. Pictured are: Col. Ronald E. Smith Jr., USAMEDDAC-K and BAACH commander; Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, U.S. Army Surgeon General and U.S. Army MEDCOM commander; Col. Clarence D. Turner, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District commander; and Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald C. Ecker, USAMEDDAC-K. The picture on the left is new exterior hospital sign unveiled June 30. (File Photos)



Osan 7th Air Force Headquarters

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the renovated 7th Air Force Headquarters in Osan Air Base was held, July 16. The project includes conversion of two underground floors to a Command and Control Center, including replacement of fire sprinkler system, plumbing, electrical, heating/ventilation/AC system, communication systems, and a new Collective Protective System. The renovations of two above ground floors are replacement of the finish materials for floors, walls, and ceilings; and the new HVAC system, fire sprinkler and alarm system, mass notification system, lighting fixtures and plumbing fixtures. (File Photos)



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Welcome to FED: New Members



Adams, James L.
Korea Relocation



O'Grady, Kristin A.
Office of Counsel



Dandridge, Hunter
Pyongtaek Resident Office



Shanahan, Kevin
Programs & Project
Management



Cpt. Brigantti, Ramon
Construction Division



Staff Sgt. Anthony R. Torres, Central Resident Office had a baby boy on July 9. The boy's name is Alijah and doing very well. Staff Sgt. Torres and his wife, Arisha have three daughters, Alexia, Andreyah and AmeliaRayne.



Lt. Col. Michael P. Neaverth, Far East District Deputy Commander, had a baby girl, Yeoni Jo in August 08. Both baby and mother are doing very well. Lt. Col. Neaverth and his wife, Sue have three additional children: Michael (JR), David, and John.



Tom Brady, USACE Liaison to USFK and his wife, Bee had a 5 lb, 11 oz, baby girl, Regan Quinn Brady on October 2. Bee is resting from a tough labor event, but both mom and daughter are doing fine. Regan joins her three sisters, Jenny 20, Ashley 18, and Bryanne 6, as the newest member of the Brady bunch.

Ted Kwon, Programs and Project Management Division, had a baby girl, Victoria Ha-Yong on September 19. Both baby and mother are doing very well. Victoria Ha-Yong is Ted's third child. Ted has additional children: Kristen and Nathaniel.



Chusok Celebration Cake Cutting



Col. Clarence D. Turner, Far East District Commander and FED employees gathered at the FED Motorpool and celebrated Chusok, Korean Thanksgiving cutting a Korean rice cake, September 12. (Photos by Joe Campbell)

Congratulations! ULDP Level III Graduates



The graduation ceremony for Pacific Ocean Division's US Army Corps of Engineers Leadership Development Program Level III was held on October 9. Col. Clarence D. Turner, Far East District Commander poses with the Far East District graduates, Jae Kim (right) and Bruce Kim (left). Picture on the left is the POD ULDP Level III participants posing for a group picture during the 2008 Senior Leader's Conference in Seoul.

Farewell: See you again...



Burnett, Zophie M.
Equal Employment
Opportunity



Gallagher, David
Office of Counsel



Gray, Carl
Seoul Project Office



Gray, Patricia
Workforce Management



Jung, Lee
Engineering Division



Kim, Jae
Korea Relocation



Kwon, Mark Y.
Programs & Project
Management



Tomlinson, Brent
Pyongtaek Area Office



Yang, Samuel
Programs & Project
Management

사령관 메시지



Col. Clarence D. Turner

지난 수개월은 여러 가지 일들로 바쁜 시간들이었습니다. 7월에는 FED를 대표해 POD의 사령관 이취임식에 참석했는데, Brig. Gen. John Peabody의 뒤를 이어 Col. (P) Mark Yenter께서 새 사령관으로 취임하셨습니다. 떠나신 Peabody 준장의 행운을 빕니다. Col. (P) Yenter는 네바다 주 출신으로 네바다 대학교 ROTC 우등 졸업생으로 1981년 공병대에서 소위로 임관했습니다. 가장 최근에는 미국방부 Army G-3/5/7의 선임참모를 지냈습니다. Col. (P) Yenter께서는 이번 12월 중순에 FED를 방문하실 예정입니다.

7월에는 또한 좋은 이웃 프로그램(Good Neighbor Program)의 일환으로 험프리즈에서 “Kids in Hard Hats” 행사를 가졌습니다. 50여명의 초등학교생들이 Parcel 1과 MP Hill의 새 체육관을 방문하고 Red Dragon Dining Facility에서 점심을 먹었습니다. 9월부터는 서울의 초등학교와 평택지역의 학교를 지원하기 위한 좋은 이웃-책모으기 행사가 계속되고 있습니다. 이 프로그램을 지원해주신 모든 분들께 감사를 드립니다.

8월에는 Maj. Gen. Bo Temple 과 Lloyd Pike씨의 방문을 훌륭히 치뤘습니다. 두 분은 여러 건설 현장을 방문하고 우리 직원들의 건설한 업무와 헌신을 보셨습니다. Temple 소장께서는 용산기지이전계획 및 연합토지계획에 대해 브리핑을 받으시고 연합 공병 토론회를 주재하셨습니다. 또한 험프리즈와 오산 공군기지 방문, 한국인 직원 노조와의 오찬, FED직원들과의 Town Hall 등의 일정을 보내셨습니다. 바쁜 일정 중에 한국을 방문해주신 Temple 소장과 Pike씨에게 감사를 드립니다.

8월에는 FED가 2008 을지 훈련에도 참여를 했습니다. 우리는 주한미군에 공병지원을 했습니다. 또한 412nd ENCOM에 FED 시설을 제공하고, 두 명의 연락장교가 전역 공병 지휘 통제 계획도 지원했습니다.

2008 회계연도가 9월에 훌륭히 마무리됐습니다: 애쓰신 직원분들께 감사를 드립니다. FED는 이행가능한 모든 프로젝트를 성공적으로 수행했습니다. 여기에는 Job Order Contract delivery orders, Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity task orders, basic construction contracts, Architect-Engineer design task orders 등이 포함됩니다. 모든 자금이 마무리되고 계약도 자정 전에 끝이 났습니다. 여러분의 노고에 깊은 감사를 드립니다.

현재 11명의 FED직원들이 테러와의 전쟁 지원에 나가 있고 3명의 직원이 허리케인 복구 작전에 참여하고 있습니다. 저는 항상 그들을 생각하며 기도하고 있습니다.

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FED는 Parcel 2a 의 설계-시공 계약과 Parcels 2a, 1, K 및 험프리즈의 시설 및 도로 프로젝트를 진행하는 중입니다. IMCOM-K와 함께 고위장교숙소 Build to Lease 설명회도 개최했습니다. FED는 한국 재배치 프로그램을 지원해 험프리즈에 주택 제공을 위해 험프리즈 주택 프로그램을 IMCOM-K, USFK, POD, HQDA와 공조하고 있습니다. 우리의 노력은 북쪽의 로드리제즈 사격장부터 남쪽의 대구까지 이어지고 있습니다. 우리는 연말에 2백5십만 달러의 업그레이드 프로젝트를 수여해 121억원을 계속 업그레이드해 나갈 것입니다.

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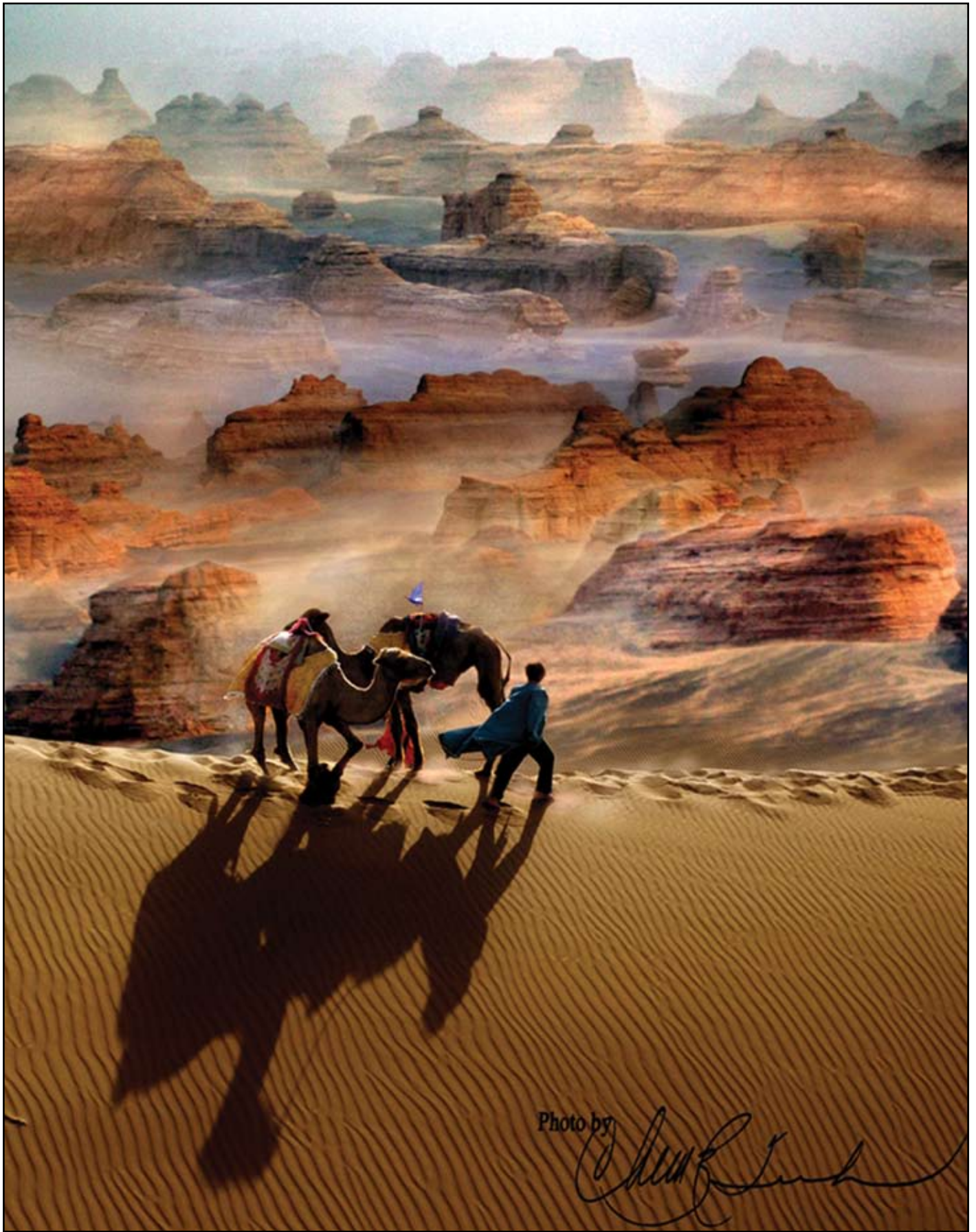


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