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When completed, these facilities will provide retail shopping, groceries, entertainment, recreation and religious services.

The project, awarded to POSCO Engineering & Construction, Ltd., will cost an estimated \$146.7 million, and is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2016.

The theme of “partnership” rang throughout during the groundbreaking.

“Today is a celebration of a partnership between two nations and many agencies, all working together to provide our service members [with] facilities that provide a taste of home,” said Steve Pena, general manager, Humphreys and Osan Exchange.

“One of the core values at the Exchange is ‘family serving family,’” added Pena. “We are ‘family,’ and the Exchange is proud to be a part of the Humphreys family.”

Pena said that the new Exchange

will feature an expanded lineup of the many services and eateries that are already available here, except that when the new facility opens, there are also plans to have an Arby’s.

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Twenty-first Century Far East District

By Jun S. Kang

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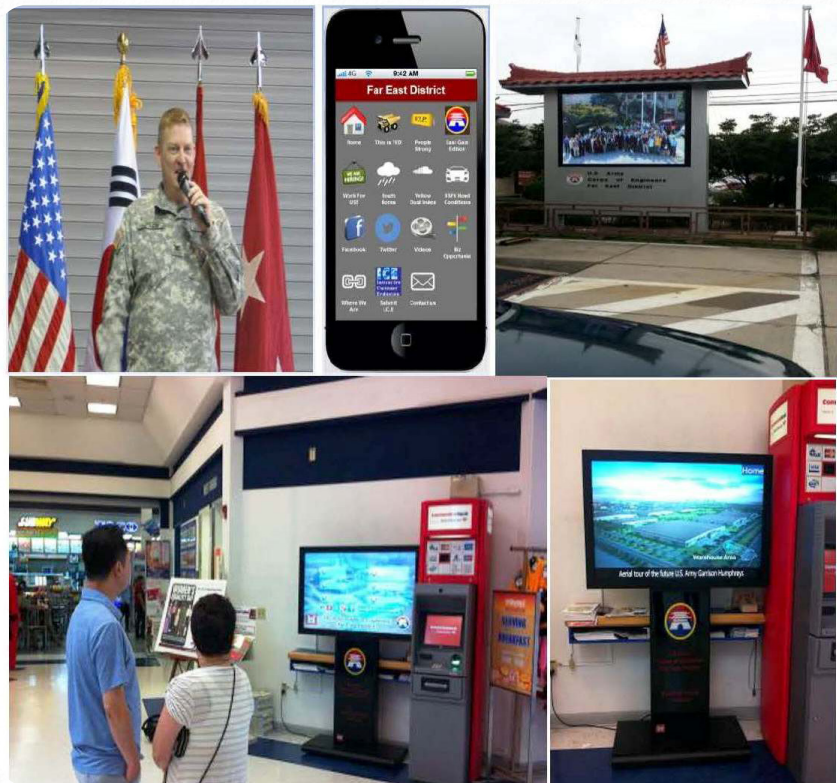
Continuing Far East District knowledge management efforts to improve strategic communications in the district, the information management office (IMO) has been very busy this fiscal year. The FED commander gave instructions to improve the flow of command information both internally and externally.

The first effort was to create a FED mobile application to disseminate weather, significant events, road conditions and other pertinent health and safety activities. The mobile application went live in May 2014.

We also realized that the FED Yongsan Relocation Plan/Land Partnership Plan message was not getting out to our customers, partners and stakeholders as effectively as it could, so the IMO obtained and installed a kiosk at the U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Post Exchange. With the touch of the screen, any customer or patron can get a quick snapshot of construction efforts and the hard work the district is doing everyday as we continue "Building strong in Korea."

Finally, to effectively disseminate critical information to

the district, the IMO built an information board which will serve to provide our employees up-to-date information with state of the art full light emitting diodes (LED) technology. This was a first ever construction effort for the IMO and a lot was learned on construction projects by the IMO staff.



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In addition to breaking ground on a new Exchange and several Soldier and family support structures, the future downtown plaza will eventually be home to the largest commissary in the Pacific.

“I’m proud to say that you have a lot to look forward to when these stores are built,” said Wayne Walk, Korea and Guam zone manager, Defense Commissary Agency. “It’s our goal in the Defense Commissary Agency to make your shopping experience something to look forward to. It’s not enough to have a new facility and low prices. Our goal is to provide great customer service on every visit. We’re here now to take care of you during the Korea transformation, and we’ll be here to serve you and your families when transformation is completed.”

According to Defense Commissary Agency officials, the new Camp Humphreys Commissary will be a large, modern 90,000-square-foot

store with 23 checkout lanes. The store will also feature extensive produce, meat, grocery, dairy, delicatessen, bakery and frozen foods sections. For comparison, the current commissary is 19,188 square feet with five checkouts.

Although breaking ground on the new facilities is exciting, Col. Darin S. Conkright, commander, U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys and Area III, took this opportunity to thank the Humphreys Military Community for bearing with all of the growing pains, whether it is road closures, building moves or traffic bottlenecks.

“Trust me, I know it can be difficult to deal with so much going on in one place,” Conkright said. “And yet, it never ceases to amaze me how resilient, flexible and understanding our community remains through these challenging times, as we build today for a better tomorrow.”

Other guest speakers at the event were: Republic of Korea Army Brig. Gen. Kang Chang-koo, director general of program management in the Ministry of National Defense USFK Base Relocation Office; Kim Jong-woo, director, USFK Base Relocation Project Management Office, Korea Land and Housing Corporation; Lee, Yong-byung, senior vice president, POSCO Engineering & Construction, Ltd.

Camp Humphreys is currently undergoing one of the largest transformations in Department of Defense history. The vast majority of forces located in the Greater Seoul Metropolitan Area and north of the Han River will move here in the coming years, in accordance with the U.S. and Republic of Korea bilateral agreements.



Col. Milhorn, POD Commander visits the Republic of Korea

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division commander Col. Jeffrey L. Milhorn met with Maj. Gen. Cheong Joo-kyo, commander of the Ministry of National Defense Defense Installations Agency, on Aug. 25 at Defense Installation Agency headquarters. This is Col. Milhorn's first visit to Korea as Pacific Ocean Division commander. (Photos by MND-DIA)



Building Strong in Korea!

(below and right) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division commander Col. Jeffrey L. Milhorn visited U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District Humphreys area office, Aug. 27 where he met with engineers and visited ongoing construction projects. (Photos by Yo Kyong-il)



(bottom right and below) On Aug. 26 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division commander Col. Jeffrey L. Milhorn visited U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District southern resident office where he met with engineers and visited ongoing construction projects, which include barracks and a new dining facility at Camp Henry. (Photos by Yi Yong-un)



New kiosk on Humphreys keeps community informed on garrison's construction progress

By Stephen Satkowski
FED Public Affairs

Patrons of the food court on U.S Army Garrison Humphreys are being greeted by a new visitor when they walk through the entryway of the facility. A 55 inch touch-screen television monitor is now on display with the latest information on construction progress at Humphreys.

“We want the Humphreys community to know what is happening with construction there,” said Jason Chudy, district public affairs officer. “The information we place on the kiosk will be updated daily through our social media sites as well as through photos, stories and videos.”

The kiosk will provide an interactive experience for users who can find out just about anything they want to know about the district, its mission and the projects they see every day on or near the installation. And they can do it with just the touch of a button.

“Eventually we hope to add time lapse construction video so people can see the speed of the work that is being

done,” said Chudy. “We at the Far East District are proud of the work we are doing at Humphreys and want everyone to know that we’re building the best possible facilities for them.”

The kiosk has already shown benefits as community members survey the latest information at their leisure.

“I think it’s a good idea for the service members and their families to see what’s going on [with the construction]. We see it [everyday] but don’t always know all the changes and this helps,” said Sgt. Robert Lyons, a Soldier at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys.

The information displayed on the kiosk can also be accessed by visiting the district website at <http://www.pof.usace.army.mil/>.

Soldiers from U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys engage the touch screen kiosk at the Humphreys food court. The kiosk displays the latest information on construction progress at the Garrison. (Photo by Seukhwan Son)



Seismic opportunity for district employee

By Stephen Satkowski
FED Public Affairs

Dr. Pak Chun-pom, chief of the district's data management section, visited Mount Baekdu, an active volcano on the border of North Korea and China Aug. 14 and 15. A geologist by trade and a specialist in volcanic chemistry, Pak advised and helped lead a team of Korean Geologists on the expedition.

"One thousand years ago this mountain had one of the biggest volcanic eruptions in all of Asia," said Pak. "To know the volcanic characteristics of this area we have to study its volcanic rocks." "That's why we're here."

Pak is part of the Korean Geologists Expedition group, a team of ge-

ologists in the Republic of Korea who travel to various sites to gain insight and information on volcanic activity.

"There was an earthquake underneath Mount Baekdu 10 years ago which caused many to believe it would erupt again," said Pak. "The information we gather from trips like these will help us predict future eruptions," said Pak.

Pak grew up in Jeju, a volcanic island on the southern end of the Korean peninsula and has studied volcanic activity on Dokdo, an island located east of the peninsula. At Mount Baekdu he used this experience to provide advice on how and where to collect samples.

"I told them which exact location should be sampled and helped them collect each one," said Pak. "I will also help review the team's final research paper once we are finished."

Pak said the training he has received at the district provided him with new tools to lead his team of geologists.

"I was able to apply what I learned from our district leadership workshop on this trip," said Pak. "Everyone had different ideas on how to get the information we need. I was able to organize our team based on my leadership training experience at the district."

Dr. Pak Chun-pom, chief of the district's data management section, poses for a picture in front of Heaven Lake, in the caldera atop Mount Baekdu. Mount Baekdu is an active volcano on the border of North Korea and China. (Photo provided by Pak Chun-pom)



A new Airmen dormitory at Osan Air Base opens

(right) Far East District commander and engineer, Col. Bryan S. Green visited Osan Air Base Aug. 12 to present awards to engineers from the Central Resident Office and participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new Airmen dormitory. (FED file photo)



(left) Far East District Commander Col. Bryan S. Green (third left) and Sgt. Maj. David Breitbach (2nd left), along with leadership from the 51st Fighter Wing, participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new Airmen dormitory on Osan Air Base Aug. 12. The dormitory, across from the Mustang Club, will house 156 Airmen. Each Airman will have a bedroom, closet and bathroom and four Airmen will share a kitchen/dining area and washer/dryer. (Photo by Choe Wan-suk, Hyundai Engineering and Construction)



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District commander Col. Bryan S. Green visited Kunsan resident office Aug. 19 where he visited ongoing construction projects including the munitions storage igloos and security forces facility. (Photos by Kim Tong-yun)

This month in FED History



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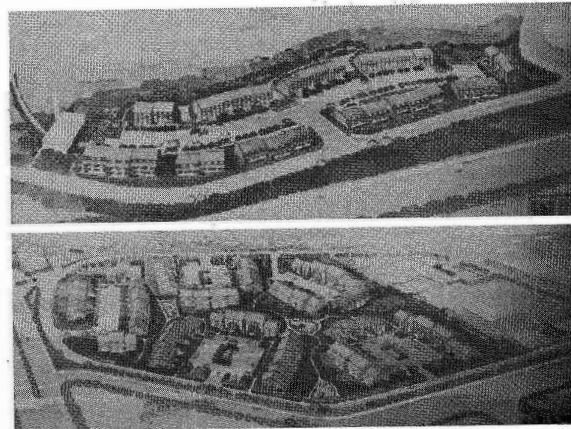
New Yongsan housing project starts

As is appropriate in the "Year of the Family", ground was broken August 9 on a project to provide 300 family housing units on Yongsan South Post. The \$36.5 million project is being funded by the Korean National Housing Corporation (KNHC) but when the housing units are completed next June they will be maintained and operated by the U.S. Army. FED has been responsible for criteria preparation and will surveil the construction of the project. The KNHC designed the buildings. The new buildings, each containing between 5 and 10 separate units, will be constructed at three separate locations on South Post: at the old heliport site adjacent to U.S. Embassy housing, at the site of the skeet range and kennels near the Rod and Gun Club, and at the old golf driving range. The housing units will include two, three and four bedrooms and all will have at least two bathrooms. This housing is intended to

replace the units at Friendship Village so that area will close after construction is finished.

In addition to the 300 housing units, the Yongsan project will also include construction of a day-care center and preschool at the heliport site. A softball field will be added at that site later as a separate project. The project starting now will also include an expansion of the fire station.

An additional seventy-two units are scheduled for construction on Camp Carroll, near Taegu. Start of work there, however, has been held up by the need to acquire necessary real estate. The Camp Carroll project will include construction of a swimming pool and bathhouse, a day-care center, youth center and a management complex containing retail shops. One General's residence will also be built. The Camp Carroll housing is intended to replace existing housing for U.S. per-



Artist's renditions show how the skeet range (top) and heliport (bottom) sites will look after they are developed.

sonnel at Su Song Heights in Taegu.

Bill DeKeyser's Combined Defense Construction Management Section has been managing this project through the criteria prepara-

tion and design stages. The Amkor/SAC joint venture firm was contracted by FED to provide the criteria preparation. Glenn Matsuyama and Yi, Kun Chang have been the FED project managers.

Osan AB shelter doors done early

In his first week as Commander, Col. Fulton was greeted with a task he will perform many times over during his tour here. He participated in the ribbon-cutting for an FED project. In this case, it was one of the major projects, the addition of concrete doors to fifty aircraft shelters on Osan Air Base. The ceremony was sponsored by the contractor, the Seo Il Industrial Company and took place at the project site on July 20.

The Seo Il Company began the work in the fall of 1982 under terms of a \$13.9 million contract. Each shelter was fitted

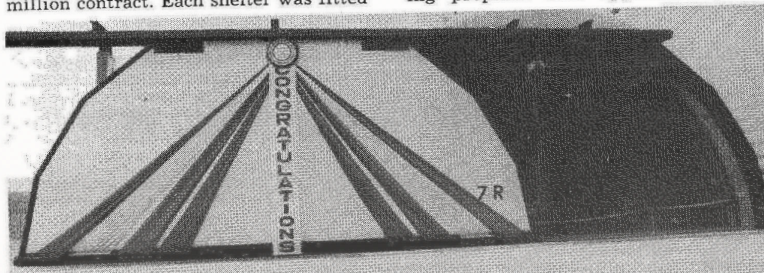
with a 100-ton door which slides along the face of the arched shelters. Concrete structures support the doors when they are in the open position. These doors have been designed to open or close quickly in the event of attack. Personnel entrances were also cut into the sides of each shelter and small sliding doors were installed in the rear wall.

As reported in the July 1983 edition of EAST GATE EDITION, this project was the source of the largest value engineering proposal ever approved by the

district. The Seo Il Company proved that soil conditions were stable enough to eliminate the need for predrilling and installation of precast concrete piles. Instead, they were allowed to use regular pile-driving procedures for the installation of the tracks for the doors. This resulted in a \$1.4 million savings in the contract cost. The Seo Il Company received 55% of the savings because it had submitted the proposal.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at one of the newly modified shelters and a demonstration of the door opening was given. In addition to Col. Fulton, Mr. Ro, Kyung Ha, President of Seo Il, several U.S. Air Force officials, Howard Elliott, Osan Resident Engineer and others helped cut the ribbon on the project. Mr. Kim, I Yong, the quality assurance inspector on the job, gave a briefing on the project.

Col. Fulton and others who presented remarks at the ceremony praised the Seo Il Company for delivering a quality product ahead of schedule. The scheduled completion date had been August 14 so the job was done more than three weeks ahead of time.



A demonstration of how rapidly the door opens was a part of the Osan ceremony.



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How Many Hazards Can You Identify?

Answers will be in the next East Gate Edition.

From the commander:
Thank you for doing GREAT things:

Congratulations to these employees who were recognized for their hard work and dedication!



Hwang Ui-cha
Resource Management
Employee of the month for June



Chu Kyong-chin
Information Management
Employee of the month for July (Area II)



Kim Yong-sik
Information Management
Employee of the month for July (Area III)



James Hightower
Logistics Management
Certification of Life Cycle Lotistics



Daryl Ray Woodfield
Logistics Management
Certification of Life Cycle Lotistics



Jason Choi
Logistics Management
Certification of Life Cycle Lotistics



Tu T. Nguyen
Engineering
5 Years of Service Award



Jennifer Yoon
Engineering
5 Years of Service Award



Choe Kyong-mi
Resource Management
10 Years of Service Award



Sok Yong-un
Construction
10 Years of Service Award



Pak Song-hyon
Engineering
15 Years of Service Award



Woo Jung-min
Information Management
20 Years of Service Award



Pak Sang-ho
Engineering
20 Years of Service Award



Robert Tim Rapp
Construction
25 Years of Service Award



Michael Geer
Construction
30 Years of Service Award



Kathy Farrell
Resource Management
30 Years of Service Award



Michael Burke
Construction
35 Years of Service Award



Paek Chong-won
Engineering
35 Years of Service Award



Kim Hwa-yong
Engineering
35 Years of Service Award



STEM Certificate of Appreciation

Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Far East District employees who support Science Technology, Engineering and Math education partnership between the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers headquarters and Department of Defense Dependent Schools.



Wang Hui-chan, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District cost engineering branch supervisor, was awarded a plaque Aug. 20 by the Construction Association of Korea. The association was very appreciative of his presentation on how the district estimates construction projects from the initial planning stages to the final initial government estimate. The construction association as well as the Republic of Korea Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, the Construction & Economy Research Institute of Korea and the Korea Specialty Contractor's Association attended the briefing as well. (Photo by Stephen Satkowski)

Welcome to FED



Eman Sundquist
Construction
 Came from Savannah District



John Parsons
Construction
 Came from Fayetteville, N.C.



Kim Po-min
Engineering
 Came from Yongsan Mainpost Club



Luis Jabal
Construction
 Came from Aurora, Colo.



Reyes Rodriguez
Construction
 Came from Jacksonville District



Richard Butler
Construction
 Came from Anniston Army Depot, Ala.



Rolands Muriera
Construction
 Came from Seattle District



Suzanna Chong
Information Management
 Came from U.S. African Command



Theresa Rivera
Information Management
 Locally hired



Yong Gory
Resource Management
 Came from Eighth Army, Yongsan



Young Phoenix
Resource Management
 Came from Seattle District



Adonis Padua
Construction
Transferred to Baltimore District



Cho Chang-sop
Korea Program Relocation
Transferred to DPW, Yongsan



Han Mi-kum
Korea Program Relocation
Transferred to USAG Humphreys



Jason Chudy
Public Affairs
Transferred to Department of Energy, Wash.



John Dellferro
Engineering
Transferred to Philadelphia District



Nancy Tajjioui
Korea Program Relocation
Transferred to Scott Air Base, Ill.



O Chin-sok
Engineering
Retired



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Construction
Transferred to LA District



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Construction
Transferred to New England District

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