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## A growing partnership blossoming in “The Land of the Blue Sky”

By Maj. L. Dot Browning  
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**U**LAANBAATAR, Mongolia -- Instructors from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers worked side-by-side with leaders from the Mongolian Ministry of Environment, Green Development, & Tourism (MEGDT) and the Mongolian University of Science & Technology (MUST) April 20-24 as part of a continuing effort to aide Mongolia as they develop their national water resource management strategies.

This workshop focused on educating and training water resource professionals from both government agencies and those within the private sector on a variety of topics and tech-

nologies. Specifically, the workshop lectures and activities introduced the class participants to components of the Corps of Engineers dam safety program as well as the available tools and software to aid in hydraulic and hydrologic analysis. By the end of the workshop, the participants had knowledge of the USACE software and modeling procedures so they can now analyze potential risk during the design of new dams and will aid them during the evaluation of existing water resource projects.

The workshop schedule provided lecture-style instruction, followed by practical exercises through the use of USACE modeling software. The software is designed to increase the hydrology and hydraulic modeling

capacity. Essentially, the modeling software bolsters the participants’ ability to predict floods, as well as better analyze the impacts of potential dam breaks.

“The workshop was excellent, especially because it was very intellectually engaging,” said Badamdorj Purev, Policy Regulation Department chief in the Mongolian Ministry of Environment, Green Development, & Tourism.

“We can use what we learned immediately. Previously, similar modeling efforts would have taken nearly 30 people, over the course of many days to produce comparable results. With the information gained and the software USACE has provided, we will be able to greatly reduce the time and personnel required to complete the studies and analysis needed for dam safety throughout Mongolia.”

In order to truly understand the importance of these workshops, I had to learn a little bit more about Mongolia, as a country, and more importantly, its people. What I discovered during my time there, was that their history, climate, & geography have created a culture and people that are rugged yet kind, both environmentally conscience & economically sensible, all while maintaining a balance of humility and national pride.



Chinggis Khan monument in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia  
(Photo provided by Maj. L. Dot Browning)

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*The last concrete was placed on the Osan second runway project June 4. Although it was very difficult to pave the 9,000 foot runway due to the thickness and strict tolerance for smoothness, Far East District central resident office accomplished their mission with their partners from SK Construction company and the Ministry of National Defense-Defense Installation Agency (MND-DIA). (FED file photos)*



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# Boys soccer Athlete of the Year: Falcons' Adkins takes one for the team

**By Dave Ornauer**  
Stars and Stripes

**Y**ONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea -- Given the choice, HoKyong Adkins probably wouldn't have played on the back line for Seoul American this season.

But coach Steve Boyd was in dire straits. Seven starters from the 2014 team had either graduated or transferred. Worse, the entire defensive back line was gone, and there was every chance that primary defender David Neaverth wouldn't return until midseason, if at all, because of a back injury.

So Boyd turned to his primary scoring option from 2014.

Even though Adkins had 30 scored goals last season, Boyd told the senior

that he was moving him to the back. It would be tough going for the first half of the season, Boyd reasoned, just to keep matches close and competitive.

"If we could play solid defense, we'll take a tie, 0-0, 1-1, because I knew the offense was going to be stagnant," Boyd said. "That was my thinking. I would be happy to win 1-0."

How did Adkins react?

"Put me wherever you need me, coach," Adkins told Boyd.

It wasn't as if Adkins was new to playing defense; it was his original position, he said, when he picked up the sport in elementary school. And not only did Adkins swing to the position, he helped teach other defenders how to shift, set up, pass between players and other things.

"He was a coach on the field, absolutely," Boyd said. "Not only in the games, but in practice. And the good thing is, with the leadership, him being a senior and obviously having played, the kids had a lot of respect for him. And so they listened. And they got better and we got better as a result."

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Seoul American senior HoKyong Adkins has been named Stars and Stripes' Pacific high school boys soccer Athlete of the Year. (ALLISYA MULLINS/SPECIAL TO STARS AND STRIPES)

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Mongolia is known as, “The Land of the Blue Sky” because it has more than 250 sunny days per year. With the Gobi desert to the south and cold, mountainous regions to the north and west, its geography is extremely diverse. Most of the country is hot in the summer and extremely cold in the winter. Russia borders Mongolia to the north and China is its southern neighbor.

Mongolia is one of the most sparsely populated countries in the world. It is more than double the size of Texas and nearly 16 times larger than South Korea, but only has a population of about three million people, of which approximately 30 percent are nomadic or semi-nomadic. The average annual precipitation is highest in the lightly populated northern regions (7.9 to 13.8 inches), and lowest in the more populated southern area (3.9 to 7.9 inches). With all these factors in mind, it is no wonder that properly managing Mongolia’s limited water resources is of top concern as the nation’s economy continues to develop. It’s a truly challenging problem. The people of Mongolia are facing this challenge head-on, and have started with increased emphasis on education.

“All of the participants in the workshop were engaged throughout the week,” said Paul Yoo, workshop coordinator and Special Assistant to Far East District Engineering Division Chief.

“They worked together to understand the material presented and asked for additional training and education on multiple topics presented this week. It was impressive to observe and to be a part of it.”

Kent Walker, a hydraulic engineer and part of the USACE team that traveled to Mongolia, was also impressed



*(Above) Paul Yoo, workshop coordinator and special assistant to Far East District engineering division chief, experiences a part of the Mongolian culture, riding a camel.*

*(Below left) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pose with their Mongolian counterparts at the close of the national water resource management strategy workshop in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.*

*(Below right) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District operations officer Maj. L. Dot Browning greeting participants and handing out workshop materials during a water resource management strategy workshop in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. (Photos provided by Maj. L. Dot Browning)*

by the workshop participants.

“It’s great to see this level of interest in hydrology & hydraulics for dam safety studies; especially given the diverse educational backgrounds of those who participated in this workshop,” said Walker.

“They asked well informed questions that indicate comprehension of difficult technical concepts even with materials being translated between English and Mongolian. I would be honored to continue working with the Mongolian people as they develop their water resource management strategies.”

After spending time with the workshop participants, attending various meetings, and experiencing their warm culture, it was clear that the people of Mongolia understand the challenging prospect of managing the country’s water resources. Additionally, they recognize and appreciate the value of workshops and training opportunities provided by the USACE enterprise.

The trip to Mongolia was an experience I will never forget. I am truly looking forward to the next workshop, as collaboration with Mongolia continues.

# 2015 FED Summer Golf Scramble

Here are photos of 2015 Summer Golf Scramble! Congratulations to all the winners and thank you everyone for participating in the event! (FED file photos)





***Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti (center), commander of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea and USFK senior leaders took an aerial tour construction sites at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys June 2. Col. Bryan S. Green (second to the right from center), Far East District commander and Greg Reiff (far right), Far East District's Humphreys Area Office chief briefed Gen. Scaparrotti on the construction progress made as most U.S. forces will relocate out of Seoul, to areas south in the next few years. (FED file photo)***

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Eventually, Neaverth returned and Boyd inserted Nick Gagnet in the defense and Adkins returned to the front, where he finished with 16 goals and six assists.

That helped lead to a 15-3-3 overall record, and a runner-up finish in the Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference Blue Division regular season. Then came a KAIAC Blue tournament title — the first for the Falcons in four finals appearances — and a second Far East Division I Tournament title in four years.

For his positional sacrifice and leadership and the Falcons' resulting successes, Adkins has been named Stars and Stripes Pacific high school boys soccer Athlete of the Year.

All of that didn't come easily, Boyd said.

Time and again, the Falcons had to come from behind, four times in the regular season, in the KAIAC Blue

tournament semifinals and championship match and had to rebound after losing two pool-play matches in the Far East D-I Tournament.

"They were just so resilient," Boyd said. "I haven't had a team ... that played with so much heart as this team has. They gave everything. They may not have had the skill, but there's no team that showed this much will and heart as this team showed. You can't coach that. The kids either have it or they don't. And Adkins was the centerpiece."

Soccer honors: HoKyong Adkins (MVP), David Neaverth, Seoul American; Imani Washington, Iseiah Washington, Miles Mahlock, Kubasaki; Justin Hill, Jon Cadavos, Perry; Austin Burdick (goalkeeper), Edgren; Malik Wilkes, Logan Perera, Zama; Brady Yoder, Kinnick.



***Far East District commander Col. Bryan S. Green visited Kunsan resident office May 6. He visited the Tower Dormitory, Communications Squadron Facility, Construct Security Forces Facility and other ongoing construction sites at Kunsan Air Base. (Photo by Kim Tong-yun)***



***Sgt. Tyler Love (right), a member of the 249th Engineer Battalion – Prime Power, re-enlisted for 6 more years at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Pyeongtaek resident office June 16. Sgt. Love came to Korea this April to assist with electrical quality assurance and control on construction sites for the Far East District. Some of the projects he is working on include the vehicle maintenance facility and unaccompanied enlisted personnel housing. (Photo by Sgt. Maj. David Breitbach)***

# District members celebrate FED's 58th birthday

Far East District employees and family members celebrated the District's Organization Day at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan picnic area June 12. Special thanks to the Wellness Committee for arranging this event. One Team Building Strong in Korea!



# *A Look Back in FED History*

*East Gate Edition*

## **GRAND OPEINING OF MAIN GATE AT OSAN AIR BASE**

On 24 June 2004, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to commemorate completion of Anti-Terrorist/Force Protection (AT/FP) upgrades at Main Gate, Osan AB.

This project started on 22 Sept. 2003 and cost \$1,100,000. It provides active vehicle barriers, CCTV surveillance, and enhanced search capability at a remote inspection facility to the Security Forces of the base. The main AT/FP measures or vehicles were bollards on both in-bound and out-bound lanes. Also added were hydraulic vehicles barriers on both in-bound and out-bound lanes. Lastly, a kennel was constructed to enable the security forces to use explosive detecting canines to search vehicles. The main AT/FP measures for pedestrians were the expansion of the visitors center to accommodate a walk through metal detector and an x-ray machine for scanning luggage and packages.

The main gate is a portion of a larger project. Ongoing is the upgrade at Beta Gate which is due to be turned over the Air Force mid July. The contractor will then start the upgrade of Doolittle gate. The current CCD for the entire project is 21 Sept. 2004.





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## Summer Vacation Safety Tips

By: Mark Daniels

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*The summer vacation season is upon us. That means fun in the sun and staying cool in the inviting waters of beaches, rivers, lakes, and pools.*

**Heat Safety** No matter where you go for your summer vacation, chances are, you're going to encounter some level of excessive heat. Avoid heat exhaustion and other side effects by reviewing our heat safety tips.

*Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Carry bottled water with you everywhere to make sure you are drinking enough, and if you're unsure of the water safety, don't drink the local water. Only drink bottled water.*

*Avoid drinks that contain caffeine, alcohol or large amounts of sugar because these can dehydrate you further.*

*If you're vacationing in temperatures above 90 degrees, stay indoors in the air conditioning, if possible.*

*Wear light weight clothing and dress in layers.*

**Pool Safety** Whether you're having a "staycation" at home, going to a Theme Park Resort or just at a hotel, summer vacations aren't complete without a trip to the pool. Have fun, but don't dive in without checking out our pool safety tips first:

*Never leave your child alone in or near the pool.*

*Be aware of the local emergency and/or rescue contact information in your cell phone in case of accidents or emergencies.*

***Don't allow toddlers to swim without a life vest or swimming aids.***

**Sun Safety Tips** If you're going to a destination where you expect to experience a lot of direct sunlight, read our sun safety tips to prepare for having fun in the sun – without getting scorched.

*If possible, avoid being outside between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., if possible.*

*Wear SPF 15 or higher all of the time.*

*Re-apply sunscreen often.*

*Wear a hat that protects as much of your face and head as possible.*

*Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes.*

*If you are taking medication, check with your doctor to see if you need to take extra precautions.*

**Welcome to FED**



**John Allen**  
Construction  
Came from NAVFAC, Wash.



**Kim Jae S.**  
Information Management  
Came from Fort Belvoir, Va.



**Michael Sartori**  
Construction  
Came from Defense Commissary Agent



**Sgt. 1st Class Mark Lindholm**  
Counsel  
Came from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait



**Brenae Martina**  
Construction  
AMIE Intern



**David Lee**  
Construction  
AMIE Intern



**Joseph Reid**  
Korean Program Relocation  
AMIE Intern

**See You Again...**



**James Hightower**  
Logistics Management  
Transferred to DLA-Distribution, Ga.



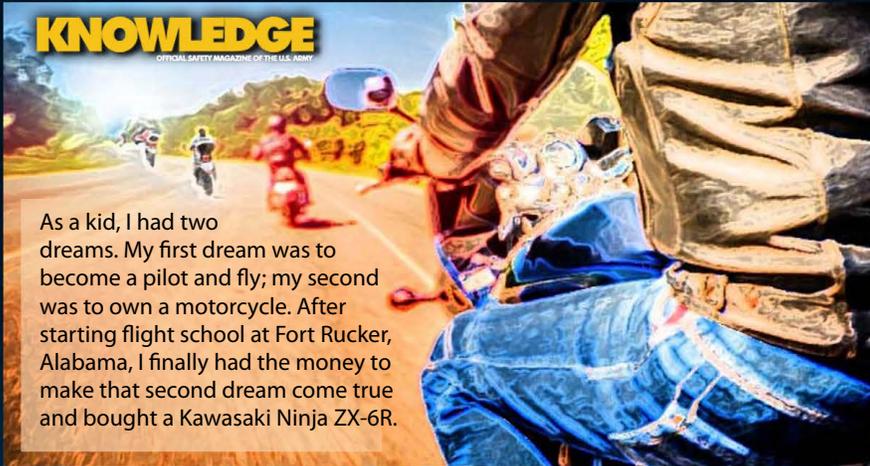
**Ku Son-hwa**  
Logistics Management  
Transferred to Camp Casey



**Lyman Carter**  
Counsel  
Retired



**Sam Adkins**  
Construction  
Transferred to Seattle District



As a kid, I had two dreams. My first dream was to become a pilot and fly; my second was to own a motorcycle. After starting flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama, I finally had the money to make that second dream come true and bought a Kawasaki Ninja ZX-6R.

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## PMV-2 (MOTORCYCLE) MISHAPS CLAIM SOLDIER LIVES

Army National Guard Soldier died from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident April 19, 2015, at approximately 6 p.m. in Phoenix, Arizona. The 52-year-old staff sergeant was operating a borrowed motorcycle with his spouse riding as his passenger when he failed to negotiate a curve and crashed. Neither the Soldier nor his spouse were wearing helmets, and he was pronounced dead at the scene. The Soldier did not have a motorcycle endorsement from his home of record.

Soldier was killed March 15, 2015, at approximately 6:15 p.m. in a motorcycle accident in Davidson County, Tennessee. The 24-year-old sergeant was operating his motorcycle at a high rate of speed when he hit the rear of a pickup truck after rounding a curve. He was thrown from the bike and pronounced dead at the scene. The Soldier was wearing an approved helmet and had completed required training.

Soldier suffered fatal injuries Feb. 21, 2015, during a motorcycle crash at approximately 5:30 p.m. near Hamilton, Georgia. The 35-year-old specialist was riding his motorcycle with a group of fellow Soldiers when he lost control on a sharp curve and struck a tree. The Soldier had passed another vehicle on a two-lane road prior to the accident, leaving the group behind, and was not found until the next morning. He was wearing PPE and had completed required training.

# ANOTHER SOLDIER LOST

