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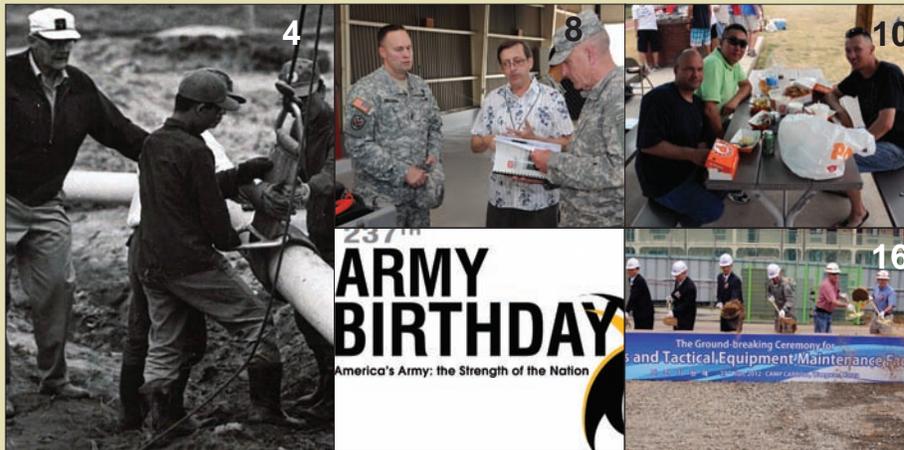
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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District constructs a jet fuel storage tank at an airbase in Daegu in August 1969. (FED File Photo)



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Commander's Corner

Col. Donald E. Degidio, Jr.

To the Great Team of the Far East District and our entire Team of Teams,

We celebrated our District's 55th anniversary this month and this June issue shows the breadth of the Far East District's accomplishments over the years. This month also had other special anniversaries for us. The US Army Corps of Engineers itself celebrated its 237th anniversary on June 16 and our US Army celebrated its 237th anniversary on June 14.

While we are focusing much of this issue on the history of the District, we are also focusing on the present and future and the personal and professional accomplishments of our District Team. In this issue is a story on the two groundbreaking at U.S. Army Garrison Daegu, showing some of our current projects, and the East Gate Edition's coverage of six of our District Family member's high school and college graduations, highlighting our next generation of leaders.

We had a great Organization Day throughout Korea on Friday, June 29. I again want to thank everyone for their hard work in ensuring that the day was a lot of fun. It's always great to step back from all the hard work we do and take some social time together as a team.

With monsoon season soon upon us, it's important that you are aware of how powerful these rains can be. Last July, Korea endured deadly landslides after especially heavy rains, and flooding took its toll on vehicles and buildings. Always remember to take the necessary precautions.

Please enjoy the coming month when we celebrate the visit of Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, our 53rd U.S. Army Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Thanks for all you do each and every day!

To our great Alliance – Katchi Kapsida!

To our great Corps – Essayons!

One Team Building Strong® in Korea!

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. E. Degidio, Jr.'.



BUILDING STRONG in KOREA

The letters 'BSK' are rendered in a large, stylized font where each letter is constructed from individual sandcastle blocks. The 'B' and 'K' have long, flowing, ribbon-like tails that extend downwards and outwards. The entire graphic is set against a solid red background.

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Editors Note: The vast majority of the following article came from a History of the U.S. Army Engineer District Far East and its supplement published in 1976 and 1979 respectively.

In June 1957, the office of the Chief of Engineers published a general order that formally activated the United States Army Engineers District, Far East (FED). The district was established in response to Eighth Army's requirement for a construction agency with depth of resources and experience.

The order, dated June 3, 1957, stated, "By authority of the Secretary of the Army, effective 1 July 1957, a new Corps of Engineers district to be known as the U.S. Army Engineer District, Far East, is established with headquarters in Korea, under the jurisdiction of the Division Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer Division, Pacific Ocean (POD)."

The mission of this new organization was to supervise and prosecute such work relating to military construction in Korea and Japan as directed by the division engineer. In effect, the general order created a centralized agency with both contracting authority and the responsibility for planning and design.

There were many initial challenges of the burgeoning district as it assumed a major construction program from its predecessors, United States Army Construction Agency-Korea and United States Army Construction Agency-Japan, filled FED's early years.

There was great difficulty in recruiting qualified personnel to work in Korea and Japan because it meant separation from family and the comforts of home. A major contributing factor to this situation was the scarcity of family housing, particularly in the Republic of Korea.

Other challenges included procurement of building supplies, design modifications, restrictions, slow approvals and releases of funds, and a requirement to train local contractors and their employees in "American" construction methods.

The site chosen for the Far East District Headquarters was the Dongdaemun area of Seoul at a location that was formerly a teacher's college. The Republic of Korea granted the land to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1951, six years before FED was established. From there, the district stood up resident offices across the peninsula to assist with reconstruction efforts in Korea.

In 1957 the Korean economy was just beginning to recover from the years of war and occupation. No construction industry, experienced contractors, or plentiful building materials and equipment existed.





Korean workers employing a variety of techniques for road construction. (FED File Photo)

Inexpensive, unskilled labor comprised the greatest natural resource. As a result, district personnel assumed unaccustomed roles, and FED employed unusual construction techniques, negotiated rather than advertised contracts, and separated projects into small individual parcels. Korean unfamiliarity with American methods, plans and specifications was one of the greatest problem sources.

Construction methods and techniques in this period continued to be unusual and peculiar to Korea. Machinery such as pile drivers, cranes, and bulldozers was still scarce and expensive. As a result, local contractors devised some ingenious construction techniques, and many things were done manually.

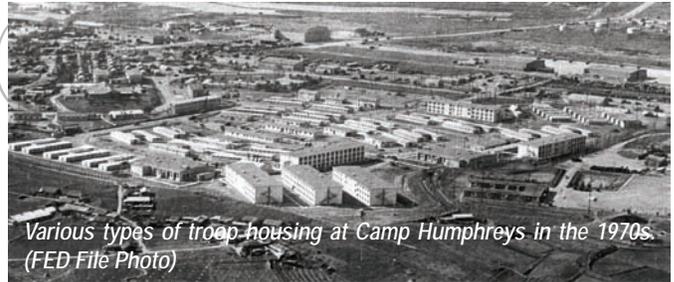
Rock crushing and aggregate washing, for example, often became a hand process. Anything that could be carried, such as water, cement, sand, mortar, concrete blocks, and aggregate, was hauled by Korean workers employing a variety of back-packs.

Man-made harbor rehabilitation at Incheon. (FED File Photo)



In the years between 1959 and 1963, the entire Far East District workload totaled more than \$70 million. Since the majority of contracts were small and scattered throughout Korea, supervision and administration costs became a major concern.

The district's first large project came about during the late 1950's, in response to the requirement for a usable port somewhere north of Pusan, the U.S. Government authorized funds to rehabilitate the man-made harbor at Incheon.



Various types of troop housing at Camp Humphreys in the 1970s. (FED File Photo)

Corps of Engineers districts possessing sufficient expertise assisted FED with the design phase of the project. Despite the numerous obstacles, delays and the skeptical belief that a young district could accomplish such an immense task in 18 months, FED turned over the rehabilitated tidal basin in December 1960.

Also during this time, the Eighth U.S. Army reactivated an out-of-use airfield named Camp Humphreys to be used as a support facility under control of the Seoul Area Command. The next several years witnessed the erection of aircraft hangars, repair shops, and a general purpose warehouse.

The development of this post would continue through to the mid-1970s with a concentration of activity from 1963 to 1966.

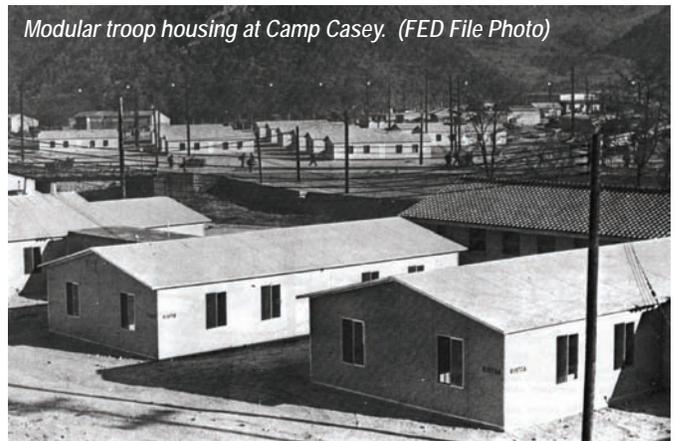
Between 1963 and 1968, the focus of Far East District construction activities shifted from Korea to Japan. The American buildup in Southeast Asia and the district's new assignment as Department of Defense design and construction agent for Japan and Korea prompted a sharply increased program in Japan and a corresponding drop in Korea.

The Far East District (Rear), located at Camp Zama, Japan, eventually merged with the Okinawa District to form the Japan Engineer District in 1972.

Two events occurred in late January 1968 which radically altered the American posture in Northeast Asia and subsequently shifted FED's construction focus from Japan back to Korea: the Blue House raid and the seizure of the USS Pueblo.

On Jan. 22, a group of North Korean agents attempted to assassinate Republic of Korea President Park Chung-hee at his official residence in Seoul, the Blue House. The plan failed and most of the infiltrators were killed.

Modular troop housing at Camp Casey. (FED File Photo)



Just two days later, the North Koreans seized the USS Pueblo in international waters. At the same time the rate of incidents along the Demilitarized Zone increased sharply.

These events triggered an American reaction of transferring additional tactical Air Force units to Korea, followed by a large construction program in Korea to meet the increased tactical, logistical, and administrative requirements.

Members of various Department of Defense staffs and departments spent the intervening time determining the scope and magnitude of the construction program for Korea. Since almost everything needed improving, the selection was difficult.

Attention directed by the U.S. news media to American Soldiers living in tents in the middle of a subzero Korean winter drew angry reaction from the States. Thus, improved troop billeting received a high priority.

With the completion of the incident-related projects, the FED workload began to decline in the early 1970's. Repair and upgrade of facilities and continuation of earlier programs rather than initiation of major new projects typify this era.

Between 1976 and 1977 the district experienced sharp increase in its workload. The district directed much of its activity toward the improvement of the living and operational facilities for the troops.

Soldiers' housing needs in Korea became so apparent, and that need coupled with command emphasis on customer satisfaction, led FED to accept many projects from various organizations.

During the 1980's talk between the Republic of Korea and the U.S. of relocating U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan out of Seoul began, but no real headway would be made until 2004.

In 2002, the Land Partnership Plan was signed which would consolidate U.S. forces by relocating units of the 2nd Infantry Division to U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys. The Yongsan Relocation Plan would become validated in 2004 which would also relocate U.S. forces from Yongsan to Humphreys.

As a result of these two programs, FED has taken on more responsibilities. The ROK Government purchased 2,328 acres of adjacent land to accommodate the new facilities and eventually integrate seamlessly into the existing garrison making it the largest military installation in Korea.

This is where the Far East District stands today as it continues on with this multi-billion dollar relocation effort. The current USAG Humphreys will grow into a place where approximately 44,000 troops, family members, local employees, and contractors will live and work. These projects and more demonstrate FED's commitment to building strong in Korea.



Looking back while thinking ahead

By Sgt. Maj. David Breitbach
FED Sergeant Major

It is hard to believe that the month of June has nearly passed by. Spring has given way to summer; the days are longer and a lot warmer, and the rainy season is not far behind. June is also a month where we celebrate three significant birthdays.

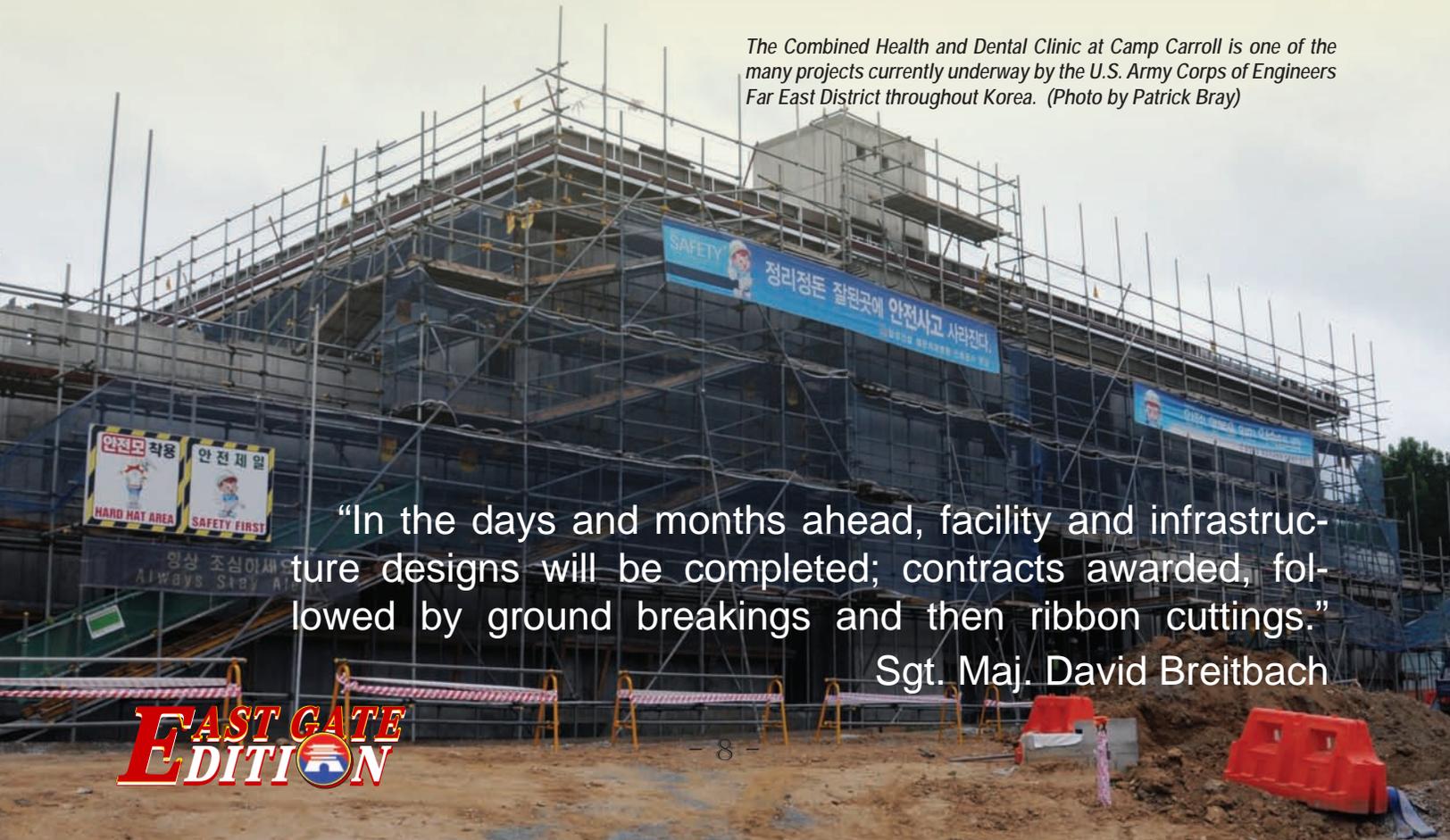
On June 14 the U.S. Army celebrated its 237th birthday. I have been in the Army for a very long time and until this year I had never attended an Army birthday ball. This year I had the privilege of attending the event here in Seoul and it was an impressive evening.

The U.S. Army has a long, proud, and well-documented history. On June 15, 1775, Gen. George Washington received his appointment as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.

An often forgotten fact is that on the following day, June 16, 1775, Washington selected Col. Richard Gridley to become the first chief engineer of the Continental Army.



The Combined Health and Dental Clinic at Camp Carroll is one of the many projects currently underway by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District throughout Korea. (Photo by Patrick Bray)



“In the days and months ahead, facility and infrastructure designs will be completed; contracts awarded, followed by ground breakings and then ribbon cuttings.”

Sgt. Maj. David Breitbach

This date is considered the birthday of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, although it was not until 1779 that Congress officially created the Corps of Engineers. Gridley and his engineers constructed vital field fortifications which proved to be instrumental in many crucial battles during the Revolutionary War, including Bunker Hill, Saratoga, and Yorktown; thus, began 237 years of contributions to America's history from Army engineers.

The Corps of Engineers has been responsible for countless engineering projects in the United States and around the globe; most notably the Panama Canal, the Pentagon, and the Manhattan Project—the Corps established the Manhattan District with no geographic boundary to hide the development of the U.S. atomic weapons program during World War II.

This month is also the birth month of the Far East District. The district was established in 1957 and is responsible for engineering projects from the demilitarized zone, all the way down to the Port of Busan, and everywhere in between.



Sgt. Maj. David Breitbach (left), FED Sergeant Major, and Pat Crays (center), Chief of FED Security, Plans, and Operations, discuss the District's readiness and capabilities with Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Mahoney (right), U.S. Forces Korea Command Sergeant Major, June 5. (Photo by Patrick Bray)



Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Mahoney (left), U.S. Forces Korea Command Sergeant Major, and Sgt. Maj. David Breitbach, FED Sergeant Major, at the 2012 Army Ball in Seoul June 14. (FED File Photo)

When looking back at the accomplishments of the Far East District, our history is as rich and distinguished as any of the other 44 districts within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. That said, this district is poised to further build upon its reputation with the transformation and relocation program at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys.

The sheer size and complexities of the program bring a myriad of challenges which cannot be overlooked. As I stated before to accomplish this mission it will take a total team effort from everyone in the organization.

The next four years will be full of defining moments for the Far East District. In the days and months ahead, facility and infrastructure designs will be completed; contracts awarded, followed by ground breakings and then ribbon cuttings. Throughout the entire process there are three things that are non-negotiable: quality, safety and our integrity. By not sacrificing any of the three, there will be no question of how the history of the largest construction program ever undertaken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be written.

Every day when we come to work just keep in mind that our customers are counting on the Far East District to deliver. The time has come for this district to prove it is up to the challenge and do what it takes to successfully complete the mission and write a new chapter to the history of this great district. Building Strong!

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Taking a break to celebrate 55 years on Organization Day

By Patrick Bray
FED Public Affairs

The Far East District's 55th Organization Day, a celebration of the establishment of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Republic of Korea, was a huge success.

Organization Day, June 29, allowed FED to put work aside for one day to have fun and socialize with other employees, friends, and family members.

The Far East District Headquarters in Seoul celebrated at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan while the remainder held activities at the various installations that they support.

Some of the events which occurred throughout Organization Day were sports competitions in volleyball, softball, and arm wrestling. There was also a more light-hearted pie-eating competition.

On of the returning attractions was the taekwondo performance where the martial artists dazzled the audience with gravity-defying leaps and demonstrations of the various fighting styles and techniques.

See more photos of Organization Day at
www.flickr.com/photos/fedpao/sets



(From left to right) Staff Sgt. Donald Bowman, Staff Sgt. James Park, and Staff Sgt. Joshua Fields, Non-Commissioned Officers serving with FED Construction Division, enjoy lunch together on Organization Day June 29. (Photo by Patrick Bray)

John Alden (left), FED Safety Office, and Ed Minnerly, Chief of FED Logistics Management Office, compete in the army wrestling tournament during Organization Day June 29. (Photo by Patrick Bray)



The taekwondo team is always a big hit during Organization Day June 29. (Photo by Patrick Bray)



(Above) Bruce Park, FED Information Management Office, gets a base hit during the "Earners vs. Burners" softball game during Organization Day June 29. (Photo by Patrick Bray)

(Right) Rodney Sanders, FED Security, Plans, and Operations, grills out during the District's Organization Day June 29. (Photo by Patrick Bray)

(Below) Col. Donald E. Degidio, Jr., FED Commander, played pitcher during the "Earners vs. Burners" softball game during Organization Day June 29. (Photo by Patrick Bray)



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America's Army: the Strength of the Nation

Brig. Gen. Rick Stevens,
Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division



Two-hundred and thirty-seven years ago, our Nation's leaders established the Continental Army beginning a rich heritage of successfully defending this great country and her citizens. On June 14th, we pause to celebrate the continued service, honor and bravery of our Civilians and Soldiers in this noble calling, as well as the families who support them. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Today, as an essential component of a one-million-strong professional Army, we can take great pride in being part of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers team. A team that has answered and continues to answer the call to serve in our nation's hours of need. And in every hour of need, the call was answered by Civilians and Soldiers who recognized that no matter the environment, no matter the difficulty, America's Army will always accomplish the mission. Many of you have volunteered and deployed to support overseas contingency operations while others have deployed to provide engineering assistance in response to natural disasters worldwide. You represent the best our Army has to offer. You represent national resolve and commitment. You and our entire Army family—Soldiers and Civilians—are what makes America's Army: The Strength of the Nation.

And so on this Army birthday, I'd like to thank each one of you for helping to make our Army the most decisive land force in the world—237 years and going strong. Well done!

Col. Donald E. Degidio, Jr.,
Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District



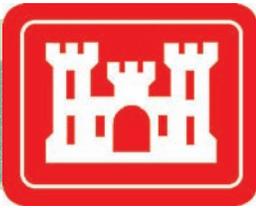
Thursday, June 14th marks the U.S. Army's 237th Birthday. On this day we celebrate the generations of Soldiers who followed in the footsteps of those early colonists who left their homes and embraced our nation's call to duty.

For over 60 years the U.S. Army has served alongside our Republic of Korea Allies and members of the United Nations Command to deter aggression on the Korean peninsula.

I would like to thank every Soldier, Civilian and Family member who has ever served in our ranks for their dedication to duty and selfless service that has made us Army Strong.

- * The strength of our Nation is our Army.
- * The strength of our Army is our Soldiers.
- * The strength of our Soldiers is our Families.
- * This is what makes us Army Strong!

Building Strong in Korea



237 years and still Building Strong

By Headquarters, Public Affairs
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

George Washington appointed the first engineer officers of the Army on June 16, 1775, during the American Revolution, and engineers have served in combat in all subsequent American wars. The Army established the Corps of Engineers as a separate, permanent branch on March 16, 1802, and gave the engineers responsibility for founding and operating the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Since then the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has responded to changing defense requirements and played an integral part in the development of the country. Throughout the 19th century, the Corps built coastal fortifications, surveyed roads and canals, eliminated navigational hazards, explored and mapped the Western frontier, and constructed buildings and monuments in the Nation's capital.

From the beginning, many politicians wanted the Corps to contribute to both military construction and works "of a civil nature." Throughout the 19th century, the Corps supervised the construction of coastal fortifications and mapped much of the American West with the Corps of Topographical Engineers, which enjoyed a separate existence for 25 years (1838-1863). The Corps of Engineers also constructed lighthouses, helped develop jetties and piers for harbors, and carefully mapped the navigation channels.

In the 20th century, the Corps became the lead federal flood control agency and significantly expanded its civil works activities, becoming among other things a major provider of

hydroelectric energy and the country's leading provider of recreation. Its role in responding to natural disasters also grew dramatically.

Assigned the military construction mission in 1941, the Corps built facilities at home and abroad to support the U.S. Army and Air Force. During the Cold War, Army engineers managed construction programs for America's allies, including a massive effort in Saudi Arabia. In addition, the Corps of Engineers also completed large construction programs for federal agencies such as NASA and the postal service. The Corps also maintains a rigorous research and development program in support of its water resources, construction, and military activities.

In the late 1960s, the Corps became a leading environmental preservation and restoration agency. It now carries out natural and cultural resource management programs at its water resources projects and regulates activities in the Nation's wetlands. In addition, the Corps assists the military services in environmental management and restoration at former and current military installations.

When the Cold War ended, the Corps was poised to support the Army and the Nation in the new era. Army engineers supported 9/11 recovery efforts and currently play an important international role in the rapidly evolving Global War on Terrorism, including reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stands ready to support the country's military and water resources needs in the 21st century as it has done during its more than two centuries of service.

Gatun Locks construction for the Panama Canal. (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Photo)

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Congratulations to the Class of 2012!

By Patrick Bray
FED Public Affairs

During the months of May and June, universities and high schools hold their graduation ceremonies. In the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District there are many proud parents who just celebrated the graduation of their sons and daughters. Here are some of our most recent graduates.

(Below) Ji-hyun Sim, daughter of Joe and KC Campbell, FED Public Affairs Office, graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in Statistics. (Photo provided by Campbell Family)



(Above) Yun-hee Kim, daughter of Jason Kim, FED Engineering Services Branch, graduated from Tufts University with a bachelor's degree in International Relations. (Photo provided by Kim Family)



(Above) Jennifer Joh, daughter of Wayne Joh, FED Program and Project Management Division, graduated from Seoul American High School. Her future plans are to attend Washington State University. (Photo provided by Joh Family)

(Below) Adam Kopp, son of Mike Kopp, FED Construction Division, graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and also in Fire Protection Engineering. His future plans begin with an internship in Columbia, Md. (Photo provided by Kopp Family)



(Above) Eric Min, son of Eugene Min, FED Technical Review Branch, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and will commission into the U.S. Navy. His future plans include flight school in Florida. (Photo provided by Min Family)

(Below) Se Park, daughter of Ed Minnerly, FED Logistics Management Office, graduated from Seoul American High School. Her future plans are to attend attend Virginia Tech and major in engineering. (Photo provided by Minnerly Family)



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Far East District begins two barracks at Daegu

By Patrick Bray
FED Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District has begun work on two barracks projects for U.S. Army Garrison Daegu.

At Camp Henry, work began on a barracks and dining facility by Fine Construction Co., Ltd. after a groundbreaking ceremony June 22. This project required the demolition of older buildings on the project site. During the ceremony, the contractor began demolition of the buildings at the request of Col. Kathleen Gavle, Commander of USAG Daegu.

At Camp Carroll, work also began on a new barracks by Samsung C&T Corp. June 27. This project will also include a tactical equipment maintenance facility.

“These new barracks will greatly increase quality of life at U.S. Army Garrison Daegu and is an indication of the commitment that Area IV has to its soldiers,” said Sam Adkins, Chief of FED’s Construction Division.

Both barracks projects will be state of the art, built with a variety of safety and security features.

“This is a very big step in our efforts to upgrade facilities at Camp Carroll,” said William Christman, Installation Deputy Commander, who attended the June 27 groundbreaking on behalf of the Commander of USAG Daegu.



U.S. Army Garrison Daegu leaders and representatives shovel dirt to break ground on a new barracks and tactical equipment maintenance facility at Camp Carroll June 27. (Photo by Patrick Bray)



An employee with Samsung C&T Corp. dressed in traditional Korean clothing conducts a safety ceremony at the barracks job site at Camp Carroll June 27. (Photo by Patrick Bray)

Far East District begins warehouse renovations

By Patrick Bray
FED Public Affairs

Two dilapidated, unused warehouses at K-16 Airfield in Seongnam, right outside of Seoul, are being upgraded into modern office space by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District.

The groundbreaking for the renovation of buildings 602 and 604 at K-16 was held June 19. Once completed, the offices will be used by the Field Operating Base - Korea.

“This is our future facility. It will increase our capabilities and provide contingency support to maintain the current peace on the Korean peninsula,” said Colonel Craig Merritt, Chief of Field Operating Base-Korea (FOB-K).

In the same tradition of the Soldiers who “dug in” to defend the Korean Peninsula 60 years ago, Col. Merritt chose old, wooden-handled entrenching tools to be used during the shoveling portion of the ceremony.

“As a military unit, we are always prepared to ‘dig in’ to defend peace in Korea,” said Col. Merritt.

Robert Varela, Chief of Engineering and Logistics Services, Defense Intelligence Agency, travelled from Washington, D.C. to attend the groundbreaking, demonstrating the importance of this project.

(Right) Members of Field Operating Base-Korea break ground on warehouses to be renovated at K-16 Airfield June 19. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District will convert the old warehouses into office space. (Photo by Patrick Bray)

(Below) One of two warehouses at K-16 Airfield that will be renovated into office space by FED. (Photo by Patrick Bray)

“We in Washington support and focus on these kinds of details,” said Varela. “I look forward to returning in 18 months and participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony.”

Once the existing buildings are converted, FOB-K will relocate from its current location on U.S. Army Garrison Yong-san to K-16 as part of the Land Partnership Plan (LPP). The upgrade will provide all the necessary facilities which include fire protection systems and utilities, new fencing with access control points, landscaping, parking lot repaving and sidewalks.

“Today is a continuation of the improvements being made at K-16,” said Sam Adkins, Chief of FED’s Construction Division. “K-16 is changing, and changing for the better. The plans envisioned on paper just a short time ago will soon come to fruition.”

FED will work closely with the contractor, Seong Bo Construction Co., the Directorate of Public Works at K-16, and FOB-K representatives throughout the construction phase to ensure that a first-class facility is provided.



UNION SPOT LIGHT

A brief introduction to the union

By Cho, Yong-wol

FED Resource Management Office

FED Korean Employees Union was established as a sub-chapter of USFK Korean Employees Union on September 9, 1969. The first representative of the FED Korean Employees Union was Min, Chul-ki, following Jeon Jong-il, who served the union for 20 years from 1978, Yi Yong-ho, the third representative served from 1997, Na Woo-kyun, the fourth representative served from 2001, and Yi Won-son, the fifth representative has been serving from June 2008 until today.

FED Korean Employees Union consists of one representative, one general officer, three vice representatives, 21 officers from each division, and 215 members at large. Of the 256 Korean Employees working for FED, 241 employees are members of the Korean Employees Union, which makes up about 94 percent which show high participation percentage than any other army installation in Korea.

FED Korean Employees Union and the USFK Korean Employees Union carry the same mission and goals.

The goal is to protect Korean union member's rights, and promote welfare

By cooperating with supervisors, the Korean Employees Union prevents conflict from happening between members and supervisors, minimizes disputes, and resolves issues.

Find ways to improve work conditions and the overall environment for union members

Another goal is to effectively accomplish the mission and coordinate work through strengthened ties between members.

Lastly, we help strengthen ROK-US Alliance by providing FED's high quality work, and make efforts for a sustainable and stable work environment.

To accomplish the stated mission, FED Korean Employees Union attend USFK Korean Employees Union representatives meetings and deliver member's opinion on employment conditions, wages, labor relationships, health and welfare, disciplinary processes, grievances and appeals procedures, reduction in force and time, and other issues. Not only are we the spokespersons for members' complaints, disagreements aroused between supervisors, but also we serve as mediators to resolve problems.

Also when a new commander takes command, FED Korean Employees Union introduces the union and works together for good labor relations. For example, to build teamwork among union members and a better relationship between U.S. employees, once every year we hold events like themed tours, leisure sports, and hiking.

Because most of the Korean workforce at FED are members of the FED Korean Employee Union, issues dealing with Korean employees including family events are taken care of by the union. The FED Korean Employee Union will work continuously to improve so that each and every member will be proud of being a part of us.

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한국인 조합원의 기본 권리를 수호하고, 복리증진을 목적으로하고 있으며,

관리자와 협조를 통해, 조합원과의 마찰 예방 및 분쟁을 최소화하고, 문제해결에 적극 대응하며,

조합원의 근로조건 및 근무환경 개선 방안을 모색하고,

조합원 간의 결속력을 다져 업무협조를 통한 효율적 업무수행을 목표로 하고 있으며,

마지막으로 극동공병단의 질 높은 임무 완수를 통해 한미 동맹에 기여하며, 지속적이고 안정적인 직장 환경을 만들고자 노력하고 있습니다

위에 언급한 분회 목적을 위하여 FED 노조는 주한미군 노동조합 대의원 회의에 참가하여, 근로, 임금, 노사관계, 직원후생, 징계절차, 불만진정 및 소청, 감원절차, 및 작업시간 등, 기타사안들을 논의하는데 적극적으로 노조원들의 의견을 전달하고, 노조원들이 근무하는데 있어 불만사항이나 상사와 불화가 발생하였을시 노조원 입장을 대변해주는 역할뿐만아니라, 문제가 원만이 해결될수있도록 중재 역할도합니다.

또한 새로운 사령관이 취임하였을시, FED 노조를 소개하고, 좋은관계의 노사가 될 수 있도록 노력합니다. 일례로, 일년에 한번씩 노조원들의 단합과 미국 직원들과의 우정을 돈독히하기 위한 행사로써 향기가 있는 테마여행, 레저 스포츠 여행, 혹은 등산등을 합니다

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Building **Safety Strong** **ARMY SAFE IS ARMY STRONG**



Summer Swelter....Beat The Heat



Hydrate

- Drink plenty of fluid - don't wait until you're thirsty to drink
- If you must exercise, drink two to four glasses of cool, nonalcoholic fluids each hour
- Avoid liquids with alcohol or sugar – they cause you to lose more body fluid
- Stay away from very cold drinks – they can cause stomach cramps
- Eat light foods such as fruits and vegetables



Dress Right

- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and a hat
- Use SPF-15 sun screen and UV protective sunglasses

Sunburn Pain

- Take over-the-counter pain relievers
- Keep the area moisturized with aloe or other lotions

Watch Out For **Heat** Injury Symptoms

Heat Cramps

- Painful spasms in arms, legs, or stomach area
- Rest in the shade and drink lightly salted water



Heat Exhaustion

- Dizziness, nausea, headache, heavy sweating, rapid pulse, and shallow breathing
- Get into the shade - cool off by fanning or pouring cool water over body
- Rest and drink a lightly salted beverage
- Call for medical help immediately

Heat Stroke

- Red, hot, dry skin
- No sweating
- Rapid pulse
- Headache, dizziness, nausea
- Call for medical help immediately
- Life threatening emergency



Jun Kang

Information Management



My Plan

I help the Corps Build Strong in Korea by...

- Fulfilling my duty as a Helpdesk team leader and Webmaster in the Information Support Branch
- Providing the District with technical support for hardware and software applications
- Developing and improving leadership skills and providing guidance for the FED Helpdesk team

My Face



I am a key person in the Corps by...

- Loving my wife Jeeyoung, Princess Gianna, and Prince Ian
- Enjoy travelling, snowboarding, golf, and exploring all of Korean culture with my family
- Building my personal network and keeping in touch with my friends and relatives

Sungmin “Sonny” Kim

Construction Division



My Plan

I help the Corps Build Strong in Korea by...

- Support field office personnel to complete environmental and construction support projects on time and on schedule
- Support the people who get the job done
- Foster relationships and teamwork between the Corps and the contractor
- Improve technical skills for more responsibilities by working towards professional certificates and on-the-job training

My Face



I am a key person in the Corps by...

- Whitewater kayaking all over Korea
- Always out looking for good places to eat
- Attempting to go to Sunday church service once in a while

Lourdes Pastrana

Resource Management



My Plan

I help the Corps Build Strong in Korea by...

- Helping to improve the Finance and Accounting Branch's business processes
- Providing valuable customer service
- Deploying to the Gulf Region and Afghanistan Engineer Districts to support contingency missions
- Sharing my experience and knowledge with others



My Face

I am a key person in the Corps by...

- Inviting family and friends to visit Korea and tour around with them
- Spending quality time with my family whenever I can
- Sharing my blessings with my family and relatives

Connor Dunwoody

Summer Hire

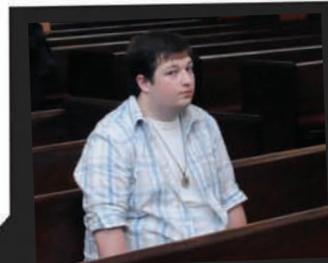


My Plan

I help the Corps Build Strong in Korea by...

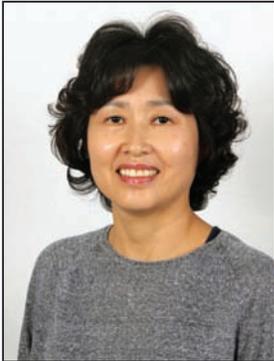
- Keeping morale up in the office where I work
- Keeping things organized for my co-workers
- Helping out wherever I am needed

My Face



I am a key person in the Corps by...

- Fostering better friendship between Koreans and Americans
- Getting involved in activities that help share culture
- Having Fun!



*Nam, Son-hui
Construction Division*



*Kashiwamura, Jay
Construction Division*



*Shin, Eden
Contracting Division*



*Lee, Maria
Executive Office*



*Woo, Jung-min
Information Management Office*



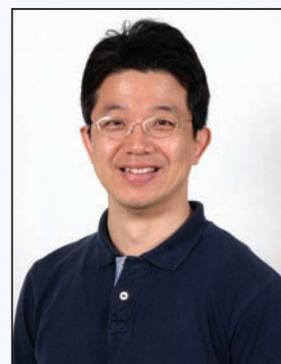
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Logistics Management Office*



*Chudy, Jason
Public Affairs Office*



*Davis, Darrell
Resource Management Office*



*Yi, Sung-kwon
Resource Management Office*



*O'Grady, Kristin
Office of Counsel*



*Lau, Leo
Resource Management Office*

Welcome AMIE Interns



(From left to right) The Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering interns, Jeremy Langford, Kyle Majors, Brittany Nixon, and Angela Strong, stand with Col. Donald E. Degidio, Jr., commander of the Far East District.

From the Commander

Thank you for doing GREAT things:



Steve Cho (right), Program and Project Management Division, receives recognition from the Korea Ministry of Defense-Defense Installation Agency June 28. The award was presented by Captain Ryu Gyu-seok, MND-DIA Chief of U.S. Forces Korea Construction Management Team. (Photo by Kim Chong-yun)

Staff Sgt. David Kotas (center), Construction Representative, receives an award from Col. Donald E. Degidio, Jr., FED Commander, for his service to the Far East District. Kotas has completed his tour in Korea and has returned to the U.S.. (FED File Photo)





사령관 코너

Col. Donald E. Degidio, Jr.

최고의 극동 공병단 팀과 모든 팀들에게,

이번 달에 우리는 공병단 창단 55주년을 기념하였으며 이번 호는 수년간 이룬 극동공병단의 업적을 보여주고 있습니다. 또한 이달에는 특별한 기념일이 많았습니다. 6월 16일은 미육군공병단의 237주년이었고 6월14일은 미육군의 237주년이었습니다.

이번 호는 공병단의 역사를 중점으로 다루었지만, 이것은 우리 공병단 팀의 현재, 미래, 그리고 개인 또는 전문가로서 이를 업적 또한 보여주고 있습니다. 이번 호에서 다룬 대구에서의 2개의 착공식에 관한 기사는 우리가 현재 시행하는 프로젝트를 보여주고 있으며 직원 자녀 6명의 졸업을 다룬 기사는 우리의 차세대 리더들을 보여주고 있습니다.

6월 29일 용산에서 공병단 기념일 행사를 가졌습니다. 모두가 즐거운 시간을 보낼 수 있도록 있도록 애쓰신 여러분께 다시 한번 감사합니다. 매일 수행하는 업무를 뒤로하고 팀으로서 함께 여가를 보낸 것이 좋았습니다.

장마철이 다가왔습니다. 비의 영향력을 자각하는 것은 중요합니다. 작년 7월 서울에는 폭우로 인해 산사태가 일어났고 폭우로 인한 홍수는 자동차와 건물에 피해를 많이 주었습니다. 적절한 대비책을 세우는 것을 잊지 마시기 바랍니다.

다가오는 7월 제 53 미 육군 공병감, 미육군공병단 사령관으로 취임하신 토마스 보스틱 중장님께서 한국을 방문할 예정이오니 환영해 주시기 바랍니다.

매일 애쓰시는 여러분께 감사합니다!

우리의 최고의 동맹에게 - 같이 갑시다!

우리의 최고의 공병단에게 - 에세이온!

한반도에 강한 건설을 수행하는 하나의 팀!



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