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Employee Spotlight: FED deputy commander Lt. Col. Timika Wilson

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Lt. Col. Timika Wilson, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District, has had Army in her blood her whole life. Born on an American military installation in Germany, her father and aunt spent more than 20 years serving their country, with both retiring from the Army and her sister served in the Air Force and continues to serve in the civil service

as a contracting flight chief.

"I would love to follow in their footsteps," said Wilson. "They were a very big influence on my choices to stay in the military once I got in. All I've known my entire life is the military."

A graduate of Clemson University, she attended with the help of an Army ROTC scholarship completing her undergraduate degree in ceramic engineering before being commissioned in

1997. She later completed her masters in science in engineering management from University of Missouri-Rolla.

Her career has touched on many different aspects of the Army. She has held positions as a platoon leader in an engineer battalion, recruiting company commander and deployed to southwest Asia as a division engineer planner.

"The best advice I got in the military was to do different jobs," said Wilson. "Don't be afraid to do the job that someone else doesn't want to do."

She said that advice prepared her mindset and provided her with an array of experiences and challenges that made her a better officer. One of those challenges was serving as a company commander in a recruiting battalion.

"I heard General Officers say it was one of the toughest jobs they had in the military and I couldn't agree more," said Wilson. "Not a lot of officers get to do recruiting and have that experience. It's a tough job, but seeing a person raise their right hand and sign on the dotted line and take that next step into maturity was very fulfilling."

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Lt. Col. Timika M. Wilson came on board in July, 2015 as the new deputy commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District. (Photo by Lt. Col. Tamika Wilson)



FED mechanics loaded obsolete vehicles onto 25th Transportation Battalion's contracted flatbeds for transport to Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO). The work had to be completed early in the morning because of restrictions on large vehicles on Seoul roads. Once the old vehicles are properly disposed of, new vehicles will soon arrive to replace them. (FED file photos)



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Ribbon-cutting ceremony opens railhead at Camp Humphreys

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On Feb. 17, the railhead at Camp Humphreys was officially opened in a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and a tracked engineer recovery vehicle was the first vehicle to roll off the train and onto the railhead.

The ceremony's first speaker was Col. Joseph C. Holland, garrison commander of U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys.

"We are at the forefront of incredible change, represented in a few minutes when we'll offload one of the heaviest pieces of equipment in the U.S. Army inventory," Holland said. "Before today, we were reliant on

the airspace and the road networks to be able to move in and out of Camp Humphreys. Now, this is a facility well worthy of the USFK relocation that's going on here at Camp Humphreys in Pyeongtaek. This facility is a focal point for that effort in a peace zone, to enable the transition of the Second Infantry Division to Pyeongtaek and Camp Humphreys," Holland said. "This railhead is essential for us being able to fight tonight."

Holland then introduced the next speaker, Maj. Gen Theodore D. Martin, commanding general of the Second Infantry Division.

"I tell you, it is a great day to be

a Soldier," said Martin, "standing at what will soon be the linchpin of our power projection capabilities for the ROK-U.S. alliance."

Martin said, "It is fitting today that this engineer recovery vehicle is the first of more than 390 tracked vehicles and 950 wheeled vehicles from our division, which will eventually call Camp Humphreys home. It's fitting that the engineers lead the assault. Even in the earliest days of the Revolution, it's been the engineers that led the breach and established a foothold so that the rest of our army could assemble together in one place, and that's exactly

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On Feb. 17, the railhead at Camp Humphreys was officially opened in ribbon-cutting ceremony. Key members of the FED team were present. From left to right: Myles Esmele, Richard Butler, Shane Kobiaika, Maj. Flowers, David Talbot, Greg Reiff and Col. Bales. (Photo by Eric M. Hamilton)

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what you're seeing here. I couldn't be prouder of the entire team, and I'd like to salute the government of the Republic of Korea, the U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, all of the engineers and the proud workers that made this day a reality."

"So, without any further ado, I think we need to cut that

ribbon and get that armored vehicle on the ground here so we can get about the business of bringing the entire division to Camp Humphreys," Martin said. "We are on the way; there is nothing that stop us. Second to none! Katchi kapshida."



On Feb. 17, the railhead at Camp Humphreys was officially opened in ribbon-cutting ceremony. (Photo by Eric M. Hamilton)

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As an engineer officer in the Army, she had always wanted to join the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. That dream came close to becoming a reality when she worked closely with the Corps as a customer with Transatlantic Division and Middle East District, completing charrettes in the continental United States and in Afghanistan as the Army Central Action Officer for Operation Enduring Freedom, military construction programming. The opportunity to work for USACE presented itself in 2013 when she served as the Commander of the 71st Engineer Detachment Forward Engineer Support Team-Advance (FEST-A) North Atlantic Division, and Baltimore District, USACE completing a six-month deployment to Jordan,

before coming to the Far East District.

"When I came here I wanted to influence and impact the district to be better," said Wilson. "Wherever you go you want to leave something better than you found it. The district was already at 95 percent. I want to take it to 98 percent"

She identified communication as sometimes being a challenge in an organization that is spread out as much as the Far East District and with a workforce that is multi-cultural, but said a career broadening assignment like this can only enhance your resume and career.

"Working here can provide you with an opportunity you may not get somewhere else," said Wilson. "You are overseas, so you're operating slightly

differently and there are different challenges than other districts. These challenges will distinguish you and make you a better engineer, resource manager and public affairs director."

Wilson said the deputy commander position has been the culmination of a career that has come full circle.

"I can tell you what it means to bring someone in the Army and train them up, what it takes to be in the military and eventually what it will take to transition to civilian service," said Wilson.

Wilson will continue her career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers this summer when she will become deputy commander at the Jacksonville district.

New Era of US, ROK Navy Alliance Begins in Busan

By Commander, Naval Forces Korea Public Affairs

BUSAN, Republic of Korea (Feb. 19, 2016) - Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea conducted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Feb. 19, officially opening its headquarters in Busan and ushering in a new era of U.S. and Republic of Korea Navy (ROKN) alliance.

The ceremony, attended by dignitaries and senior U.S. and ROK military leaders, marked the completion of CNFK's relocation to Busan making it the only U.S. military headquarters in Korea located on a ROK base.

"Five years in the planning, but 59 years in the making, Commander Naval Forces Korea is home in Busan," Rear Adm. Bill Byrne, the commander of

CNFK, said. "We are where we belong, shoulder-to-shoulder with the Republic of Korea Navy."

The relocation from Seoul to Busan enhances the alliance between the ROK and U.S. navies by enabling closer collaboration and communication and reinforces the strong relationship between the partner navies.

"Together we will continue to serve this nation, strengthen our friendship, and nurture this alliance. This partnership, like this building, will stand the test of time," Byrne said.

ROKN Vice Adm. Lee Ki-sik, the commander of the ROK Fleet in Busan highlighted the importance of the partnership and the role this move

will play in future operations.

"There is no doubt in my mind that by working together, face-to-face, in the same location in such critical times, we will further solidify the ROK and U.S. alliance, and our combined naval operations capability," said Lee. "[This move] will play a crucial role in the ROK-U.S. alliance's maintenance of peace on the Korean peninsula."

Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, the commander of U.S. Forces Korea, took the opportunity to emphasize the tight bond between the U.S. and ROK combined forces.

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Rear. Adm. Bill Byrne, commander U.S. Naval Forces Korea, Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, commander, U.S. Forces Korea, VAdm. Ki-sik Lee, commander Republic of Korea Fleet, Maj. Gen. James Walton, director of transformation and re-stationing for U.S. Forces Korea, Hon. Mark Lippert, U.S. ambassador to the ROK, Jung Gyung-jin, mayor of Busan for administrative affairs and Lee Jong-cheol, Nam-gu district mayor cut the ribbon of CNFK's new head quarters building during a ribbon-cutting ceremony. This ceremony marks the opening of CNFK's new headquarters building in Busan since their relocation from Seoul as part of the greater Yongsan Relocation Plan. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 3rd Class Jermaine M. Ralliford/Released)

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“Today’s ribbon cutting truly represents a new chapter in our alliance,” Scaparrotti said.

“Five years of planning has become reality as our two Naval Commands join in one location, an act that symbolizes the traits that make our combined force great; open communication, mutual values, and constant collaboration that were founded right here so many years ago.”

U.S. Ambassador, the Honorable Mark Lippert, closed the ceremony by

stressing that CNFK personnel were now part of the Busan community and echoed the overall sentiment that Busan is the new home for the U.S. Navy in Korea.

“This [Busan] is our new home,” said Lippert. “We live here among our friends and neighbors. Our families live here intimately tied in with our local Busan community. Our children go to school here growing up together and shaping our futures together. We are here at our new home fully committed

to this alliance.”

CNFK is the regional commander for the U.S. Navy in the Republic of Korea and provides expertise on naval matters to area military commanders, including the Commander of the United Nations Command, the Combined Forces Command, and Commander, U.S. Forces Korea.

For more news about Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea, visit www.navy.mil/local/cnfk.



Several Far East District employees at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys were recognized for excellent work on Feb. 1, with coins presented by the Deputy Chief of Engineers, Maj. Gen. Stevens. Kudos to them for jobs well done! (FED file photos)





Dr. Michael Neaverth (left), Far East District Air Force, Business Process & Reports branch chief, explains the role of the Programs and Project Management Division to 2nd Infantry Division Engineers during their tour of the compound Jan. 29. The tour was part of a leadership development program initiated by the Far East District. (Photo by Stephen Satkowski)



Five district engineers receive the Certified Cost Consultant certificates: (from left to right) Kim Chong-o, Pak U-hyon, Yi Chin-u, Yi Min-ho, and Yim Chang-su.

Certified Cost Consultant certificates are awarded to recognize Tri-Service employees who have demonstrated prescribed standards of performance and conduct and have maintained a high level of competence and ethical practices. (Photos by Yo, kyong-il)



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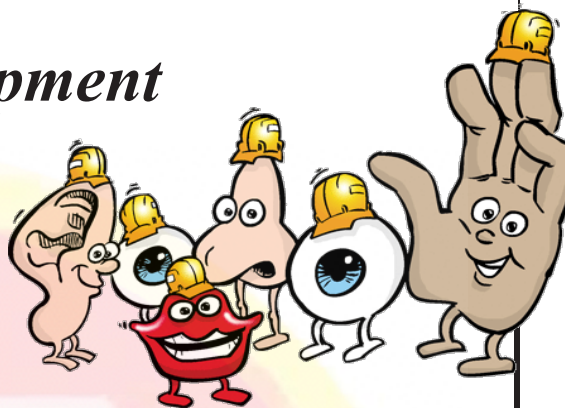


Personal Protective Equipment

- Designed for Your Safety

Workplaces today generally are safer than ever, thanks largely to the widespread use of personal protective equipment (PPE) designed to help protect workers from many workplace hazards.

Know the different types of safety equipment and how to use it:



- ♦ **Eye Protection:** There is no such thing as a second chance when it comes to accidents involving your eyes. That's why it is important to wear the right eye protection for the job. Examine your eye protection equipment regularly and before each shift to ensure it is clean and free from scratches that could hamper your view.
- ♦ **Foot Protection:** Proper safety footwear can help you avoid twists and strains, prevent slips and protect your feet from falling objects and boot sole punctures. Inspect your footwear regularly to ensure it continues to provide the traction and protection your feet need. If the steel toe insert is exposed, the threads are worn or any part of the boot is cracked, worn or has holes, get a new pair.
- ♦ **Hand Protection:** Inspect your gloves before each shift and replace them if they are torn, cracked, worn or damaged. Make sure your gloves are the right size and type for the job. Gloves that are too small will wear out quickly and make your hands tire quickly, while over-size gloves may hinder dexterity or become caught in equipment. Workers who deal with any hazardous substance should consult the applicable material safety data sheet (MSDS) or speak with their supervisor to determine which gloves are best for the job.
- ♦ **Face Protection:** Full face shields protect the eyes and face and are recommended for workers who may come in contact with splashing liquids or flying objects. Inspect your face protection gear regularly for dirt and scratches and clean or replace it accordingly.
- ♦ **Head Protection:** Hardhats are standard issue in many workplaces. To work properly they must be fitted securely on the top of the head with the brim facing forward and the bands adjusted to ensure the suspension system distributes the load evenly over the entire head. Hats must be inspected regularly and should be replaced when the suspension system is worn or the shell is punctured, split, or cracked.
- ♦ **Hearing Protection:** Exposure to excessive noise may create permanent hearing loss. To protect yourself, wear earplugs that are comfortable and fit well.

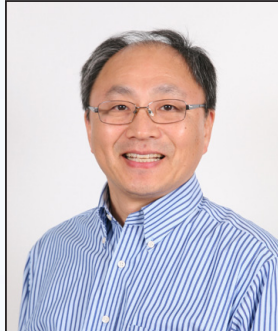
Always consult the manufacturer's instructions before cleaning your personal protective equipment. Clean your equipment on a regular basis to protect against skin ailments and mold and mildew growth. If your PPE is broken, cracked, or compromised in any way, replace it with equipment that is in good repair. Keeping your PPE in good shape will not only improve its life and possibly save you money; it will also ensure you are getting all the protection your equipment was designed for.

Personal protective equipment is your armor against workplace "war wounds." Wear it with confidence.





Andrew N. Nimitz
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Came from Federal Aviation
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Construction
Came from Columbus, Ohio



Chang Sun-chae
Information Management
Came from Camp Red Cloud,
Ujongbu



Charlie Wright
Executive Office
Came From Ramstein Air Base,
Germany



Chong Yun-yong
Construction
Came from Recreation Center,
Suwon Air Base



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Construction
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