

EAST GATE EDITION

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District



FED project OS031 complete

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District commemorated the completion of project CY13 ROKFC-in-Kind Bulk Fuel Storage Tanks and Pumps (OS031), with an Acceptance Release Letter (ARL) ceremony in Pyeongtaek, Republic of Korea, Dec. 7.

The Defense Logistics Agency facility will serve to support the U.S. Forces Korea and Eighth Army’s warfighting missions. [READ MORE](#)

American Concrete Institute training provides immediate payoff for FED

Two weeks after concrete field testing training and certification, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District Kunsan Resident Office began to employ the knowledge gained from the American Concrete Institute, which hosted the course at District headquarters in October. Blocks of the ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician - Grade I instruction covered various concrete tests through hands-on practice, demonstration, and performance certification testing. The certification lasts five years and best serves those who are required to check or inspect the concrete quality on construction sites. [READ MORE](#)



The new Marine Air Ground Task Force Operations Center opens on Camp Mujuk



U.S. and Republic of Korea Marines and distinguished visitors attend a ribbon cutting ceremony on Camp Mujuk, South Korea, Nov. 30, 2021. The ceremony celebrated the official opening of the new Marine Air Ground Task Force Operations Center.

Chinhae Indoor Training Pool project in progress



Rear Admiral Mark Schafer, commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea, visited the Chinhae Indoor Training Pool project site to view FED's progress. Pak Sam-kun, quality assurance representative and Jun Hong, project engineer, work to complete the 4-lane pool facility. Trainees will be able to dive a maximum of 6 meters or 19 feet.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO RICH BYRD !

Rich Byrd, our deputy district engineer and chief of Programs and Project Management Division has been selected into the Senior Executive Service (SES) and will serve as the new USACE Regional Business Director for Southwest Division!

Mr. Byrd's leadership has been instrumental to the success of the District since his arrival in 2015. Together, the District has delivered billions of dollars in construction to enhance warfighter readiness and improve the quality of life for our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen within the Republic of Korea. Warmest congratulations on your achievement!

CONGRATULATIONS

CHAD MCLEOD

DEPUTY DISTRICT ENGINEER

SELECTED FOR
**2022 DEFENSE SENIOR LEADER
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**



A big congrats to Chad McLeod on being selected for the 2022 Defense Senior Leader Development Program (DSLDP). DSLDP is a highly selective, competitive program for GS 14-15 professionals within the Department of Defense. It is designed to develop senior leader civilians to excel in the 21st century joint, interagency, and multi-national environment. Chad is one of only 10 civilian leaders to get selected for the program. Chad will be leaving FED this summer to attend one of the DoD Senior Service Colleges for one year, followed by a 4 to 6-month experiential assignment and capstone event before graduation.



SPECIAL ISSUANCE PASSPORT INFORMATION

An exception to policy allows official travelers to show proof they applied for the SIP in order to travel without the physical passport, but this will end **March 31, 2022**.

All authorized military family members, DOD Civilians and their family members, arriving on official travel must have a Special Issuance Passport (the No Fee Regular Passport).

The processing time is generally six to eight weeks, so begin the process as soon as orders for command sponsorship are approved.

Contact your local personnel office for the proper forms and information. Do not depart your losing installation without receiving the No-Fee passport.

For more information about Special Issuance Passports, the application process and to apply for one, visit the below link:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/special-issuance-agency-home/en/spec-issuace-agency.html>

Note: This webpage only works on government computers or devices.

FED Safety Gram – December 2021



Holiday Safety

The holidays are a time to reconnect with family and friends, but they also can present seasonal safety hazards. A little bit of holiday décor can go a long way in adding cheer to your home.

Fire Safety Considerations for Holiday Decorations - Capability Objective 4

- ◆ Ensure your Smoke Detectors are working properly.
- ◆ Verify Fire Extinguishers are fully charged and are easily assessable.
- ◆ Be mindful of potential hazards when selecting decorations.
- ◆ Do not use any decorations that require an open flame.

Holiday Lights - Capability Objective 5

- ◆ Never put nails or staples through strings of lights or cords.
- ◆ Do not connect several strings of lights, or daisy-chain power cords, it may overload the circuits.
- ◆ If you use lights in the outdoors, ensure the lights are rated for exterior use.
- ◆ Do not put lights on Metallic Christmas Tree lights.
- ◆ Make sure lights are turned off before leaving or going to bed.
- ◆ Replace lights that have frayed cords or broken sockets.
- ◆ Just because you have a surge protector with eight plug-ins, it doesn't mean you can use them.
- ◆ Never place cords underneath rugs or doors.

Workplace Holiday Safety - Capability Objective 5

- ◆ Ensure cords used for Christmas Lights don't become a tripping hazard.
- ◆ Don't place Christmas tree or decorations in a heavy traffic area.
- ◆ Make sure decorations don't hamper evacuation routes.
- ◆ Do not hang decorations on sprinkler heads.
- ◆ Do not block EXIT signs or Fire Safety equipment.

Driving Safety - Capability Objectives 2

- ◆ Ensure you have a cold weather kit with you at all times in your car.
- ◆ Warm car up and bring it to normal operating temperature before leaving.
- ◆ Drive defensively and do not tail-gate.
- ◆ Make sure your gas tank is at least ½ full all the time.
- ◆ Add 5 to 6 seconds on top of your normal following distance.
- ◆ Check and follow the weather forecast throughout the day.

COVID-19 - Capability Objectives 1 & 5

- ◆ Ensure you wear your mask always off-post.
- ◆ Avoid large crowds and parties.
- ◆ Wash hands continuously and don't touch your face.
- ◆ Keep your distance from the people you don't know.



When planning seasonal events and decorations for any business, it's important to keep in mind these holiday work safety tips, as well as the need to protect the health of your employees during this socially busy season and special time of the year.



Wishing all of our FED teammates

Happy and
safe Holidays!

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