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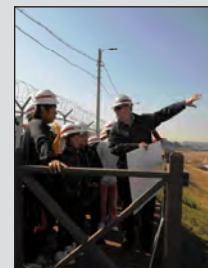
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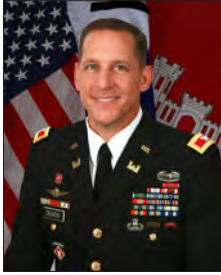
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Students from Paengsung Elementary School listen to Greg Reiff, Area Engineer of FED Humphreys Area Office, as he points to various projects ongoing at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Oct. 19. (Photo by Patrick Bray)



Col. Donald E. Degidio, Jr.

Commander's Corner

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

For the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and many other government organizations, October is a month of new beginnings. It is the first month of the new fiscal year and with a new year comes new budgets and new projects and programs. And as we closed out the 2011 fiscal year, thanks so much for all who were so instrumental in our year-end closeout process – one of our best ever! Your efforts have provided our Customers and the Republic of Korea great opportunities for the 2012 fiscal year.

October is a wonderful month for many reasons, one of which is the kickoff of the Combined Federal Campaign. The mission of the CFC is to promote and support generosity through a program that is employee focused in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. The CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with more than 200 CFC campaign charities recognized throughout the international community to help raise money for a great cause.

Also during the month of October we are excited to continue to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month which is from September 15 to October 15. The theme, "Many Backgrounds, Many Stories...One American Spirit," is a powerful one. This theme so embodies the diversity within our Nation, and by extension, our District. October is also dedicated to people with disabilities as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This year's theme is Profit by Investing in Workers with Disabilities. We must continue to recognize, honor and invest in those with disabilities.

As we continue to "Build Culturally Strong" in our District Family and Community, we are forever reminded of the great diversity of People who enrich our work place and our lives and continue to allow us to grow stronger each and every day. Borrowing shamelessly from this month's theme, "Many Backgrounds, Many Stories...One Spirit of Alliance," describes the attitude we strive to embody. This message of diversity and unity speaks to the very soul of our mission here in Korea. Thank you all for being who you are – you make the world a better place every day.

To our great Alliance – Katchi Kapsida!

To our great Corps – Essayons!

One Team Building Strong® in Korea!



Far East District completed another successful Fiscal Year

By La Poncer Randall-Allen
FED Contracting Division

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District completed another successful fiscal year; there were a total of 1,137 awards, valued at approximately \$248.5 million. There are three major contract types that the Corps executes in the Far East District, Construction Contracts, Architect-Engineer Contracts, and Service Contracts, of these, approximately 67 percent of all dollars obligated is via our construction contracts.

Although construction is FEDs largest program area, during Fiscal Year 11, FED executed several unique service contracts, such as the Enhanced Commissioning Services contract, the Construction Site Security contract, and the Re-locatable Building contract. Enhanced Commissioning is a preparatory process whereby a building is readied for operation; this includes a quality assurance process to ensure that the building system performs as intended, and in our situation, it is to support Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

Another unique service contract that FED executed was for Construction Security Services; this service is required when we construct any facility that will handle classified information, and will require U.S. security clearance of the guard service; therefore, this is a mandatory service for several of FEDs construction contracts.

The re-locatable building contract for the U.S. Army Garrison was another unique service contract. This project required manufacture of pre-fabricated building modules to be shipped from the U.S. and re-assembled on U.S. Army Garrison, Yongsan. With a compressed performance period, and a U.S. security clearance requirement during assembly, the project was delivered on schedule, and received the required building security certification.

FED experienced an exciting FY11, and is looking forward to an exciting and challenging FY12.



Employees of the Far East District Contracting Division pose for a group picture with employees of FED Office of Counsel. (FED File Photo)



Fall and Winter Safety Tips

By FED Safety Office

“Fall is a time of transition. Days are cooler, skies are turning grey and crops are being harvested. Thanksgiving and Christmas is just around the corner and the American football season is in full swing. Summer activities are fading and the chill of winter is on the horizon.

Fall and winter seasons are full of opportunities for celebrating. Football games, extended holiday vacations (a good way to burn up that “use or lose” leave time), and all those end of year and holiday parties. Don’t forget to factor in such things as decreased daylight and the possibility that adverse weather conditions like ice and snow may be on the horizon.

Each day there is less and less daylight. At the peak of summer on June 21 Seoul has about 14 hours of daylight. By Dec. 21 daylight is reduced to about nine hours. November temperature highs are from 44-59 degrees Fahrenheit (6.5-15 degrees Centigrade) and lows from 32-44 degrees Fahrenheit (0-6.5 degrees Centigrade). By the end of December highs are about 38 degrees Fahrenheit (3.5 degrees Centigrade) and lows about 27 degrees Fahrenheit (-3 degrees Centigrade).

Fall is a good time of year to take a few moments to think about upcoming plans and how one can make safer choices and adjust to changing seasonal conditions.

Here are some things to consider:

- Accident reports show that drinking and driving is a lethal combination. Don’t do it! Drinking and driving is never the right answer!
- In 2009 the number of pedestrians killed (2,137) in Korea exceeded the number of vehicle occupants killed (1,978). About half of all pedestrian fatalities occur between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight
- Walking versus driving sounds like a good plan, but an intoxicated pedestrian is at tremendous risk. Make a plan. Have a non-drinking friend give you a lift or take a taxi.
- Watch your step! Avoid texting and using the cell phone while crossing the street. Look for slippery conditions that will suddenly be here very soon, such as wet and icy pavement.



Don't forget preventive maintenance! (File Photo)

- Remember to obey crosswalk signals, but don’t think that because you have the light it is safe to cross! Remember that a vehicle’s stopping distance may be extended due to slippery road conditions. The driver may be distracted or drunk or may choose not to comply with traffic laws.
- Perform preventive maintenance on your vehicle and get ready for winter conditions. Check your vehicle’s batteries and terminals now so they’ll work when cold weather hits.
- Check your vehicle’s tire pressure at least once a month and be sure to use a tire pressure gauge. You can’t tell correct tire pressure by just looking at the tire. Underinflated tires wear out the tire tread prematurely and unevenly, wastes gas, and creates deadly driving situations.



Bachelor Enlisted Quarters open at Chinhae

By Patrick Bray
FED Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District along with personnel from the U.S. Naval Forces Korea cut the ribbon on a new Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at Fleet Activities Chinhae Oct. 7.

Rear Adm. William McQuilkin, CNFK, was the senior leader from U.S. Forces Korea at the ceremony.

“This is a real privilege for me. This project represents many good things coming together,” said McQuilkin. “First we are taking care of Sailors.”

The new facility will provide rooms for 32 Sailors built to the latest U.S. Navy standards. The design is two-plus-two, which is each Sailor will share a living area and kitchenette with another Sailor but have individual sleeping quarters.

“Second, we are increasing the number of rooms on this base in order to improve our ability to fight tonight,” said McQuilkin. “This project is a symbol of the generous host nation support the U.S. Navy receives from the Republic of Korea.”

The BEQ was funded by the Korea Ministry of National Defense and provided for the ROK and U.S. combined defense of the peninsula.

Col. Han Bong-wan, Chief of U.S. Forces Korea Construction Management Team, ROK MND, was also present at the ceremony.

“Whenever I visit here, I think that this naval base is very beautiful and has the zest and spirit of the Navy,” said



A new Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at Fleet Activities Chinhae opened Oct. 7. The new facility built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District will provide rooms for 32 Sailors built to the latest U.S. Navy standards. Each sailor will have individual sleeping quarters with a shared kitchenette. (FED File Photo)

Han. “It is an honor to turn over this new BEQ that will give satisfaction and happiness to U.S. Sailors staying in this place for the defense of the Korean Peninsula.”

To officially hand over the facility, Han presented the key to the BEQ to Cmdr. Don Murray, Commander of Fleet Activities Chinhae.

Sam Adkins, Chief of Construction Division, represented FED at the ceremony.

“This shows the unique partnership in place with the Korean government,” said Adkins. “Through host nation funding, U.S. forces are able to get much needed facilities.”

The BEQ was built by Krima Construction Corp. and designed by MM International, LLC. The project engineer was Pak Sam-kun from FED Southern Resident Office.



Sam Adkins, Chief of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District Construction Division, makes remarks at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at Fleet Activities Chinhae Oct. 7. (Photo by Patrick Bray)



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Rear Adm. William McQuilkin (left), Commander U.S. Naval Forces Korea, and Cmdr. Don Murray (right), Commander of Fleet Activities Chinhae, take a tour of the new Bachelor Enlisted Quarters Oct. 7. (Photo by Patrick Bray)



Rear Adm. William McQuilkin (center), Commander U.S. Naval Forces Korea, discusses the new Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at Fleet Activities Chinhae with Sam Adkins (right), Chief of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District Construction Division. Col. Han Bong-wan, Chief of U.S. Forces Korea Construction Management Team, Korea Ministry of National Defense looks on. (Photo by Patrick Bray)

Director of Military Programs tours USAG Humphreys

By Patrick Bray
FED Public Affairs

Robert Slockbower, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Director of Military Programs, visited the largest military construction program in USACE Oct. 11-16. Slockbower visited the Far East District to learn about Korea transformation and see construction at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys.

Greg Reiff, Area Engineer of FED Humphreys Area Office, gave Slockbower an aerial tour of USAG Humphreys and pointed out some of the progress that has been made.

Six barracks on the new land have already been completed and handed over to the garrison.

Now the largest projects on site are the three Army Family Housing Towers. On the ground, Slockbower toured the facility with David Talbot, Resident Engineer of the Army Family Housing Resident Office.

The scope is to construct three multi-story family housing apartment towers to accommodate a total of 210 senior non-commissioned officers through field grade officers and their families. There will be 140 three-bedroom units, 52 four-bedroom units, and 18 five-bedroom units. Two of the

three towers were designed to accommodate 72 dwelling units and one tower to accommodate 66 dwelling units with modern equipment and appliances fully furnished ancillary facilities such as “tot lots,” multi-age playgrounds, and one underground parking garage connecting the three towers to accommodate 285 vehicles.

Three vehicle maintenance facilities are also under construction. Two are being built by Dongyang Construction and the other one by Hanwha Construction. The Hanwha facility will also include a company operations area.

The 384-unit Senior Leaders Quarters Phase 1 is under construction and scheduled for completion in May 2012. Design for Phase 2 will be completed next year. Once both phases are completed, there will be a total of 1,152 living units that will improve quality of life for unaccompanied senior NCO’s and officers.

Also, pile driving has begun on the new high school and elementary school—the first Yongsan Relocation Program vertical construction project.



Pile driving begins on the new high school and elementary school - the first Yongsan Relocation Program vertical construction project. (Photo by Patrick Bray)



Progress is made on vehicle maintenance facilities under construction at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys. (Photo by Patrick Bray)



Robert Slockbower (front row, second from left), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Director of Military Programs, listens to David Talbot (right), Resident Engineer, Army Family Housing Resident Office, as he describes the Army Family Housing project at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Oct. 12. Slockbower visited the Far East District to learn about Korea transformation and see construction at USAG Humphreys. (Photo by Patrick Bray)



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The Army Family Housing project at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys is to construct three multi-story family housing apartment towers to accommodate a total of 210 senior non-commissioned officers through field grade officers and their families. Robert Slockbower, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Director of Military Programs, visited the site Oct. 12. (Photo by Patrick Bray)

Hyundai and the ancient Silla Kingdom

By Patrick Bray
FED Public Affairs

Hyundai sponsored two tours this year designed to introduce U.S. Forces Korea service members and their families to Korean history, customs, culture, and traditions in the southeastern portion of the peninsula.

This particular tour included visits to historic sites of the ancient Silla Kingdom, to include Bulguksa Temple, Seokguram Grotto (cave containing an ancient Buddha), the Cheonmachong Tombs, and Daewangam Park.

The Silla Dynasty was a 1,000 year kingdom and one of the longest in Asian history. It was this kingdom that was eventually able to unify the Korean Peninsula under its own rule in 668.

Silla became a regional leader in its time when its ships sailed far beyond its borders. Silla maintained relations, not only with the other kingdoms of Korea, but also with China, the nomadic groups of North Asia, Japan, and even the far-away countries of West Asia.

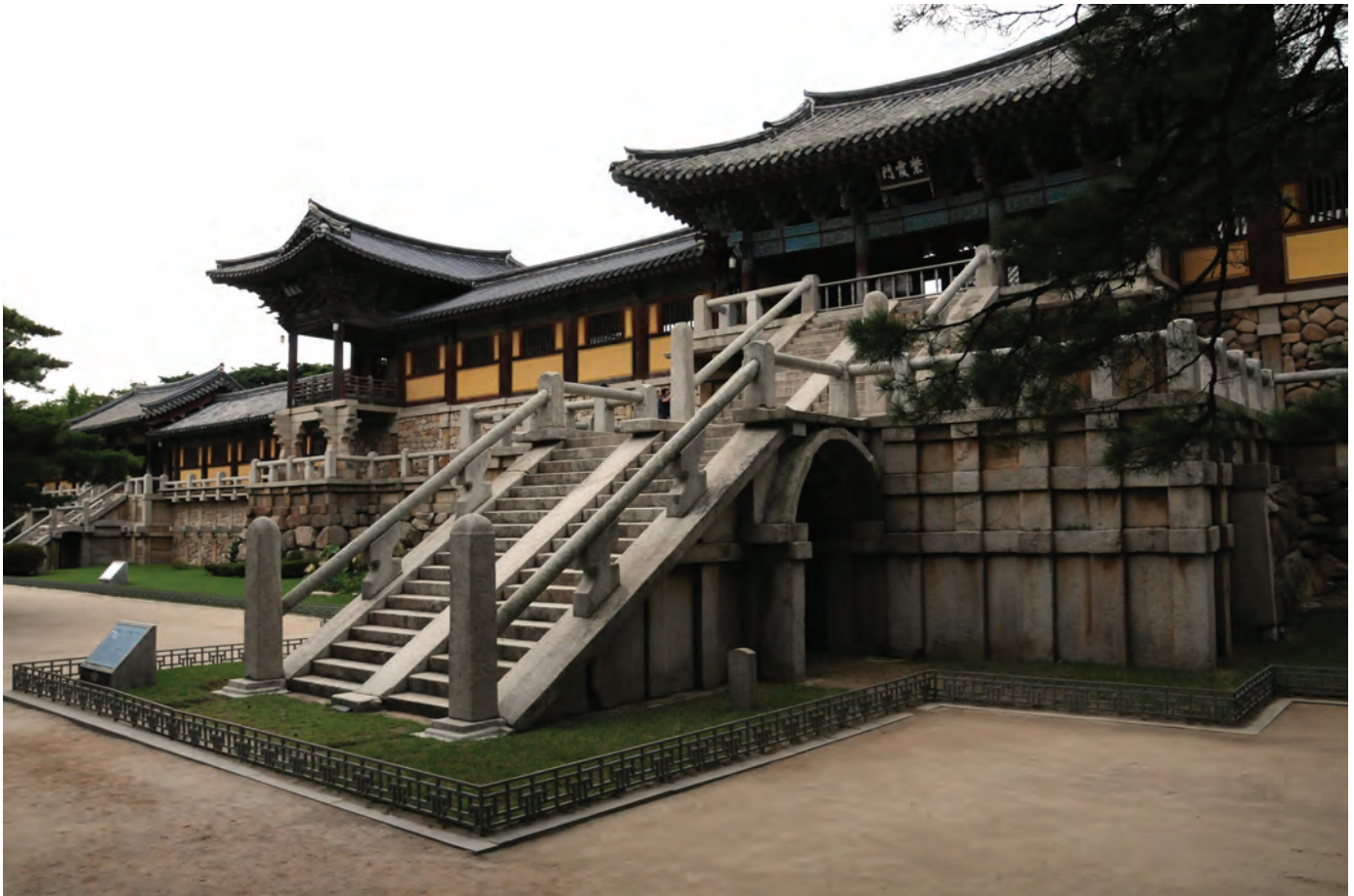
Many of the sites of the Silla kingdom such as the Seokguram Grotto and Bulguksa Temple are designated as world cultural heritage sites by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

King Munmu, the 30th King of the Silla Dynasty, was able to achieve unification of the kingdoms of the Korean peninsula.

During his life, Munmu used to express his desire to become a dragon after his death that would protect this new unified kingdom from its enemies. So, in accordance with his wishes, when the king died he was buried under a great rock in the East Sea. It is said that he was reincarnated into the guardian dragon of Korea.

From then on, people called the rock under which he was buried Daewangam, which means “the Rock of the Great King.” It is located in Yangbuk-myun, Gyeongju in southeastern Korea.





Bulguksa Temple in the southeastern portion of the Korean peninsula is designated as a world cultural heritage site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Hyundai sponsored two tours this year to this site and others designed to introduce U.S. Forces Korea service members and their families to Korean history, customs, culture, and traditions. (Photo by Patrick Bray)

Later, it was said that the spirit of the Queen also became a guardian dragon of the kingdom after she died. The queen dragon flew to Ulsan and submerged herself under a rock there to protect the East Sea. People also began to call this rock Daewangam.

Today, Daewangam Park in Ulsan is home to a lighthouse which helps ships cruise safely through the rough sea. Waves often crash upon the rocks which can give the appearance that there is a dragon in the water. It is told that seaweed does not grow around this rock because of the dragon.

Tourists in this area are often splashed with water as they cross the foot bridge that leads to the rocks, but luckily for the tourists from USFK the sea was calm that day.

However, not far from the rocks, a modern dragon of a different kind has made its home. Ulsan is home to Hyundai Heavy Industries, one of the world's leading ship manufac-

turers. HHI built the world's largest shipyards in Ulsan in 1972. By the 1980's it was number one in ship orders and construction. Today, it can deliver 100 ships per year from its ten dry docks.

Also located in Ulsan is Hyundai Motor Group's main assembly plant. Together with HHI, Ulsan was once nicknamed "Hyundai City."

Hyundai Motors has 6000 dealerships, 24 overseas production bases, and located in 180 countries worldwide.

With its ships and automobiles, Korea has spread its image around the world just like in the ancient days when the Silla kingdom was an influential regional player.

(Left) Daewangam Park in Ulsan is said to be the home of the spirit of the Queen of the Silla Dynasty who became a guardian dragon of the kingdom after she died. The queen dragon flew to Ulsan and submerged herself under this rock to protect the East Sea. Hyundai sponsored two tours this year to this site and others designed to introduce U.S. Forces Korea service members and their families to Korean history, customs, culture, and traditions. (Photo by Patrick Bray)

Reaching out in South Africa

By Hailey Baisch

(Editor's Note: Hailey Baisch, daughter of Lt. Col. Gregory Baisch, Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District, recently graduated from Seattle Pacific University with a bachelor's degree in physiology. Currently she is volunteering in South Africa before applying to medical school upon returning to the U.S. Baisch is living with Bob and Joanna Graham who run a children's village for orphans with HIV.)

This morning Joanna and I went to the post office and during our outing Joanna received a phone call that a social worker was waiting for us at the house. He was unable to hang around for us to make it back and so asked us to come by his office at 3 p.m. The only news that we were told was that he believed he had a baby that he could place at our children's village and wanted to see if we would be willing. We didn't know if it was going to be a boy or girl, the situation, or the age.

Joanna and I arrived at the social worker's office at 3 p.m. to be told he wouldn't be back until 3:30 to meet with us. So we waited and wondered. Around 3:45 he came out with a little bundle in his arms and handed the baby to Joanna as we walked back to his office. The baby was a week and a half-old little girl, born on Sept. 22, who was abandoned at a local hospital. The mother had asked a hospital worker to watch her baby so she could go to the bathroom and never came back to pick up her little girl. This is not an uncommon situation here with many young girls and women unable to take care of their babies. The baby had no name and no family members had come back to claim her. Joanna asked about the age of the mother, but that was unknown as well. Thankfully, the baby as of now is HIV negative and she looks healthy. Our third gogo (Zulu word for grandmother), Minah, will be taking her and was even given the opportunity to name her. She chose Zinhle, which is Zulu for Precious.

The crazy part about the whole day was that the social worker released Zinhle to come home with us today. We had to run to the store in order to get her bottle, formula, etc. Thankfully a donor has been providing diapers and clothes for babies already and so we should be covered on that front for awhile. There is nothing like bringing a baby home unexpectedly but boy are we excited. She is the first newborn the village has received. As in my earlier post, I mentioned that the gogos have gone home with their kids for holiday. This meant that tonight Joanna and I will be on baby duty until Minah arrives tomorrow to go to court to formally become



Hailey Baisch, daughter of Lt. Col. Gregory Baisch, Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District, holds Zinhle, a baby abandoned at a hospital in South Africa. Baisch is volunteering in South Africa before applying to medical school.

(Right) Zinhle, a baby abandoned at a hospital in South Africa, has been cared for by Hailey Baisch, daughter of Lt. Col. Gregory Baisch, Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District. Baisch is volunteering in South Africa before applying to medical school.



Zinhle's foster parent.

Here are a few photos of our new little girl. She has a full head of hair and is so sweet and quiet, at least for now. She already takes a bottle quite well, but hates to have her diaper changed. I am in love already which many of you know how much I adore little babies! I just pray that everything goes well in the courts on Wednesday and that she will be here with us to stay.

Read more at her blog haileynbaisch.blogspot.com.

Sarah H. Woo
Chief, Environmental Section,
Engineering Division



Family Photo from Christmas 2010 in New Jersey

FACE OF THE DISTRICT

Hometown: U.S. - Fort Lee, New Jersey
South Korea - Daegu

Education: Rutgers, Johns Hopkins and Seoul National University (Currently attending)

Interesting Facts: I was born and raised in Daegu, South Korea until age 16 and then moved to the States. I had a minor in Japanese and lived in Japan for two years. I climbed Mt. Fuji! Currently, pursuing my doctorate degree at Seoul National University majoring in Environmental Studies. I am not exactly a tree hugger but I hesitate to replace my cell phone with newly released products like the touch phone after studying the impact of electronic waste...

Love hiking, biking, eating and laughing!

FED employees try archery at ancient castle

By Patrick Bray
FED Public Affairs

Seoul — Hwaseong Fortress in Suwon was built in the 18th Century and the remaining walls still encircle central Suwon today. Although it was severely damaged during the Korean War, it was able to be reconstructed due to accurate and detailed records made by the engineers who constructed the castle. These documents survived the war.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Susan Bostick and Elena Pelias from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District practiced their archery skills as they visited the fortress during a U.S. Forces Korea cultural tour.

Bostick and Pelias both found archery to be a little more difficult than it looks.

"I was able to hit the target," said Bostick. "I think I hit it two times out of ten."



Elena Pelias (fifth from right), from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District, receives help from an instructor as she prepares to try archery at Hwaseong Fortress in Suwon. (U.S. Army Photo)



By Patrick Bray
FED Public Affairs

Veterans Day historically goes back to the end of World War I in 1918 when hostilities ceased on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. President Woodrow Wilson declared Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day a year later to honor those who fought in the “war to end all wars.”

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The U.S. Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926. A later act of Congress made Nov. 11 a legal holiday in 1938 which would be a day dedicated to the cause

of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.”

Armistice Day eventually became Veterans Day in 1954 after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of U.S. troops in history and American forces had fought communist aggression in Korea. Congress expanded the holiday to honor veterans of these and future wars by striking out the word “Armistice” in the Act of 1938 and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.”

President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first “Veterans Day Proclamation” later that year “in order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all

veterans’ organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose.”

Veterans Day has a lot of meaning for close-knit military communities across the U.S. That also includes the large U.S. veteran community in Korea.

Among all of the U.S. veterans residing in Korea, many are now employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District. The District’s tradition of military service covers a time period of 60 years: from the Korean War to today’s Global War on Terrorism.

Editors note: Our sincere thanks for your service also goes out to those who are not listed on page 15.

Veterans Day

Thank you FED Veterans for your service!

**HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
NOVEMBER 11**



Rank	Service Component	First Name	Last Name	Dates of Service	Era
Lt. Col.	U.S. Army	Sam	Adkins	1972 -- 1998	Vietnam
Lt. Col.	U.S. Army	Greg	Baisch	1984 -- present	Operation Iraqi Freedom
Master Sgt.	U.S. Army	William	Baker	1964 -- 1987	Vietnam
Sgt.	U.S. Army	Ricky	Bashor	1979 -- 1982	Gulf War Era
Spc. 4	U.S. Army	Wayne	Birgado	1972 -- 1975	Vietnam
Capt.	U.S. Army	Norman	Boeman	1983 -- 1991	Cold War Era
Staff Sgt.	U.S. Army	Donald	Bowman	1993 -- present	Operation Iraqi Freedom
Lt. Col.	U.S. Army	Tom	Brady	1986 -- present	Overseas Contingency Operations
Sgt.	U.S. Army	William	Bray	2001 -- 2005	Overseas Contingency Operations
Sgt.	U.S. Army	David M	Buchanan	1971 -- 1977	Vietnam
Maj.	U.S. Air Force	Michael	Burke	1978 -- 1995	Cold War Era
Maj.	U.S. Army	John	Burescia	1997 -- present	Operation Iraqi Freedom
Sgt. 1st Class	U.S. Army	Joe	Campbell	1975 to 1996	Cold War Era
Lt. Col.	U.S. Army	Steven	Cho	1982 -- 2000	Gulf War Era
Sgt. 1st Class	U.S. Army	Jason	Choi	1980 -- 2002	Gulf War Era
Spc. 4	U.S. Army	Joe	Clancy	1975 -- 1978	Cold War Era
1st Lt.	U.S. Air Force	Fred T.	Davis	1974 -- 1978	Cold War Era
Col.	U.S. Army	Donald	Degidio	1987 -- present	Overseas Contingency Operations
Spc. 5	U.S. Army	Mark R.	Dembeck	1972 -- 1975	Vietnam
Chief Master Sgt.	U.S. Air Force	Francis J.	Doyle	1952 -- 1972	Korean War Era
Lt. Col.	U.S. Army	Michael L.	Feighny	1968 -- 1989	Vietnam
Col.	U.S. Air Force	Jon	Ferrall	1971 -- 2002	Vietnam
Sgt. 1st Class	U.S. Army	David W.	Flynn	1973 -- 1994	Vietnam
Staff Sgt.	U.S. Army	Josue	Forgue	1997 -- present	Operation Enduring Freedom
Sgt.	U.S. Army	Khadijah	Freeman	2000 -- 2005	Overseas Contingency Operations
Senior Master Sgt.	U.S. Air Force	Chuck	Gaither	1980 -- 2008	Overseas Contingency Operations
Petty Officer 2nd Class	U.S. Navy	Arturo	Galiccia	1995 -- 2001	Gulf War Era
Spc. 4	U.S. Army	Gabrial	Garcia	1997 -- 2002	Service in Korea
1st Sgt.	U.S. Army	Terry	Gillespie	1973 -- 1994	Gulf War Era
Capt.	U.S. Army	Jamie	Hagio	2002 -- 2008	Operation Iraqi Freedom
Capt.	U.S. Army	Dawn R.	Harrison	2001 -- present	Overseas Contingency Operations
Spc. 4	U.S. Army	Steven	Haselman	1971 -- 1974	Vietnam
Chief Warrant Officer 3	U.S. Army	Richard	Hogle	1971 -- 1993	Vietnam
Sgt. 1st Class	U.S. Army	Steven	Holcombe	1974 -- 1994	Vietnam
Spc. 4	U.S. Army	Jaymes	Hovinga	1996 -- 2000	Bosnia
Col.	U.S. Army	Craig M.	Johnson	1981 -- present	Overseas Contingency Operations
Sgt.	U.S. Army	Mark C.	Johnson	1979 -- 1984	Cold War Era
Senior Airman	U.S. Air Force	Jisun	Kang	2002 -- 2006	Overseas Contingency Operations
Senior Airman	U.S. Air Force	Jun	Kang	1999 -- 2004	Overseas Contingency Operations
Petty Officer 2nd Class	U.S. Navy	Robert	Kiehm	1962 -- 1966	Vietnam
Spc. 4	U.S. Army	Harry	Kim	1953 -- 1955	Korean War Era
Capt.	U.S. Army	Sung-min	Kim	1999 -- present	Overseas Contingency Operations
Staff Sgt.	U.S. Army	David	Kotas	1989 -- present	Overseas Contingency Operations
Staff Sgt.	U.S. Army	Ted	Kwon	1987 -- 1997	Gulf War Era
Staff Sgt.	U.S. Army	Song	Kwon	2002 -- present	Service in Korea
Sgt.	U.S. Army	Thomas	Larkin	1970 -- 1972	Vietnam
Capt.	U.S. Air Force	Leo	Lau	1966 -- 1975	Vietnam
Command Sgt. Maj.	U.S. Army	Michael	Lessard	1979 -- 1999	Gulf War Era
Staff Sgt.	U.S. Air Force	Joseph M.	Lockridge	1996 -- 2004	Overseas Contingency Operations
Staff Sgt.	U.S. Army	Tim	Masters	1985 -- 2005	Cold War Era
Staff Sgt.	U.S. Army	Basil C.	Meyer	1979 -- 1999	Gulf War Era
Staff Sgt.	U.S. Army	Edward J.	Minnerly	1978 -- 1992	Gulf War Era
Sgt. 1st Class	U.S. Army	Richard A.	Norris	1985 -- 2005	Overseas Contingency Operations
Master Sgt.	U.S. Air Force	Adonis	Padua	1989 -- 2010	Operation Iraqi Freedom
Command Sgt. Maj.	U.S. Army	Bruce	Park	1975 -- 2002	Vietnam
Sgt.	U.S. Army	In-sung	Park	1992 -- 2005	Gulf War Era
Staff Sgt.	U.S. Army	James	Park	1998 -- present	Service in Korea
Sgt. 1st Class	U.S. Army	Kenneth	Pickler	1971 -- 1993	Vietnam
Lt. Col.	U.S. Air Force	Greg H.	Reiff	1983 -- 2011	Gulf War Era
Chief Master Sgt.	U.S. Air Force	Raymond	Riel	1979 -- present	Gulf War Era
Sgt.	U.S. Army	Glenn	Sacro	2000 -- present	Operation Iraqi Freedom
Lt. Col.	U.S. Army	Rodney	Sanders	1980 -- 2008	Gulf War Era
1st Sgt.	U.S. Army	Simon	Sauceda	1964 -- 1990	Vietnam
Maj.	U.S. Air Force	Kevin	Shanahan	1976 -- 2001	Gulf War Era
Master Sgt.	U.S. Air Force	Robert	Slentz	1976 -- 1998	Gulf War Era
Master Sgt.	U.S. Army	Richard	Sudhoff	1978 -- 2009	Gulf War Era
Sgt.	U.S. Army	Ming-Yang	Tan	1989 -- 1992	Gulf War Era
Sgt. 1st Class	U.S. Army	Martin	Thieleman	1985 -- 2005	Gulf War Era
Sgt. 1st Class	U.S. Army	Bryan	Williams	1979 -- 1999	Cold War Era
Sgt. 1st Class	U.S. Army	David	Wilson	1975 -- 1997	Cold War Era
Spc. 4	U.S. Army	Bong (Paul)	Yoo	1975 -- 1978	Cold War Era



Capt. Mike Feighny stands beside a jeep at Camp McDermott, Nha Trang, Republic of Vietnam in the fall of 1970. Feighny was assigned to the 313th Radio Research Battalion as a military intelligence officer. (Courtesy Photo)



Sgt. Joe Campbell stands next to an M35A2 "deuce and a half" at Camp Howze, Korea. Campbell was a motor sergeant with the 1/31st Infantry from 1977 to 1978. (Courtesy Photo)



Bill Baker (right), then a Staff Sgt. with the 24th Ordnance Co., receives the Army Commendation Medal from Lt. Col. Harold Yawberg at Fort Stewart, Georgia. September 1973. (Courtesy Photo)



Capt. Leo Lau stands beside his trusty Cessna O2A U.S. Air Force Spotter Plane at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Republic of Vietnam in 1972. (Courtesy Photo)



Sgt. Patrick Bray meets Geraldo Rivera from Fox News after a routine patrol in Mosul, Iraq December 2004. (Courtesy Photo)



FED Good Neighbor Program hosts three local schools

By Patrick Bray
FED Public Affairs

Students and faculty from three local schools in Pyongyang visited U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys in October as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District's Good Neighbor Program.

Students from Pyongyang Girls High School, Chungdam Middle School, and Paengsung Elementary School were able to learn about projects ongoing by FED as well as experience the climbing wall at the Zoeckler Station Gym and lunch at the Red Dragon Inn Dining Facility.

Maj. John Burescia encouraged the students of Pyongyang Girls' High School to consider a future in engineering and noted the current generation of engineers who are employed by FED.

"The U.S. came to Korea to help at first, but now we are receiving help from you to build U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys," said Burescia.

To learn more about engineering, Ha Chae-un, an engineer at the Humphreys Area Office and also a Pyongyang resident, briefed the students about the USAG Humphreys expansion project and showed them a fly-over video highlighting the future garrison.

The briefing included many "fun facts" about the garrison expansion project to help the kids visualize the scope of work to be done including a comparison to a popular amusement park.

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Steve Holcombe, FED Pyongyang Area Office, speaks with students from Pyongyang Girls High School about projects at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Oct. 11. (Photo by Patrick Bray)

FED Good Neighbor Program

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“When finished, U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys will be ten times larger than Lotte World,” said Ha.

Afterwards, the students put on hard hats and braved the chilly wind to view a large portion of the project from an overlook to see firsthand just what the fill site and construction projects look like today.

Members of FED also presented all three schools with about 800 books for each school. The books were collected during FED’s Good Neighbor Program book drive which also received generous support from the National Honor Society at Seoul American High School. The schools will use the books to build an English library.

“We believe that the FED book donation will help students grow emotionally and bring developments to the reading culture,” said Pak Kyong-sin, the principal of Chungdam Middle School. “Students will find dreams and hopes, and gain wisdom and insights in life by reading these books. Also by reading books, students can gain indirect experience.”

The District’s Good Neighbor Program for local students in Pyongtaek, known as “Kids in Hard Hats,” not only introduces students to their local U.S. Forces Korea neighbors but is also a tool for strengthening the Alliance.

“Chungdam Middle School will continue its efforts to be a school that promotes education through books, and raise leaders who will play major roles to help the ROK-US Alliance,” said Pak.



Students from Paengsung Elementary School enjoy lunch at the Red Dragon Inn Dining Facility Oct. 19. The students visited USAG Humphreys as part of the District’s Good Neighbor Program “Kids in Hard Hats.” (Photo by Patrick Bray)



Col. Craig Johnson, Military Deputy Director of the Korea Program Relocation Office, presents books to a student from Paengsung Elementary School Oct. 19 as part of FED’s Good Neighbor Program. The books were collected during FED’s Good Neighbor Program book drive which also received generous support from the National Honor Society at Seoul American High School. The schools will use the books to build an English library. (Photo by Patrick Bray)



A student from Pyongtaek Girls’ High School ascends to the top of the climbing wall at Zoeckler Station Gym Oct. 11. The students visited USAG Humphreys as part of the District’s Good Neighbor Program “Kids in Hard Hats.” (Photo by Patrick Bray)



EEO CORNER

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

October is dedicated to people with disabilities as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This year the theme is Profit by Investing in Workers with Disabilities. There are about 54 million Americans who are unable to work because of their disabilities and unequal opportunities. People with disabilities make up the nation's largest minority group and any of us can become a member of this group at any time. While serving our country, thousands of service members have become wounded and disabled.

In 1945 Congress had pronounced the first week of October as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week" in order to educate America on disability and employment. Seventeen years later in 1962, the name was

changed to "National Employ the Handicapped Week" so to include everyone with different disabilities. Finally, in 1988, Congress increased the week to a month and changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month."

In the Presidential Proclamation for the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, President Obama stated, "Generations of Americans with disabilities have improved our country in countless ways. Refusing to accept the world as it was, they have torn down the barriers that prohibited them from fully realizing the American dream."



During the month of September, James J. Braxton, Sr. the director of Equal Employment Opportunity at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters and Anita Naone, EEO officer for the Pacific Ocean Division visited the Far East District for a command orientation visit. During the visit, Braxton took part as the speaker for the EEO Leadership Training. He trained the managers and supervisors of FED and outlying areas on how to establish a positive leadership environment. (FED File Photo)



U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month highlighting the "Many Backgrounds, many stories, one American spirit" Oct. 14. Cpt. Ryan Ortiz, Intelligence Weapons Officer, 51st Fighter Wing, Osan Air Base attended the event as a guest speaker and shared his experience as a Hispanic American. There was a Hispanic Heritage slide presentation and samplings of ethnic food. (FED File Photo)

UNION SPOT LIGHT

Fiscal Year 2012 Union Board Meeting

On Oct. 7 the annual board meeting was held with attendance of the newly appointed board members as well as the union representative and executive board members.

The meeting started off with opening remarks from Yi Won-son, the union representative. The meeting proceeded with the introducing of newly appointed board members, fiscal year 2011 year-end closeout, financial audit, and concluded the meeting after reviewing and approving the FY 2012 budget. Following the meeting, Nam Hyo-shin, Seoul branch manager for U. S. Forces Korea's Korean National Union, gave congratulatory remarks and gave a brief on this year's pay negotiation. There had been six meetings until now and have made negotiations for a 5.1 percent increase in the current pay. The decision is waiting for approval and is currently in OPM to process. He added that the union executive board is requesting that the pay increase be retroactive from July 1, 2011 and have asked for continued support and encouragement from the members.

After dinner, Yi made welcoming remarks. Following, Col. Don Degidio, FED Commander thanked the members for their continuing efforts and then talked about the importance of the annual business plan and developing a professional society. He is considering holding other activities for better team building. So far there will be a golf scramble in November and a bowling game in December. Degidio encouraged members to recommend ideas on team building.

Degidio and Jon Iwata, FED Deputy District Engineer thanked the Korean employees for their effort. They emphasized that each person is an important part of the team, and it's important to remember this to build a stronger team.

We go together! "Kachi Kapsida"

(Right) Far East District Korean National Union representative and board members pose for a group picture with Col. Don Degidio, FED Commander, Mrs. Degidio and Jon Iwata, FED Deputy District Engineer after the Fiscal Year 2012 Union Board Meeting, Oct. 7.

회계년도 2012 년 정기 대의원 대회 개최

2012 년 10 월 7 일 새로 선출된 대의원들과 분회장님을 비롯한 임원 및 운영위원들이 모여서 정기 대의원 대회를 가졌습니다.

이원선 분회장님의 개회사를 시작으로 각 부서 대의원들의 소개와 2011 년도 결산 보고, 회계 감사, 그리고 2012 년 예산심의와 승인으로 정기 대의원 대회를 마쳤습니다. 이어서 서울 지부 남효신 지부장님이 격려사를 해 주신 후 올해 임금 협상 현황을 설명하셨습니다. 지금까지 6 차례 협상 끝에 5.1% 인상이 합의되어 승인 절차가 지금 OPM 에서 진행 중이라는 소식을 전하였으며 또한 7 월 1 일자로 소급 적용도 요구 중이니 집행부의 노고에 관심과 응원을 부탁드립니다.

분회장님의 환영 인사에 이어서 사측 대표로 참석하신 Degidio 사령관님께서 한국 직원들의 수고와 헌신을 치하하는 말씀과 함께 근무환경 개선과 연간 계획(annual business plan)의 중요성, 전문가 집단 (professional society)의 조성, 그리고 더 나은 Team Building 을 위한 활동 계획으로 11 월에는 골프, 12 월에는 볼링 등 직원들과 함께 할 수 있는 활동들을 생각 중이며 더 좋은 제안을 환영한다고 하였습니다.

모임을 마치며 Degidio 대령과 Iwata 씨는 다시 한번 한국 직원들의 노고에 감사하며 모든 사람 하나 하나가 중요한 일원이라는 것을 기억하여 더욱 강한 팀을 만들자고 하였습니다.

"같이 갑시다!"



Yi Kum-pok Construction

My Plan



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

- Speaking better English so I can communicate with my U.S. counterparts proficiently
- Building strong relationships with my co-workers
- Exerting my best efforts to work responsibly
- Being flexible and enjoying the work I do

My Face



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

- Fun things I do play with my family like badminton and yoga
- Calling my elderly mother and checking on her condition and sending warm letters to my lovely daughter and son
- Special cooking for my family every weekends

Nagy Habachiy Engineering

My Plan



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

- Applying modernized technology and inventions into project designs to make it suitable to fit in our culture
- Performing my duty honestly and thoughtfully to renovate project design weakness
- Facilitating project team by solving technical problems as fast as possible with ideal and simple ways
- Providing scientific advice and new ideas supported by field experience to design team and colleagues

My Face



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

- Participating in sports tournaments (Billiard, Bang-bong, Chess)
- Sharing the love of God and Christian believes with the people and friends from different culture by leading a bible study
- Travelling and cruising with my family all over the world
- Enjoying reading science books & drawing nature arts

Steve H. Kim Engineering

My Plan



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

- Fulfilling my task enthusiastically as a civil engineer in Geotechnical and Environmental Engineering Branch
- Developing and improving communication skills and working relationships with people
- Improving technical skills for my current position by working towards professional certificates and on-the-job training

My Face



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

- Enjoying life in Korea with new friends I make daily
- Visiting my family every week and spending quality time with them
- Fishing, skiing, and listening to music
- Getting back in touch with friends and family I knew as a kid before immigrating to the States

Show your colors!

By Patrick Bray
FED Public Affairs

October is deep into the NFL season, NBA Basketball will be picking up in only a few weeks, Major League Baseball will reach an exciting conclusion with the World Series, and don't forget Korea Professional Baseball either. What an exciting time of year to be a sports fan! Far East

District employees have the opportunity to support their team on Fridays by wearing their favorite sports jerseys. Here are just a few of our great employees sharing their unwavering team spirit.



(Clockwise) Chandra Lewis, Far East District Administrative Assistant is supporting Liberty University Flames. (Photo by Yo Kyong-il)

Lt. Col. Greg Baisch, Deputy Commander of the Far East District sports Boise State Broncos attire. (Photo by Yo Kyong-il)

Dave Wilson, Security, Plans & Operations Office is supporting SK Wyverns, a Korean baseball team. (Photo by Yo Kyong-il)



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From the Commander

Thank you for doing GREAT things:



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Kim Yong-son, Information Management Office (FED File Photo)



An Kyu-nyang, Engineering Division (FED File Photo)



Red Dragon Inn Dining Facility for its support to FED Good Neighbor Program (FED File Photo)



Zoeckler Station Gym for its support to FED Good Neighbor Program (FED File Photo)



사령관 코너

Col. Donald E. Degidio, Jr.

최고의 극동 공병단 팀과 모든 팀들에게

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