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Harry Kim, Chief of Contracting Division,
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East
District, retires from federal service Oct. 31.
(Illustrated by Jason Chudy)

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Col. Donald E. Degidio, Jr.

Commander's Corner

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

Happy Fiscal New Year! As we closed out the 2012 fiscal year, thanks so much to all who were so instrumental in one of our best ever! The Far East District executed 100 percent of our forecasted projects in FY12. With a new year comes new budgets, and new projects and programs. Your efforts have provided our customers and the Republic of Korea great opportunities for the 2013 fiscal year.

One thing we have already instituted in FY13 is our Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) Web site at <http://www.pof.usace.army.mil/home/ice>. Customer feedback is the cornerstone of doing good business and I'm pleased to announce that our ICE Web site is now live. I highly encourage you to visit the site and share it with others. Whether you have a good idea, suggestions, or just want to provide feedback, we want to hear from you.

To get on the way with the fiscal year, the district leadership gathered at the religious retreat center in Seoul to work on the FY13, 14, and 15 district annual business plans. We began by brainstorming ideas and direction for the district culminating with a district business plan, which will be released soon.

Also this month, I attended the Pacific Ocean Division Program Review Board, Regional Command Counsel, and the PACOM Engineer Conference. This provided an excellent opportunity for us to coordinate our efforts with the rest of the division and the combatant commander.

As we move on into November and make plans for the Thanksgiving holiday, please take a moment this Veterans Day to thank a veteran for all they've done and continue to do and remember those who are no longer with us.

To our great Alliance – Katchi Kapsida!
To our great Corps – Essayons!
One Team Building Strong® in Korea!

A large, bold, handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "D. E. Degidio".



District technical expertise helps U.S. and host nation

By Douglas Bliss
Engineering Division

On June 29, 2012, a U.S. Navy MH-53 helicopter made an emergency landing in a private agricultural field near Pohang City after a fire on board the aircraft. All 12 aboard evacuated the aircraft safely, but the helicopter was destroyed by the fire.

This left military officials with the issue of how to properly mitigate the resulting ground contamination following removal of the aircraft debris by the Navy.

Fuel and other petroleum-based products were released into the soil from the damaged aircraft. The Navy contacted the district for assistance, with the Geotechnical and Environmental Engineering Branch specifically tasked to scope and implement measures to remove the contaminated soil for off-site treatment and disposal.

Lengthy negotiations between Pohang and Navy officials brought agreement on specifics of the site cleanup, with U.S. Forces Korea providing the legal and regulatory framework for this environmental spill response.

A key component of these negotiations was obtaining a permit from Pohang for off-site treatment and disposal of the contaminated soil.

Dr. Shin Hyun-jun of the district's environmental section assisted the Navy on technical matters during these sensitive host nation negotiations.

Sarah Woo, chief of environmental section mobilized her staff in preparing the contract scope of work for the site cleanup, with concurrence eventually being reached on Sept. 26 between all project stakeholders, to include the Republic of Korea Ministry of Environment.

The site cleanup focused on removing soil which was obviously contaminated with petroleum-based substances. Site cleanup activities were performed from Oct. 18 to 20, beginning with erection of a safety and dust control fence around the perimeter of the work site and an equipment wash station.



Shin supervised all soil excavation and removal activities, which were performed by Beautiful Environment Construction Co. Ltd. under contract to the district. In the end, a total of 350 cubic meters of contaminated soil were removed from the incident site, with the material delivered to an off-site licensed facility for treatment and disposal.

In a similar manner to the earlier Agent Orange investigation performed at Camp Carroll on behalf of 8th Army and USFK, this is another instance where district technical expertise and available resources could be applied to successfully resolve a sensitive environmental issue, meeting requirements as negotiated and agreed upon by involved U.S. and host nation parties.



Removal of contaminated soil (Photos by Dr. Shin Hyun-jun)



See you again, FED!

By Sgt. Maj. David Breitbach
FED Sergeant Major

This is the one column I was not looking forward to writing. It is unfortunate and disappointing to me that I am returning to the United States a couple of months early.

The Army determined that I am one of the many Reserve Soldiers that has been serving in an active status longer than regulations allow.

Though I am leaving Korea, I am not leaving the Far East District. I will maintain my drilling individual augmentee position with the Security, Plans and Operations section and you can expect to see me back here to participate in Exercise Key Resolve 2013.

Looking back, the past 10 months went by pretty fast. During this time I was fortunate to have the opportunity to visit all of the resident offices and meet so many of our great teammates all across the Korean peninsula.

The Far East District this past summer celebrated its 55th year in Korea and has built a solid reputation as an engineering organization that can get the job done. I don't have to remind you of the current undertaking in Pyeongtek.

The work that is already underway and the projects that have yet to break ground are going to truly challenge the entire district and four years from now when the dust settles and the construction has been completed everyone associated with the district will be able to proudly say: "I helped build that."

Looking at the bright side of my departure, I am looking forward to being home with my family in Arizona, and I'll be honest, the Korean winter is pretty tough on someone who lives in the warm Sonoran Desert of the American Southwest.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for the great support throughout the district and for the professionalism and mostly for the friendships that I have made here. I wish you all the best.



Sgt. Maj. David Breitbach makes welcoming remarks during the visit of students from Pyongyang High School to U.S. Army Garrison Humphries as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District's "Kids in Hard Hats" Good Neighbor Program, Aug. 8. (Photo by Patrick Bray)

Godspeed! Sergeant major!

By Joe Campbell
FED Public Affairs

Sgt. Maj. David Breitbach completed his tour with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District as the district sergeant major and senior enlisted advisor to the commander Oct. 30.

Breitbach, a U.S. Army reservist in Phoenix, Ariz. began his tour with the district January 2012. While assigned here, along with his duties as the sergeant major, Breitbach worked for the District's Security, Plans and Operations Branch as an operations non-commissioned officer.

"It has been a tremendous force multiplier having the sergeant major working in Security Plans and Operations," said Branch Chief Pat Crays. "He brought a lot of experience to the table and mentored our civilians and Soldiers alike."

As operations sergeant major he ensured that the district's civilian and military workforce was ready and prepared to support contingency operations on the Korean peninsula.

"Since his arrival the district's readiness and individual training programs have exceeded standards set by United States Forces Korea," said Crays.

Breitbach also contributed greatly to the U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan community as a volunteer. His activities included coaching softball, participating in community events, and mentoring young Soldiers.

Over the past eight years Breitbach has been part of the

three biggest programs in USACE since World War II; Iraq reconstruction (three separate deployments), Base Realignment and Closure with the Fort Worth District, which had responsibility for the Fort Bliss Expansion Program, and here in Korea with the Yongsan Relocation and Land Partnership Programs.

Breitbach will remain assigned to the Far East District under the Drilling Individual Mobilization Augmentee Program and will return to the district periodically in support of contingency exercises.

"Working here with the Far East District has been a rewarding experience," said Breitbach. "This district offers great opportunities for engineer Soldiers to learn about military and host nation construction projects, contracts, and contingency operations. It's a once in a lifetime career opportunity."



(Above) Sgt. Maj. David Breitbach receives a coin from Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick during his visit to the Far East District, July 2012. (Photo by Jason Chudy)



(Left) Sgt. Maj. David Breitbach receives a plaque from Pat Crays, Chief of Security Plans and Operations, during his farewell lunch, Oct. 24. (Photo by Patrick Bray)

Pyongtaek: A city where all citizens are happy!

By Yi Yong-un
FED Public Affairs

Every day we are a day closer to the big move to U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys. Some of our employees and their families have already settled there, and some are preparing to get started on the move. As the dates get closer, we begin thinking about where we are moving.

What does moving to Pyeongtaek mean to me? What is happening in the city? How much different is Pyeongtaek from Seoul?

And there will be many more questions that will cross your mind when it's really time for you to pack your belongings and go. Below is some general information about the

city, and information about the transformation of the city to welcome newcomers, of which a majority will be Soldiers and civilians working for the U.S. Army.

The name Pyeongtaek comes from “pyeong,” meaning even or equal, and “taek” meaning abundant or graceful. If you put that together, it means an equal and abundant city that “keeps their citizens happy.”

The population is about 432,222 and the number of registered foreigners living in Pyeongtaek is about 10,782 as of Dec. 2008. Pyeongtaek is the center of trade and distribution based on an integrated traffic network including four expressways, four highways, the metropolitan subway, KTX



USFK Family enjoying a day out in Anjeong-ri, Pyeongtaek during the 2011 Korea-America Friendship Festival and 3rd Annual KoAm Bike Fest on September 17, 2011. (Photo by USAG-H, PAO)

(a station of which is under construction and will be open by 2015), and Gyeongbu railway.

Several bases for national security and military strategy including U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, Osan Air Base, ROK Air Force Operation Command, and the Republic of Korea Navy 2nd Fleet Command are located near Pyeongtaek.

Some of the major projects that the city has for development are the Yellow Sea Free Economic Zone, Godeok International New Town, and the new KTX Shin-Pyeongtaek Station.

To prepare for the “global community” that will soon be growing there, the city is planning an infrastructure expansion and renovation of Anjeong-ri, the area where USAG Humphrey is located.

Part of the renovation covers constructing 16 new roads, a children’s park, sewage and gas system, a community square, parking lots and more, which will be completed by 2016.

More importantly, the city is making efforts to establish cooperating system between residents of the area and U.S. Forces Korea families. They will be co-hosting friendship

culture festivals, K-pop festivals, summer school, youth English camp, host family program, city tour, sports festivals, and much more.

Other than these activities and developments around the city, Pyeongtaek is located where you can take short trips to experience the Korean culture. Nearby places to visit are Manki-sa temple, Sudo-sa Temple, Pyeongtaek Port, Pyeongtaek-ho Lake, Wootdari Cultural Village, Mubong Mt., Agricultural Museum & Botanic Garden etc. You can visit the Pyeongtaek city website for more information www.pyeongtaek.go.kr.

It’s never too late or early to start looking around, and interacting with the Pyeongtaek residents, and getting to know the city.

(Right) USFK Family visit the Chong do Jeon Shrine during a Pyeongtaek Cultural Tour on May 26, 2012. (Photo by USAG-H, PAO)

(Below) USFK Family visit the Chong Do Jeon Shrine during a Pyeongtaek Cultural Tour on May 26, 2012. (Photo by USAG-H, PAO)



OSAN SECOND RUNWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

By Staff Sgt. Stefanie Torres
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A second runway for Osan Air Base is under construction as U.S. and Republic of Korea officials continue to work together to have it up and running by 2013.

With oversight from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the ROK Ministry of National Defense's Defense Installations Agency has been working since February 2012 to safely build a runway essential to the 51st Fighter Wing mission.

As with any large construction project, U.S. and ROK officials keep safety in mind to protect the local populace and environment, explains Joon Choi, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron water quality manager. New engineered structures will prevent construction debris and sediment loss into a nearby river. The site also has a source of water drainage controlled with filters.

"We have sediment traps, open drain swells, as well as de-silting basins where construction is taking place to prevent soil and water contamination," Choi said. "There is one outfall from which all the water can drain and there is no construction debris with this engineering structure in place."

The 51st CES environmental office, which Mr. Choi represents, inspects soil and water for contamination and ensures proper storage of hazardous material.

"We look to see how they are storing their gasoline,



Contractors use heavy equipment to process soil already on site which will be used as fill for the new runway for Osan Air Base. (Photo by Patrick Bray)



(Left) A second runway for Osan Air Base is under construction as U.S. and Republic of Korea officials continue to work together to have it up and running by 2013. With oversight from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the ROK Ministry of National Defense's Defense Installations Agency has been working since February 2012 to safely build a runway essential to the 51st Fighter Wing mission. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Stefanie Torres)

(Above) A 2009 Air Force file photo of F-16 Falcons and A-10 Thunderbolt IIs flying over Osan Air Base and its one runway. A second runway is being constructed under the supervision of the Far East District and is expected to be operational in 2013. (U.S. Air Force photo/Lt. Col. Judd Fancher)

paints, solvents and whatever else they are using for their industrial processes to ensure personnel and environmental safety is a priority," he said. "We look at their erosion control plans to see how effective they're written and if they're actually being implemented."

"Various sites at Osan Air Base are tested on a regular basis to ensure we are compliant with environmental standards established under the US-ROK SOFA and Korean law," said Lt. Col. Roland E. Secody, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron commander. "We take environmental concerns very seriously and are dedicated to the health and safety of the entire Pyeongtaek community."

Additionally, the MND DIA contractor has the ability to recycle large pieces of concrete and old pavement for use on the new runway. Large pieces of concrete from former

runway repairs, old trees and wood from storms, and old construction debris are being excavated, sorted, recycled and properly disposed of to make way for the new runway.

"The old soil is being used as backfill making this a very sustainable project," Choi said. "We definitely do everything we can to make sure these standards are in place for the safety of everyone involved."

Harry Kim retires after 54 years of faithful service

By Joe Campbell
FED Public Affairs

Harry Kim, Chief of Contracting Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District, retired from federal service Oct. 31.

Kim began his illustrious career with the U.S. Government in 1953 as a young draftee at the Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky. where he served as an interpreter for visiting Republic of Korea Army officers. After his two year hitch with the Army, he returned to university to finish a degree in business.

"It was quite challenging translating back then in the early 50s," said Kim. "I was just a young immigrant and all of a sudden I was the voice between senior Republic of Korea and U.S. officers."

Kim returned to Korea to care for his ailing father in the late 1950s and subsequently took a job as an intern at the U.S. Army Korea Contracting Agency in 1960. This marked the beginning of his current tour in Korea.

From 1960 to 1978 Kim remained with the contracting agency and served as branch chief in several departments to include services, supply, and construction branches. One of the highlights was supporting South Korean Soldiers serving

in South Vietnam.

"One of my duties was procuring locally made camouflage uniforms, jungle boots and other materials for the Tiger and White Horse Divisions of the ROK Army in Vietnam," said Kim. "One of the challenges was timely delivery during the war."

After eighteen years with the contracting agency, Kim took a position with 1st Signal Brigade. He was assigned as the U.S. Army's contracting officer for the Korea telephone upgrade contract for converting an antiquated analog telecommunication system to digital technology throughout the peninsula. After 12 years it was time to move on.

Although eligible in 1990 to retire, Kim decided to "stay a little longer" after being asked to take the job as chief of the Far East District's Contracting Division.

"I had thought about retiring back then in 1990, but I knew there was more that I could do. Besides my wife, Kisook wasn't ready to have me hanging around the house," said Kim.

For the past 22 years Kim has led the district's efforts in contracting. He has processed and approved around 9,000 contract actions, awarded nearly \$4.6 billion in actual contracts and successfully executed major programs to include the Program Management Consortium for Yongsan Relocation Program.

"What Harry does on a daily basis is much to be admired because of undaunting professionalism and his dedication," said Col. Donald E. Degidio, Far East District commander. "He is everything great that our corps and our Army stands for."

He is regarded by many to be the best in his field and is well-respected by those he's served with.

"Harry Kim has been a friend and colleague of mine for over 30 years," said Mike Feighny, district counsel. "He has been a superb contracting officer for the Far East District and is particularly effective in his dealings with Korea contractors. His ability to communicate with them and convince them to perform in accordance with our contracts has been a major factor in FED's ability to complete our contracts with few claims and appeals from contractors."

Feighny went on to talk about Kim's support to the district's contingency mission.

"During exercises Harry was especially noted for his



Harry Kim, Chief, Contracting Division works at his computer during Ulchi Focus Lens 2006. (FED File Photo)

“After I retire I plan to come back as a retired annuitant working a few less hours, but still supporting the contracting needs of the district.”

– Harry Kim



else, so I guess I'll just have to continue working.”

“A true hero by all accounts,” said Degidio. “Mr. Harry Kim epitomizes selfless service to our nation and our U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.”



Harry and his wife, Kisook on vacation in Venice. (Photo provided by Harry Kim)

ability to demonstrate the proper use of the gas mask!” said Feighny.

Now, 52 years later Kim has decided it's time to move on to his next career.

“After I retire I plan to come back as a retired annuitant working a few less hours, but still supporting the contracting needs of the district” said Kim. “I'm too old to do anything

1953 HIGHLIGHTS

Harry Kim began his government service
Dwight D. Eisenhower sworn in as 34th President
The Studebaker Starliner Coupe debuted
Dr. Jonas Salk announces success of Polio vaccine
Ernest Hemingway wins Pulitzer Prize for “The Old Man and the Sea.”
Korean armistice begins
“Gentlemen Prefer Blonds,” debuted with Marilyn Monroe
Senator John F. Kennedy marries Jacqueline Bouvier.
NY Yankees became first team to win five consecutive World Series
Cost of a first class stamp \$0.03

1960 HIGHLIGHTS

Harry Kim began his current tour in Korea
“Bye Bye Birdie” opened on Broadway

JFK elected president
Rhee, Syngman resigns South Korean presidency
“Ben Hur” wins ten Oscars
Cost of a first class stamp \$0.04

1990 HIGHLIGHTS

Harry Kim begins serving as Chief Contracting at the Far East District
The “Simpsons” debuts
Berlin Wall comes down -- East and West Germany reunited
George H.W. Bush Time Magazine's Man of the Year
Cost of a first class stamp \$0.25

2012 HIGHLIGHTS

Harry Kim retires after 54 years of service
Cost of a first class stamp \$0.45

Park retires after 30 years of service

By Joe Campbell
FED Public Affairs

Doshin Park, a design manager with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District's Engineer Division will retire after nearly 30 years of federal service Nov. 30.

Park started her federal service career as a master planner for the U.S. Navy in Chicago. Six years later she was promoted to supervisory master planner and transferred to the Marine Corps Air Station, Public Works Center in Iwakuni, Japan.

In Dec. 2001 Park began her tour with the Far East District as an architect. Currently she is working as a design manager, and is intimately involved with the architectural portion of technical review of all Status of Forces Agreement, architectural and engineering firms and in-house designs and provides technical support for architect design and construction issues for the district.

"Doshin has provided outstanding guidance and mentorship to recently hired engineers in Technical Review Branch by making herself available to help prepare them to advance in their own careers and to become effective members of FED," said Chris Kim of the chief technical review branch.

Kim added that with her extensive Corps and design background, Park was selected to serve as a design manager for Area IV and managing the design documents and specifications relative to new construction of major projects which vary in complexity from troop housing and support facilities to highly technical communications, storage port facilities, and weapons installations.

When asked about her time here with the Far East District, Park spoke about those whom she works.

"I have been very blessed being surrounded by warm hearted coworkers, supervisors and top managers," said Park. "I have enjoyed my job as well. USACE is the best organization to work with.

Park went on to offer a bit of guidance and advice for new employees coming to work for USACE.

"I would like to tell new employees that USACE is a place they can develop their abilities and capabilities as much as they can, whatever you do, do your best," said Park.



Doshin Park (center) has dinner with Iraqi and American contractors and co-workers with whom she worked during her deployment to Iraq in 2004. (Photos provided by Doshin Park)

KPRO interns graduate

By Naeem Dogar
Korea Program Relocation Office

The last three Department of Army engineer interns assigned to Korea Program Relocation Office successfully graduated, Oct. 5. Through their rotations within the district and the Pacific Ocean Division they gained developmental experiences by performing duties in project and program management, engineering, construction and contracting activities.

All three are staying with the district. Louis Gud will work in Quality Assurance Branch, Construction Division, as a civil engineer; Vincent Pecchia will be a project engineer in the Medical Resident Office, Construction Division; and I will work as a project manager in KPRO.

“Through the support of numerous mentors in the district, these young engineers gained tremendous understanding of the Corps’ missions and competencies,” said Col. Craig Johnson of KPRO during the ceremony. “They proved the

great value of the intern program and will certainly enhance the long term strength of the Corps of Engineers.”

Civilian Career Intern Program includes 22 Career Programs in more than 150 occupations and is one of the primary recruitment tools the Army uses to attract recent college graduates. Employees hired under this program are full time permanent civil service employee and enjoy the benefits like annual and sick leave, health and life Insurance, and retirement benefits.

Training needs are assessed by supervisors and managers at all levels and usually include organizational, occupational and individual training requirements. Organizational needs are determined on the command or activity level, and for Army interns the requirements are developed by the Corps of Engineers headquarters.

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From left to right: Louis Gud, Naeem Dogar, Col. Craig Johnson and Vincent Pecchia (FED File Photo)

Still Serving with Pride

By Joe Campbell
FED Public Affairs

Americans around the world will observe Veterans Day Nov. 11 to commemorate the contributions of the millions of men and women who have and continue to serve selflessly in defense of freedom.

On Nov. 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson established "Armistice Day," a day that was to honor the Americans killed during the "war to end all wars."

However, World War I was not the last war American soldiers fought. More than 400,000 service-members died in the war following the implementation of Armistice Day. Another 5,720,000 served during the Korean war and of the 2.7 million who served in Southeast Asia, the names of 58,256 are etched in polished black granite on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. In all, an estimated 44 million Americans have served in uniform from the American Revolution to present day conflicts in places such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

To pay tribute and honor all those who served in American Wars, a proposal was made to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming Nov. 11 as Veterans Day. The significance being that on Nov. 11, 1919, people began to celebrate the end of WWI, which ceased at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

More than 200 Department of the Army civilians are currently serving our great nation here at the Far East District, nearly 40 percent of them are veterans and have served on active duty throughout the world as far back as the early

1950s. Today, they still contribute to our nation as we build for peace on "Freedom's Frontier."

Army engineers have played a key role in combat operations since the Revolutionary War; participating in the hard-fought battles at Bunker Hill and Saratoga, constructing railways in France and constructing bridges across the

Rhine River during World Wars I and II, respectively. During the Korean War Army engineers built fortifications that helped American and South Korean forces hold the Pusan perimeter. In Vietnam, Army engineers introduced the Rome plow, a military tractor equipped with a protective cab and special tree-cutting blade, also known as a "stinger blade," which was used to provide access to enemy strongholds by quickly cutting down trees. Today, Army engineers continue to be an integral part of worldwide contingency operations.

As with most occupational specialties in the Army, engineers have specific jobs but first they are Soldiers. Some have gone well beyond the call of duty by making the ultimate sacrifice for their country. One such Soldier, Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith, a combat engineer was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his selfless sacrifice in Iraq. The citation and

other information about Smith can be found at <http://www.army.mil/medalofhonor/smith/battlescape/index.html>.

Since the late seventies, the District III (Korea) Department of Pacific Areas, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America, has organized a Veterans Day memorial service at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan. As part of the ceremony, members of the VFW along with U.S. and Korean

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields*

dignitaries place floral tributes at the Eighth U.S. Army War Memorial, each tribute, a compassionate remembrance and a heartfelt thanks to all veterans who have served and are still serving throughout the world. The ceremony will be held at 11 a.m., Nov. 11, on Yongsan main post across from the Moyer Community Activities Center.

Throughout the Veterans Day weekend, members of the VFW, worldwide, will be handing out “buddy poppies,” a time-honored tradition that began in the early twenties. Today, disabled, needy, and aging veterans in VA hospitals

and domiciliaries craft buddy poppies across the country. The revenue generated from buddy poppies provides compensation to the veterans who made the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans’ rehabilitation and service programs, and partially supports the VFW National Home for orphans and widows of our nation’s veterans.

The poppy movement was inspired by the poem “In Flanders Fields” written in 1915 by Col. John McCrae of the Canadian armed forces.

The Far East District Salutes its Veterans!

Name	Service	Rank	Dates of Service	Era
Sam Adkins	Army	Lt. Col.	1972 - 1998	Vietnam
John Alden	Army	Master Sgt.	1971 - 1993	Korea
Ricky Bashor	Army	Sgt.	1979 - 1982	Gulf War Era
Wayne Birgado	Army	Spc. 4	1972 - 1975	Vietnam
Danny Bolden	Army	Capt.	1985 - 1990	Korea
William P. Bray	Army	Sgt.	2001 - 2005	Korea, Iraq
David M. Buchanan	Army	Sgt.	1971 - 1977	Vietnam
Michael Burke	Air Force	Maj.	1978 - 1995	Cold War Era
Richard Byron	Army	Maj.	1974 - 1994	Cold War Era
Joe Campbell	Army	Sgt. 1st Class	1975 - 1996	Korea
Jason Choi	Army	Sgt. 1st Class	1980 - 2002	Korea
Young Choo	Army	Sgt.	1998 - 2004	Korea
Jason Chudy	Navy	Chief Petty Officer	1988 - 2009	Iraq, Afghanistan
Joe Clancy	Army	Spc. 4	1975 - 1978	Korea
William Crockett	Navy	Petty Officer 2nd Class	1969 - 1975	Vietnam Era
Fred T. Davis	Air Force	1st Lt.	1974 - 1978	Korea
Mark R. Dembeck	Army	Spc. 5	1972 - 1975	Korea
Francis J. Doyle	Air Force	Chief Master Sgt.	1952 - 1972	Korean War Era
Erin Fairbank	Army	Capt.	1975 - 2010	Vietnam Era
Michael L. Feighny	Army	Lt. Col.	1968 - 1989	Vietnam
David W. Flynn	Army	Sgt. 1st Class	1973 - 1994	Vietnam
Khadijah Freeman	Army	Sgt.	2000 - 2005	Overseas Contingency Operations
Chuck Gaither	Air Force	Senior Master Sgt.	1980 - 2008	Overseas Contingency Operations
Gabriel Garcia	Army	Spc. 4	1997 - 2002	Korea
Tracy D. George	Navy	Senior Chief Petty Officer	1986 - 2011	Overseas Contingency Operations
Terry Gillespie	Army	1st Sgt.	1973 - 1994	Gulf War Era
Jamie Hagio	Army	Capt.	2002 - 2008	Iraq
Steven Haselman	Army	Spc. 4	1971 - 1974	Vietnam
James Hightower	Army	Sgt. 1st Class	1978 - 2002	Korea
Richard Hogle	Army	Chief Warrant Officer 3	1975 - 1995	Vietnam
Steven Holcombe	Army	Sgt. 1st Class	1974 - 1994	Vietnam

The Far East District Salutes its Veterans!

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Jaymes Hovinga	Army	Spc. 4	1996 - 2000	Bosnia
Tok Im	Air Force	Staff Sgt.	2004 - 2012	Iraq
Mark C. Johnson	Army	Sgt.	1979 - 1984	Korea
Jisun Kang	Air Force	Senior Airman	2002 - 2006	Iraq
Jun Kang	Air Force	Senior Airman	1999 - 2004	Iraq
Robert Kiehm	Navy	Petty Officer 2nd Class	1962 - 1966	Vietnam
David Kim	Army	Sgt.	2006 - 2011	Afghanistan
Harry Kim	Army	Spc. 4	1953 - 1955	Korean War Era
Thomas Kwiat	Air Force	Capt.	1985 - 1998	Korea
Ted Kwon	Army	Staff Sgt.	1987 - 1997	Gulf War Era
Thomas Larkin	Army	Sgt.	1970 - 1972	Vietnam
Michael Lessard	Army	Command Sgt. Maj.	1979 - 1999	Gulf War Era
Tim Masters	Army	Staff Sgt.	1985 - 2005	Cold War Era
Basil C. Meyer	Army	Staff Sgt.	1979 - 1999	Gulf War Era
Edward J. Minnerly	Army	Staff Sgt.	1978 - 1992	Gulf War Era
Michael Neaverth	Army	Lt. Col.	1988 - 2009	Gulf War Era
Sunah Noble	Army	Capt.	2006 - 2010	Iraq
Richard A. Norris	Army	Sgt. 1st Class	1985 - 2005	Overseas Contingency Operations
Adonis Padua	Air Force	Master Sgt.	1989 - 2010	Iraq
Bruce Park	Army	Command Sgt. Maj.	1975 - 2002	Vietnam
In-sung Park	Army	Sgt.	1992 - 2005	Gulf War Era
Kenneth Pickler	Army	Sgt. 1st Class	1971 - 1993	Vietnam
Greg H. Reiff	Air Force	Lt. Col.	1983 - 2011	Gulf War Era
Rodney Sanders	Army	Lt. Col.	1980 - 2008	Gulf War Era
Simon Saucedo	Army	1st Sgt.	1964 - 1990	Vietnam
Kevin Shanahan	Air Force	Maj.	1976 - 2001	Gulf War Era
Cleveland Shelton	Army	Sgt. 1st Class	1987 - 2008	Iraq
Robert Slentz	Air Force	Master Sgt.	1976 - 1998	Gulf War Era
Seukhwan Son	Army	Capt.	1996 - 2007	Korea
Richard Sudhoff	Army	Master Sgt.	1978 - 2009	Gulf War Era
Ilmar Tarikas	Army	Spc. 5	1972 - 1976	Vietnam
Martin Thieleman	Army	Sgt. 1st Class	1985 - 2005	Gulf War Era
Bryan Williams	Army	Sgt. 1st Class	1979 - 1999	Korea
David Wilson	Army	Sgt. 1st Class	1975 - 1997	Korea
Bong (Paul) Yoo	Army	Spc. 4	1975 - 1978	Korea

Still Serving Proudly in Uniform!

Name	Service	Rank	Dates of Service	Era
Rolf Achauer	Army	Maj.	1994 - Present	Korea
Greg Baisch	Army	Lt. Col.	1984 - Present	Iraq
Brian Becker	Army	Maj.	1991 - Present	Korea
Karen Blackshear	Army	Staff Sgt.	1998 - Present	Korea
Susan Bostick	Army	Chief Warrant Officer 2	1995 - Present	Iraq
Donald Bowman	Army	Staff Sgt.	1993 - Present	Iraq
David Boyd	Army	Capt.	2005 - Present	Iraq
Tom Brady	Army	Lt. Col.	1986 - Present	Overseas Contingency Operations
David Breitbach	Army	Sgt. Maj.	1978 - Present	Gulf War, Iraq
Eric Carandang	Navy	Lt. Cmdr.	2000 - Present	Afghanistan
Travis Carter	Army	Capt.	2002 - Present	Afghanistan
Donald Degidio	Army	Col.	1987 - Present	Afghanistan
William Deus	Army	1st. Lt.	2000 - Present	Iraq, Afghanistan
Joshua Fields	Army	Staff Sgt.	1998 - Present	Iraq
Nathan Gulley	Army	Staff Sgt.	2005 - Present	Afghanistan
Dawn R. Harrison	Army	Capt.	2001 - Present	Overseas Contingency Operations
Aaron Hoffman	Army	Capt.	1992 - Present	Korea
Sidney Howard III	Army	Maj.	2001 - Present	Iraq, Afghanistan
Glen Jackson	Army	Lt. Col.	1983 - Present	Korea
Craig M. Johnson	Army	Col.	1981 - Present	Overseas Contingency Operations
Ki Kim	Army	Col.	1984 - Present	Iraq, Afghanistan
Edward Kim	Army	Capt.	2000 - Present	Korea
Sung-min Kim	Army	Capt.	1999 - Present	Overseas Contingency Operations
Sung Kwon	Army	Staff Sgt.	2002 - Present	Korea
Robert Lamoureux	Army	Sgt. Maj.	1974 - Present	Iraq, Afghanistan
Vincent Lee	Army	Maj.	1994 - Present	Korea
Derik Liebenstein	Army	Staff Sgt.	2007 - Present	Afghanistan
Randy Lorenzo	Army	Maj.	1998 - Present	Afghanistan
Robert Ness	Army	Capt.	2003 - Present	Iraq
James Park	Army	Staff Sgt.	1998 - Present	Korea
Michael Peters	Army	Master Sgt.	1988 - Present	Iraq
John Rhodes	Army	Lt. Col.	1983 - Present	Iraq
Jason Robinson	Army	Staff Sgt.	2006 - Present	Afghanistan
Edwin Ross	Army	Lt. Col.	1987 - Present	Afghanistan
Glenn Sacro	Army	Sgt.	2000 - Present	Iraq
Elliot Schroeder	Army	Maj.	1993 - Present	Iraq
Ernestine Smith	Army	Sgt. 1st Class	1984 - Present	Gulf War
Jeffery Ward	Army	Maj.	1988 - Present	Iraq
Katherine Yum	Army	Sgt. 1st Class	1982 - Present	Korea



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Diversity Recruitment Program Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards Corporation

By FED Equal Employment Opportunity Office

This year Far East District's Special Emphasis Program Manager, Rogelio E. Preciado from Korea Relocation Program Office was nominated by Pacific Ocean Division to attend the 24th Annual Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Award Corporation Great Minds in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) Conference.

The conference was held in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Oct. 11-13. During his time at the conference, Preciado participated in seminars, as well as a job fair with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers job recruitment team.

The conference was first held in 1989 to identify, honor, and document the outstanding Hispanic American science, engineering, technology, and math professionals' contributions. The conference is also a place for thousands of great minds in science, technology, engineering, and math to assemble.

The conference offered many opportunities for both the professionals and students. While professionals and sponsors showcased their organization's career pathways and access high caliber national STEM students, students can network and interact with high level STEM professionals as well as attend seminars to better their knowledge on career development.

"For 2012, HQDA (Headquarters, Department of the Army) and OSD (Office of the Secretary of Defense) designated the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as the leading agency for all Army commands participating in HENAAC," said Preciado.

"Accordingly, USACE headquarters organized an "All-Army Town Hall Meeting" led by USACE com-

mander Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick," he said.

"Other presenting Army organizations included the Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; Army Cadet Command; Army Communications-Electronic Command; and Army Test and Evaluation Command," said Preciado.



Rogelio E. Preciado (right) from Far East District's Korea Relocation Program Office explains the employment opportunities of working abroad at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District at the 24th Annual Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Award Corporation Great Minds in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) Conference held in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., from Oct. 11 to 13. (Photo by Eugene A. Pawlik)

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National Disability Employment Awareness

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District observed National Disability Employment Awareness Month this month. National Disability Employment Awareness Month is an annual national campaign held in the month of October.

The purpose is to raise awareness about disability employment issues as well as celebrating the many contributions of America's workers with disabilities.

This year's theme: "A Strong Workforce is an Inclusive Workforce: What Can YOU Do?" expresses the vital role that expectations take part in our successes as individuals as well as a society.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act into law, guaranteeing equal opportunity in public accommodations, commercial facilities, employment, transportation, state and local government services, and telecommunications for people with disabilities. Under ADA, America became the first nation to support equality for disabled citizens.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month began as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week in 1945, set for the first week of October. Seventeen years later in 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge all individuals with disabilities. Then in 1988, Congress, expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

KPRO interns graduate

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Occupational requirements are determined by the functional chief or personal proponent of each career path and the individual needs are determined at the employee, supervisor and manager level.

During the first 30 days of the program an individual development plan was developed. My plan had three different phases. The first phase provided the general orientation to federal employment, the Army, US-ACE and the Far East District. It also included the basic leadership skills, a mandatory civilian education system foundation course and acquisition courses, including ACQ 101 "Fundamentals of Systems Acquisition Management."

Focus for the second phase was on-the-job training, including development assignments in areas such as engineering, construction and contracting. These helped me understand and prepare for the challenges that professionals often face while performing their daily tasks.

The last phase was advanced specialty training in the master intern training plan, which included advanced skills development through intensive rotations. On several occasions I was designated the acting project engineer in the Pyeongtaek Resident Office.

Training completed during this phase prepared me for graduation to the full performance level. Also during this phase by help of my mentors and supervisor I was able to successfully transition into my desired job as project manager with the KPRO Project Execution Office.

This program also has been a great success for the Army as well, because many of today's senior leaders started their federal career through intern program. These career programs are designed to provide the training and guidance for career advancement, and as one guide states: "There is not a rigidly defined career progression for an individual to progress from an intern/recent graduate to managerial or executive level positions. It depends on performance, potential, and both functional and geographical mobility. Advancement occurs either through increasingly competent managerial ability or through demonstrated technical ability and significant technical accomplishments. Additional factors may include availability of formal training programs and supervisory willingness to select and train careerists in developmental assignments."

After successfully completing the intern program I can say that it is one of the best training programs available for engineers seeking to explore the options available in the specific fields. It provided me the opportunity to develop multi-discipline knowledge, skills and abilities in various areas. By performing duties in different activities I got hands on experience that helped me determine which career field I would like to get a permanent job to pursue my career further. It is almost like trying out a suit for a week before you decide to actually buy it. What more you can ask for!

Fall NEO exercise

By Robert Lamoureux
Security, Plans and Operations

The non-combatant evacuation operations (NEO) exercise Courageous Channel will run Nov. 5 to Dec. 12. The exercise will allow U.S. Forces Korea to train NEO stewards, validate the information of those slated for evacuation in an emergency, and check family NEO binders.

This exercise is administrative in nature and will not involve setting up NEO nodes and does not require non-combatant evacuees to report to their evacuation sites.

The NEO program is set up to facilitate the evacuation of non-combatants in the event of hostilities, civil unrest or natural disaster. To help with this, U.S. Forces Korea has established policies and procedures which detail the manner in which an evacuation will take place.

These policies and procedures have been published in USFK Pamphlet 600-300, a copy of which should be in each NEO family battle book. During the exercise period, the Far East District NEO Team will be inspecting and updating their team data.

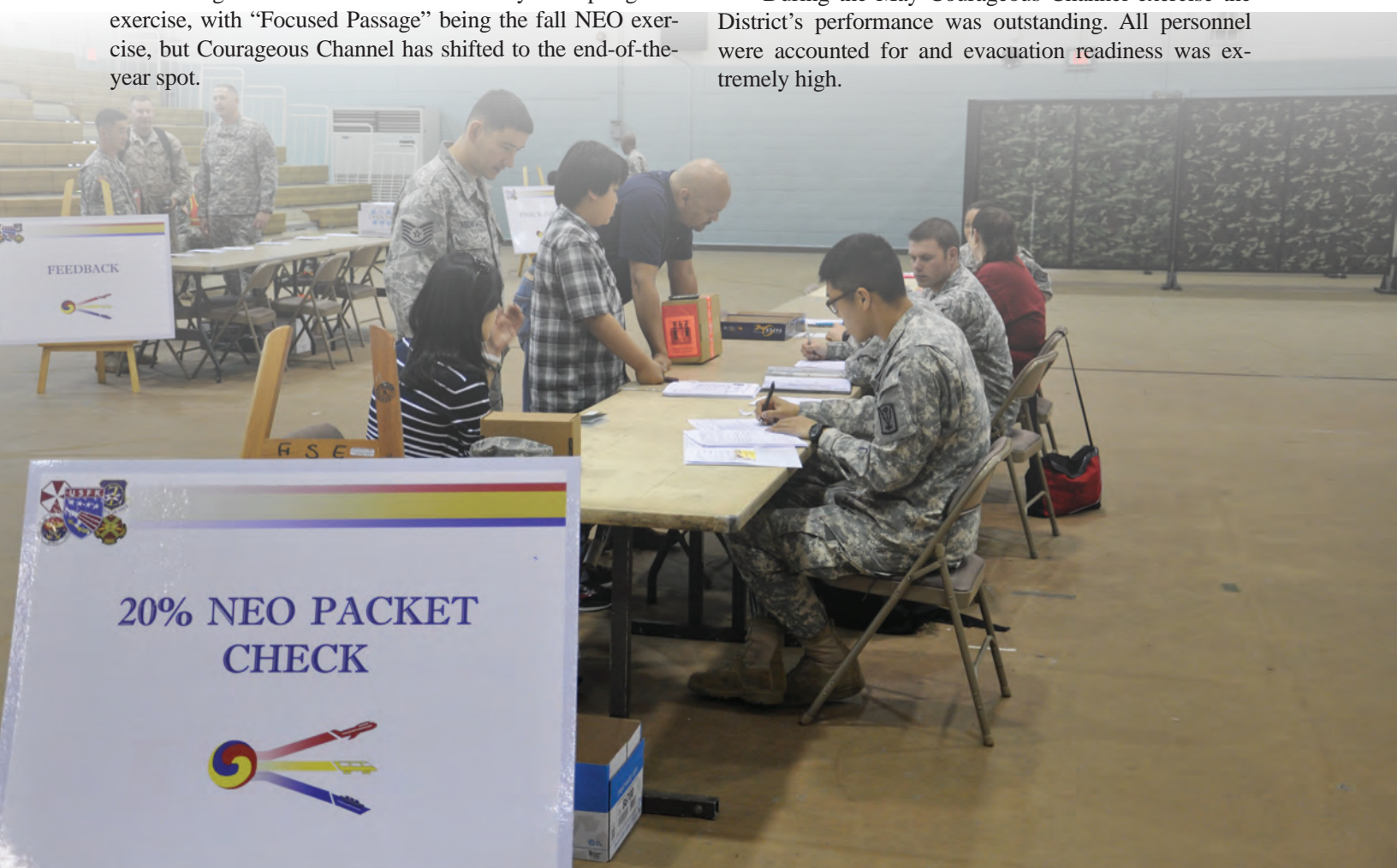
Courageous Channel was traditionally the springtime exercise, with "Focused Passage" being the fall NEO exercise, but Courageous Channel has shifted to the end-of-the-year spot.

The Far East District has 17 NEO teams under the control of 33 stewards, responsible for preparing more than 200 families and 400 non-combatants for evacuation, if required. NEO Stewards receive detailed training on NEO procedures in order to assist their assigned families.

If an evacuation is ordered by the U.S. Embassy, each NCE family will be contacted by their NEO steward who will provide official information and instructions. If, during an evacuation order, a NEO steward cannot contact a family, the steward must go to the NCE's home to make official notification, so ensuring that the family's and NEO steward's information are kept up-to-date is vital.

On Nov. 5, the Far East District will conduct formal NEO steward training in the compound's VTC Room. NEO Stewards receive additional training in document handling from the United States Department of State and instruction on operating the NEO Tracking System.

During the May Courageous Channel exercise the District's performance was outstanding. All personnel were accounted for and evacuation readiness was extremely high.





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



Thanksgiving Safety



Driving

- Keep your wheels tuned up and tank filled up!
- Motorcycles, bicycles, buses, cars and carts are everywhere! Don't get distracted or get a case of road rage. Drive defensively.
- Rain, sleet, and snow...go slow and avoid the charge for a tow!



Drinking

- Fill your stomach before your glass. Food absorbs alcohol.
- Use a designated driver, taxi or bus. Your reaction time is compromised.
- Even a walk can become dangerous when alcohol is the fuel.



One 1 oz. shot
100 proof Liquor



One 5 oz.
Glass of Wine



One 12 oz.
Mug of Beer

Dining

- Thaw that turkey before it's time to cook! In the fridge...1 day for every 5 pounds. In water...30 minutes per pound.
- Don't give salmonella or other bacteria a chance. Keep the temperature below 40°F until cooking time.
- Cook turkey (stuffed or not) until the internal temperature is 165°F.
- Take the meat from the bones and put leftovers in the fridge within 2 hours of serving. Finish leftovers in 3 days or freeze them.

Hunter Dandridge IV Pyongtaek Resident Office

My Plan

I help the corps build strong in Korea by...

- Building and leading a team by involving everyone and rely on their judgment.
- Leading by example and practice what you preach.
- Empowering people to be open to ideas and have faith in creativity of others.
- Being willing to discuss and solve problems and being willing to listen with understanding.



My Plan,

My Plan

I help the corps build strong in Korea by (What piece of the puzzle do I provide to ensure the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers goes from good to great?)...

- Which Far East District operations plan actions and tasks do I support?
- Which Pacific Ocean Division implementation plan action do I support?
- Which Corps of Engineers command plan goals and objectives do I support?
- What unique contributions do I make to FED, POD, USACE, and our nation?

My Face

I am Building Strong in Korea by...

- Fun things I do
- People and family
- Hobbies
- What else?

My Face

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

- Traveling with my wife Wanda and my teenage kids (Hunter V, 19, and Connie, 17) around the world such as Africa, Morocco, London, Europe, Italy, China, and Turkey.
- Enjoying praising my Lord and savior.
- Enjoying lifting weights.





Yi Min-ho Engineering Division

My Plan

I help the corps build strong in Korea by...

- Getting myself more familiar with the FED system and staff to work more efficiently.
- Keeping the timeline of the assigned projects.
- Doing my best to minimize the mistake in preparing of the cost estimation.
- Doing a more precise in-depth survey for the scientific reasonable estimation.
- Working more closely with other disciplines to get the job done successfully.

My Face



My Face

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

- Loving family and enjoying time together as much as I can.
- Studying hard to improve myself.
- Keeping in touch with friends, and enjoying life with sharing our time.

Would you like to share your “My Plan, My Face?”

If you are a Far East District civilian or Soldier, simply send yours into the Public Affairs Office and you could be featured in the next East Gate Edition!



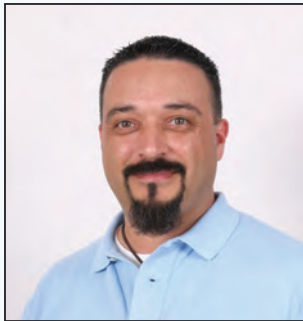
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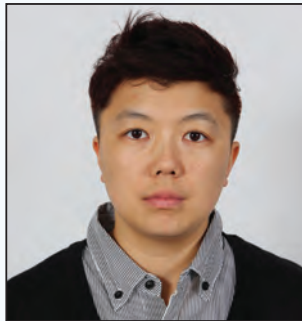
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Col. Donald E. Degidio, Jr.

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우리의 최고의 동맹에게 - 같이 갑시다!

우리의 최고의 공병단에게 - 에세이온!

한반도에 강한 건설을 수행하는 하나의 팀!



SOLDIERS LEADERS CIVILIANS FAMILIES



Take 5

Deep Fried,
Safety Style

- Keep the fryer in full view while the burner is on
- Place the fryer in an open area away from all walls, fences or other structures
- Never use the fryer in, on or under a garage, breezeway, carport, porch or any structure that can catch fire
- Raise and lower the food slowly to reduce splatter and avoid burns
- Cover bare skin when adding or removing food
- Check the oil temperature frequently
- If the oil begins to smoke, immediately turn off the gas supply
- If a fire occurs, immediately call 911 or your local fire department; never attempt to extinguish the fire with water

Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission



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