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Far East District Sports Day

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District held sports day at the district compound Oct. 17. Each division competed against each other in games ranging from badminton and ping pong to basketball and cornhole; even integrating the Korean game yut into the day's events.

"Every day we work together to finish a project but on this one day we compete against each other to determine who is the best," said David Wilson, district operations protec-

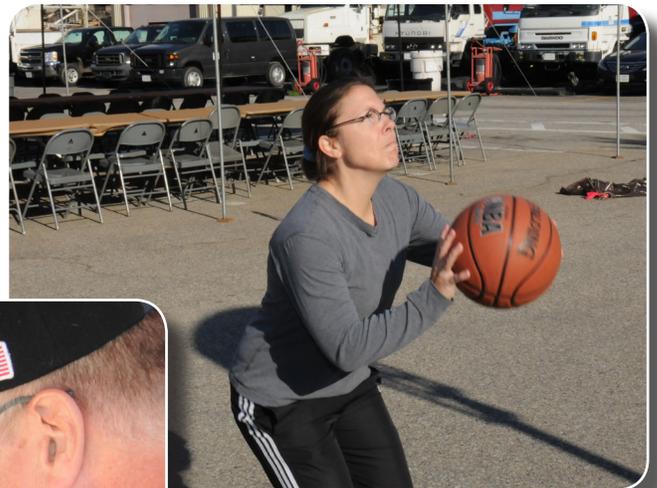
tion specialist and command sports manager.

A special part of the activities included a performance from the Korean national taekwondo demonstration team. These college age students perform internationally and to dignitaries around the world.

"Every year I try to bring them," said Kim Hwa-

young, district engineer and director of the demonstration team. "We enjoy performing in front of the Far East District workforce."

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District Soldiers tour Battle of Osan and Suwon Fortress

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Soldiers from the Far East District enmeshed themselves into Korean tradition and history, touring the grounds of the battle of Osan and the ancient Suwon fortress wall during a staff ride Oct. 23 and 24.

“[Far East District commander and engineer] Col. Bryan S. Green wanted to bring district Soldiers together for an educational and team building session,” said Capt. Lex Oren, district plans officer and organizer of the staff ride. “This experience not only provided greater knowledge of what American Soldiers went through during this battle with the North Korean People’s Army (NKPA) but also gave us a taste of Korean culture.”

The battle of Osan was the first American engagement of the Korean War. District Soldiers saw firsthand the valley that was used as the avenue of approach for the NKPA.

“We discussed lessons learned from this first engagement and the relevance to today’s military operations,” said Oren.

Following the battle of Osan district Soldiers toured United Nations Forces First Battle Memorial Museum, United Nations Memorial Park, and the Monument of the United Nations Forces First Battle. The visit had a profound impact for many who took the tour.

“Coming from a family of military men dating back to World War II and Vietnam, visiting the museum and learning about the history behind the battle and the

Soldiers involved only solidifies the bravery, heroism, and sacrifices from previous generations,” said Sgt. 1st Class Amber Cornett, human resources noncommissioned officer in charge. “I am thankful for each and every one of them, and consider myself even lucky to be alive knowing that men from my family survived such battles.”

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Soldiers from the Far East District gather together for a group photo during their visit to the grounds of the Battle of Osan and Suwon Fortress. (Photo by Sgt. Maj. David Breitbach)



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The next stop was the city of Suwon, where district Soldiers moved along the ancient Suwon Fortress wall passing Changyongmun gate and then proceeded to the Hwaseong Haenggung fortress. This inner section of the city rivaled the architecture and design of the Forbidden City in Beijing.

“Visible were obvious fortifications throughout the city that were once used to defend its people from invaders for thousands of years,” said Oren.

At the end of the day Soldiers were able to view traditional Korean Archery where locals and tourists fired short recurved Korean bows at targets from up to 100 yards away.

“As much as I love to experience Korean culture and traditions, visit landmarks and learn about historical events, the staff ride was even more enjoyable and complete by having the opportunity to socialize and mingle with my fellow Soldiers,” said Sgt.

Luisa Capobianco, unit armorer and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear noncommissioned

officer in charge. “It is very hard for all of us to get together and interact on a personal level due to the fact that we are all located across South Korea. It was a positive and constructive experience all around and I truly enjoyed getting to know everyone better and welcoming the newcomers.”

Staff rides are official military events, steeped in tradition. Their aim is to preserve the institutional memory of the Army, provide historical support in decision making, military history instruction and support leadership and professional development in enhancing unit pride and esprit de corps.



Sculptures of American Soldiers during the Battle of Osan as seen at the United Nations Forces First Battle Memorial Museum. (Photos by Sgt. Maj. David Breitbach)

Thanks Task Force Smith

We express our thanks to the brave soldiers of Task Force Smith who fought for the freedom and peace of this country.

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Far East District Sports Day

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The district wellness committee helped organize and plan the day and has other events in store to help enhance morale.

“I want district employees to be excited to come to work, excited to see their friends,” said Richard Cruikshank, wellness committee

vice president. “The near future will hold opportunities for the wellness committee to give back to the district and to our local community,” said Cruikshank.

The district’s special staff won the coveted commander’s

cup this year, scoring 23 points compared to second place logistics’ 20 points.



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District held their annual sports day Oct. 17. District employees competed in games such as arm wrestling, badminton and basketball and witnessed a special performance by the Korean National Taekwondo Demonstration Team. (Photos by Stephen Satkowski)

Aspiring engineer learns valuable lessons during STEM shadow day

By Stephen Satkowski

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Seoul American High School senior Warren Nieto visited the Far East District compound Nov. 5 to experience what life as an engineer is really like.

“It’s great to get out of the classroom and have this hands-on experience,” said Nieto. “Watching what people do on a daily basis and trying it out for yourself is much better than reading about it in a textbook where you don’t get a full picture about how it’s really done.”

Nieto visited the district’s design branch where he was introduced to computer mechanical system simulations and how computers are used to design complex building mechanical systems.

“He saw what real mechanical engineers do and got an idea of what

mechanical engineering really is,” said Son Ha, engineering division design branch chief. “Young students his age are still figuring out their future careers. This experience can be an eye opener for him.”

Nieto said the opportunity to get one on one presentations from professional engineers at the district was invaluable and very rewarding.

“I really enjoyed listening to the engineers, soaking up their knowledge, taking notes and learning how they do things such as what goes in to the design process,” said Nieto.

The student shadow day is part of STEMed, a science, technology, engineering and mathematics educational partnership between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers headquarters and Department of Defense Dependent Schools.

“I never had the opportunity to shadow an engineer when I was younger,” said Eugene Min, chief of

the tech review section, who explained to Nieto design analysis and drawings. “I had to learn from my own mistakes, but he will have us to ask questions to as his career progresses.”

Nieto has plans to go to college and major in mechanical engineering with a focus on designing and maintaining vehicles or firearms.

“This whole experience has really broadened my perspective about engineering and in other aspects as well so I can make more informed choices for my future,” said Nieto.

Seoul American High School senior Warren Nieto (left) learns about mechanical engineer design drawings from Eugene Min, chief of the tech review section at the district compound Nov. 5. (Photo by Stephen Satkowski)



Safety specialist recognized for educational training

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Chang U-ik, safety and occupational health specialist at Humphreys area office, was recognized Oct. 24 with a certificate of commendation for his efforts in conducting construction management safety education for the Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defense-Defense Installation Agency (MND-DIA).

“This is important for both the Far East District and MND-DIA because through the training we can prevent accidents that happen in the field that could lead to loss of human life,” said Chang.

The training provides U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers safety awareness to ensure the safest possible workplace.

“We want to ensure our Korean government counterparts, their contracted inspectors and Korean Military Construction Association (KMCA) contractors have a basic understanding of our construction safety program and requirements for a safe work site,” said Chang.

These seminars are usually the first exposure most Korean construction inspectors, managers, foremen, and supervisors have to the ‘western’ safety culture.

“As a certified engineer, I found Mr. Chang’s program a most instructive opportunity to learn the specialized field of construction safety with its regulations and issues that would otherwise remained inaccessible,” said Col. Jin Young-sik, Republic of Korea Defense Installations Agency technical research division chief.

Jin also said the knowledge gained will go a long way in ensuring a safe environment at future project sites.

“I believe the positive influence of his program will spread far and wide and contribute greatly to reducing and preventing accidents in [Republic of Korea] military construction programs,” said Jin. “The valuable contents of his program came even closer to our hearts through Mr. Chang’s patience, kindness and eagerness to lend help whenever it was sought.”



Republic of Korea Maj. Gen. Chung Joo-kyo, commander of the Ministry of National Defense-Defense Installations Agency presents a certificate of commendation to Chang U-ik, Humphreys area office safety and occupational health specialist. (Photo by Yi Yong-un)

This is the fourth time Chang has been recognized by MND-DIA for his training seminars, previously receiving commendations for his efforts in 2005, 2009 and 2012. More than 500 individuals have attended Chang’s classes over the last 12 years.

Osan senior non-commissioned officer dormitory opens



Col. Bryan S. Green, district commander and engineer (third from right), and other distinguished guests attend a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new senior non-commissioned officer dormitory at Osan Air Base Nov. 5. The dormitory is now ready to house permanently stationed Airmen from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron. (Photo by James Lee)

Minnerly completes ULDP Level 3



Ed Minnerly, Far East District chief of logistics, is congratulated by Col. Bryan S. Green, commander and district engineer, for successfully completing the United States Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division Leadership Development Program Level 3 course. (Photo by Stephen Satkowski)

Army Surgeon General visits future hospital site at Humphreys



Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, Army Surgeon General and Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Command visited the future site of the hospital and ambulatory care center at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Nov. 5. The completed medical campus will be able to support 65,000 beneficiaries and 5,000 annual inpatient admissions. (Photos by Seukhwan Son)



Humphreys area project manager Ronnie Lee was awarded a certificate of Commendation Oct. 24 from Republic of Korea Maj. Gen. Chung Joo-kyo, commander of the Ministry of National Defense-Defense Installations Agency for his efforts in managing and executing Land Partnership Program projects in the Korea Program Relocation Office. (Photo by Yi Yong-un)

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Sample Walls Aid Construction Quality

The quality control seminar FED co-sponsored last May with the Korea Military Contractors' Association seminar has produced some "concrete" results. Three contractors working for Jack Church's Western Corridor Resident Office have significantly improved their quality control procedures by building sample concrete block panel walls. The sample walls allow contractor and FED inspection personnel to discuss problem areas before the actual construction takes place.

The three contractors are the Selim Development and Industrial Company, the Poong Lim Industrial Company and Daeho Construction. The Selim Company is providing security lighting and constructing a general purpose auditorium on Camp Red Cloud under terms of a \$729,000 contract. Selim's Mr. O, U II recently showed their sample wall to FED personnel, pointing out that "We built this sample wall as a tool of our quality control to check the materials and for measurement." The wall contained brick facing and a reduced door opening to show how Selim intends to construct the walls and openings of the auditorium.

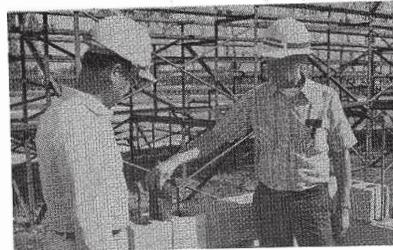
The Poong Lim Industrial

Company is enlarging the Camp Red Cloud gymnasium at a cost of \$267,000. Mr. Kim, Hun Chun, Chief of Quality Control for Poong Lim recently discussed their sample wall with FED's inspector for the project, John Schneider. The two went over the fine points of wall construction such as the block joints and installation of reinforcing rods.

The Daeho Construction Company also has built a sample wall for its diagnostic equipment facility project on Camp Sears. The \$328,000 project is 62 percent complete. Its wall showed the company's proposed method of installing reinforcing rods and other

details of wall construction. The sample walls are important aids to FED in its efforts to achieve quality construction. In terms of the 3 step inspection procedure, the walls are especially helpful during

the preparatory and initial inspections. They are a good example of the way FED and its contractors can work together to provide the U.S. Forces, Korea with the very best construction.



Poong Lim's Quality Control Chief Kim, Hun Chun and John Schneider discuss the sample wall.



No, Hong Su, Project Manager for Daeho Construction explains their sample wall to O, Sung Sik (Western Corridor) as Daeho Quality Control Chief Yun, Chong Sung looks on.



John Schneider (Western Corridor) discusses a part of Selim's sample wall with O, U II of Selim.

Many Services Available on Compound

A number of services for eating and purchasing are available to the people who work here on the FED compound. The East Gate Club offers the widest variety of services as it operates a dining room, a barbecue hut, and cocktail lounge. The dining room is open for lunch 11 a.m. through 2 p.m. everyday, for dinner from 5 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. everyday, and serves breakfast from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Its cocktail lounge is open from 4 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursday, 4

p.m. to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Holiday Eves, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturdays and from 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Sundays and Holidays. The barbecue hut is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. everyday except Sunday, when it is closed.

The Korea Area Exchange operates the Idewa Inn restaurant, a PX, barber shop and photo processing and laundry shop. The Idewa Inn offers a diverse menu as well as a rack of sundry goods. It is open from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and is closed

on Sunday. The PX is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and is closed on Sundays. The nearby photo processing and laundry shop is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and is also closed on Sundays. The barber shop in the East Gate Club is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and is closed Sundays.

The Korean National Mess Hall is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. everyday except Sunday.



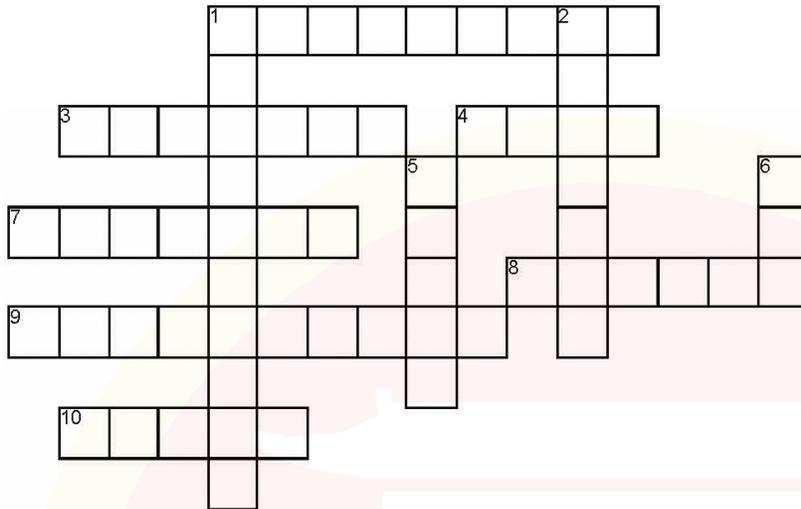


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Accident Prevention



SAFETY TRIVIA

Did you know the Army's CP12 program consist of 22 different occupational series?

The Army Combat Readiness Safety Center began as the Army Aviation Review Board, a section of the Army Aviation Training Department of the Artillery School, in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. It was relocated to its current home of Fort Rucker, Alabama in 1957.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act was signed into law on 29 December, 1970.

ACROSS

1. Taking ____ is not following procedures
3. ____ any tool before using
4. An "almost" accident: a ____ miss
7. Report these to your supervisor
8. After an accident you must make a ____
9. Missing guards are called unsafe ____
10. Never leave material on the ____ where they could become a trip hazard

DOWN

1. Who you tell about hazards
2. To do any job you must be ____
5. Danger ____ are posted in hazardous areas
6. An unsafe ____ is careless behavior



Jokes

An optimist would say that the glass is half full.
A pessimist would say that the glass is half empty.
An engineer would say that the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

A woman walks up to a wrinkled old man sitting on a park bench. "You look very content," she says to him. "What's your secret for a long happy life?" "Well," replies the man, "I smoke 60 cigarettes a day, I drink 24 cans of beer every night, I eat nothing but fatty red meat, and I never exercise." "That's amazing!" exclaimed the woman. "How old are you?" The man replies, "Twenty six."

From the commander:
Thank you for doing GREAT things:

Congratulations to these employees who were recognized for their hard work and dedication!



O Se-hwan
Logistics Management
Certification of Life Cycle Logistics



Tok Im
Executive
Certificate of Achievement



Sgt. Maria Capobianco
Logistics Management
Certificate of Appreciation



Hwang Ui-cha
Resource Management
Certificate of Appreciation



Kim Son-Hui
Programs and Project Management
Certificate of Appreciation



LaShun Medlock
Resource Management
Certificate of Appreciation



Sin Won-kyun
Engineering
Certificate of Appreciation



Stephen Kim
Programs and Project Management
Certificate of Appreciation



Young Phoenix
Resource Management
Certificate of Appreciation



William Crockett
Engineering
Certificate of Appreciation



Steve Kim
Engineering
5 Years of Service Award



Robert Lamoureux
Security, Plans and Operations
10 Years of Service Award



Khadijah Freeman
Information Management
10 Years of Service Award



Tok Im
Executive
10 Years of Service Award



Robert Schneible
Engineering
15 Years of Service Award



Ha Chae-un
Construction
15 Years of Service Award



Yi Hyon-sun
Logistics Management
20 Years of Service Award



An Kwang-kyun
Engineering
20 Years of Service Award



Yi Ki-nam
Engineering
20 Years of Service Award



Ku Cha-suk
Engineering
25 Years of Service Award



Tae Y. Yu
Construction
25 Years of Service Award



Henry Arnold
Security, Plans and Operations
25 Years of Service Award



Rodney Muranaka
Engineering
30 Years of Service Award



Choe Song-nam
Construction
30 Years of Service Award



O Se-hwan
Logistics Management
30 Years of Service Award



John De Los Santos
Construction
35 Years of Service Award



George Ward
Construction
35 Years of Service Award



Kim Hye-yong
Logistics Management
35 Years of Service Award



Yang Yun-chol
Engineering
35 Years of Service Award



Song Mi
Resource Management
25 Years of Service Award

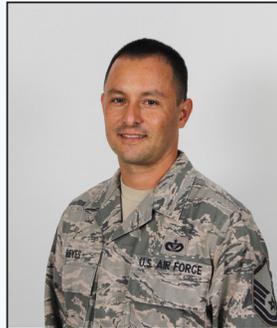


Pae Un-hwan
Logistics Management
35 Years of Service Award

Welcome to FED



Elizabeth Machado
Counsel
 Came from U.S. Military Academy
 West Point, N.Y.



Master Sgt. Joshua Reyes
Construction
 Came from 349th Civil Engineer
 Squadron, Ca.



Sgt. 1st Class Amber Cornett
Workforce Management
 Came from 10th Training
 Command, N.C.



Sgt. 1st Class Cheryl Flores
Information Management
 Came from 75th Training
 Command, Ala.

See You Again...



D'Lorah Small
Korea Program Relocation
 Transferred to Department of
 Veterans Affairs



Flor Vega
Construction
 Transferred to Fort Worth District



Jacob West
Construction
 Transferred to Tulsa District



Kevin Shanahan
Programs and Project Management
 Retired



Mike Potts
Construction
 Transferred to Department of
 Veterans Affairs



Min Bae
Korea Program Relocation
 Transferred to Naval Facilities
 Engineering Command



Rodney Sanders
Security, Plans and Operations
 Transferred to USA IMCOM,
 Fort Wainwright



Tok Im
Executive
 Transferred to LA District

Happy Halloween

Far East District celebrated with a chili cook off, dessert bake off and a costume contest! Thank you all for participating in the event, and congratulations to the winners! (Photos by Stephen Satkowski)

