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Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Chief of Engineers, paid a visit to the Far East District April 8 as part of a weeklong stop in the Republic of Korea.

Bostick, the 53rd U.S. Army Chief of Engineers, was given an aerial and walking tour of the construction progress at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys. The base is undergoing an expansion, part of the Yongsan Relocation and Land Partnership Plans, where most U.S. Forces stationed north of the Han River will move to Humphreys and areas south of the Han. The base relocation project is the largest one of its kind in the Department of Defense.

"These new facilities will improve the quality of life for U.S. Forces by providing state-of-the-art facilities in a thoughtful master-planned community," said Bostick. "We have the brightest and most capable professionals doing extraordinary work here at the Far East District."

Col. Bryan S. Green, Far East Dis-

trict commander, said Bostick's last visit to Humphreys was in 2012.

"During his first tour of the new territory at Humphreys [in 2012] it was nothing more than a barren piece of land," said Green. "Now buildings are sprouting up left and right, so it's a chance for him to see everything we've poured our blood, sweat, tears, and hearts into for the last three years."

Later, Bostick viewed the millennial school project at Osan Air Base. The school will be the first one in the Department of Defense Dependents Schools Korea with a 21st century design.

In between his tours he held a town hall with district employees and recognized them for their hard work while being forward deployed.

"I want to thank you for your service, sacrifices and the great successes you have had here," said Bostick. "We could not be prouder of you and your families for all you are doing."

Bostick highlighted the state of the Corps where he talked about the fiscal challenges facing the Corps and the Army as a whole. He noted despite

these challenges the Corps continues to be known as an esteemed organization worldwide.

"When the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers shows up we're the heavyweights," said Bostick. "When we show up to these engagements stateside or overseas people expect us to show up with answers. We have this reputation around the world as a beacon of hope and justice as we respond to disasters."

During his tour Bostick also met with many key leaders in the Korea Ministry of National Defense and U.S. Forces Korea to discuss the role both are playing as they work together to complete the relocation.

"It takes an entire team to work together in order to produce the kind of work that you do," said Bostick.

His visit to Korea was in conjunction with the World Water Forum in Daegu, an international conference where officials from public and private sectors and academia come together to discuss global collaboration on water challenges.

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters Chief of Engineering and Construction James Dalton visited U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys and was given a briefing on the status of the Korea relocation program on March 19. He also visited Far East District Humphreys area office, communication center, and other ongoing construction sites. (FED file photos)



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Service to country a family affair District employee's son selected for prestigious Senate Youth Program

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Mike Neaverth, former deputy commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District and its current business process manager, has spent a career serving his country both in and out of uniform. It's a career path his son David, a senior at Seoul American High School, hopes to continue.

"I would really like to serve at least a little bit in the Army," said David Neaverth. "I am not sure if I will make a career out of it or not, but I do plan on attending the U.S. Military Academy if I gain admission or Reserve Officers' Training Corps at college if offered."

The younger Neaverth watched his father serve his country in uniform most of his life and the example he set was ingrained in him at a young age.

"My dad played a pretty big role in my decision to pursue public service and the military," said Neaverth. "I remember always dressing up and wearing his military stuff from a young age and as I have grown older I learned more about the significance of wearing that uniform. In a world that seems to be capitulating to cynicism, he has a relentless optimistic attitude which I try to live up to."

That motivation led him to compete and be one of only 104 high school students (delegates) selected for the United States Senate Youth Program, where he spent a week in March learning about the American government



David Neaverth, Senate Youth Program Delegate, poses for a picture with Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert O. Work in Washington D.C. in March. Neaverth was one of only 104 high school students chosen for the program. (Photo by Jakub Mosur)



in action. Student delegates met the President of the United States, heard major policy addresses by Senators, cabinet members, officials from the Departments of State and Defense and directors of other federal agencies.

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David Neaverth (far right), poses for a picture with Lt. Gen. John D. Johnson, the former Commanding General, Eighth Army, his father Mike Neaverth (far left), former deputy commander of the Far East District and its current business process manager, and siblings John and Yeoni. David Neaverth was recognized for community and school volunteer service. (Photo by Jakub Mosur)

Building Strong in Korea!

(right) Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and 53rd Chief of Engineers, meets Brig. Gen. Kang Chang-koo, Director General of Program Management, Ministry of Defense U.S. Forces Korea Relocation Office at the program management office outside U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys April 8, 2015. (FED file photo)

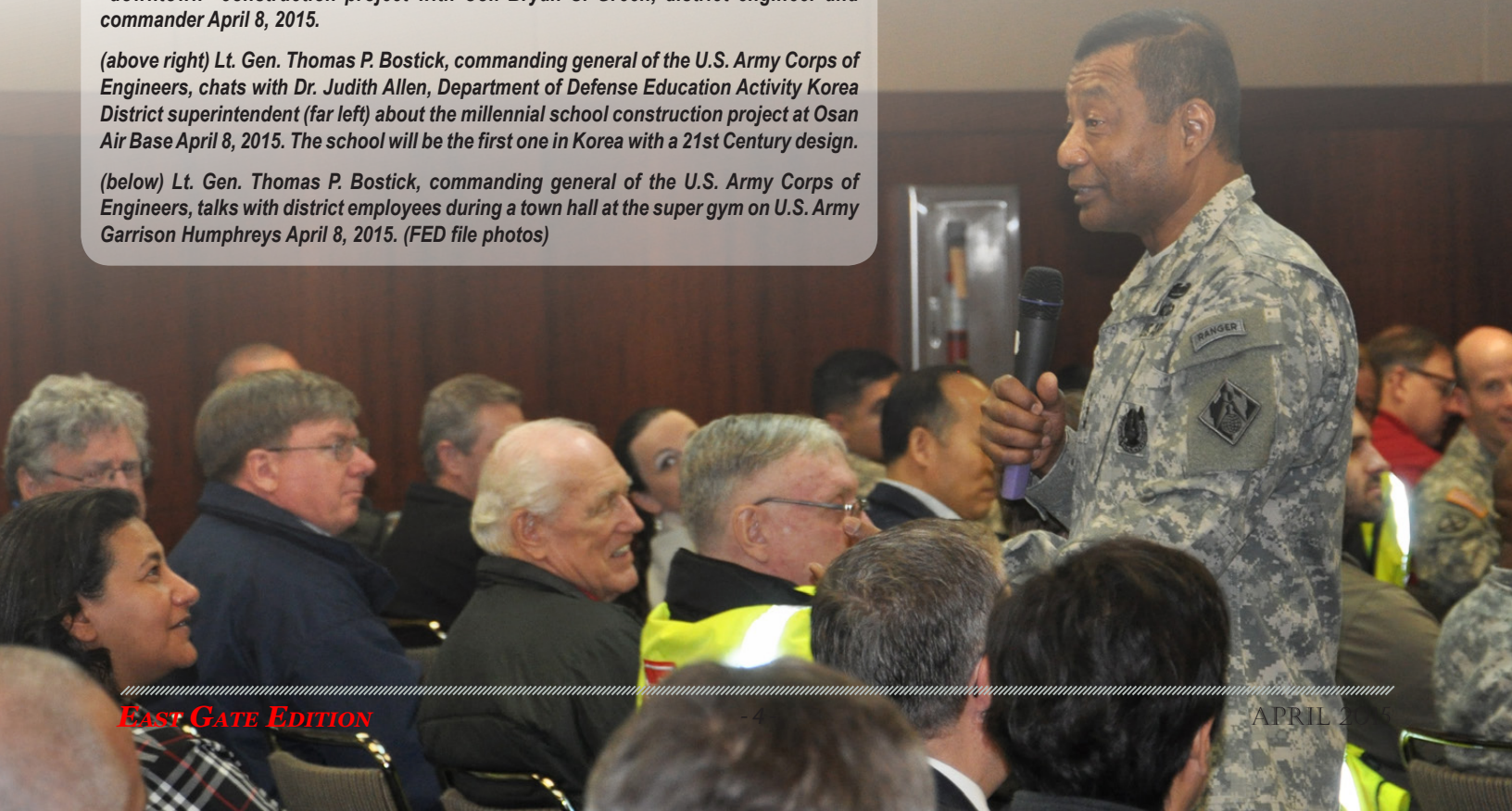


(above) Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and 53rd Chief of Engineers, discusses the U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys "downtown" construction project with Col. Bryan S. Green, district engineer and commander April 8, 2015.

(above right) Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, chats with Dr. Judith Allen, Department of Defense Education Activity Korea District superintendent (far left) about the millennial school construction project at Osan Air Base April 8, 2015. The school will be the first one in Korea with a 21st Century design.



(below) Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, talks with district employees during a town hall at the super gym on U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys April 8, 2015. (FED file photos)



Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Chief of Engineers, participates in a panel on infrastructure financing for a water-secure world at the 7th annual World Water Forum in Daegu, Korea April 13 and 14. The forum is an international conference where officials from public and private sectors and academia come together to discuss global collaboration on water challenges. (FED file photos)



Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, 53rd U.S. Army Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), presents a Bronze Star Medal to Maj. Vincent Lee, Theater Master Plans, Forces Korea Engineers, United States Forces Korea at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan in Seoul, Korea April 9, 2015. Maj. Lee was awarded the medal for his exceptionally meritorious service as the officer in charge of the Gamberi Resident Office, Transatlantic Afghanistan District, while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom last year. (FED file photo)

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"The public officials and speakers were awesome to meet, but listening and learning about the other delegates personal life was both humbling and profound," said David Neaverth. "The atmosphere breathed of political optimism and intellectual vivacity. The things these kids in this nation have done and have accomplished in their communities and schools is amazing."

To qualify for the prestigious program he went through an extensive selection process which included a test on his knowledge of the U.S. government and three separate interviews with teachers in Department of Defense Dependents Schools in the Korea district, Pacific district and worldwide. It was a long process and the fact that he persevered and was chosen wasn't lost on his father.

"David is a fine young man and we are all proud of his work ethic, character, and service to the community," said Mike Neaverth. We are thrilled that he attended this prestigious program and thankful for all the support from family, friends, and leaders within the U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan community."

Neaverth said one of the things that stood out to him was the human aspect of the people he met.

"I guess it's easy to distance yourself from these figures after seeing them on television all the time, but when speaking with different Senators I felt like I was talking to just regular down to earth people," said Neaverth.

The whole experience led him to gain a greater appreciation of how to help his community and the career path he will choose.

"I am still processing different strategies and methods that I learned about public service to help the betterment of my community here at Yongsan," said Neaverth. "When I go to college, I hope to do the same. "After the Army, I would either like to go straight to public service or work for the State Department. I just know I want to be helping other people"

As part of the program Neaverth will also be awarded a \$5,000 college scholarship for undergraduate studies, with encouragement to pursue coursework in history and political science.



Far East District parcel 2 resident office construction representatives Dennis Ward and Terry Gillespie and Sgt. Alfredo Alvarez of the 249th Engineer Battalion- Prime Power (left to right) along with SK Engineering & Construction Co. quality control personnel performed a proof roll inspection of the airfield road at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys on Apr. 2. As it is one of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Core Competencies to build long lasting roads, this inspection is crucial before a road is paved. (Photo by Sgt. Dinesh Liyanage)



Far East District central resident office engineers and SK Engineering & Construction Co. continue to pave concrete on the 2nd runway at Osan Air Base April 7. The main runway overlay project will begin after the 2nd runway is completely paved. The pavement is to be completed by the end of 2015. (FED file photos)



Lt. Col. Abigail Cathelineaud, Far East District liaison officer, receives a commendation medal from Col. Bryan S. Green, Far East District commander on March 13, for her contributions during the exercises Ulchi Freedom Guardian 14 and Key Resolve 15. (FED file photo)

Area III civilian personnel advisory center (CPAC) director Kelly Nzerem (second row third from right) and his team visited their future office site at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Mar. 26. The visit helped the team to better understand the district's personnel needs. (FED file photos)



Lt. Col. Aaron Eklund (left) of the Korea Program Relocation Office (KPRO) receives a meritorious service medal from Col. Phillip Keller, Deputy Military Chief U.S. Design and Construction Agent, Korea Program Relocation Office during his farewell and award ceremony at KPRO headquarters on U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys March 11. (FED file photo)

A Look Back in FED History



Two events occurred in late January 1968 which radically altered the American posture in Korea: the Blue House Raid and the seizure of the USS Pueblo. Subsequent incidents with the North Koreans and Chinese made the situation more unstable. Therefore, one of the Army's centers of activity in 1968 was the 258-mile trans-Korea pipeline, shown above. Increased logistical capabilities were essential to support the build-up of American forces. Of the utmost importance among logistical operations was the POL supply system. Its vulnerability in the early stages of conflict dictated an alternate method of moving petroleum products. A buried pipeline from Pohang to Seoul offered the best alternative to easily disrupted highway and rail shipments.



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Women's History Month Observance



The Far East District held a Women's History Month Observance March 27. Sarah Woo, Far East District geotechnical and environmental engineering branch acting chief, was the guest speaker. District commander Col. Bryan S. Green presented a plaque for her role as guest speaker. (Photos by Yi Yong-un)



Edward Borden
Construction
Came from Louisville District



Frank Meleton
Construction
Came from Forth Worth District



Jason Ludwig
Korea Program Relocation
Came from 14th Air Force, Ca.



Joel Odell
Engineering
Came from Portland District



John Noll
Construction
Came from Seattle District



Nicholas Myers
Information Management
Came from Fort Irwin



Shin Patterson
Construction
Came from Middle East District



So Y. Lee
Korea Program Relocation
Came from 2nd Infantry Division

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