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The picture taken atop a water tower at Camp Humphreys on July 19 shows many of the Far East District's current projects at Humphreys. (Photo by Woo-Sung Chung)



By Sgt. Maj. Robert Stanek
FED Sergeant Major

Sgt. Major's Corner

Goodbye, Farewell, and Amen...

The title for this column comes from the last episode of the television series "M*A*S*H", which aired from Sept. 1972 thru Feb. 1983. The finale, "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen", became the most-watched and highest-rated single television episode in U.S. television history at the time, with a record-breaking 125 million viewers according to the New York Times.

Using this title for my last column seemed appropriate and in simple terms said it all from my point of view. I became a die-hard "M*A*S*H" fan when I returned to the states from my first military tour in South Korea. The series reminded me weekly of my experiences there.

This last tour in Korea really started when I began my career with the U.S. Army in April, 1975 as an 18-year-old kid not knowing much about the world. After basic training at Fort Ord, California, and advance individual training as a field artilleryman at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, I was assigned to and spent the next 13 months stationed in Korea. I was stationed at Camp Stanley, home of the 2nd Infantry Division's Field Artillery Brigade and two of its subordinate Field Artillery Battalions (1/15th and 1/38th). Stanley is located just east of Uijeongbu in the northern part of Seoul, and still exists, but is in the process of being

transferred to the Republic of Korea's Army in the next year.

When I arrived at Camp Stanley on Sept. 15, 1976, I had little if any idea what the real world was about, as a boy growing up in the rolling grain fields of central North Dakota's plains. It was easy to say that I was "a little wet behind the ears" as an immature young man who had no concept on what the world was about minus the occasional news article that I read in the newspaper. Spending 13 months at Stanley changed my view of the world and taught me a lot about myself at the same time.

My tour at Camp Stanley was relatively uneventful minus two specific items. The first started the beginning of my love-affair with volleyball as I was asked to play on the unit's volleyball team. I was a good jumper in those days, but had never played it beyond recreation stuff in gym class. I was uncoordinated, so my skills had to be developed for a long time before I would become the player I am today. I also learned to be an international volleyball official, ultimately working the 1996 and 2000 World Olympics and five Special Olympics World Games as well.

The second event was the Aug. 18, 1976 axe murders at the Joint Security Area where two American Soldiers were killed by North Korean Soldiers during a tree trimming operation. The death occurred two months before I was scheduled to leave Korea and it changed my view about the need for world security as provided by the U.S. military. I learned that our mission to assist in securing the world, reluctantly, will be a never-ending undertaking.

That brings me to the events that oc-



curred over 18 months that brought me to Korea again. I was set to retire as the Command Sergeant Major for the 416th Theater Engineer Command (TEC) in Sept. 2015. The TEC has over 175 units (three brigades and 13 battalions) and 13,000 Soldiers spread over 28 states west of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. After 3 years in position, I started to make plans to retire from the military. But individuals inside the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wanted to know if I was interested in a tour for three open District Sergeant Major positions they had available in Germany, Belgium, or Korea. Given that I started my career in Korea in 1975 and that I could book-end it with a final tour was a great opportunity to close out my career. So I accepted the offer and took the Korean position. It was one of the best decisions I made in my military career.

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State-of-the-art Osan American Elementary School opens incorporating 21st century design

By Stephen Satkowski
FED Public Affairs

Osan American Elementary School opened its doors for the first time this August welcoming students for the new school year.

Known as the millennial school construction project, Far East District engineers designed the facility incorporating 21st Century specifications. It's the first one in the Department of Defense Dependent Schools-Pacific region with this design.

"This design takes away traditional classrooms and replaces them with learning studios in learning hubs," said Guy Kuroiwa, a former project engineer at the district's Central Resident Office. "All the studios have a movable glass partition which opens up to the neighborhood and allows for large group learning sessions."

Alan Heck, a civil engineer for DoDDS-Pacific Area, was part of the project from the beginning and said

the working relationship he had with district engineers was crucial to delivering a quality facility on time.

"There were 64 bi-weekly meetings held from the start of construction that were attended by the principal and selected staff members from the school, members of the DoDEA Pacific facility engineering team, the Far East District project delivery team, and contractor representatives," said Heck.

"Progress was monitored and

input was received from all attendees at various stages. We are pleased with the school we received and I am sure students and staff will accomplish great things for years to come. We have wrapped up our military construction program in Korea for the near future, but we will surely use the Far East District again for future projects."

Chu Chong-mun, Far East District project engineer at the Central Resi-

dent Office said the transparent communication between the two partners provided a smooth and efficient work atmosphere.

"We provided them (DoDDS-Pacific) on numerous occasions the opportunity to walk through and tour the building," said Chu.

This teamwork was a hallmark and one which brought the project to a successful conclusion

"This project was a big challenge and it felt rewarding to get it across the finish line knowing it would not delay the next school year," said Kuroiwa.

The facility has a capacity to hold up to 600 students and will support pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade. It took a little bit less than three years to complete and a formal ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for October.

The Osan American Elementary School opened its doors this summer after the Far East District handed the keys over to Department of Defense Education Activity Pacific in July. The district designed the school and provided quality assurance in the construction of the facility. (FED file photo)



Humphreys transformation continues

These two photos were taken atop a water tower at Camp Humphreys on July 19 and show many of the Far East District's current projects there. You can see the new golf course, commissary, post exchange, flag level housing, and other facilities taking shape. (Photos by Woo-Sung Chung)

Summer internships benefit both students and sections

By Eric M. Hamilton
FED Public Affairs

Summer internships are something like a rite of passage for many young adults looking for guidance, a career or hands-on experience in the working world. For students attending or recently graduated from high school, the Yongsan Civilian Personnel Advisory Office delivered an internship program that offered a little bit of everything.

Working at the Far East District's headquarters compound allowed students Morgen A. Dunleavy, Alexander Bronkar, Jasmine C. Felton, Andrew Clark, Louis Choi Pak and Sumaiya S. Irfan a chance to sample some potential future career options.

The interns were assigned to a variety of duties and locations, from working as a mail clerk assistant to helping with training and operations, to the security office.

But internship wasn't a free ride. Each intern had to work under the same conditions as their coworkers. On their first day, they were administered the oath of allegiance while being sworn in at the CPAC office – just like any other new civilian hire.

Interns were offered the chance to choose their location, but not necessarily the jobs available. Student interns are required to work eight hours per day for five days a week, and earn \$6 per hour.

Interns brought new perspective into their work spaces; in some cases, they brought new approaches as well. Jasmine Felton worked an earlier rotation in the security office, and also brought new ideas to the technology used in tracking and processing access requests, completing more than 40 access request responses in about three and a half weeks.

Sumaiya Irfan chose working for the Far East District because her father worked here from 2006 to 2010, but her assignment to the Security Office was random. The nature of the position meant an extra step in applying and waiting for her own security release, but every intern had to complete the cyber security train-

ing to be given network access.

Afterward, Irfan had the access afforded by such training and vetting. On her first day, she attended a division chiefs meeting.

Experiences like this provided her with insights into the District's decision-making process, Irfan said. "The most interesting part was being able to sit into a meeting and watch each branch give a summary of the past month. I watched how each branch condensed their work into a PowerPoint presentation and presented their work to the District Commander."

Not every experience was conducted in the office. Sometimes, they had to learn by walking around.

"Because it was Korean vacation season, there wasn't much (office work) to do in the security office," Irfan said. She learned from District Security Man-

ager Joel Odell about how to conduct a perimeter inspection, and why weeds should be removed from around the fence line (because it obscures signage identifying the installation.)

Irfan used these insights, her own creativity, as well as the time she had on her hands, to develop an innovative way to streamline the pass and ID process using SharePoint.

Morgen Dunleavy used her time to reorganize, digitize and reduce hard-copy plans and operations documents, and turned in excess and inoperable computers from the Emergency Operations Center. She also updated an outdated roster of engineers and created an employee training tracking program which streamlines and reduces the impact of employee training.

For 18 to 22-year-old students, summer internship opportunities are available

for two different 4-week sessions at the high school level and one college-level session.

Applicants for the program provided four-page packets of basic information, Irfan said. A week or two before being assigned, she received an e-mail asking about her job location preferences, but not specific jobs.

Irfan said she'd come back again if circumstances permit, and recommends the program.

"Although the branch I was assigned to has nothing to do with my major (biomedical sciences), I hope that broadening my range of experience will help me once I seriously begin to search for a job," Irfan said. "If you want to get a knowledge of how the government works, you should apply for this program."



The Far East District hosted six college students who interned at the headquarters building during the summer of 2016. The internship program provides students, in engineering as well as other fields, to get a first-hand look at various careers while at the District. (From left to right) Pam Lovasz, Chief, Design Branch, Engineering Division, Interns Alexander Bronkar, Andrew Clark, Louis Choi Pak, Morgen Dunleavy, Jasmine Felton, Joel Odell, District Security Manager and Jun Kang, Information Systems Support Branch Chief (absent from photo Sumaiya S. Irfan). Photo by Eric Hamilton.



Far East District Commander Col. Stephen H. Bales spoke at the Republic of Korea's Ministry of National Defense convention hall Sept. 2 giving a presentation on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers methods of construction quality assurance. The presentation was part of a Republic of Korea/United States construction technique development seminar, focusing on the Yongsan Relocation Program. (Photo by Stephen Satkowski)

Col. Peter B. Andrysiak, POD Commander visits the Republic of Korea

By Stephen Satkowski
FED Public Affairs

Pacific Ocean Division Commander and Division Engineer Col. Peter B. Andrysiak visited the Republic of Korea August 16-25 where he met with senior leaders and toured the Far East District. The visit also coincided with the beginning of the Ulchi Freedom Guardian 2016 exercise, a routine and defense-oriented exercise designed to enhance the Combined Forces Command readiness, protect the region and maintain stability on the Korean peninsula.

"I've seen nothing like this (Republic of Korea and United States) alliance," said Andrysiak. "It's strong, vibrant and when you see what they do in these exercises, in a true combined sense, it's one team."

Andrysiak toured and visited con-

struction sites at the Central Resident Office, Humphreys Area Office, Korea Program and Relocation Office, Medical Resident Office and Southern Resident Office as well as met with leaders from the 2nd Infantry Division, United States Forces Korea, Transformation & Relocation and the Republic of Korea's Defense Intelligence Agency.

Andrysiak's tour of the district gave him a better idea of the challenges the district faces as well as the caliber of people working at FED.

"It's a culturally diverse district and a program unlike any other," said Andrysiak. "They are focused professionals, driven and they want engineering excellence. It's a great team working together to deliver quality projects at a critical time in our history. We are the organization of

choice to do engineering because of our people that wake up every day and want to make a difference."

Andrysiak became the 32nd commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Pacific Ocean Division, serving the Indo-Asia-Pacific region, on July 12. He now leads an organization that employs 1,600 military, Department of Army, host nation civilian engineers, technicians and other professionals in the annual execution of a \$3.2 billion program.

Before leaving he passed along this message to the Far East District.

"I'm honored to be on your team. I've received nothing but positive feedback from all the leadership I met here. I'm proud of you and everything you do every day," said Andrysiak.



Col. Peter B. Andrysiak talks to the employees at the Far East District's Central Resident Office, part of his tour of the Far East District Aug. 16-25. (FED file photo)



USFK Operations Center

Construction start: May 2013
Expected Completion Date: Early 2020

USFK Operations Center will serve as the operational hub for United States Forces Korea's Joint Staff elements and Component Commands. Construction is 2 percent complete.



Communications Center

Construction start: July 2013
Expected Completion Date: Summer 2017

The communication center is the "primary" Main Communication Node (MCN) and access point into the Global Information Grid (GIG) on USAG Humphreys. Construction is 89 percent complete.



Medical and Dental Complex

Construction start: November 2012
Expected Completion Date: Early 2019

The completed medical campus will be able to support 65,000 eligible beneficiaries and 5,000 annual inpatient admissions. Construction is about 66 percent complete.



2nd Infantry Division Headquarters

Construction start: April 2014
Expected Completion Date: Fall 2017

The 2nd Infantry Division's new headquarters will include an operations center, network operations center, administrative facilities and a parade ground. Construction is 63 percent complete.

ARMY

Army projects continue to make up the bulk of the work for the Far East District and are mainly centered on U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys and U.S. Army Garrison Daegu. At Humphreys, construction on the KORCOM headquarters and the 8th Army/IMCOM headquarters building is nearly finished, with both 99 percent completed. The commissary and the main exchange are also nearing completion with both 98 percent finished. The 2nd Infantry Division headquarters building is 63 percent finished with a completion date scheduled for the end of 2017. The building will include an operations center, network operations center, administrative facilities and parade grounds. All of these projects are part of the Yongsan Relocation Plan and Land Partnership Plan. At U.S. Army Garrison Daegu's Camp Walker, ground was broken on the new middle/high school in late 2014 and construction is proceeding rapidly as it is already 79 percent completed. The school is scheduled to open to students in the summer of 2017. Construction has also begun on new family housing which is 6 percent complete and design work is now 15 percent completed on a Soldier support center.



Air Force projects at the Far East District mostly are centered at Osan and Kunsan Air Bases, with operational and quality of life facilities in design and under construction. At Osan, work on the replacement elementary school is finished with the official ribbon cutting ceremony set for the end of October. Work continues on a hospital addition/alteration which is 71 percent completed and construction work on an aircraft corrosion control facility is 99 percent completed. The design work for an air freight terminal facility is 95 percent complete and the design for the Korea Air and Space Operations Center is 15 percent completed. At Kunsan Air Base, on Korea's southwest coast, construction of an aircraft rinse facility is rapidly progressing with 80 percent of the construction finished, while construction on a new commercial gate is 10 percent completed. Design work at the base includes upgrading the electrical distribution system which is 15 percent completed.

AIR FORCE



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MARINE CORPS

The district's Programs and Project Management Division staff is responsible for overseeing work with the Marine Corps on the peninsula. A new bulk fuel transfer pipeline to replace the existing pipeline located at the Pohang Republic of Korea Marine base is now 100 percent design completed and was awarded over the summer. At Camp Mujuk the first of three Life Support Area (LSA) barracks is 100 percent design completed. Also at Camp Mujuk a new four-story Marine Air Ground Task Force Operations Center for the III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) is also in the design phase and is about 85 percent complete.



The Far East District is completing an earthquake assessment on the recently completed U.S. Naval Forces Korea headquarters in Busan. The facility, which was completed in February, was affected by the 5.8 magnitude earthquake in the region on September 12. The facility is housing U.S. Navy personnel who previously worked at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan in Seoul. Also at Busan, work continues on repairing a joint rigging facility with construction 76 percent complete. At Fleet Activities Chinhae, construction on a consolidated communications facility is now 69 percent completed. Projects under design at Chinhae include an indoor training pool which is 15 percent completed and upgrading the electrical system on pier 11 which is 95 percent complete.

NAVY

Korea Relocation Program

U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys

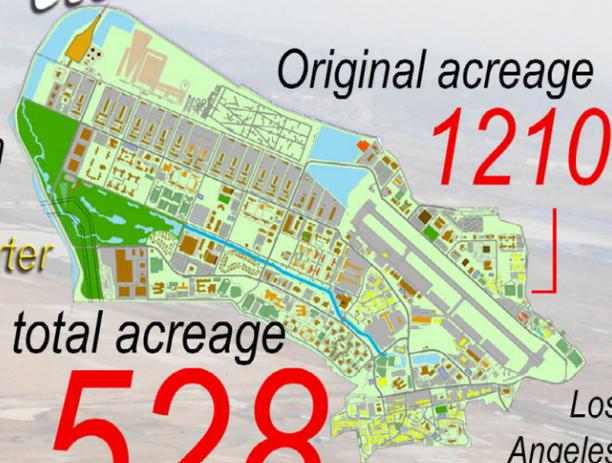
By the Numbers



76

Percentage of completion for the entire program

Up 2 percent in the past quarter



Original acreage

1210

New total acreage

3,528

Los Angeles International Airport is 103 acres smaller

655

 buildings done, under construction or planned.

The number of buildings being demolished is

339

\$10.7

Billion total price tag

More than 40 miles of water piping has been installed and tested in the new land. Another 40 miles of new roads will be built. Total miles of cabling installed is

988



Enough fill is in place to fill the old Yankees baseball stadium about 5 times over

17.6

 million cubic meters of engineered fill already in place, raising the land by about 8 1/2 feet. High enough to keep out water from a 100 year flood.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District welcomed Hon. Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army, Installations, Energy and Environment, Lt. Gen. Todd T. Semonite, commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Chief of Engineers, and Lt. Gen. Gwen Bingham, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management on a tour of military construction sites at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Sept. 22. The group of leaders took an aerial tour of the rapidly progressing construction at Camp Humphreys, part of the Korea Relocation Program, one of the largest transformation, construction and re-stationing projects in Department of Defense history. During their tour they visited the Hospital and Ambulatory Care facility as well as the Communications Center facility. (Photos by Stephen Satkowski)

Sgt. Major's Corner: Goodbye, Farewell, and Amen...

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Working the past year with the contractors, civilians, local nationals and Soldiers of the Far East District has been a pure joy. I had the opportunity to visit most of the district's offices and met many of the key leaders as well as their section's most critical workers. I spent many hours talking with many of your fellow employees and listened to their stories and concerns. Many of these concerns were ultimately passed on to the District Commander, Col. Stephen H. Bales, with the intent to try and develop solutions in the hopes of making the district a better organization.

One quick note back to Camp Stanley...I managed to make three separate visits to Camp Stanley during my time in Korea. During these trips, I took about a thousand photos of the camp and the surrounding village and mountain areas. I then posted most of these photos

to a Facebook Group for former military personnel who served at Stanley. Some of these Soldiers go back to the beginning of Camp Stanley in the late 1950s. The response from many of the Soldiers in this group was overwhelming amazement at the changes made to the camp and an appreciation of the updated photos. Many were surprised at the "new-found luxuries" of changes that have been made with the camp as well as the area around Camp Stanley. If, for no other reason, taking those photos and posting them for all those who have served at the base made that trip down memory lane very enjoyable.

I have two last thoughts... My only regret is on not finding my Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA) roommate from 1975 and 1976. Corporal Won Jung-jin was an

integral part of my life when I was here and I had high hopes of meeting him again. We worked together for the full 13 months of my tour and not connecting with him (all my attempts to find him failed) was a major disappointment. But that frustration was easily offset by all of the great new friendships I have developed this past year. Working hand-in-hand with Col. Bales, Lt. Col. Timika Wilson and hundreds of others will never be forgotten. To retire from the military after serving as the District Sergeant Major was almost the perfect ending to my almost 42 year career.

Thank You to All of You for allowing me the opportunity to serve with you. With that said...

God Bless You All, Build Strong, and Army Strong.

Kang Kil-su marks 50 years at the Far East District

By Stephen Satkowski
FED Public Affairs

Kang Kil-su, a quality assurance representative (QAR) at the Far East District's southern resident office (SRO) surpassed 50 years of service to the district this past summer. After studying engineering in the late 1950's and early 1960's at Yonnam University in Daegu, Kang began working for the Far East District in 1966 and has seen the massive growth of U.S. military construction in the Daegu area as well as advancements in engineering technology.

"I enjoy my job and I feel so much satisfaction when I look [at Area IV] I can see my accomplishments [in all the military construction]," said Kang. Seeing the difference here in the last 50 years I can say I am part of this growth."

Kang said when he began work at FED there were no computers, so all documents were filed and hard copied in cabinets and QAR daily reports were prepared by hand using carbon paper.

He said one project, the space track observation facility, stands out from the rest. The facility is at a mountain site south of the Daegu area and it required blasting the rock to ensure the building had a strong and steady foundation.

"It was very cold and it snowed severely at that time," said Kang. You wouldn't believe we were in Korea, it felt and looked like we were in Alaska."

Throughout his time at the district Kang's work was recognized by



Kang Kil-su, quality assurance representative for the southern resident office, with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Command Sgt. Maj. Antonio S. Jones. (FED file photo)

leadership. In 2000 he was selected as the Far East District's nominee for Pacific Ocean Division's Hard Hat of the Year award. His current supervisor, Elisa Beck, southern resident office resident engineer, says Pak's dedication and hard work has been crucial to her entire staff.

"Mr. Kang's years of experience have given him an invaluable wealth of knowledge that he applies to his day

to day activities at SRO," said Beck. While things have definitely changed from 1966 until today, Mr. Kang has been successful in adapting to new processes, technologies, and personnel. He is a very professional QAR that simply gets the work done. He is trusted and regarded by his colleagues as one of the best, and he is able to transmit his positive energy to others working around him."

Kang's coworker, Bayani Apuya, a quality assurance representative at SRO said Kang is respected by all the contractors and is a joy to work with.

"Working with Kang Kil-Su is a privilege and honor," said Kang. We accomplish a lot and he has a big

impact regarding the quality of workmanship of all our projects. He is an FED Legend."

Kang plans on retiring in September 2017 after more than 51 years of service.

Kang Kil-su, quality assurance representative for the southern resident office, poses for a picture in 1979 outside the Space Track Observation Facility. He worked as the quality assurance representative for this project. (FED file photos)



The Republic of Korea and United States Combined Forces Command conducted the annual Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG) exercise from Aug. 22 through Sept. 2. UFG is designed to enhance Alliance readiness, protect the region and maintain stability on the Korean peninsula. The Far East District and Pacific Ocean Division participated in the exercise as a way to improve their planning and readiness to respond to a contingency on the peninsula. "The effective teamwork of the Pacific Ocean Division and Far East District Drilling Individual Mobilization staff achieved a unity of effort to accomplish all of the exercise objectives, including contingency planning, partnering with the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Defense - Defense Installation Agency, and the placement of liaisons with United States Forces Korea and other partnering organizations," said Peter Gitto, Military Planner for Pacific Ocean Division. (Photo by Stephen Satkowski)

Resource Management team building exercise

By Robert E. Derrane
FED Resource Management

A few A few months ago, the Resource Management Office conducted a team building exercise aimed at improving communication, increasing cultural awareness and understanding ‘What’s Your Job?’ It is critical that employees actively consider how their efforts contribute to the overall success of an organization. Likewise, it is equally important to identify and eliminate non-value added efforts. Employees are the most important resource an organization has and providing for them is the most important task that management has.

There are many different types of team building depending on the desired results and they usually focus on problem solving, role clarification, creating effective relationships and aligning goals. The ultimate goal of any team building is to increase organizational performance while accomplishing the mission. The task for resource management was to think about, explain, and discuss how each individual in RM contributes to the mission to ‘Deliver engineering solutions in the Republic of Korea to secure our Allies and our Nation.’ Our team building exercise that day started in the office and would eventually end at the top of Namsan Tower.

One may wonder how a team of accountants, budget analysts, financial specialists and management analysts contribute to the success of an engineering organization. On its surface, the ‘bean counters’ know very little about

What's Your Job?

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Vision: To be the trusted engineer on the peninsula:
Focused Professionals Delivering Quality through
Engineering Excellence and
Driven to Exceed Expectations.

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- Focused Professionals Delivering Quality
- Engineering Excellence
- Driven to Exceed Expectations

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designing, engineering or construction; the three largest business components of the district. We do know that there are 90 degrees in a right angle, but beyond that, we need help. It was only through active dialogue among ourselves that we were able to shine some light on the valuable contributions that RM makes to the success of the district.

To start the conversation, we analyzed the overall mission of resource management. We determined that the basic foundation of the RM mission was to ‘provide, account and safeguard the resources entrusted to us so that the district could fulfill its mission.’ These three tenets are fairly common in the resource management world but becomes increasingly important when the resources are funded by taxpayers from two different countries. It seems fairly obvious that providing, account-

ing and safeguarding resources would directly contribute to the success of any organization, but how do the daily efforts of individual RM employees contribute to the district’s success? In order to answer that question, we must look closer at the tasks performed by RM.

We solicited input from all the team members and below are some of the responses:

1. Haekyung Cho – District Customer Service Representative – “I ensure that everyone is paid correctly which allows them to focus on their jobs. If they are not focused on their jobs, nothing gets done.”

We all feel exceptional pride working for the Far East District, but we wouldn’t do it for long if we weren’t getting paid correctly. By providing accurate and timely payroll services, we allow other employees to excel in

their positions. Payroll services is the top mission of RM.

2. Sang Ku-pak – Budget Analyst – “I load all the funding; without funding in the system, you cannot obligate contracts. If you cannot obligate contracts, you cannot build anything.”

Funding in Corps of Engineers Financial Management System (CEFMS) is crucial to the daily operations of the district. Funding is necessary to obligate contracts, reimburse employees for travel and training expenses and pay annual performance awards. Obligating contracts is a key performance measurement that Congress, Department of the Army and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers headquarters use to measure the district’s success. Additionally, other systems (P2, SPS, and Disbursing) all rely on the proper loading of funds to execute successfully.

3. Hwang Ui-cha – Systems Accountant – “I make sure that everyone has the correct roles in CEFMS. Without the correct roles, supervisors

would not be able to sign time or travel vouchers. If they have the wrong roles, they might do something in CEFMS that they are not authorized or trained to do.”

CEFMS, at times, can be confusing. That is why it is important to have professionals like Hwang manage the system. The district conducted over two million transactions last year. It is RM’s responsibility to ensure employees have the proper tools (roles) so that they can perform their jobs efficiently.

4. Young Phoenix and LaShun Medlock – Staff Accountant, FAO Chief – “We make sure that the district is green for the Chief Financial Officer’s Act (CFO). If we are green it means we are protecting the resources that Congress and others entrusted to us.”

USACE has received an unqualified (clean) opinion on its Annual Financial Statements for the last seven years. It is the only U.S. federal agency to have accomplished this since the

enactment of the CFO Act of 1990. Ensuring the public and members of Congress that USACE can safeguard resources has led to increased credibility and trust among our stakeholders which will lead to future projects and missions.

Resource Management is one of the few organizations that impacts the entire district. The above is just a small sample of the tremendous contributions that the professionals in RM perform on a daily basis. Each individual contributes to the success of the district by ensuring financial operations run smoothly and in accordance with regulation and law. We act as enablers, allowing other employees, (project managers, engineers, construction representatives) to perform their missions efficiently and effectively and in turn, allows the district to: “*Deliver engineering solutions in the Republic of Korea to secure our Allies and our Nation.*”



At the top of Seoul Tower. Our next team building exercise will focus on Why We Serve. (Photo provided by Resource Management Office)

Social Media

Be part of the big picture

The Internet has changed the way the world communicates. People are increasingly looking to the Web as their primary sources of news and information. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District has connected with the community through social media. Check out our sites below to stay informed with the latest and greatest from the Far East District.

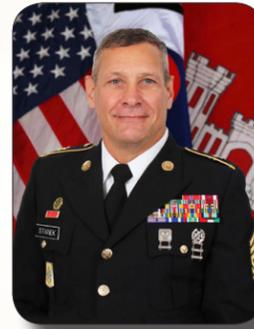
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Sgt. Major's Corner

안녕히 계세요...아멘



이번 컬럼의 제목은 1972년 9월 - 1983년 2월 방영한 유명한 미국 드라마 "M*A*S*H" (매시)의 마지막 회 제목입니다. 뉴욕타임스는 드라마 마지막 회 "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen" (안녕히 계세요. 아멘)가 1억 2500만 명이 시청했다 보도했으며 당시 최고 시청률을 기록했습니다. 마지막 회 제목이 제가 하고 싶은 말을 간단히 정리해 주는 것 같아 인용해 봤습니다. 처음 한국에 배치됐다 미국으로 돌아와 "M*A*S*H"의 광팬이 되었습니다. 각 회를 시청할 때마다 한국에서 경험했던 일들이 생각났습니다. 한국에서의 마지막 복무는 사실상 1975년 4월, 제 나이 18살 갓 입대해 세상을 아직 알지 못할 때였습니다. 캘리포니아 포트 오드에서 기초 훈련을 마치고 오클라호마 포트 실에서 포병심화 개별 훈련을 받은 후 한국에 13개월간 배치되었습니다. 제2보병사단 야전포병여단 그리고 여단이 소속된 제15야전포병대대와 제38야전포병대대가 위치한 캠프 스탠리에 배치되었습니다. 캠프 스탠리는 서울 북쪽인 의정부에 위치해 있으며 내년에는 한국군에게 반환될 예정입니다.

1976년 9월 15일 캠프 스탠리에 처음 도착했을 때 들뜬 마음으로 뒤덮인 노스 다코타주에서 자란 저는 세상이 어떤지 잘 몰랐습니다. 신문에 간간히 실린 기사들로 접한 세상이 제가 알고 있는 전부였으며 철들지 않은 어리숙한 소년이었습니. 13개월 동안 캠프 스탠리에서 지내면서 저는 세상을 바라보는 시각이 달라졌고 제 자신도 알아가는 시간이었습니다.

캠프 스탠리에서의 복무 중 2가지 사건을 제외하면 매우 평범했습니다. 첫 번째 사건은 부대 배구단에 가입하게 되면서 배구와 사랑에 빠졌습니다. 당시 저는 높이뛰기를 잘하는 편이었지만 체육 시간에 잠깐씩 운동했을 뿐

이지 정식 경기를 한 적은 없었습니다. 운동 기술이 없었기 때문에 많은 시간 연습한 결과가 지금의 저를 만들었습니다. 또한 국제 배구 관계자가 되어 1996년 올림픽, 2000년 올림픽 그리고 5번의 스페셜 올림픽에 참여했습니다. 두 번째 사건은 1976년 8월 18일 공동경비구역에서 나무를 자르던 미군 2명이 북한군에게 도끼로 살해당한 사건입니다. 사건은 제가 한국을 떠나기 2달 전에 일어났으며 이 사건으로 세계 안보를 지키기 위한 미군의 역할에 대한 생각이 바뀌었습니다. 이 사건을 통해 저는 세계 안보를 지키기 위한 임무는 끝이 없는 것임을 깨달았습니다.

한국에서 18개월간 일어난 사건들이 제가 한국에 다시 오게 된 이유입니다. 2015년 9월 저는 제416 전구공병사령부(TEC) 육군 원사로 퇴역하려 했습니다. TEC는 오하이오 주와 미시시피 강의 서쪽에 위치한 28개 주에 부대 수만 175개 이상 (3개 여단과 13개 대대)이며 13,000명의 군인이 복무하고 있습니다. 3년간 원사로 복무하면서 저는 퇴역 준비를 하고 있었습니다. 준비하는 도중 미 육군 공병대에서 독일이나 벨기에, 한국에 원사로 복무할 생각이 있는지 물었습니다. 1975년 한국에서 처음 군 생활을 시작해 그 끝을 한국에서 맺는 것이 굉장히 좋은 기회라고 생각했습니다. 그래서 제안을 수락했고 한국에 오게 되었습니다. 이 결정은 군 생활하면서 가장 잘 내린 결정이라 생각합니다.

시공사, 민간인, 한국인 직원, 그리고 미 육군 극동공병대 군인들과 함께 근무한 지난날은 저에게 더없이 즐거운 시간이었습니다. 대부분의 공병단 지역 사무소들을 방문할 기회도 있었으며 주요 리더들과 각 부서 핵심 인력을 만날 수 있었습니다. 직원들과 많은 시간 이야기를 나눠 그들의 생각과 근심을 들을 수 있었습니다. 문제를 해결해 보다 나은 공병단을 만들기 위해 스티븐 베일즈 사령관에게 면담 내용을 전달 했습니다.

캠프 스탠리 이야기를 조금 더 하자면, 이번에 한국에 와서 캠프 스탠리를

세 번 방문했습니다. 부대를 방문해 부대, 주변 마을 그리고 근처에 위치한 산 사진을 많이 찍었습니다. 찍은 사진은 캠프 스탠리에서 복무한 군인들이 가입한 페이스북 페이지에 올렸습니다. 그들 중 몇몇은 1950년대 캠프 스탠리에 복무했었습니다. 사진을 본 이들은 현재 부대의 모습이 굉장히 놀랐으며 사진을 올려 감사하다고 했습니다. 많은 이들은 부대의 새로운 호화시설과 달라진 주변 환경에 놀랐습니다. 이들이 사진을 보고 잠깐이라도 한국에서의 즐거운 추억을 회상하게 되었다면 그것만으로 의미가 있다고 생각합니다.

마지막으로 1975년-1976년 저와 함께 복무했던 카투사를 찾지 못해 아쉽습니다. 원정진 상등병은 제 한국 생활에서 가장 중요한 일부였으며 그를 다시 만날 수 있기를 바랐습니다. 13개월 동안 함께 복무했었고 그를 찾을 수 없어 매우 실망했습니다. 하지만 이런 좌절감은 지난 1년간 새로운 관계를 맺으면서 해소되었습니다. 베일즈 사령관, 윌슨 부사령관 그리고 함께 근무한 수많은 직원 여러분 잊지 않겠습니다. 극동공병단 원사로 42년의 군 생활을 마감하는 것처럼 더 완벽한 은퇴는 없는 것 같습니다.

여러분과 함께 근무할 수 있는 기회를 주셔서 감사드립니다.

마지막으로 여러분 모두 신의 가호가 함께하시길 바라며 강한 건설을 수행하고 강한 군이 되시길 바랍니다.



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