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Col. Teresa Schlosser, Far East District
commander, holds the Engineer Colors
during a change of command ceremony
on U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, July 7.
(Photo by Stephen Satkowski)



By Col. Teresa A. Schlosser
FED Commander

FED Team,

Thank you for the warm welcome you've given
me over the past three months. I appreciate your
kindness, patience and especially your willingness
to explain things to me, (occasionally more than
once), as I work to understand our complicated mis-
sion here in the Republic of Korea. I continue to be
incredibly impressed with all you do in this complex
district every day.

Although I had been in the Republic of Korea
for a year prior to coming to the Far East District
(FED), I didn't understand everything the district
was responsible for, and I am still learning. FED is
unique in so many aspects that I would have a tough
time fitting them all into this note. But, whether it's
interacting with our alliance partners, running our
own motor pool, helping our customers determine the
proper funding sources for their projects, contracting
unique projects with our partners, or the myriad other
things we do here that no other district does; you all
do your tasks amazingly well. Col. (Promotable)
Thomas Tickner, Pacific Ocean Division Commander,
was very impressed during his visit to the district in
August. He commented numerous times about how
impressed he was with the depth and span of engi-
neering and support this district is responsible for, and
how well you all accomplish our mission.

As we look to the future I know the district's
focus will change as we finish with the Yongsan Re-
location Plan and Land Partnership Plan, start new
projects in support of the Southern Hub Development

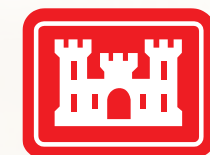
Commander's Corner

Plan, and maintain our preparations for the possibility
of contingency operations. I also know that you will
all continue to focus on our overarching mission to
deliver engineering solutions in the Republic of Ko-
rea to secure our nation and the alliance. I've long
believed that if a person does the best job in every
job he or she will be successful. I see this every day
as I travel throughout the peninsula and see the great
work you all do in support of our service members
and their families. You all make this district the suc-
cessful organization it is.

I promise you I will also do the best job I can
as your commander. I remain both incredibly proud
and humbled to have the opportunity to help lead this
district. I know I cannot lead such a diverse organiza-
tion by myself and that I need the input and guidance
of every member of this team to keep the district on
the right path. My goal is to take advantage of your
knowledge and skills to help me be a better leader and
commander. So, I need you all to continue to provide
me with your suggestions and questions to ensure I
can consider as many viewpoints as possible when I
make my decisions.

This will be a complicated year, with many
changes for the district as we move the headquarters
from Seoul to Camp Humphreys and continue our
day-to-day missions. But, I have faith we will rise
to the challenge and will continue to be the high
performing, fantastic district we have been for more
than 60 years. Thanks.

COL S



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Col. Teresa Schlosser becomes 36th Commander of the Far East District

By Stephen Satkowski
FED Public Affairs

Col. Teresa A. Schlosser relieved Col. Stephen H. Bales, as commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Far East District (FED), July 7 at a ceremony on U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, Republic of Korea.

The ceremony was presided over by Brig. Gen. Peter B. Andrysiak, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division.

Andrysiak highlighted several achievements during Col. Bales' tenure including bringing the Yongsan Relocation Plan and Land Partnership Plan to a 77 percent completion rate, enabling the relocation to Camp Humphreys of Com-

mander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea headquarters, Eighth Army headquarters and delivering the largest dental clinic in the Department of Defense.

"He has been an exceptional commander and has managed the pressures of command magnificently as a Soldier, statesman, and I would also say as the CEO of a multi-billion dollar business," said Andrysiak. "He embodies what we look for in strategic leaders in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers."

Bales, in his farewell remarks, recognized all district employees for supporting him throughout the last two years.

"To the leaders and employees of the Far East District I want to say thank you," said Bales. "Each one of

you in your own unique way has made the last two years memorable. I will never forget the fabulous opportunity, privilege and honor I was blessed with to serve as your commander."

Bales departs for Winchester, Virginia where he will be the commander of the Middle East District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Schlosser arrived at the Far East District after serving as the United States Forces Korea deputy engineer. During her remarks she thanked Brig. Gen. Andrysiak and Col. Bales for the warm welcome to the Pacific Ocean Division and the Far East District and looked forward to her time as commander.

"I felt completely welcomed by everyone in the district and am eager to become part of this incredible organization," said Schlosser. "The Far East District has an amazing 60-year history here in the Republic of Korea and everyone in the

district is adding to that every day. They continue to build a multi-billion dollar program on the peninsula and somehow make it look easy."

The Far East District is one of four districts within the Pacific Ocean Division and one of 45 districts in the United States Army Corps of Engineers. It is headquartered in Seoul, Republic of Korea and is the premier engineering, design, and construction agent for all Department of Defense agencies in the Republic of Korea. With a workforce of about 500 Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, and Korean employees the Far East District contributes significantly to the peace and security in the Pacific region through the execution of a multi-billion dollar construction program for U.S. Forces in the Republic of Korea - worldwide, it is the largest construction program managed by the U.S. Army.



Brig. Gen. Peter B. Andrysiak, Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division, passes the Engineer Colors to Col. Teresa Schlosser, Far East District commander, during a change of command ceremony on U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, July 7. (Photo by Stephen Satkowski)



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District change of command ceremony was presided over by Brig. Gen. Peter B. Andrysiak, Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division. Col. Teresa Schlosser relieved Col. Stephen H. Bales as commander of the Far East District July 7 on U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan. (Photos by Antwaun Parrish and O Sang-song)

Far East District plays key role as relocation of U.S. forces in Republic of Korea moves forward

By Antwaun J. Parrish
FED Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District is overseeing the design, construction, and execution of a multi-year, massive effort currently underway in the Republic of Korea. The plan is part of two separate bilateral international agreements between the United States and the Republic of Korea. Upon completion, the Far East District will have overseen the construction of 655 new facilities, more than 40 miles of water piping and another 40 miles of new roads.

The Yongsan Relocation Plan and the Land Partnership Plan agreements were signed by the United States and the Republic of Korea more than 13 years ago. The Yongsan Relocation Plan relocates most U.S. Forces and headquarters United Nations Command activities from the Seoul metropolitan area to areas south, most notably to U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys. The Land Partnership Plan consolidates and relocates U.S. forces outside of Seoul, provides U.S. forces dedicated time on Korean training areas and ranges, and

ensures safety easements are provided and enforced. The intended end state, outlined in an update to the Pacific Ocean Division commander dated August 17, 2016 and published by the District's Korea Program Relocation Office, is the consolidation into two enduring hubs at Camp Humphreys and near Daegu, South Korea. These will provide improved command and control and return land that is classified as key and valuable to the Republic of Korea.

The United States-Republic of



The newly built Humphreys West Elementary School is scheduled to be ready for new students during the school year of 2017-2018. (Photo by Antwaun Parrish)



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Korea alliance continues to focus on advancing combined capabilities and through this program enable basing and force projection by providing the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps forces and their families with housing, hospitals and schools, headquarters and support facilities to operate effectively, sustain readiness, and enhance quality of life, ultimately building regional security in the Asia-Pacific.

This immense project's estimated total is \$10.7 billion, with the vast majority of the cost paid by the Republic of Korea. The size of Camp Humphreys is expected to be similar to Washington, D.C. On scale, Humphreys will grow from 1210 acres to 3538 acres with

(left) Eighth Army celebrates the grand opening of its new headquarters during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys in Pyeongtaek, South Korea, Jul. 11. The ceremony marked the unit's transformation and represented its successful relocation from Yongsan to Pyeongtaek. (Photo by Sgt. Jung Dong-in, Eighth Army Public Affairs)

a population increase from 9,000 to 36,000. This is the largest base relocation in the Department of Defense.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District has been at the forefront of this move for more than a decade. The relocation project conforms to the District's mission to provide planning, engineering, design and construction management services in direct support of U.S. Forces Korea. The District fulfills this by working closely with the Korean Ministry of National Defense United States Forces Korea Relocation Office (MURO) as construction on the peninsula continues.

The facts and figures spell out the magnitude of how this project changes the land development, utilities, and infrastructure of the Camp Humphreys area. Far East District engineers were tasked with overseeing raising land above the 100-year flood elevation marker, providing adequate

utilities, communications, and roads. The landfill data reports an import of 17.6 million cubic meters of fill with truck total miles equaling 60 round trips to the moon. District engineers also helped manage in the creation of 16 miles of sewer, 988 miles of cable, and 504 miles of conduit as the installation grew.

Dr. Thomas Karnowski, the Far East District KPRO chief, identified four critical components within this transformation, which include establishing new alliance war-fighting command structures, improving deterrence and war-fighting capabilities, right sizing force structure based upon South Korean and U.S. enhanced capabilities, and consolidating U.S. forces into two enduring hubs, creating a less intrusive presence while posturing our forces for better peninsular and regional security.

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AMIE interns gain career experience in Korea

By Antwaun J. Parrish
FED Public Affairs

Two college students were allowed the opportunity to work alongside Far East District engineers this summer, and learn exactly how being a project engineer in the Republic of Korea differs from their university curriculum.

Joyrie Dickerson, a Hampton University senior, and Ryan Davis, a veteran and Colorado State University senior, were selected as the Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering interns for the district. The purpose of

the program is to provide the interns real world experience.

The District is currently in the midst of a large construction effort, the Korea Relocation Program, and the students are working hard and participating in projects with district employees.

Dickerson, a chemical engineering major, said this opportunity was unique compared to other internships she'd participated in because it's in a foreign country and working for the government is a huge opportunity she

can list on her résumé.

"That's one of the things universities and companies ask about are international internships," said Dickerson. "So I decided that instead of going to another university and doing research that maybe I should step out of my comfort zone and do something with the government."

Dickerson also stated that this opportunity has provided her lifelong memories. She was afforded the chance to experience a different culture and

she will definitely try to encourage her friends to apply for international programs as well.

"A lot of people I know are afraid to step out of their comfort zone, especially the people I grew up with, because they didn't step out of New Jersey," said Dickerson.

In her university curriculum most of her work has been centered on research, even her past internships. Since being in Korea, Dickerson has learned a new aspect of engineering and worked on a few construction sites.

"This is pushing me to expand my future," said Dickerson. "This internship has shown me that I like working for the government, and I like how the government treats its employees."

Davis, an environmental engineering major, has previous experience working with the government. He was enlisted in the Air Force for more than

two years. He has also been working with the U.S. Geological Society for the past two years.

"It's been a great opportunity to work abroad and for the Corps of Engineers," said Davis. "It's the one government agency I was shooting towards to try to get a career with. This is a huge project, which is another thing that drew me to the internship."

Contracting is an aspect of the internship that Davis had no knowledge of prior to coming here. Now he has learned all about the many aspects of life as an engineer in the District.

"It was interesting to learn how the contract gets initiated and the entire process of working with the contractors," said Davis. "There are a lot of steps you have to take as an engineer to make sure the project moves along within the desired time table."

Performing research is a part of Davis' curriculum as well. He expressed that this opportunity is far different from attending lectures and conducting research.

The AMIE internship is geared to treat the students as employees and have them not only learn but contribute to the overall success of the District's projects.

"This experience is helping me shift my mood of thinking from being a student to being a professional," said Davis.

Davis offered a gem to anyone interested in the program or internships that are outside of their comfort zone.

"Take every opportunity to get more exposure and see which field you're more passionate about," said Davis.



Joyrie Dickerson, center, a chemical engineering major from Hampton University, looks over a design package during a site visit July 20 at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, South Korea. (Photo by Antwaun Parrish)



Lt. Col. Richard Collins, Far East District deputy commander, welcomed interns Joyrie Dickerson (2nd from right) a chemical engineering major from Hampton University and Ryan Davis (3rd from right) an environmental engineering major from Colorado State University as part of the AMIE Program on June 2. (Photo by Stephen Satkowski)

Meet our new commander: Colonel Teresa Schlosser

By Stephen Satkowski
FED Public Affairs

Becoming an Army engineer officer was not on the list of things Col. Teresa Schlosser, the new Far East District commander, was looking to do while growing up in "Big Sky Country" in Montana. No one in her immediate family had served in the military.

"The last person to serve was my grandfather in World War II and strangely enough he was an engineer Soldier and helped with the rebuilding of Tokyo," said Schlosser.

She went to the Reserve Officers' Training Corps office while attending the University of Montana and joined ROTC just so her college friend wouldn't sign up alone, but never intended to sign a contract and was thinking law school was in her future. Twenty three years later she has risen to the rank of colonel in the Army and is exhilarated with taking command of her first U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District.

"It's an incredible honor to be given the responsibility to command the Far East District," said Schlosser. "We are the only district that straddles a war mission with a construction mission."

Thanks to her father's upbringing she knew how to sheet rock and some of the basics in construction, along with familiarity of the trade nomenclature. Her aptitude led her to be selected as the first woman in the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment in Germany where she was attached to them as the assistant regimental engineer. She also deployed with the 94th Engineer Battalion in one of the first Army units in to Bosnia.

"I had the chance to learn the combat side of the engineers where most females don't get that chance and it was

awesome," said Schlosser.

Schlosser had her first experience with the Corps as a Captain and Major in the Alaska District. During her time there she deployed to Afghanistan and helped oversee the construction of the Bagram runway project. She also helped in the construction of all the Stryker brigade infrastructure and took on jobs as project engineer, deputy resident engineer, resident engineer and deputy area office engineer.

"Based on that experience, every junior officer I talk to I tell them to go the Corps," said Schlosser. "It's so completely different from what we do in the tactical units for construction."

Schlosser also aided in the Indian Ocean tsunami and Hurricane Sandy relief efforts as well as deploying to the Philippines as part of a Field Force Engineering Team. Schlosser said what she learned as a young officer in the Corps - from greater construction and engineering methods to disaster response - was invaluable.

"One of the coolest things about working for the Corps is getting to say I built that," said Schlosser. "Engineers here at the District can say that. The other thing is getting to help people. "There is nothing more humbling than to have someone in a disaster situation come up to you and touch the flag of your uniform and say thank you. "Also working with Army civilians made me a better leader because I had to be considerate of the best way to use their time. Those aren't constraints we normally have in the military."

Schlosser said that during her first week of command while visiting the District's resident offices she was amazed to find so many employees with decades of experience working for the



Col. Teresa A. Schlosser, 36th Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District. (FED file photo)

Far East District.

"You're not accidentally in the same job for 30, 40 or 50 years," said Schlosser. "You're in that job because you love it and that speaks volumes about this District."

Schlosser said with the District's headquarters scheduled to move to Camp Humphreys her aim is to make the transition as easy as possible for those choosing to move.

"Having changed duty stations so many times myself I know it is tough," said Schlosser. "I'm asking some people who have never moved once in their lives to leave so whatever I can do to alleviate some of that stress is my goal."

Schlosser, who said she expects to learn from the vast experience of many District employees, did bestow one piece of advice to the Far East District team.

"Do the best job, in every job, and you'll be successful."



USFK Operations Center

Construction start: May 2013
Expected Completion Date: Early 2021

USFK Operations Center will serve as the operational hub for United States Forces Korea's Joint Staff elements and Component Commands. Construction is 23 percent complete.



Communications Center

Construction start: July 2013
Expected Completion Date: Early 2019

The communication center is the "primary" Main Communication Node (MCN) and access point into the Global Information Grid (GIG) on USAG Humphreys. Construction is 83 percent complete.



Medical and Dental Complex

Construction start: November 2012
Expected Completion Date: TBD

The completed medical campus will be able to support 65,000 eligible beneficiaries and 5,000 annual inpatient admissions. Construction is about 68 percent complete.



2nd Infantry Division Headquarters

Construction start: April 2014
Expected Completion Date: Summer 2018

The 2nd Infantry Division's new headquarters will include an operations center, network operations center, administrative facilities and a parade ground. Construction is 84 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 USFK headquarters is nearly finished with 95 percent completed as of August. The commissary is at 88% completed and the main exchange was completed in September. The 2nd Infantry Division headquarters building is 84 percent finished with a completion date scheduled for the middle of 2018. 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 the facility is now finished. The school opened to students with a ribbon cutting ceremony in late August. Construction has also begun on new family housing which is 32 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. Work continues on a hospital addition/alteration which is 86 percent completed and construction work on an aircraft corrosion control facility is 99 percent completed. The design work for a chapel center is 95 percent completed 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 a transient aircraft parking area is 93 percent completed, while construction on a new commercial gate is 33 percent completed. Design work at the base includes upgrading the fire suppression system which is 95 percent completed.

AIR FORCE



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District



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MARINE CORPS

The Far East 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 66 percent completed. At Camp Mujuk a new four-story Marine Air Ground Task Force Operations Center (MAGTF) for the III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) is 100 percent complete. Also at Camp Mujuk construction on the first of three Life Support Area (LSA) barracks is 34 percent completed while design work on the third barracks is 30 percent completed.



The Far East District is on pace with scheduled construction, currently at 22 percent complete for the Special Operations Force Operations Facility and Barracks in Chinhae. Design projects in Chinhae include an indoor training pool which is 90 percent completed and a humidity control study which recently began testing. At Pohang, design work on upgrading the Navy's Tri-Service Hanger, Fire Suppression System was recently awarded and serves as the Navy's number one priority for all current projects in design. Recently completed projects at Chinhae include a Consolidated Communications Facility and the upgrading of the electrical system on pier 11.

NAVY

Korea Relocation Program

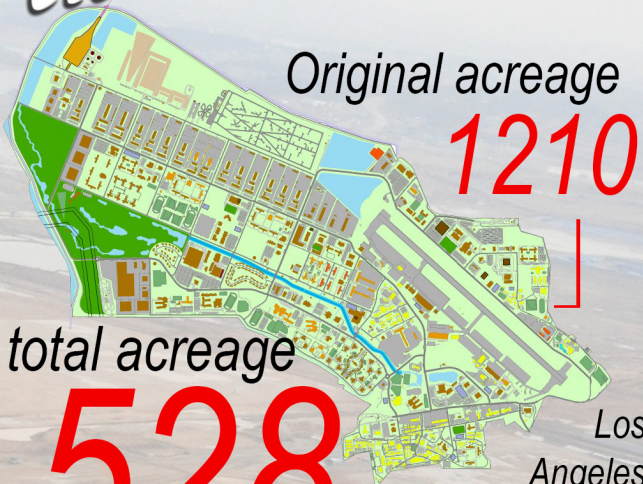
U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys



79

Percentage of completion for the entire program

By the Numbers



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

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.

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

Daegu Middle High School open for business

By Sgt. 1st Class Norman Llamas
19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Public Affairs

It's not often that you get to witness the grand opening of a brand new school. As one can imagine, it's an exciting occasion, for everyone. This was the case with the Daegu Middle High School which celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony that was appropriately held inside the brand new building, Aug. 24. The school is located in Camp Walker, Daegu, Korea.

"Today we continue the rich tradition that has been Taegu American School, Daegu American School, and now Daegu Middle High School," said

Altorn Grade, DMHS principal. "This school has been in many locations and in many configurations. At one time we were the TAS Tigers. We are now the Warriors and we carry the name with pride, from posthumous Medal of Honor recipient, Charles George. We are developing future warriors to be college and career ready, socially responsible, and to flourish in a global community."

The new school is a split level two story, DoDEA 21st Century Middle/High School that encompasses 142,583 square feet. DMHS' construction began

almost three years ago, September 2014 and was completed June 26, 2017.

"This day has been eagerly anticipated by our entire community," said Maj. Gen. John P. Sullivan, the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command's commanding general. "I would submit that, as you look around this tremendous facility, it was well worth the wait. The completion of this project is the result of much vision, planning, and hard work."

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Col. Teresa Schlosser, Far East District commander (center) and Jared McCormick, project engineer at district's southern resident office help cut the ribbon marking the opening of the new Daegu middle school/high school at Camp Walker Aug. 24. The school will provide adequate academic facilities for 525 students in grades six to 12. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Norman Llamas)

Cadets catch a glimpse of future opportunities during summer internship

By Antwaun J. Parrish
FED Public Affairs

Every summer, Reserve Officer Training Cadets (ROTC) participate in Cadet Troop Leader Training Internships (CTLTI) across the Army. CTLTI internships provide cadets with an opportunity to exercise specialized language, technical or research skills.

This year, as part of the CTLTI's Engineer Internship Program, cadets traveled to the Far East District from service academies, colleges and universities. Caleb Kowalski, who attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Tim Gephart, from the United States Military Academy, are getting a unique experience at the District working on the Korea Relocation Program – one of the largest transforma-

tion, re-stationing and construction projects in Department of Defense history.

Kowalski, a mechanical engineering major, said the engineering field has always attracted him and the chance to learn from professionals here at the District was an amazing opportunity.

"I grew up working on cars and motorcycles," said Kowalski. "I also enjoy construction and the big picture in seeing something being developed. The construction aspect going on here drew me towards this internship."

He said that he's followed some of the Korea Program Relocation Office (KPRO) personnel around the project sites

and is learning from the way the engineers are working to complete the projects.

"We learned their method of problem solving," said Kowalski. "A lot of engineering is problem solving and identifying a problem, then finding the most effective ways to solve it."

Kowalski said he didn't have many expectations prior to visiting except learning what the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District does here and getting hands on training.

Gephart, a civil engineering major, always knew he wanted to be an engineer, but he wasn't sure exactly what field until high school.

"I chose civil engineering because I was taking a drafting class and I loved the design aspect," said Gephart. "I felt that this program was a good way of seeing what the Corps of Engineers actually do."

He said that he had already some knowledge of the large build up on Camp Humphreys and the fact that the base will be the size of a city. So far, during his experience

he mentioned that it was great to see the projects that are at the beginning and ending stage of completion.

"It's great to see what the Corps is doing and how it operates outside of the U.S.," said Gephart.

In recent years the idea of broadening assignments has become more prevalent in the Army. Broadening assignments offer a method of retaining the best performers and placing them in positions most advantageous to the Army.

Having a diverse career in the Army as an officer is important for longevity and promotion. As an engineering officer Gephart understands this and he appreciates the exposure this internship provides him.

"This definitely shows one of the routes I can take as an engineering officer," said Gephart. "It's a broadening field and there are a lot of directions you can take. "So seeing specifically one of the routes I could eventually work in is a great opportunity."



Capt. Rodolfo Martinez (left) a project engineer, explains a fire extinguisher modification to Cadet Caleb Kowalski (left), University of Wisconsin-Madison, Cadet Tim Gephart (center) United States Military Academy, and Cadet Drako Gagnon, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, during a site walk on July 27, 2017. (Photo by Antwaun Parrish)

Daegu Middle High School open for business

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DMHS will provide adequate academic facilities for 525 students in grades six to 12. The school includes site improvements such as visitor's and staff parking, bus drop-off with covered walkway, landscaping, bicycle racks, artificial turf playing field, marquee board, flagpoles, exterior lighting, and utility service connections. Additionally, it has common areas with multipurpose gathering spaces, food service dining hall, and a dedicated performance space.

"As you look around Area IV, you can see a transformation taking place with the ongoing construction of the first two of what will be four housing towers here at Camp Walker," said Sullivan. "New barracks and headquarters facilities at Camp Carroll, Waegwan, this new Middle/High School, and a new elementary School that is in the

planning stages. All these new projects represent vast improvements in our quality of life here in area IV, as well as our strong commitment to the ROK-U.S. alliance."

"Next week about 300 hundred students will begin walking our halls," said Grade. "If needed, over 500 students can easily fit into this new 21st Century Facility. Classrooms are now studios and neighborhoods that are places where students take their learning to higher levels. Trust, respect and responsibility are themes that will permeate our focus and vision."

Both Sullivan and Grade expressed their most sincere gratefulness to all those who were involved in making this project come to fruition. They both also thanked the many distinguished visitors who made the trip to

be present during the ceremony.

Among the many present at the ceremony were, DoDEA Pacific West Superintendent Dr. Judith Allen, United States Forces Korea Director for Re-Stationing Maj. Gen. James Walton, Daegu City Vice Mayor Mr. Yoo, Jun-ha, Namgu District Mayor Mr. Yim, Byung-heon and the 19th ESC Cultural Advisors, Dr. Kim, Ik-dong, Mr. Sammy Shin, Mr. Kim, Byung-chan, Mr. Seo, Sang-si, and Dr. Kim, Bum-dae.

After the official ceremony was over, Principal Grade took many of the distinguished visitors for a tour around the new school.

Far East District participates in Ulchi-Freedom Guardian 2017

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The Ulchi Freedom-Guardian (UFG) 2017 military exercise transpired Aug. 21-31 in the Republic of Korea with components of both the US Army and ROK military directly supporting our long-standing alliance. The Far East District took part in this year's exercise by supporting Forward Engineer Support Teams (FEST) currently deployed here.

Mitchel Glen, the field force engineering program manager and military planner for Pacific Ocean Division (POD), explained in detail the work that the FEST teams have been conducting thus far.

"This year each of the FEST teams have a Republic of Korea-Defense Installation Agency (ROK-DIA) FEST leader working with them," said Glen. "The FEST leader will alternate which one of his civilians from his office that he brings."

Glen stated that this situation is good for both parties as it helps them to learn how to work with an engineer that operates differently.

"So they're exposed to what we do and how our FEST teams work and the type of questions we ask," said Glen.

Cpt. Wayne Brown, district plans officer, explained in more detail how the district and the FEST team participation contributes to the overall success of the exercise.

"Each exercise grows and the fidelity of it gets a lot clearer because in a contingency or wartime the engineers are responsible for an endless amount of things," said Brown. "The Far East District is in a unique role because it's responsible for a lot of construction on the peninsula. During a contingency that role will completely change to a wartime mission. So it's like being prepared on two fronts, having two missions at the same time."



Far East District military and civilian employees participating in the Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG) exercise gathered around FED headquarters flag pole for a group photo. Building strong in Korea! (Photo by Stephen Satkowski)

According to Brown, there's a lot of coordination that takes place prior to the exercise within the district operations. "What makes this district unique is the combination of US Army service members working closely with our civilian counterparts. Each bringing a unique skill-set to the table, thus making our agency that much more effective."

"It's a lot of coordination that takes place and we're such a small staff that we're always doing something," said Brown. "We're always trying to support somebody or asking for support from the various divisions."

Brown states that the biggest take away is that it takes a lot of people and pieces to make it a successful exercise.

The 62nd FEST-A from Anchorage, Alaska, is one of the FEST teams supporting the district during the exercise. Maj. John Hammett, 62nd FEST-A team officer in charge (OIC),

said he is proud of all the Soldiers and their contributions to the mission here.

"I think that right now we are well ahead of where we need to be and as OIC it makes me a little less stressed," said Hammett. "We had an in progress review with the customer this morning and they are pleased with what we have done so far and now we have to finalize our product and present it to the customer and that will be a wrap."

Hammett expressed his gratitude to the district and stated that its assistance has been instrumental to his team's success.

"When we arrived, they welcomed us with open arms," said Hammett. "Without them we would have had to work a lot harder in order to be successful. I think the Far East District has been great."



Maj. Gen. James T. "Jim" Walton, Director of Restationing with U.S. Forces Korea (2nd from left), Col. Thomas Tickner, Pacific Ocean Division commander (far left), Col. Teresa Schlosser, Far East District commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Yolanda Tate, Pacific Ocean Division command sergeant major (3rd from left) review construction progress at Camp Humphreys one stop processing center facility Aug. 23. The Far East District is overseeing construction on the facility as well as numerous other projects on U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys. U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys is currently home to one of the largest transformation, re-stationing and construction projects in Department of Defense history. (Photos by Stephen Satkowski)

Far East District plays key role as relocation of U.S. forces in Republic of Korea moves forward

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According to Karnowski “Strategic communication is that which is required to operate effectively and successfully in a governance environment that is inclusive of the generally accepted craft practices of the country where a program is under construction.”

The strong partnership and alliance foundation built over the years has enabled the transformation of Camp Humphreys from a small, sleepy installation to the biggest U.S. Army Garrison in Asia.

Col. Joseph Holland, former USAG Humphreys commander, was part of the relocation plan from 2015 to 2017. He shared his experience as the leader of Camp Humphreys and how this massive project affects the dual nation relationship.

“I’ve been elated to serve as a U.S. Soldier in the Republic of Korea in my two years of command. It is great to have enabled the readiness of our Republic of Korea-US alliance, especially at such a pivotal time as we have experienced from 2015 to present,” said Holland. “While we have been hard at work to support USFK and Eighth Army transformation and relocation to USAG Humphreys, I have been astounded at how much Korea is a model for all of the elements of national power: diplomatic, informational, military, economic, and social/political aspects.”

Some of those projects transforming the landscape include the hospital and ambulatory care center, downtown area projects such as the main post exchange and movie theater, new schools, and new headquarters buildings for United States Forces Korea

and Eighth Army.

The hospital is a key project in the expansion of the Camp Humphreys community due to the importance of having sufficient medical treatment for the increased population size.

The hospital facility is an impressive structure and has gone through its own set of challenges but is now on a path to completion. The estimated cost of construction for the hospital is \$225.6 million.

During a recent meeting held at the District’s medical resident office (MRO), all organizations involved had a chance to sync and discuss all outlined concerns and progress.

Bruce Kim, resident engineer of MRO, explained that developing a hospital is a bit more tedious than most projects because each room is different based on its function. He went on to explain that although hospitals are a complicated system, having a good working relationship with the contractor, health facility planning organization, and all the stakeholders is vital and has contributed to the success of this project.

“We have overcome some early obstacles and have experienced a big turn around,” said Kim.

The success was not only headed by Kim, but his deputy resident engineer who has a long history with the Far East District and is excited about the direction the completion of the hospital is headed.

Harvey Robinson, deputy resident engineer of MRO, explained some of the specifics of how current hospitals are now designed and built and what will make this hospital different than others built in the past.

“Hospitals are now being designed

for patients comfort and warm feeling,” said Robinson. “They (medical professionals) feel that by giving them a good feeling the patient recovers faster. They also have accommodations for the family. It’s more of an environment thing that is important in newer hospitals, such as this.”

Robinson stated that it was nice to feel that they’re accomplishing something positive. Although confident and ready to see the hospital completed, Robinson didn’t lose sight of what must continue for the project to succeed.

“Most importantly, relationships between all the key players are key to a project like this,” said Robinson.

The Far East District also oversaw the construction of a new downtown area at Camp Humphreys. This area includes a post exchange, food court, and other amenities. Although the same facilities are already available at Camp Humphreys it’s important to build them in the new location for people who live and work further away from these older sites. This is especially important for many service members who are unaccompanied and not allowed to drive a personal car.

The youngest demographic group on Camp Humphreys will also benefit from another completed project that caters to their developmental needs. The Humphreys West Elementary School groundbreaking was in June 2013 and was established for Design Construction Agent (DCA) acceptance in Feb. 2017.

Myles Esmele, project engineer from the family housing resident office, worked as the project engineer for the development of the facility. He joined the project midway and felt a sense of accomplishment when the school was ready to be handed over to the Depart-



The hospital and ambulatory care center at Camp Humphreys. The completed medical campus will be able to support 65,000 eligible beneficiaries and 5,000 annual inpatient admissions. The photo was taken in April 2017. (Photo by Antwaun J. Parrish)

ment of Defense Educational Activity.

The project took a little more than four years to complete and during that time only few challenges arose.

“One of the challenges was getting into the project mid-stride; it’s common in overseas U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Districts to have members that come and go and I was no exception,” said Esmele. “So on top of getting up to speed on the existing challenges, I had to prepare for any issues to come.”

The school was built in order to handle the increased population at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys. The school is able to house about 875 students according to Esmele.

“Aside from accommodating a larger amount of students, it’s the capability to enroll in different schools,” said Esmele. “It may or may not happen at the K-6 level, but having friendly competition in sporting events down the line is a welcome notion.”

One of the biggest projects completed this year was the Eighth Army Headquarters building. The construction for this building began in June 2013 and the ribbon was cut on the

new facility on July 11, 2017. Their headquarters moving to Humphreys is monumental and signifies how far along the District has come in the Korea relocation program. Beginning in the summer of 2017 all Eighth Army personnel will be assigned directly to Camp Humphreys instead of Yongsan. Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal, Eighth Army Commanding General, said recently at the Eighth Army headquarters ribbon cutting ceremony that Camp Humphreys has tripled in size and will be the largest continuous and most populated overseas installation, with hundreds of new facilities, including vehicle-maintenance facilities, troop barracks, family housing and shopping areas.

He said most of the remaining construction is expected to be finished in the next 12 to 18 months, adding that will trigger the moves of the remaining units.

“Once complete in 2020, the transformation will reflect the enduring commitment of both the [South Korean] and U.S. governments to this

great alliance,” he said.

The 65th Medical Brigade cut the ribbon for the largest U.S. Army dental facility during their grand opening on May 30, 2017. Carius Dental Clinic is a state-of-the-art facility with 79 treatment rooms capable of offering a complete range of oral health care service for 30,000 soldiers and their families.

The United States Forces Korea headquarters building is also set to open soon. Other projects set to be finished within the next year include the downtown project, 2nd Infantry Division headquarters and the new headquarters for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District.

The Far East District has worked on a multitude of projects throughout the peninsula in its 60-year history, however, this is the most challenging project to date. The Yongsan Relocation Plan and Land Partnership Plan are extensive and not only relocates forces but proves the adaptability of the U.S. military components.

Karnowski is keen on strategic communication and how it contributes to the success of this and any other project. He outlined some key success factors in how he and his Korean counterparts came to work together. He stated that written communication must have a common language and understanding, and verbal communication must be respectful in order to build relationships and trust. He and his counterparts had to establish designs and set standards that are achievable with the given capabilities and capacities of the region, and they had to plan for and mitigate communication failures.

Moving forward, Karnowski said it will take these factors to ensure completion of the program and to continue to protect the interests of both nations on the peninsula.

As of July 2017 the Korea Relocation Program is 78 percent complete with an estimated 85 percent completion rate by the end of the year.

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