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Far East District prepares for move to Humphreys with container removal

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In preparation for the Far East District's relocation to Camp Humphreys in Pyeongtaek, the Logistics Management Office turned in six 20-foot containers to the Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services on Dec. 22, 2016.

To prepare disposal of these containers, the supply branch began consolidation of its assets and supplies several years ago. The district began disposing of unnecessary items, issuing supplies we no longer need to other units on the peninsula (i.e. printer cartridges that we do not have printers for), and coordinating with other sections ensuring they maintain 30 days of supplies for their immediate need. The results of these efforts enabled us to empty out all six containers.

The task to get these containers ready for turn-in did not stop there. The supply branch coordinated with Ken Pickler, Far East District transportation branch chief, 25th Transportation Battalion, USAG-Yongsan Directorate of Public Works and the Defense Reutilization Management Services (DRMS) to ensure the entire process was synchronized.

The turn-in date with DRMS must be scheduled prior to scheduling a

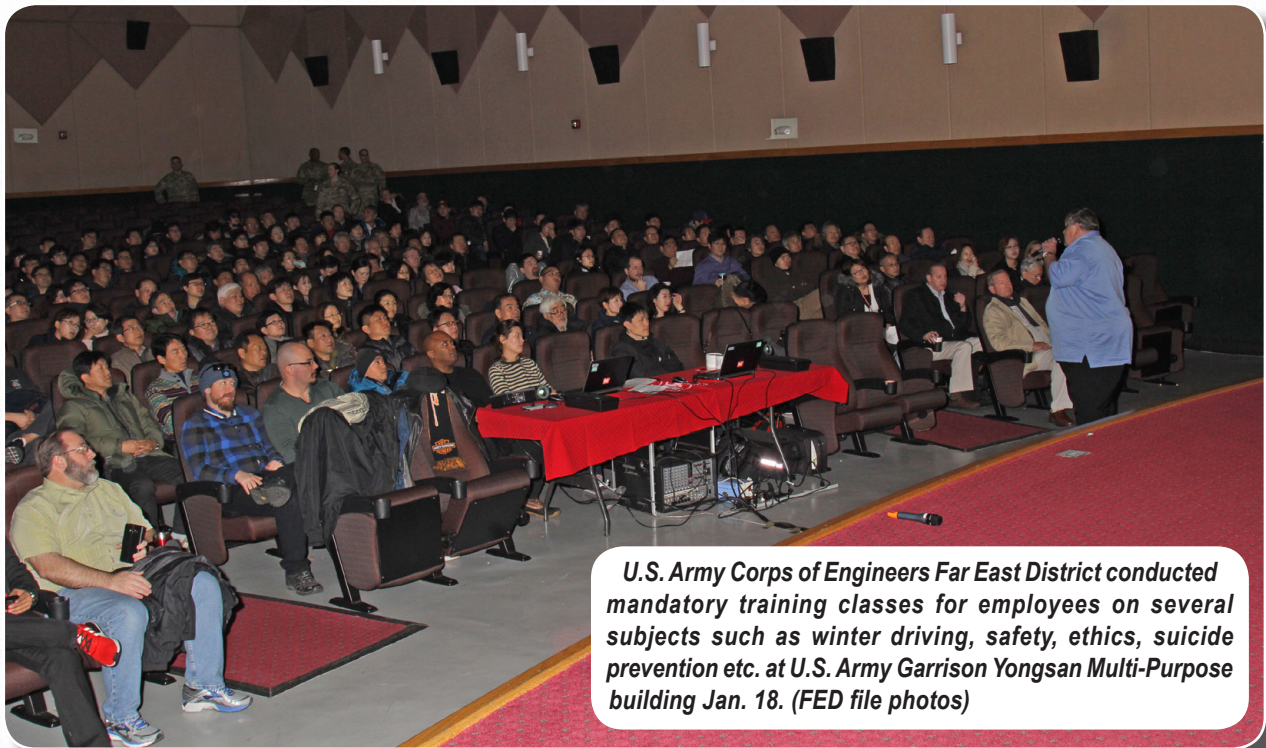


Far East District logistic management office moved six empty container boxes from Far East District to Defense Reutilization Management Services Office (DRMO) with help from 25th Transportation Battalion Dec. 21. This is all part of the Far East District's planned relocation to Camp Humphreys. (Photo by Edward Minnerly)

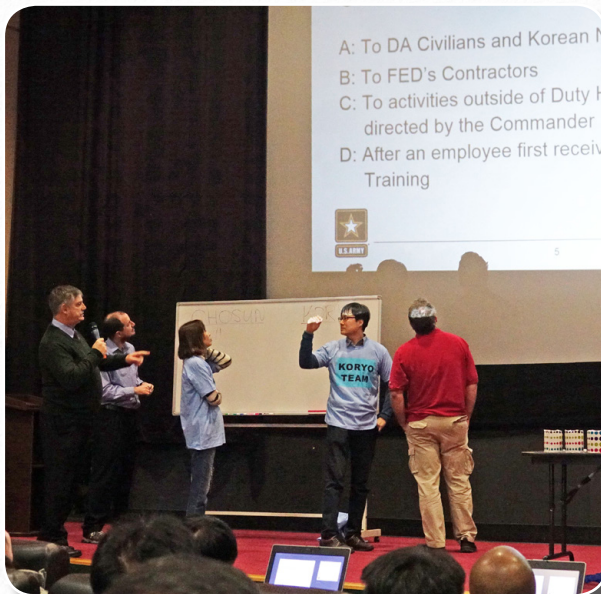
transportation appointment. Once the turn in date was confirmed and notification sent to 25th Transportation, coordination was made between the local crane and forklift vendor to schedule an execution date to lift and load these containers on the flatbeds. After the execution date was confirmed, the

supply branch coordinated with the district's transportation branch and U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan DPW to disconnect all the power lines and separate all containers that are welded together.

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District conducted mandatory training classes for employees on several subjects such as winter driving, safety, ethics, suicide prevention etc. at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan Multi-Purpose building Jan. 18. (FED file photos)



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Happy New Year 2017

The year of the Fire Rooster

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FED Public Affairs

The Lunar New Year is fast approaching taking place Jan. 27 this year. The Gregorian calendar, followed in the U.S. and most western countries, begins on Jan. 1. However, in the Far East, Lunar New Year holds a special meaning. The Lunar New Year is a 60 year calendar cycle associated with one of 12 earthly branches (such as the fire rooster) and ten heavenly stems and begins with the first full moon of the year. Many Koreans, as well as other nations in the Far East, celebrate with fireworks and parties with family and friends.

2017 is the year of the fire rooster.

People born in 1957 and 2017 are fire roosters. They are said to be trustworthy, responsible at work and have a strong sense of timekeeping. Roosters are said to be the most motivated animal in the Chinese zodiac.

Because rooster and hens brood egg, they represent abundance and fertility. They are also portrayed as birds that have virtue. The crow of a rooster brings light in darkness (dawn) which represents the awakening of all creation and soul of hope.



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Without the prior synchronization and planning by both the supply and transportation branch chiefs this event would not have been successful. To ensure mission success, Ken Pickler also trained the supply and motor pool personnel on critical lift tasks and safety standards a week in advance.

Finally, because everyone involved took extra measures, this event occurred without a hitch and without any safety incidents and violations. Outstanding leadership from Ed Minnerly, chief of the district's Logistics Management Office. I would also like to extend my thanks to all personnel involved from supply and transportation branches. This is an example of what can happen with prior planning and early coordination with outside agencies.



What is the EEO?

By Valerie S. Bradley

FED Equal Employment Opportunity Office

EEO is shorthand for Equal Employment Opportunity and is a matter overseen by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or EEOC. EEO is a product of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and is intended to protect employees from discrimination in the workplace. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District EEO Office is in compliance to operate in accordance with the Army regulation 690-600 and this law.

The EEO Office provides overall direction, management and oversight of the Equal Employment Opportunity Program for the District Commander, and administers a com-

prehensive EEO program for the Far East District.

Information on the USACE FED EEO program and management support services can be seen on USACE FED EEO web page: <http://www.pof.usace.army.mil/EEO/>



Dates to Remember Cultural Observances and Awareness Events

CULTURAL OBSERVANCE/AWARENESS EVENTS	DATE	AUTHORIZATION	SOURCE/THEME
Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday	16 January 2017	Public Law 98-144	Source: The King Center 2017 Theme: Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off!! (This theme does not change.)
National African American/Black History Month	1-28 February 2017	Public Law 99-244	Source: Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) 2017 Theme: The Crisis in Black Education
Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month	1-31 May 2017	Title 36, U.S. Code, Section 102.	Source: Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) 2017 Theme: Unite Our Voices by Speaking Together
Women's Equality Day	26 August 2017	Joint Resolution of Congress, 1971 and Presidential Proclamation	Source: National Women's History Project 2017 Theme: Celebrating Women's Right to Vote (This theme does not change.)
National Hispanic Heritage Month	15 September-15 October 2016	Title 36, U.S. Code, Section 126.	Source: National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers 2016 Theme: Hispanic Americans: Embracing, Enriching, and Enabling America
National Disability Employment Awareness Month	1-31 October 2016	Title 36, U.S. Code, Section 121.	Source: Department of Labor 2016 Theme: #InclusionWorks
National American Indian Heritage Month	1-30 November 2016	Public Law 102-188, Executive Order 13270 and Presidential Proclamation	Source: Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) 2016 Theme: Serving Our Nations

PLEASE NOTE: On behalf of the Department of Defense office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, and the Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity (ODMEO), the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute provides these themes for national observances on this compiled listing.

This month in FED History

- **January** 1984: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers chopper evacuated Republic of Korea airman from Kunsan to Seoul.

- 1985: Yongsan school cafeteria opened.

- 1988: New bowling center at Camp Casey opened.

- 1999: New community activities center at Camp Humphreys opened.

- 2000: MiG ALLEYS Bowling Center at Osan Air Base opened.

- 2005: Phase I of Yongsan 121 General Hospital completed.

- 2006: Bodine Dental Clinic at Camp Walker opened.

- 2007: Kunsan Air Base radar approach control center opened.

- 2009: FED awarded the largest single contract in its history to SK Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd. for the new land development, new and existing, utilities, and infrastructure for U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys.



The new community activity center at Camp Humphreys opened for business, January 15, 1999.



Bang Jeong Hwan Child Development Center opened at USAG Humphreys, January 23, 2008.
It is named after the founder of Korean Children's Day holiday.



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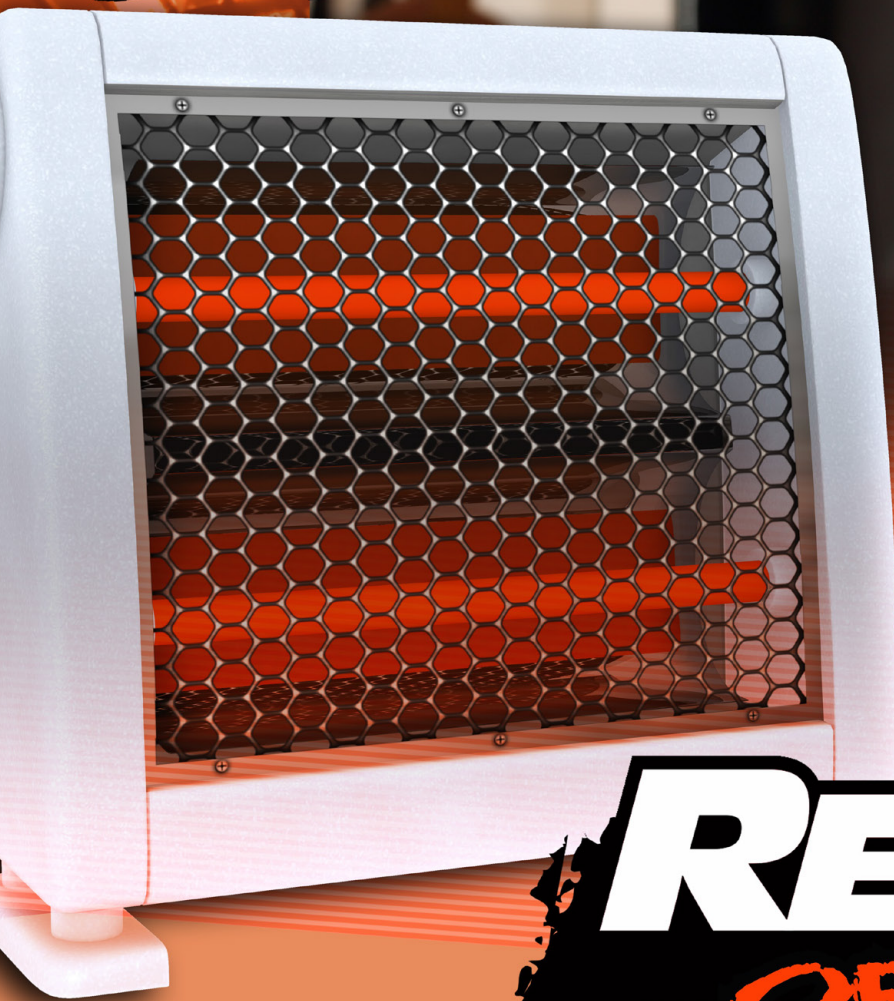


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HERE IT COMES



Don't Get Burned

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Before the weather turns cold, ensure you know the rules for safely using space heaters and other heating devices in your home.

READY ...OR NOT?

Ready ... or Not is a call to action for leaders, Soldiers, Army Civilians and Family members to assess their readiness for what lies ahead - both the known and unknown.

Throughout our professional and personal lives, events happen all around us. We are often able to shape the outcome of those events, but many times we're not. Navigating life's challenges is all about decision-making.

So are **YOU** ready ... or not?



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