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Col. Teresa Schlosser (right), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District commander, and Richard Byrd, FED Deputy District Engineer, rolls the district flag during a colors casing ceremony Aug. 31 to mark the closing of the district's headquarters in Seoul (Dongdaemun) and its relocation 40 miles south to Camp Humphreys. (Photo by O Sang-song)



By Col. Teresa A. Schlosser
FED Commander

Commander's Corner

FED Team, the move has finally really happened. It's amazing to me to be able to use past tense when talking about the much-anticipated move. Although we've still got a few folks to bring down, we're far enough along to count this action as a success, since at this point most of the District Headquarters has moved into the new building in Camp Humphreys. I want to thank everyone for the part you've played in this historic move. I know this has been a difficult time for many members of the FED Team. Moving is never easy, between the actual physical disruption of packing and the emotional turmoil of change, we have all had to overcome challenges during this move. Now that we're here, I'm excited to have the majority of the District in the same place for the first time in decades and I know it will bring the FED Family closer.

As I wander around the new Headquarters building I'm seeing that everyone is settling in and making it more like home every day. We will continue to improve our 'foxholes' as time goes by and I encourage you to bring up suggestions for how to make things even better.

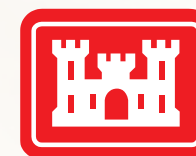
I want to make sure you're aware of some of the initiatives we're already undertaking so you know what's going to change in the near-future. We've received permission from IMCOM-P to renovate our space on the first floor to include a mail room. This will make things easier for everyone who currently has to go across post to get their mail and should simplify things in the long run. IMO is also working on installing cell phone repeaters throughout the building so everyone can communicate without having to stand in a window. We're not sure how long this effort will take because we'll be learning about new 'black holes' as the repeaters go in and don't quite cover everything. But, we'll get there and make sure

everyone can talk throughout the building. A longer term effort is to bring wi-fi to the building. We're still working some of the necessary permissions, but I think we'll be successful. This will enable folks to use their laptops throughout the building without having to be hard-wired and should increase efficiencies during meetings.

Another initiative we're still working through is getting something to eat and drink within a reasonable distance. To me reasonable is within this building, but we've met some resistance we're working through. In the short-term, there's Korean food available next door in the DoD Building, but I know we can do better for the long-term and will continue to pursue an eatery in the building. In the meantime we want to get order-in lunch plates, but still have some work to do on the logistics of how folks can place their orders, pay and pick-up their meals. Suggestions and volunteers for this initiative are always welcome.

Two other changes involve building access and ambiance. We're going to transition to CAC access on the building doors and primary workspace access. This will eliminate the need for everyone to carry around an extra card and will make things a bit easier. The ULDP II class, Got Your Six, is working on a plan to make our building into a friendlier, cozier place to work. I know it's a bit sterile and cold here now, but they've come up with some great plans for group gathering places and decorations.

I'll close with another thank you to everyone for making this move possible. It's not often we get to participate in a historic change and we've all made it happen together, and we'll continue to make things better for the District and one another. Please take the time to wander around the building a bit and see who's where as we settle in. Thanks for all you do.



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More than 60-year history in Seoul comes to a close as FED relocates to Camp Humphreys

By Antwaun J. Parrish
FED Public Affairs

After a week of cloudy days and rain, the sun shined bright over the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District (FED) compound as many employees, guests, and friends of the district gathered to commemorate a monumental event in the district's history.

The FED held a colors casing ceremony Aug. 31 to mark the closing of the district's headquarters in Seoul (Dongdaemun) and its relocation 40 miles south to Camp Humphreys.

A casing of the colors is a traditional ceremony when a unit is deactivated or relocates, and is held to commemorate the unit and its history.

After more than 60 years of being nestled in the heart of Seoul, the district has reached its milestone of relocating as a part of the Yongsan Relocation Program which relocates U.S. forces to Camp Humphreys.

Col Teresa Schlosser, FED commander, opened the ceremony by thanking everyone for joining the district for its color casing ceremony.

"The unit's colors represent people, though you can't see all of them today the colors represents all the civilians and Soldiers who have served in the Republic of Korea (ROK)," said Schlosser. "All volunteers determined, tough, and intelligent."

Schlosser went on to thank the local community for its openness and generosity to FED and the bond they have created throughout its history near the East Gate.

"We have enjoyed being a part of the Dongdaemun community and making kimchi with our neighbors in the fall," said Schlosser. "Although we are officially moving



Col. Teresa Schlosser (right), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District commander, and Richard Byrd, FED Deputy District Engineer, rolls the district flag during a colors casing ceremony Aug. 31 to mark the closing of the district's headquarters in Seoul (Dongdaemun) and its relocation 40 miles south to Camp Humphreys. (Photo by Antwaun Parrish)

our headquarters and we are preparing to close our gates in the coming month, Dongdaemun and the East Gate will always be a part of our history and we'll be forever grateful for the friendship and experiences we've had here"

The Honorable Seo Yang-ho, Mayor of the Jung-gu district joined the ceremony and also provided remarks. He opened with a light-hearted joke of how all U.S. and ROK military ceremonies are held directly in the sun and how painful it is to sit in the heat.

Seo went on to elaborate on the fellowship of the community alongside the Far East District.

"I would like to express my gratitude to Col. Schlosser. Our relationship between Jung-gu office and FED dates back to 2008 when FED participated in the kimchi making

event for those in need in our community," said Seo. "Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to provide a helping hand."

The mayor stated his regrets about the relocation but offered encouragement to FED's future endeavors.

"It's a shame the FED is relocating to Pyeongteak from Jung-gu, but I hope that all USFK processes are completed successfully," said Seo. "I hope that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers continues strengthening the Korea/U.S. alliance through construction service after relocation and also our relationship will continue."

Everyone gathered for a reception following the ceremony, and walked together to the East Gate to take a photo in front of this historic landmark that serves as a

backdrop to the district's illustrious history.

An opening ceremony will be held at the district's new headquarters in autumn.

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(Right) Col. Teresa Schlosser (right), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District commander, and the Honorable Seo Yang-ho, Mayor of the Jung-gu district, honor the nation during the playing of the U.S. national anthem during a colors casing ceremony Aug. 31 to mark the closing of the district's headquarters in Seoul (Dongdaemun) and its relocation 40 miles south to Camp Humphreys. (Photo by Antwaun Parrish)



FED plays a role in STEM: Influencing future

By Antwaun J. Parrish
FED Public Affairs

According to a Live Science article titled, What is STEM Education, STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines-science, technology, engineering and mathematics- in an interdisciplinary and applied approach.

The article goes on to state that STEM integrates them into a cohesive learning paradigm based on real-world applications.

In a study conducted by the U.S. Department of Education it was revealed that fewer students were focusing on STEM from the United States.

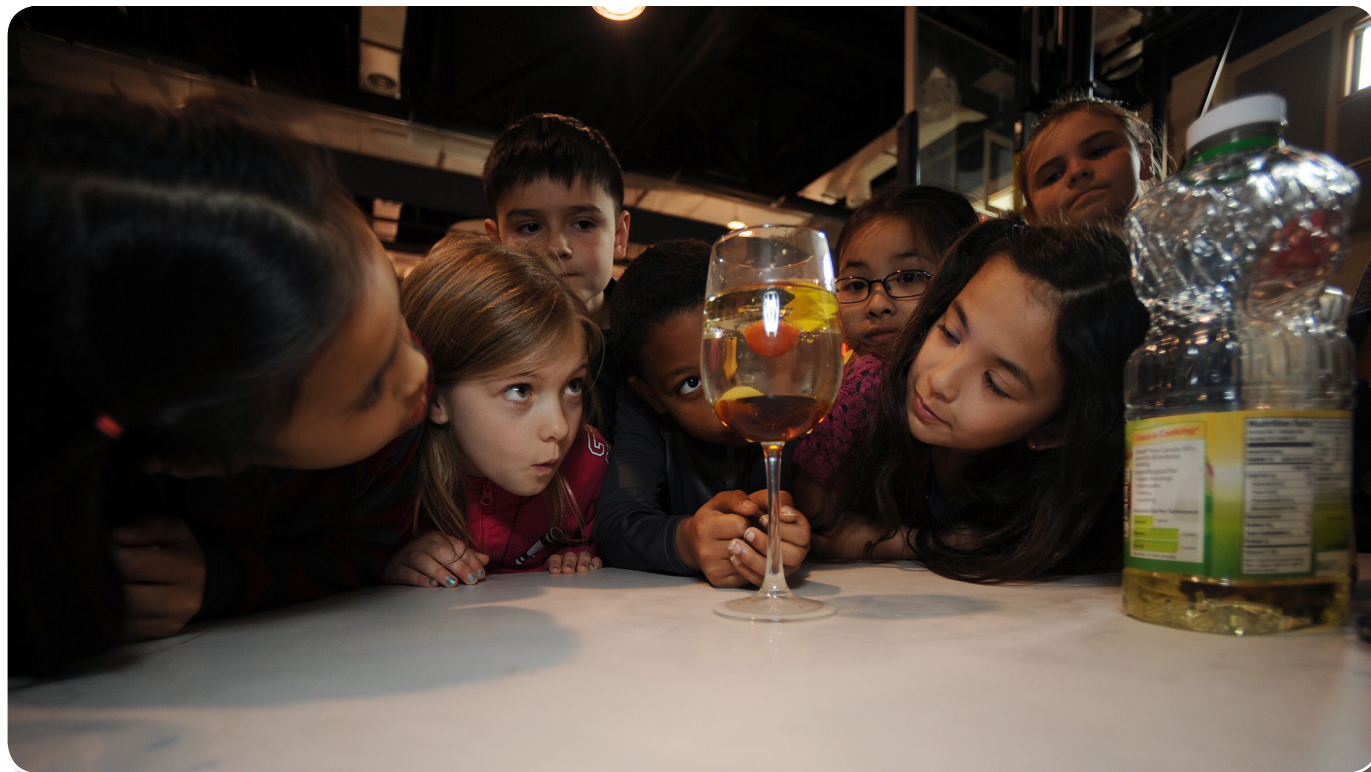
It concluded only 16 percent of high school students were interested in these subject areas. As a result of the findings initiatives were launched to increase student's engagement in those subjects.

As a result, the Obama administration announced the 2009 "Educate to Innovate" campaign to motivate and inspire students to excel in STEM subjects according to the Live Science article previously mentioned. The article goes on to state, this campaign also addresses the inadequate number of teachers skilled to educate in these subjects. The goal is to get American students from the middle of the pack

in science and math to the top of the pack in the international arena.

Employees of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District (FED) have in recent years taken on the challenge to help inspire and teach students in STEM related fields. In 2013 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Defense Schools Korea District signed an education partnership agreement at Seoul American High School. The partnership centered on support for the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative.

Former employees of the FED,



Humphreys Central Elementary School students observe an experiment during a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) event, April 18, 2016. (Photo by Jennifer Moore)



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District employees volunteer as instructors at a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) event held at Humphreys West Elementary School, May 31. (Photo by Antwaun J. Parrish)

Patrick Beard and Bernie Thompson, Former employees of the FED, Patrick Beard and Bernie Thompson, spearheaded the first STEM event in the spring of 2013 at Humphreys Elementary School. Beard explained why the STEM program was important to add as a part of the FED and its surrounding community.

"Supporting STEM allows us to tell our story, and show kids what STEM does for them, and that it can be exciting," said Beard.

Beard said that STEM is crucial to him as an engineer and that it helped inspire him to mentor kids into his area of expertise.

"I look at it a little bit from the selfish standpoint, because it makes me feel better as an engineer when the kids get quiet and act interested

in what you're saying and get excited about what they get to do," said Beard. "Supporting STEM is as much for me as it is for them."

When Beard left FED to go back to Tulsa District, he passed the Humphreys event coordination to another employee who felt the same way about STEM. For the past four years, Jennifer Moore, Chief of FED's Air Force Program & Business Process Branch, spearheaded a group of employees to facilitate STEM events at two Camp Humphreys elementary schools.

"For the elementary school students it is a fun break from their normal school day, and for us it's great to see the diverse group of students of all grades K-5," said Moore. "They may not grasp the technology or complicated science behind some of the stations,

but they are so excited."

The event is comprised of several interactive booths that cover several different engineering and science based concepts. Some of the stations include a rubber band helicopter, tension and structural strength testing, and connecting a circuit with a battery and light bulb.

"I think that the joy the kids get from seeing a light bulb light up by just touching it with their finger, a battery, and a wire is enough that maybe they'll think about that when they go to middle or high school and maybe it will excite them enough to pursue the sciences when they grow up," said Moore.

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When Moore first became a part of volunteering and hosting STEM events, Camp Humphreys was undergoing a large amount of construction due to its transformation plan. As a result Moore felt it was a great opportunity to explain to the students within the community what the FED was doing on the base.

"In 2016 we held an event with the high school and middle school students, in which they had to compete to be selected for a shadowing day," said Moore. "They were able to tour project sites during construction before the buildings were turned over to see what a day is like for a project engineer, or electrical engineer or what's important to an architect."

The STEM initiative coincides with the Pacific Ocean Division's implementation plan to "prepare for tomorrow." Its objective is to build ready and resilient teams through innovative talent management and leader development strategies.

"The school's initiative for STEM and our goals align well," said Moore. "By having USACE here working so closely, the schools have a group of qualified technical experts that want to volunteer their time to help push that mission."

The administration and staff at the Camp Humphreys' schools said the initiative and participation of the FED employees who host the STEM events is a welcome addition to their curriculum.

Rick Taylor, a Humphreys Central Elementary School teacher and STEM event coordinator, expressed his appreciation for the FED and its continued support to education.

"We have gotten AMAZING support of our STEM activities from Jennifer Moore and a team of volun-

teers from the Corps of Engineers over several years," said Taylor. "The work her volunteers do every year gets rave reviews from our staff and the students have a great time participating in the hands-on activities that are presented," said Taylor.

According to Dr. Jeff McGee, Humphreys West Elementary School principal, these events add an element to the student's education that they wouldn't receive until much later.

"We don't have an engineering program in elementary school," said McGee. "So the great thing about STEM is that it provides a cohesive opportunity for students to build background knowledge, which they can build on when they get to middle and high school."

McGee explained that the STEM program along with the school's resources prepares the students for their future and continues to build upon already acquired knowledge.

"We have engineering in education kit Legos and robotics kits, which the children are always interested in using," said McGee. "These types of learning activities are things that students remember and each year we're able to layer on a new understanding and build a complex type of Lego or robot."

"I want to thank the Corps for being such active participants in the lives of our children," said McGee. "Bringing instructors in from outside the school adds value, further than what we can do internally. So thank you so much."



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District employees volunteer as instructors at a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) event held at Humphreys West Elementary School, May 31. (Photo by Antwaun J. Parrish)

FED employee inspires university student to take internship

By Antwaun J. Parrish
FED Public Affairs

This summer a Hampton University student was granted the opportunity to work alongside Far East District (FED) engineers and learn how the district contributes to the U.S. and Republic of Korea forces located on the peninsula.

Sean Dawley Jr., a senior architecture major, was selected as the Advancing Minorities In Engineering intern for the district. The purpose of the program is to provide the interns real world engineering experience.

Dawley was inspired to apply for the internship after attending a presentation given by an FED employee who happens to be an alumni of his university.

"Last year Mia Dukuly [FED project engineer] came and gave a presentation at my school where she provided an overview of the program," said Dawley. "So I kept in contact with her since her presentation about the program."

He explained that the possibility of interning was intriguing to him because of the hands-on aspect it provides, which he believes is his best way of learning.

"During her power point presentation, she explained that the interns spent time with each office doing different work in either construction or design, and going over plans and other things," said Dawley. "The ability of being able to be on a construction site and seeing how things are built caught my interest."

This is Dawley's first time in Korea, however, it's not his first time doing work abroad. Last summer he studied urban design in France along with some of his classmates.

Dawley expects a unique experience during with his internship in Korea and feels that he has managed to adjust well so far.

"I knew that coming to Korea would be a different experience, but I also knew that the internship was with the military, so it wouldn't be too drastic of a change," said



Sean Dawley Jr., a senior architecture major from Hampton University, conducts a water retention inspection at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, July 5. (Photo by Yi Yong-un)

Dawley. "Camp Humphreys has expanded since other students were here, so things they told me is different because there is a lot more to see and do."

An invaluable lesson that Dawley has learned is that communication is a huge contributor to the success of the FED. He said he has learned that many different departments have to work together to complete projects.

At the completion of his internship Dawley will return to Hampton University to complete his final year in college.

"I'm thankful for this experience, it's been a lot of fun this far," said Dawley.



The repair of the inside runway at Osan Air Base was awarded on Sept. 30, 2016. Osan holds the Air Force's oldest runway, built in 1952, and has supported countless operations from the Korean War to today.

This project is a full replacement by unbonded PCC overlay to the entire runway surface, including asphalt concrete shoulders, airfield lighting system, and the runway overruns. This project is being built in five distinct phases, with each phase being completed in its entirety before moving to the next phase. Far East District Deputy Resident Engineer

Karey Park said so far everything is going as planned.

"I'm glad to say that concrete placement on the runway is in full swing. On a typical production day, we are placing approximately 550 cubic meters of concrete by use of a slipform paver, in addition to installing a new runway drainage system, electrical manholes, and base cans for the runway navigational aids. About 4,800 cubic meters of concrete have been placed so far, and we are looking forward to seeing the first aircraft take off from the new runway once the overlay is complete." (Photos by Stephen Satkowski)



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 48 percent complete.



Communications Center

Construction start: July 2013
Expected Completion Date: 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 87 percent complete.



Medical and Dental Complex

Construction start: November 2012
Expected Completion Date: 2019

The completed medical campus will be able to support 65,000 eligible beneficiaries and 5,000 annual inpatient admissions. Construction is about 97 percent complete.



2nd Infantry Division Headquarters

Construction start: April 2014
Expected Completion Date: Finished

The 2nd Infantry Division's new headquarters will include an operations center, network operations center, administrative facilities and a parade ground. Construction is 100 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 hospital and ambulatory care center is 97 percent finished. The 2nd Infantry Division headquarters building is 100 percent finished with division Soldiers scheduled to move in later this year. 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 construction is almost finished on the new family housing tower #1 which is 95 percent complete and construction on the Soldier support center is about 50 percent complete.



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 Phase 3 of the Osan Hospital Addition/Alteration at Osan Air Base which is 90 percent complete and the main runway repair project is 35 percent complete. The design work for a chapel center is 100 percent complete and the design for the 5th Reconnaissance Squadron Aircraft Shelter is 90 percent complete. At Kunsan Air Base, on Korea's southwest coast, construction on hardened aircraft flow thru shelters is 72 percent completed, while construction on a new commercial gate is 94 percent completed.

AIR FORCE



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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. At Camp Mujuk a new four-story Marine Air Ground Task Force Operations Center for the III Marine Expeditionary Force is under construction and is currently at 6 percent complete with the contract completion date (CCD) of 2020. Also at Camp Mujuk construction on the first of three Life Support Area (LSA) barracks is almost complete with the CCD of Fall 2018. The second LSA barracks is at 16 percent construction complete with the CCD of 2019. The third barracks design is completed and the ROK Government is planning to award the construction by end of Sept. 2018. The base will be able to accommodate about 1200 Marines during exercises once all three barracks are completed.



The Far East District is on pace with scheduled construction, currently at 82 percent complete for the Special Operations Force Operations Facility and Barracks in Chinhae. Design projects in Chinhae include an indoor training pool which is 95 percent completed and a humidity control study which recently completed testing and FED engineers are working with the customer on how to move forward. At Pohang, the construction contract was awarded for the Navy's Tri-Service Hanger, Fire Suppression System on Aug. 27. This is the Navy's number one priority for all current projects in design.

NAVY

Korea Relocation Program

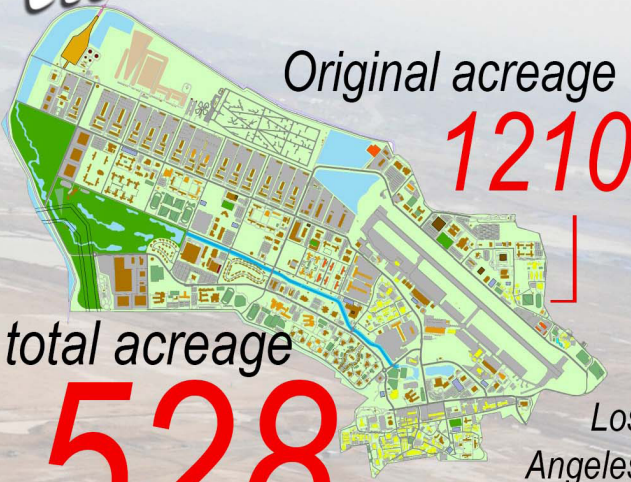
U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys



85

Percentage of completion for the entire program

By the Numbers



Original acreage 1210

655

buildings done, under construction or planned.

The number of buildings being demolished is

339

\$10.7

Billion total price tag

3,528

New total acreage

Los Angeles International Airport is 103 acres smaller

17.6

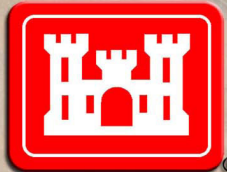
million cubic meters of

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.

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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



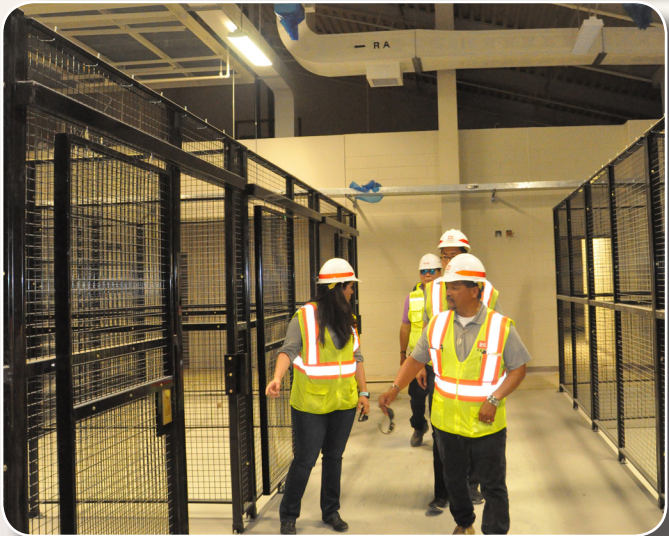
Enough fill is in place to fill the old Yankees baseball stadium about 5 times over



Song Young-moo (left), the South Korea minister of National Defense, Gen. Vincent Brooks (2nd from left) Gen. Vincent Brooks, U.S. Forces Korea commander, Lee Sang-cheol (3rd from left) the first deputy of the South Korea National Security Office, stands for the U.S. and Korean national anthem during the grand opening of the new USFK headquarters building at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, June 29, 2018. A grand opening ceremony was held to celebrate the relocation of the command after 73 years at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan. (Photo by Staff Sgt. David Chapman)



Engineers at the Far East District's Central Resident Office at Osan Air Base continue to provide construction surveillance on many projects. One of which is the Special Operations Command Korea facility which includes an administrative area, group operations center, vehicle storage building and a parachute drying tower that is 122 feet tall. The facility will support USFK ground and air component commander's requirements and joint special operations with Republic of Korea forces. The facility is more than 60 percent complete and is scheduled to be finished by the end of the year. (Photos by Stephen Satkowski)



(Body) Building Strong in Korea: FED Soldier captures body building title in U.S. competition

By Stephen Satkowski
FED Public Affairs

Maj. Danny Kang, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District Plans and Operations Officer, took home the overall championship in the Men's Classic Physique at the 2018 Washington State Open Bodybuilding Championships – National Physique Committee (NPC) National Qualifier on Aug. 4, 2018 in Auburn, Washington.

Kang competed in eight different divisions and also took home two 1st place, four 2nd place, one 5th place and one 7th place awards.

During his childhood, Kang was competitive in martial arts and also won many championships, but they didn't mean much to him. He always preferred weight training and started lifting weights in junior high school, and was a huge fan of the top bodybuilders.

Kang describes his lifestyle as spartan or as ground hog day, every day. He wakes up at 4:15 a.m. and begins his training by 5:10 a.m. with his training partner David Jones aka 'Big Oklahoma.' He describes his training sessions as, "a spiritual connection between me and the weights and individual." Kang trains

365 days a year and doesn't adjust for anything or anyone.

"No one misses you at 5 a.m. and training at that time allows me to focus with no distractions," Kang stated.

Kang is coached by professional bodybuilder Derek Aparis out of Federal Way, WA., and checks in with him daily.

Kang stays on a particular diet all year but four months prior to the competition, he put himself on an 18 week prep diet consisting of only lean beef, chicken breast, white fish or pink salmon, broccoli, asparagus and red potato.

"It's easy to get in shape to go to the beach or fit into that nice shirt," said Kang. "However, if you're competing with the best Washington state has to offer, a strict diet and training plan is must. Once you go on stage under those bright lights, people can tell if you truly stuck to your diet and trained hard."

He is now qualified to compete at the national level and plans to do so next year, if it doesn't conflict with his commitments to the Army.

****Maj. Kang would like to thank the Far East District Commander Col. Theresa Schlosser, for supporting him and allowing him to travel from Korea to compete. He would also like to thank his coach and mentor IFBB Pro Bodybuilder Derek Aparis, his brothers Jonathan and Joey Gallardo, Team Aparis, his wife and son; Alyssa and Jayden and his training partner David Jones aka Big Oklahoma for helping him train.**

(Left) Maj. Danny Kang (second to the right), Far East District plans and operations officer, poses during the 2018 Washington State Open Bodybuilding Championships – National Physique Committee National Qualifier on Aug. 4, 2018 in Auburn, Washington. (Photo provided by Maj. Kang)



(Above) Maj. Danny Kang, Far East District plans and operations officer, poses during the 2018 Washington State Open Bodybuilding Championships – National Physique Committee National Qualifier on Aug. 4, 2018 in Auburn, Washington. (Photo provided by Maj. Kang)



Work-Life balance: FED Soldier keeping busy during year-long attachment to FED

By Stephen Satkowski
FED Public Affairs

Staff Sergeant Kyle R. Ashley, a quality assurance representative (QAR) at the southern resident office (SRO), has been attached to the Far East District since the spring of 2018. The job at SRO has kept him quite busy as he ensures the projects he is assigned to comply with quality standards set by the industry.

"I am currently assigned nine projects and the secondary QAR on one project at three different locations (Camp Walker, Camp Henry and Camp Carroll)," said Ashley.

Ashley said this has been one of his best and most rewarding assignments throughout the 13 years he has spent with the Army.

"The one thing I really enjoy about the job aspect is that I am learning a new skill set that I can use when I retire from the Army," said Ashley. "Not only is the job great but I feel that this is a good way to broaden my scope of work and create a stable network by working with an accomplished group of individuals that are more than willing to show me how to complete my job to the best of my ability."

Ashley said the job scope at FED is a lot different than what he is used to being a carpenter. He added that the broadening of his duties and the network of people he has met will only help him down the road in his career.

"I enjoy my job here and maybe someday after I retire come back to

work with the Corps of Engineers as a QAR," said Ashley.

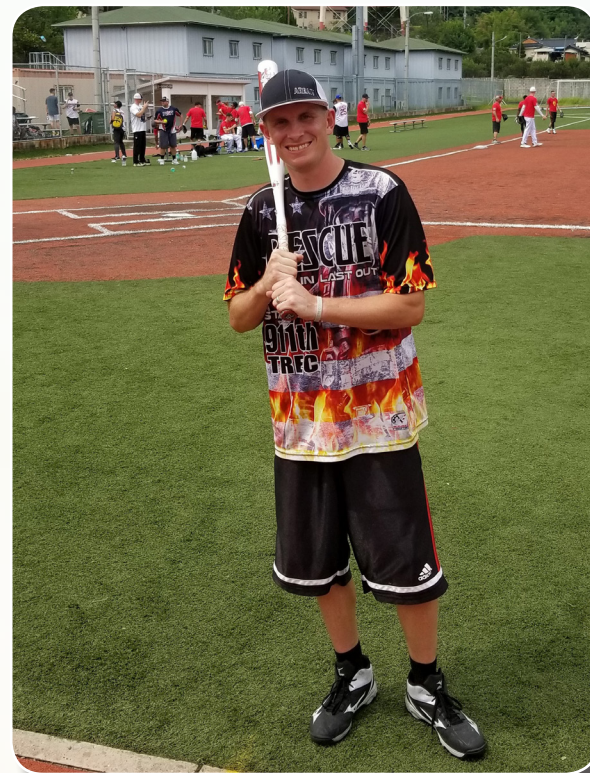
Aside from excelling at his job at the Far East District, Ashley also is a bit of an athlete. After arriving in Korea, Ashley made contact with the Area IV softball team and asked to try out.

"I went to the practice and I guess they like what they saw," said Ashley. "I ended up making the team as a utility player but mainly play left or left center."

The regular season consisted of 30 games, five weekends of six games played every other weekend starting in June and ending the second week of August. Ashley said he and a few other teammates typically practice around four times a week concentrating on hitting drills and situational hitting.

"Situation hitting would pertain to a few different things; placement of the defense, do we have any players on the bases and what is the balls and strike count," said Ashley. "We try to have a couple of plans when we come up to the plate instead of just going up there and swinging at a pitch."

Ashley said his goal is to improve



Staff Sergeant Kyle R. Ashley, southern resident office quality control representative, poses for a photo before a post softball game at Camp Henry. (FED file photo)

his skills as a player in the field and hitting and to get to know other softball players to expand his network of Soldiers and softball players.

"The one nice thing about playing for a post team as opposed to an intramural team is the level of competition," said Ashley. "Post teams are made up of the best intermural players. I have seen a higher level of skills and have learned more from it."

The post season playoffs are scheduled for later this fall.



The Far East District headquarters building in Seoul (Dongdaemun) in 1977. (FED file photo)



Col. Teresa Schlosser (far left), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District (FED) commander, Lt. Col. Dennis McGee (2nd from left), FED deputy commander, and members of the officer professional development group pose in front of the district's headquarters, Seoul, South Korea, Aug. 17. (Photo by O Sang-sung)

North Atlantic division supports Korea mission during deployment

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A team of personnel collectively from several districts within the North Atlantic Division recently put their technical skills to the test as they worked in various support roles during their deployment to South Korea.

The Forward Engineer Support Team (FEST) deployed this summer for three weeks in support of 8th Army and 19th Engineering Support Company.

Preston Jacka, a structural engineer for the Baltimore district, served as the team leader for the mission due to his technical background,

Jacka explained that he has a background in bridge reconnaissance (recon) which made him an obvious leader for the team since they'd be

conducting work in that technical field.

The team was broken down into two components during their deployment. One site assessment team was responsible for looking at areas around Dageu and Busan area. The other team was assigned to recon area around Camp Humphreys in support of 8th Army.

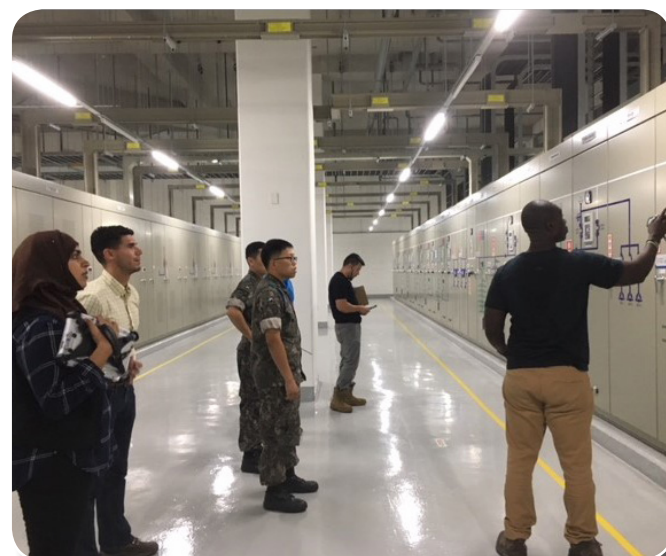
Being that the FEST team is comprised of members from different districts there were a few hurdles to cross but the team managed to successfully work together.

For example, although Jacka has a bridge recon background, many of his teammates do not. Which means that he had to speed them up on all the technical aspects of the mission.

"It's always a little bit of a challenge but several of the team members have been together on past deployments and they have interfaced with each other several times at their own district," said Jacka. "So I'll say that all the team is familiar with each other even if we haven't worked directly together."

Jacka feels that the team's hard work and efforts have contributed to a solid outcome that he and his customers will be pleased to accept.

"We have been hitting our requirements and overcoming a few of the challenges but overall we're getting a good product and we should deliver something that Eighth Army can use."



Several members of the North Atlantic district pose in front of the new port of Busan during their three-week deployment as a Forward Engineer Support Team in support of Eighth Army and 19th Engineering Support Command, Busan, South Korea, Aug. 16, 2018. (Photo by Maj. Christopher George)



Several members of the North Atlantic district along with Republic of Korea Soldiers gather data on stadium electrical capacity at the Korean Baseball Champion Samsung Lions' stadium during their three-week deployment as a Forward Engineer Support Team in support of Eighth Army and 19th Engineering Support Command, Dageu, Aug. 18, 2018. (Photo by Maj. Christopher George)



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District employees stand inside the recently completed Battery Servicing and Repair Facility, Camp Carroll, July 10. The final inspection for the \$4.2 million project was completed July 9, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony held on July 10. So Chae-pom, from U.S. Army Materiel Support Command-Korea, said the facility could not have been completed without the hard work from engineers from the Far East District.

"Jared McCormick, Project Engineer and Mr. Pae, quality assurance representative were outstanding. They had a positive attitude, professionalism and their desire to help the customer made them a pleasure to work with. Thank you again for being on the tip of the spear and seeing this wonderful project through to completion."



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By Col. Teresa A. Schlosser
FED Commander

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