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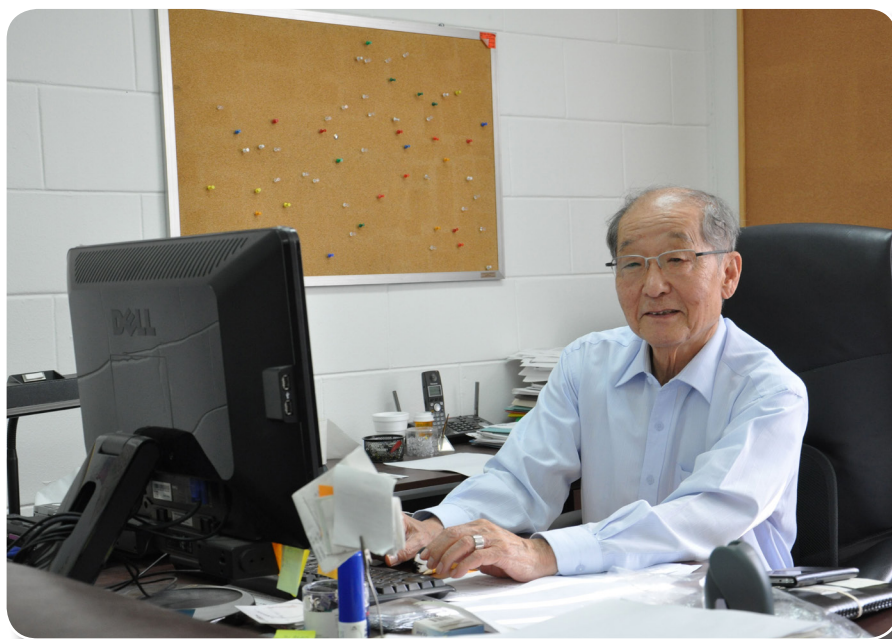
## Harry Kim: A legacy of service to the Far East District and beyond

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In late November we learned of the passing of a former United States Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District employee who served for decades with the Far East District and for more than 50 years in the U.S. government. Harry Kim, who served as the district's chief of contracting between 1989 and 2012 and served in contracting as a retired annuitant until 2015, is remembered as an outstanding leader and a good friend.

"He was well-respected and admired by many, and will always be a part of the FED legacy," said David Kim, a procurement analyst in the district's contracting division.

Kim started his government service in 1952 when he volunteered for the U.S. Army, then in the middle of the Korean War, in an effort to join the fight and do what he could for his parents and close relatives in Korea. Although he tried to get to Korea, the Army decided to send him to Kentucky, where he served 24 months at the Armor School, Foreign Liaison Section, Fort Knox. There he served as an interpreter for visiting Republic of



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Korea (ROK) armor officers receiving training under the exchange military students program.

Following his Army service, Kim attended the University of Illinois at Urbana, majoring in business administration. During his junior year Kim returned to Korea to see his ailing father. After his father's passing, Kim took a job at the Korea Procurement

Agency (KPA), as a special assistant to the legal staff.

During his 17 years of service at KPA, Kim served as a contracting officer with an unlimited warrant responsibility for all phases of contracting services, supplies, construction and cost type contracts for the repair and maintenance for U.S. Forces Korea.

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**United States Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District employees attend face-to-face training at the district's East Gate Club, Jan. 18. The topics covered during the training were winter driving safety, risk management, suicide prevention, the Army substance Abuse Program, and ethics training. (Photo by Antwaun J. Parrish)**



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During the Vietnam conflict, Kim was responsible for procuring all items such as camouflage uniforms and jungle shoes in support of Korean troops deployed in Vietnam. For his efforts of timely execution of contracts, Kim was commended by various ROK and U.S. government agencies.

When he came to the Far East District in 1989 as the chief of contracting Kim's interaction with Korean contractors, his knowledge of Korean laws, customs and economic conditions contributed to the success of the district in accomplishing its mission.

During his 22 years as the district's contracting chief he processed and approved about 9,000 contract actions, awarded about \$4.6 billion

in actual contracts and executed the Program Management Consortium for the Yongsan Relocation Program.

"I do not regret even one minute of my association with this great organization or what I have done, but am proud to be a part of the great professionals that make up the Corps," said Kim in 2008.

Mike Feighny, retired district counsel, considered Kim an esteemed colleague and a great friend. Feighny said that he first met Kim when he was on active duty in 1982.

"He was a dedicated public servant to both the U.S. and Republic of Korea and its alliance," said Feighny. "Honest and hardworking. He ex-

pected his people to work hard as well. Harry was very effective at dealing with contractors and talking straight to them and getting things done," said Feighny. "He was very highly respected in the Korean community."

Feighny recalled the friendship that he shared with Kim and the funny moments that made their bond unique.

"Both Harry and I were hard of hearing so we would sit in the snack bar during lunch and yell at each other," said Feighny. "Sometimes we couldn't understand each other but that didn't stop us from trying."

Kim leaves behind a legacy of hard work and dedication which continues to resonate through the district.



**Harry Kim receives the 50-year Service Award from Lt. Gen. Joseph F. Fil, Jr. the former Chief of Staff, U.S. Forces Korea and Commander, Eighth Army, June 12, 2008. (Photo by Joe Campbell)**

# After 51 years of service to the Far East District, Kang Kil-su hangs up hard-hat for good

**By Antwaun J. Parrish**  
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**M**ore than fifty-one years after walking into the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District's southern resident office on June 27, 1966, Kang Kil-su, a quality assurance representative (QAR), is finally hanging up his hard-hat.

Kang began his engineering studies at Yeungnam University located in Daegu in the 1960's.

"I decided to study engineering because it was easier to get a job with this degree at that time," said Kang.

Kang stated that after his studies, when he was 26 years-old, he worked as a contractor on the Daegu airfield runway project for the district.

"I came to know about the district while working on the project and that's how I came to know and work for the Far East District," said Kang.

Since coming to the district he has seen numerous changes throughout his career.

In the early years he didn't use any computers. Kang explained that all the quality assurance representative reports were written on carbon paper and filed in cabinets.

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

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

In 2000 Kang's hard work and dedication to the district was recognized as he was selected as the district's



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

nominee for the Pacific Ocean Division's Hard Hat of the Year award.

Kang's upcoming retirement will provide him a chance to relax and enjoy activities of leisure.

"I plan to play golf and take time to go hiking," said Kang. "I have no specific plans, but I would like to catch up with friends."

Kang left this gracious message to his fellow district teammates.

"The people I have worked with were great," said Kang. "We were a great team together. I would like to thank them for working in harmony as a team."



*The new commissary at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys will soon be ready to open. The commissary is just one of the many facilities that will open this year at Humphreys thanks to the effort of our engineers here at the Far East District. (Photos by USAG Humphreys Public Affairs)*





***The Far East District family said farewell to James Lee, chief of the supply and facility branch in the district's logistics office on Jan. 11, 2018. Lee is headed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District. (Photos by Stephen Satkowski)***



***Lisa Billman, FED contracting division chief for the past three years, said farewell to the FED family during a luncheon Jan. 4, 2018 in Seoul. Billman will bring her talents in contracting to the Transatlantic Division for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (Photos by Stephen Satkowski)***

## EEO Corner

**By Valerie Bradley**

FED Equal Employment Opportunities

As the calendar rolls over into a new year 2018, may your happiness be double folded each passing day. I wish that you will achieve all your personal and professional goals. Have a happy new year ahead.



*Far East District engineering division employees Hyon Chun-sin (top row left) and Jang Hyuk-pak (second to left) were selected to participate in the USACE Leadership Development Program Level 3 in Hawaii. (FED file photo)*



# Building **Safety** Strong

## ARMY SAFE IS ARMY STRONG



### *New Year Safety Resolution*

The New Year will bring new commitments, new ideas and new challenges. Let us all commit to having fun this year but doing so safely at work, at home and while on the road. During the winter months, cold & freezing weather and traveling along highways and roads will be two major factors in cold injuries and accidents. Our New Year's resolution is to promote good driving habits now that will eliminate the potential for accidents and injury throughout 2018.

#### *Some helpful New Year Safety Tips:*

- ♦ **Driving Safety.** Slow down and beware of icy road conditions near places like bridges, under passes or areas not exposed to heat from the sun. Remember not all areas will receive salt or road service to remove ice and snow.
- ♦ **Skiing, Snowboarding, Snowmobiles, Sledding, Hiking.** Skiing, Snowboarding, snowmobiling, tubing, sledding, ice-skating are a few of winter activities which can cause injury or even death. These outdoor activities are fun and should be performed in areas where authorized and in some cases under the supervision of an experienced trained person. Always have an experienced partner or friend with you when enjoying the outdoors, dress warmly and always let your family and friends know where you are.



- ♦ **Child & Pet Safety.**

Keep children dressed properly for cold weather & monitor the amount of time they spend outside playing.



*\*No pet should be left outside for long periods of time in below freezing weather.*

## *Bring Your Pets Inside!*

## *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.



# HERE IT COMES

## **Watch Where You Walk**

On average, one pedestrian dies in a crash-related accident every two hours. Use crosswalks and look both ways before crossing and never walk on train tracks. Most pedestrian accidents occur at night, so see and be seen.

# 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.

<https://safety.army.mil>

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?

