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## FED celebrates Engineer Day at Seoul compound for last time

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District, recently held its final Engineer Day at the district headquarters as it prepares to relocate to Camp Humphreys.

“This celebration is bittersweet,” said Col. Teresa Schlosser, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District commander. “It was bitter because it was our last one here as we get ready to move. The sweet part is that the district will pretty much be all together. So we can actually have our first 100 percent FED Engineering Day.”

Many of the district’s employees cheerfully gathered at compound’s flagpole for a unified organization photo. Following the photo, the group migrated to the East Gate Club for an award ceremony to congratulate many of the employee’s achievements.

Schlosser spoke briefly about the day’s activities and the significance of the district celebrating its final Engineer Day.

“The relocation is finally happening,” said Schlosser. “We are going to leave our home and go down to be with everyone else at Camp Humphreys. We can finally be more together as



Col. Teresa Schlosser (right), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District commander, presents employee awards during Engineer Day held at the district’s East Gate Club, June 29. (Photo by Antwaun Parrish)

a district. We will still have Kunsan, Daegu, and a few of the outline stations, but for the most part we will be together.”

Many competitive activities filled the compound including an egg-spoon race, free-throw competition, spades tournament, pull-ups, and much more. Most of the district’s divisions put together teams to earn winning ac-

colades from their peers.

Some employees’ spouses and children joined in on the celebration and activities held at the compound. The children were entertained through bouncy-houses, face painting, and a coloring contest.

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*(bottom right) Col. Jeong Se-ok (left), Chief, Program Management Team, MURO, and Col. Garrett Cottrell (right), Deputy Military Chief, United States Army Corps of Engineers Far East District, sign the Acceptance Release Letter of the General Officer Housing (AFH050), June 14. (Photos by SeukHwan Son)*



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Needless to say joy, laughter, celebration, and most of all togetherness filled the compound during the district's final Engineer Day celebration.

After a pot-luck luncheon the commander announced "Team George" as the winners of the overall sport's competition. Team George was a team comprised of members of the construction division, named in honor of their outgoing chief who's retiring soon.

Although this is the last celebration at the Seoul compound the district will continue to observe Engineer Day and other events at its new Camp Humphreys location.

"I will like to thank everybody from all the sites for the work they put in for Engineer Day, because I know it takes a ton of work," said Schlosser. "For everybody who helped put Engineer Day together, I thank them for that."



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**T**he 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)

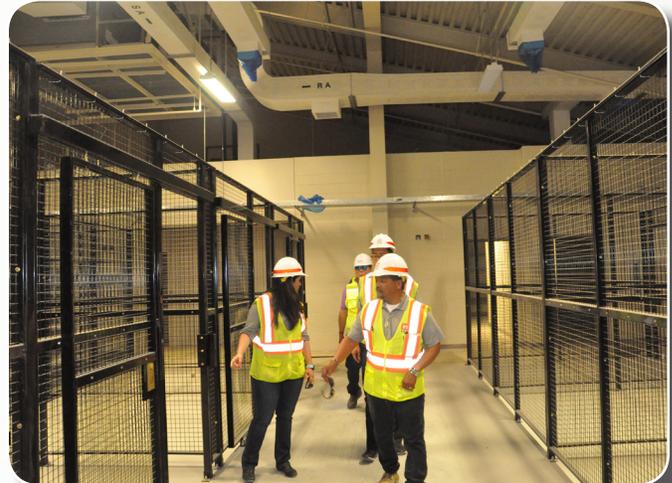




**Song Young-moo (left), the South Korea minister of National Defense, Gen. Vincent Brooks (2nd from left) Gen. Vincent Brooks, U.S. Forces Korea commander, Lee Sang-cheol (3rd from left) the first deputy of the South Korea National Security Office, stands for the U.S. and Korean national anthem during 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)**



# EEO Corner

**By Valerie Bradley**

FED Equal Employment Opportunities Officer

**O**n 26 August 2018, we will observe and recognize Women’s Equality Day. The day was established by Joint Resolution of Congress in 1971, to observe the 26th day of August and commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. The observance has grown to include focusing attention on women’s continued efforts toward gaining full equality. The theme for this event does not change and is “Celebrating Women’s Right to Vote.”

We will observe National Hispanic

Heritage Month, 15 September through 15 October 2018. The observance was established by Title 36, U.S. Code, Section 126 and Public Law 100-402, August 17, 1988. The Hispanic Heritage observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan, 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. The timeframe of the observance focuses on significant events for various Hispanic communities which fall within the observance period. September 15 which is the anniversary

of the independence of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua and 16 September, Mexico declared its independence; 18 September, Chile. The month, celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens with ancestors from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. The National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers, announced the 2018 Hispanic Heritage Month theme: “Hispanics: One Endless Voice to Enhance our Traditions.”



*The Far East District family said farewell to Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Richard Collins (second from right) and his family on June 22 at the Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul. During the past two years Lt. Col. Collins was instrumental in preparing the district to relocate its headquarters from Seoul to U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, played a lead role in the district’s readiness exercises and its financial readiness. Thank you and good luck on your next assignment! (Photo by Yo Kyong-il)*



# Building *Safety* Strong

## ARMY SAFE IS ARMY STRONG



### Heat Safety: Warning Signs and Symptoms of Heat Stress

**W**ith any of the below symptoms or signs, immediately call for medical evaluation by a medical provider. If medical provider is not immediately available, call 911.

INDICATIONS OF POSSIBLE HEAT ILLNESS		MENTAL STATUS ASSESSMENT
<p><b>MORE COMMON SIGNS / SYMPTOMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dizziness</li> <li>• Headache</li> <li>• Dry mouth</li> <li>• Nausea</li> <li>• Unsteady walk</li> <li>• Weakness</li> <li>• Muscle cramps</li> </ul>	<p><b>IMMEDIATE ACTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove from training</li> <li>• Allow casualty to rest in shade</li> <li>• Take sips of water</li> <li>• While doing the above, call for Medic evaluation of the soldier (Medic will monitor temperature and check for mental confusion)</li> <li>• If no medic is available call for ambulance or Medevac</li> </ul>	<p>A sign that the soldier is in a <b>serious life-threatening</b> condition is the presence of mental confusion (with or without increased temperature). Anyone can do a mental status assessment asking some simple questions:</p> <p><b>Call for emergency Medevac or ambulance if any of the following exist:</b></p> <p><b>What is your name?</b> (Does not know their name.)</p> <p><b>What month is it? What year is it?</b> (Does not know the month or year.)</p> <p><b>Where are we/you?</b> (Does not know the place where they are at.)</p> <p><b>What were you doing before you became ill?</b> (Does not know the events that led to the present situation.)</p>
<p><b>SERIOUS SIGNS/ SYMPTOMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hot body, high temperature</li> <li>• Confusion (Do Mental Status Assessment)</li> <li>• Vomiting</li> <li>• Involuntary bowel movement</li> <li>• Convulsions</li> <li>• Weak or rapid pulse</li> <li>• Unresponsiveness, coma</li> </ul>	<p><b>Immediately call Medevac or ambulance for emergent transport while doing the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lay person down in shade with feet elevated until Medevac or ambulance arrives</li> <li>• Undress as much as possible</li> <li>• Pour cool water over person and fan</li> <li>• Give <b>sips</b> of water while awaiting ambulance (if conscious)</li> <li>• Monitor airway and breathing until ambulance or Medevac arrive</li> </ul>	

- **July – September:** Unfavorable due to increased precipitation and poor trafficability and with low ceilings and visibility due to haze, rain and fog
- **Yellow dust:** Average 3-5 events; reduced visibility
- Most significant threat to personnel are isolated thunderstorms (strong winds and lightning with limited rainfall amounts), heavy rainfall, and high daytime temperatures
- Typhoon season begins **mid June and reaches peak in July and August**
- Monsoon season begins in **late June and continue to influence weather through early September**
- Flood risk maximum in **July and August**

## *This month in FED History*

- **July** 1985: Eighth Army Milk Plant at K-16 Air Base completed.
- 1987: Kunsan Resident Office opened.
- 1987: The 19th Support Command Headquarters at Camp Henry opened.
- 1987: Officers' Club at Osan Air Base opened.
- 1988: Cheung, Ki-suk, FED employee received Distinguished Presidential Senior Executive Service Award from President Reagan.
- 1988: Liquid Fuel Storage Facility at Camp Sears completed.
- 1999: Barracks at Camp Red Cloud opened.
- 1999: Combined Defense Improvement Program barracks at K-16 completed.
- 2005: FED Asbestos lab obtained Industrial Hygiene Laboratory Accreditation from American Industrial Hygiene Association.
- 2007: Family Housing Tower at Camp Humphreys opened.
- 2010: Han, Chom-cha, Resource Management Office, retired after 50 years of service to the U. S. Government.



Combined Defense Improvement Program barracks at K-16 completed, July 27, 1999.



Family Housing Tower, one of 33 new towers scheduled to be built at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys opened, July 18, 2007.

# Heat Can KILL!

## Possible Heat Casualty

### Common Signs / Symptoms

- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea
- Unsteady walk
- Weakness or fatigue
- Muscle cramps

### Immediate Actions

- Remove from training
- Allow person to rest in shade
- Loosen clothing
- Take sips of water
- Call for a medic to evaluate the person
- If no medic is available, call for an ambulance or MEDEVAC
- Use Iced Sheets for rapid cooling of suspected heat stroke victims



Visit <http://safety.korea.army.mil>  
for heat injury prevention resources