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The new commissary at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys opened on Feb. 7. The commissary is just one of the many facilities that will open this year at Humphreys. (Photo by Antwaun J. Parrish)



Commander's Corner

By Col. Teresa A. Schlosser
FED Commander

FED Team,

Happily, the weather is getting warmer and it looks like spring is coming to the Korean Peninsula. With the change in seasons FED is also getting ready for the big changes associated with moving our headquarters from Dongdaemun to Camp Humphreys. The Operations team has been working closely with the District's Divisions to make sure we're fully prepared for our historic move. I appreciate the hard work everyone has contributed to this effort and want to pass along a couple updates.

We are on track to accept our new headquarters building in mid-May, which will allow the Garrison and other supporting agencies to finish the outfitting in time for our move this summer. If everything continues as planned we will sign for our building on July 3 and the advanced party, mostly Operations, will move in following the 4th of July holiday to make sure everything is ready. The rest of the FED Compound folks and KPRO will start moving in to the building starting in late July. To accommodate the fact that summer is our big work season we won't all move at once and won't finish moving until October.

I can only ask for the District's continuing patience and flexibility as we get closer to our move timeframe. I also want to thank everyone for their patience throughout this long process. In particular, the Compound folks who have lived through the "we're moving, not moving, for sure moving this time, still not moving yet" cycle over the past couple

of years. I truly believe we're moving this time and I look forward to putting all the chaos behind us, being collocated with the Humphreys team, and being closer to the outlying Resident Offices.

An added bonus to being done with the move will be my ability to get out and about to visit our other locations across the peninsula. Fortunately, Mr. Byrd and I have a couple trips already planned for this spring to see Busan and the eastern coast areas, as well as a return trip to Kunsan Air Base. But, by actually being in Camp Humphreys, I won't need to travel there every week and I'll be able to see other project teams and their construction efforts more regularly.

This is exciting to me because I know we have many interesting and complex projects being executed in the south and I look forward to seeing them. I remain amazed at all the work FED is doing here to support the U.S. military and our ROK allies and I'm incredibly thankful for your efforts to make things happen. FED routinely receives praise from outside the District, whether for our FEVS results, from outside reviews such as the recent POD Command Assistance Visit, or from other commands and agencies across Korea. This praise is a direct result of what each and every one of you do to support each other and the mission every day. Thank you for making FED the tremendous District it is!

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Engineers at Far East District make history on construction

By Stephen Satkowski
FED Public Affairs

A Battalion headquarters complex construction project at Camp Humphreys, Korea, designed and overseen by engineers from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District, achieved Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification Jan. 21 from the U.S. Green Building Council.

The buildings in the complex are the first in both the Far East District and United States Forces Korea history to be designated with such a rating.

Sang Lee, an electrical engineer and a key member of this project's

delivery team, said the facilities were designed and constructed with the intent to reduce environmental impact through green design measures.

“Our goal was to reduce water and energy usages, reduce construction waste and increase recycling while increasing the use of regional and recycled content materials and increasing indoor environmental air qualities,” said Lee.

The silver certification designation offers third-party verification that a building or community was designed

and built using strategies aimed at reducing energy and water usage, promoting better indoor air quality, and improving quality of life. LEED provides what essentially is a rating system for buildings, equivalent to a gas mileage rating for cars. Buildings accumulate points for things such as saving energy, having accessible mass transit, and mitigating storm water runoff.

Lee said buildings with silver certification not only help the environment but also increase the productivity

of those who use the facilities.

“There are an array of benefits including increasing worker production and reducing potential liability resulting from indoor air quality problems,” said Lee.

Sung Ho, a member of the project delivery team for the complex credited Lee with spearheading the team that achieved the certification. He said Lee was one of the key players from the beginning of this project and led the LEED team which included the LEED consultant, the contractor, project engineer, project manager and quality assurance representative.

“He set up and hosted coordination meetings to explain how we can

achieve the certification,” said Ho. Then he guided us through the successful certification process which included job-site inspections, corrective measures taken and a LEED documentation review.”

Ho said during the U.S. Green Building Council review Lee answered their every inquiry, which was essential to successfully achieving the certification.

“Also after the review he was instrumental in the follow-up actions that were completed necessary for the LEED Silver certificates,” said Ho. “Without his unselfish effort, this would never have happened.”

The Far East District continues

to stress green solutions to all of its projects. The LEED solutions are part of the district’s commitment to building future facilities that substantially minimize environmental impact in Korea.

“Everyone in FED is committed and onboard and complying with FED’s Sustainable Design and Development (SDD) implementation and compliance,” said Lee.

The LEED rating system is the industry’s gold-standard for environmentally sustainable buildings and is recognized industry-wide by architects, engineers, developers and other building professionals.

The LEED Silver certification of this battalion headquarters complex, a first in U.S. Forces Korea and Far East District history, was attained on Jan. 21. (Photo by Capt. Rodolfo Martinez, Deputy Resident Engineer, USACE Far East District)



New bowling center opens on USAG Humphreys



Col. Jeong Se-ok (left), Chief, Program Management Team, Ministry National Defense United States Forces Korea Base Relocation Office (MURO) and Col. Garrett Cottrell (right), Deputy Military Chief, United States Army Corps of Engineers Far East District, sign the acceptance release letter for the new bowling center on U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys during a ceremony Jan. 31. (Photo by Son SeukHwan)



Far East District employee shares Olympic triumph

By Antwaun J. Parrish
FED Public Affairs

At this year's winter Olympic games, one of our U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District employees received a medal from Ivanka Trump, a senior White House advisor, while he was spending time at the U.S. Olympic Village house.

Why was this employee recognized? Well his name is Garrett Hines and he is an Olympic medal winner. Hines currently works as a safety and occupational health specialist with the district. Not only is he an employee with the Far East District he serves as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserves with the Public Health Command.

Hines is a former football and track athlete at Southern

Illinois University. After the completion of his undergraduate degree he decided to take his athletic career to the next level.

"I was in my last year in school when I decided to try out for the pro champ bobsled team," said Hines. "I was picked up by a driver in 1993.

Three years after being picked up with a driver, Hines began a new career that shifted his life and allowed his athletic abilities to flourish.

"In 1996 I joined the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program as an enlisted soldier and later commissioned as an

officer," said Hines. "After training in the program for two years I competed in the 1998 Winter Olympics."

Hines' team finished fourth in the 1998 games, the closest an American bobsled team had come to winning a medal in over 40 years. This feat earned Hines the distinct title as the 1998 Army Athlete of the Year.

The highlight of Hines' athletic career happened during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

"In 2002 my team won the silver medal for the 4-man bobsled event," said Hines. "I was the brakeman of the bobsled, and as we were crossing the finish line I remember one of my teammates standing up to rejoice as we crossed the finished line. He later joked that, he stood up to block me in photos."

As expected, winning an Olympic medal has changed Hines' life and afforded him a plethora of opportunities. In addition to winning the silver medal he has won numerous bobsled titles around the world.

"I have had the opportunity to travel to six of the continents, excluding Africa," said Hines. "Also, I can visit the Olympic village house during any games."

Hines has been through years of training both as an athlete and in the Army. He takes the lessons he's learned with him into his everyday life.

"You learn that in order to be the best at what you're doing you have to push those around you," said Hines. "Find something that you want to achieve and commit to that, once you do that everything else will fall into place."



Garrett Hines (second from left) poses on the podium at the medal awards ceremony at the Olympic Medals Plaza during the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. (Photo by John Gichigi/Getty Images)

FED employees tour new facility as relocation nears

By Antwaun J. Parrish
FED Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District's highly anticipated move from Seoul to Camp Humphreys is closer than ever. Some employees have already migrated to the new installation as others are expected to relocate later this year.

Recently the district's relocation officer hosted a trip for employees to visit the new headquarters building and the Camp Humphreys area. The visit was established in order to orientate district personnel with the area and give them a sense of the new facilities.

Twenty participants attended the tour of the new FED facility. 1st Lt. Christopher Larocque, FED Relocation Officer, said although employees still have many questions related to the move the tour helps ease some of the concerns.

"Being able to see one's new working environment and the Garrison certainly helps to alleviate some unknowns about the area," said Larocque. "As time moves forward and more information is shared and FED employees learn more about their own moves, further questions can be answered."

Larocque said he considers this process a tremendous learning experience and is doing all he can to help mitigate problems and keep steady the flow of communication.

"Although this relocation can bring many emotions, keeping patience and flexibility will make the move much easier," said Larocque.

Of course with the relocation there will be many changes taking place, but this change brings new opportunities and experiences.

"By looking at the FED relocation in a positive lens it will make those challenges easier," said Larocque. "In short, 'hunt the good stuff' during this transition period."

Many of the buildings at the district's Seoul location have been here since World War II, and although they are functional the new location brings with it a state-of-the-art facility. Larocque states that the working spaces are larger than those here at the FED and our ability to collaborate



To enhance understanding of the current transformation and relocation, Far East District employees were given a tour of several facilities including the new district's headquarters at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, Feb. 8. (Photo by O Sang-song)

with multiple offices in an easier way is a great aspect of the relocation.

Terry Hong, FED property book officer, was one of the tour's attendees. Hong decided to participate in the tour because he believes it is beneficial to the upcoming mission.

Hong also stated that he has been stationed at Camp Humphreys before and because of one key reason he is excited about moving there again.

"I like Camp Humphreys because it has less traffic than Seoul," said Hong.

He also was impressed with the new facility and he has no reservations in moving to the new location.

Larocque states that if any member of the FED family has questions about relocation or Camp Humphreys in general, don't be afraid to reach-out.

"We are all going through this change together, so I'm sure any question someone might have is one that many others may have," said Larocque.



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 38 percent complete.



Communications Center

Construction start: July 2013
Expected Completion Date: Mid 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 84 percent complete.



Medical and Dental Complex

Construction start: November 2012
Expected Completion Date: Late 2019

The completed medical campus will be able to support 65,000 eligible beneficiaries and 5,000 annual inpatient admissions. Construction is about 81 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 92 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 commissary and Post Exchange are finished and both facilities are open to the public. The 2nd Infantry Division headquarters building is 93 percent finished with a completion date scheduled for 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 has begun on new family housing which is 58 percent complete and design work is now 100 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 Phase 3 of the Osan Hospital Addition/Alteration at Osan Air Base which is 90 percent complete and the main runway repair project is 20 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 shelters is 52 percent completed, while construction on a new commercial gate is 54 percent completed. Design work at the base includes upgrading the fire suppression system which is 95 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. A new bulk fuel transfer pipeline to replace the existing pipeline located at the Pohang Republic of Korea Marine base is now completed. At Camp Mujuk a new four-story Marine Air Ground Task Force Operations Center for the III Marine Expeditionary Force is design completed and construction has begun. Also at Camp Mujuk construction on the first of three Life Support Area (LSA) barracks is more than 50 percent complete and construction has started on the second barracks. The third barracks design is completed and will see construction starting in 2019. The base will be able to house about 1200 Marines once all three barracks are completed.



The Far East District is on pace with scheduled construction, currently at 63 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 completed testing and FED engineers are working with the customer on how to move forward. At Pohang, FED engineers working on the design of upgrading the Navy's Tri-Service Hanger, Fire Suppression System had their 90 percent on board review in mid-March. This the Navy's number one priority for all current projects in design.

NAVY

Korea Relocation Program

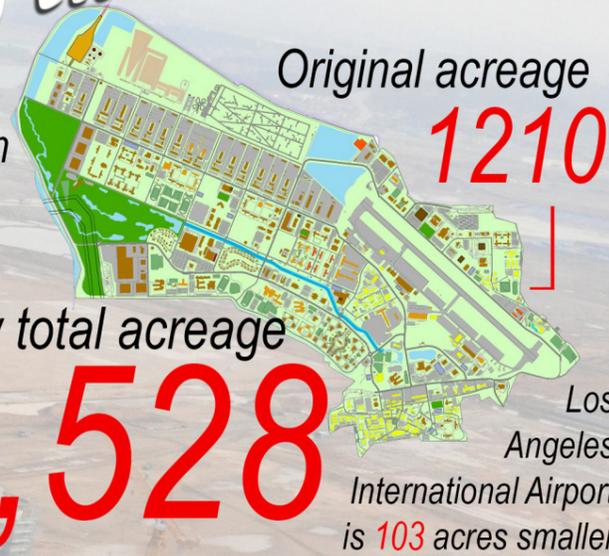
U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys



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Percentage of completion for the entire program

By the Numbers



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

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

Zoekler and Downtown Senior Leader Quarters completed



(Left) 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 Zoekler and Downtown Senior Leader Quarters during a ceremony Feb. 14 at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys.

(Below) Far East District project delivery team members celebrate the completion of the Zoekler and Downtown Senior Leader Quarters project with colleagues from the Korean Ministry of National Defense U.S. Forces Korea Relocation Office (MURO), KUNWON-CH2MHILL Program Management Consortium, U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Directorate of Public Works and U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Morale, Welfare, and Recreation. (Photos by Son SeukHwan)



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

By Antwaun J. Parrish
FED Public Affairs

More 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.

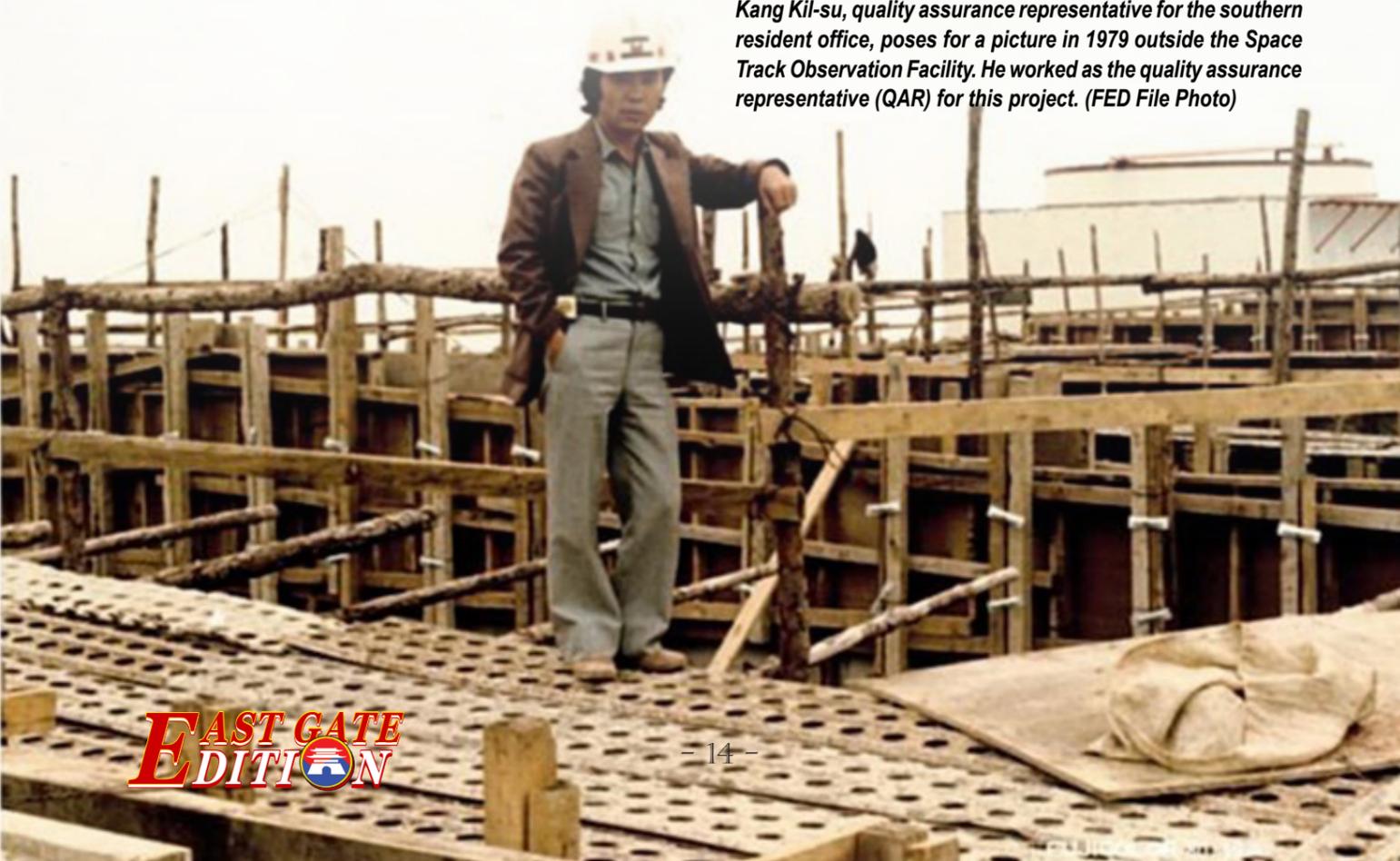
Since coming to the district he has seen numerous changes throughout his career.

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

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)



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 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."



Leaders from the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District conclude their command assistance visit with leaders from the Pacific Ocean Division, Feb. 2, at the district headquarters in Seoul. (Photo by Antwaun J. Parrish)

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

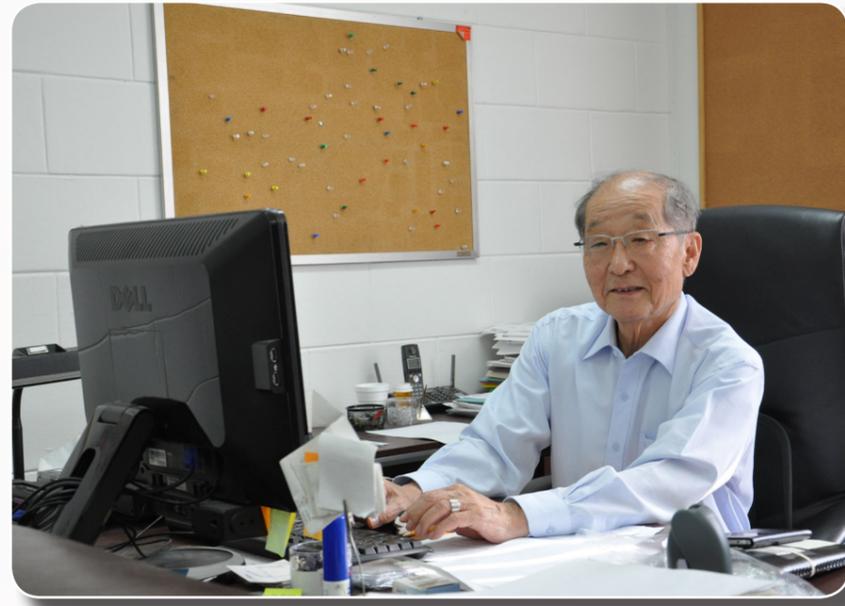
By Antwaun J. Parrish
FED Public Affairs

In late November 2017 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 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



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. (FED file photo)

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.

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 expected 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."

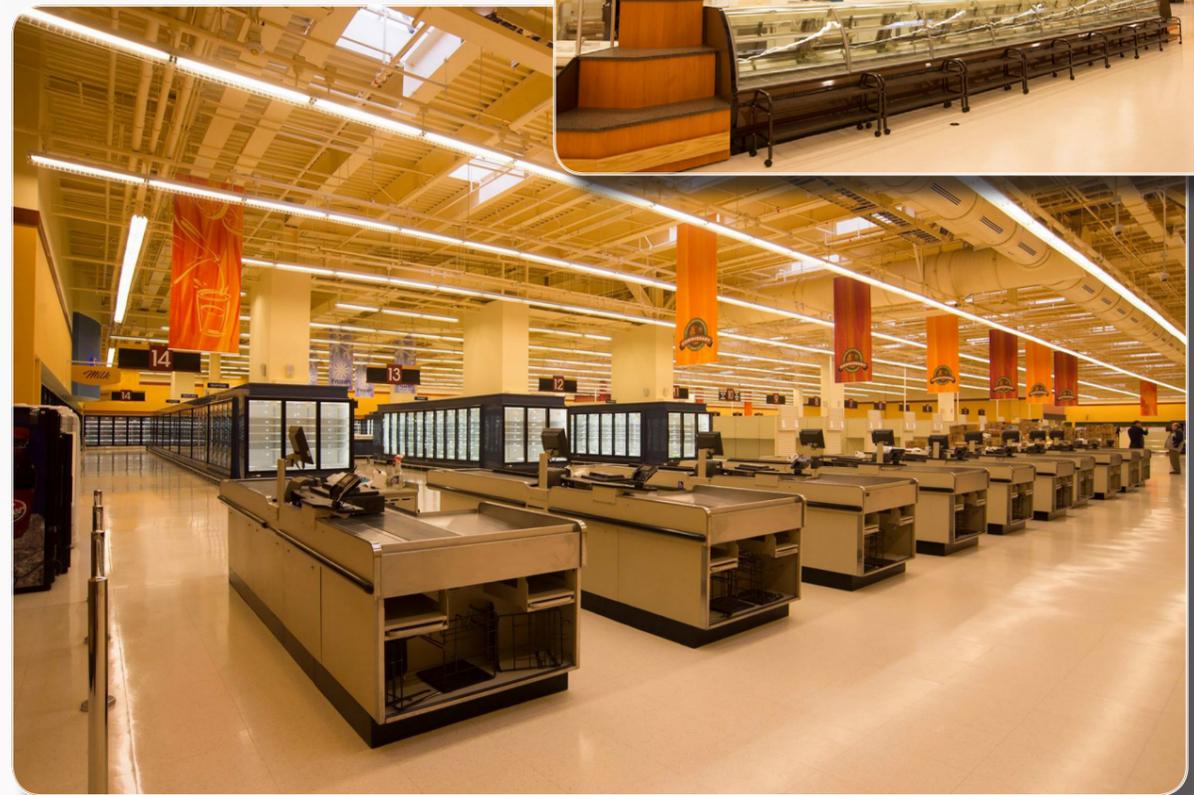
Feighny recalled the friendship

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.

The new commissary at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys opened on Feb. 7. 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 U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Public Affairs)



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By Col. Teresa A. Schlosser
FED Commander

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