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## On the cover



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District participated in a groundbreaking ceremony at Osan Air Force Base, Pyeongtaek, Republic of Korea, April 13. Distinguished guests broke ground, signifying the beginning of the new construction. (U.S. Army photo by Yo Kyong-il)

# PROJECTS COMPLETED THIS QUARTER

## Central Resident Office

**Project Name:** FY16 Repair Fire Protection and Power System at Building 843  
**Contractor:** Korea Engineering Consultants Corporation  
**Completion Date:** Jan. 5, 2021

**Project Name:** Repair Hardened Aircraft Shelters, B-Diamond, Osan Air Base  
**Contractor:** Dongkuk Structures & Construction Co., Ltd.  
**Completion Date:** Feb. 23, 2021

## Family Housing Resident Office

**Project Name:** AFH050.S2 YRP, Command General Officer's Housing  
**Contractor:** Ilsung Construction Co., Ltd.  
**Completion Date:** March 10, 2021

**Project Name:** UEH092/093/094 YRP, Unaccompanied Enlisted Housing  
**Contractor:** Hanwha Engineering & Corporation Co., Ltd.  
**Completion Date:** Feb. 19, 2021

## Pyeongtaek Resident Office

**Project Name:** Provide Multiple Industrial Power Supply  
**Contractor:** Sungrim Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.  
**Completion Date:** March 29, 2021

## Southern Resident Office

**Project Name:** Well Head and Valve Box, Chinhae  
**Contractor:** Sungrim Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.  
**Completion Date:** Feb. 4, 2021



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# Far East District breaks ground on new Osan chapel

By Sameria Zavala  
FED Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Far East District (FED) participated in a ground-breaking ceremony at Osan Air Base, Pyeongtaek, Republic of Korea, April 13.

The ceremony was held to signify the beginning of a new construction

project that FED, Ministry of National Defense U.S. Forces Korea Relocation Office (MURO), Program Management Consortium (PMC), and the 51st Engineering Squadron will work together to oversee.

Over 100 personnel have been involved in programming, planning,

designing, citing, negotiating, and executing the project. The project was programmed 24 years ago, and funded three years ago for \$15 million, with the assistance from the Republic of Korea.

The previous, now demolished, chapel was built in 1973 and serviced about 7,000 members per month.



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Far East District (FED) participated in a groundbreaking ceremony at Osan Air Force Base, Pyeongtaek, Republic of Korea, April 13. Distinguished guests, from left to right: Maj. Shin Soh (51st Wing Chaplain), Col. David Bowlus (Chaplain, Combined Forces Command/ U.S. Forces Korea), Col. Pyo In-tae (Republic of Korea Design and Construction Agent, Ministry of National Defense U.S. Forces Korea Relocation Office), Col. Garrett Cottrell (U.S. Design and Construction Agent-Transformation, FED), Col. Christopher Crary (commander, FED), Command Master Sgt. Justin Apticar (Command Chief, 51st MSG), Col. John Gonzales (commander, 51st Wing), Col. Jonelle Eychner (commander, 51st Mission Support Group), Col. Michael Staples (Engineer, 7th Air Force), Lt. Col. Ryan Walinski (commander, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron), Kim Kuk-han (CEO, IIKwang Construction), and Dr. Chae Jum-sik (Chief Project Manager, MURO), broke ground, signifying the beginning of the new construction. (U.S. Army photo by Yo Kyong-il)

“When you add up the last 48 years of chapel services and programs, approximately 4 million Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Families and Republic of Korea personnel have passed through those doors,” said Col. John Gonzales, 51st Fighter Wing commander.

The new chapel’s seating capacity will increase from its previous capacity, accommodating a 500-seat sanctuary, with a 150-seat multi faith worship space.

With the growing number of families and joint units on Osan Air Base, the previous chapel did not have the capacity to adequately support the growing population.

The newly acquired space, and

aesthetic value that will be provided by the new chapel, will greatly enhance the quality of life for all service members and their families who are stationed at Osan and in the surrounding community.

“The Republic of Korea supports the new chapel facility for the Osan community and USFK (U.S. Forces Korea) not only to ‘Fight Tonight,’ but also care about the ‘Quality of Life’ of service members stationed here,” said Gonzales. “In addition, because of the Yongsan Relocation Program, the ROK government agreed to provide the base with the funding necessary to meet the spiritual needs of the Airmen and Soldiers on Osan Air Base.”

Lt. Col. Ryan Walinski, 51st Civil

Engineer Squadron commander, was grateful to those who contributed to the success of the build.

“This project has been a win for the peninsula that we could not have accomplished without our allies,” said Walinski. “Further, I would be remiss not to mention my own team. The members of the engineering flight often work in the background and take years to build up to a ground-breaking.

“I am proud to be here today to witness the physical fruits following decades of dreaming,” he said. “While I may not be here for the final product, like many military members before me, I see this as a mark that I have left Osan better than I found it, and moving in a constantly improving trajectory.”



The previous, now demolished, chapel was built in 1973 and serviced about 7,000 members per month. The demolitions of the existing Chapel, Chapel Annex, and Youth Services buildings are included in the scope of work. The new Chapel is oriented at the corner of Songtan and Utah Streets with the Worship Center being the focal point of the facility. (Courtesy photo)

# FED employees volunteer for international scout troop competition



By Sameria Zavala  
FED Public Affairs

**B**uild a sled, haul your sled, load it with a bunch of gear, navigate a series of tests and tasks as you strive for the highest score among all Scout troops of the Pacific Region in the annual Klondike Derby competition.

The Scouts of America Troop 159 (girls) and Troop 47 (boys), ranging from ages 11 to 16, based out of USAG Humphreys, competed in the Derby, Feb. 20-21, while camping at the CPX Training Area Camp Site, near Hum-

phreys. With guidance from dedicated Far East District (FED) employees, the Scouts came to win against troops from locations like China, Japan, Korea, and Southeast Asia.

Due to COVID-19, this large event, usually held for over 200 participants Korea-wide, was not held in-person. Instead, each troop chose a local site to demonstrate, and in some cases simulate, each task required for the competition and send their scores in to the Scouts of America Far East Council for judging.

Vincent Lee, a project manager for the Installations Support Branch in FED, has served as the Scout Master for both troops since they were formed,

November 2020.

“I think in terms basic life-saving skills, they got exposure to that,” Lee said. “More importantly, they were able to work through the dynamics of pure leadership; learning how to lead and follow. Scouts were able to execute effectively and efficiently. It has been great working with FED to build our scout program.”

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a premiere intellectual space deeply rooted in STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math), allowed many opportunities for the scouts to immerse themselves in it, through: first aid, fire extinguisher safety, fire starting, bear bag throw, and axe & saw events. Dur-

ing these events, Scouts were able to discuss pressures, angles and velocity, leverage, inertia and concepts of force.

A few simulations for the scouts tested their ability on building an A-framed structure to evacuate an injured scout, build an emergency shelter and conduct an ice rescue.

Scouts also learned weather clues and identification, rope knots, and discussed bullying and mental health.

Participants were responsible for setting up their own campsites (including latrines), starting their own fires, cooking their own foods, and ensuring

that at the end of the event they left the areas cleaner than when they arrived.

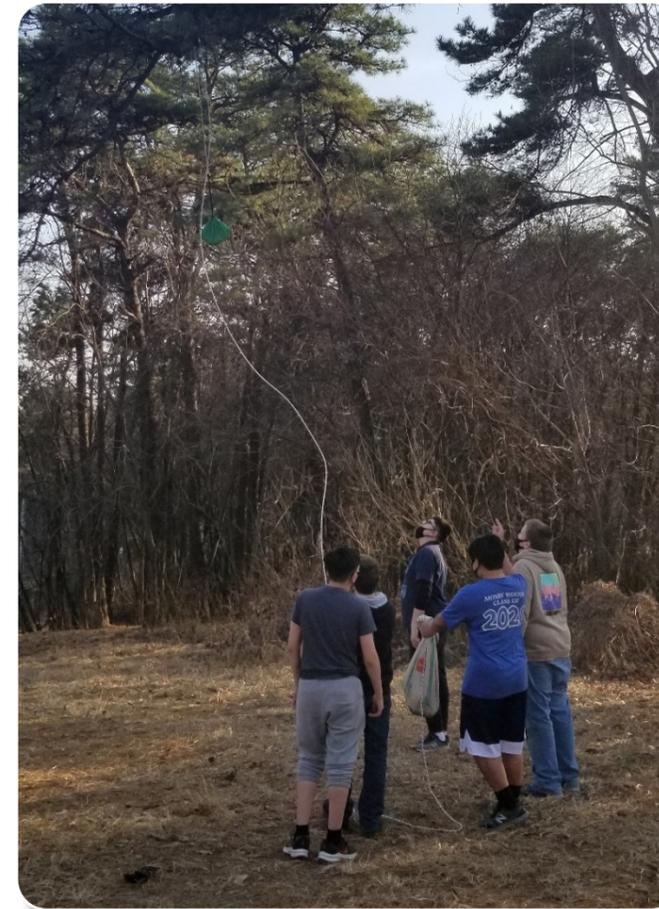
Nikolais Fernandez, chief of the Program Support Branch, Programs and Project Management Division (PPMD) in FED and volunteer scout leader, has volunteered with both troops since he helped establish them last year. Thoroughly enjoys how he positively impacts the youth.

“It was a great community building event for the children and a great way for the Scouts to see Camp Humphreys’ nature spots.”

Additional FED employees that

volunteered their time were So Cheung Lee, attorney (assistant council), and Purevsuren Cline, an internal review auditor who led health and Yoga classes for the scouts and parents.

The troops were the first in the Asia region to conduct the Klondike Derby, so they must wait for other troops results to be tallied and sent to the Far East Council. Results are expected soon.



The Scouts of America Troop 159 (girls) and Troop 47 (boys), ranging from ages 11 to 16, based out of USAG Humphreys, competed in the Klondike Derby, Feb. 20-21. Competition categories included first aid, bear bag throw, fire starting, evacuating an injured scout, and more. (Courtesy photos by Vincent Lee)



# Another project under the belt for the Far East District

By Susan Y. Lee  
FED Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Far East District (FED) completed its latest project, SPT060 Site 2 Building E, a support building, with an Acceptance Release Letter (ARL) ceremony at USAG Humphreys, Pyeongtaek, Republic of Korea, April. 2.

The ARL signing signifies a milestone in a project, where the U.S. government accepts the substantially completed facility from the ROK government. A ceremony is held to commemorate the strength of the US-ROK alliance, which is demonstrated in the completed facility.

During this event, the U.S. Design and Construction Agent (DCA), Col. Garrett B. Cottrell, accepted the new Army support building on behalf of the U.S. government from the ROK

DCA, Col. Pyo In-tae, on behalf of the ROK government. After a building is accepted by the U.S. government, it is only a matter of time before end-users receive the building, which is often celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Building E provides end-users with 152,826 square feet of cold and dry storage space for their supplies and equipment. Turnover of this facility marks the completion of Site 2 and the greater project under which it fell. The overarching project, SPT060, consisted of a bundle of storage warehouse projects, required by a variety of end-users to include but not limited to the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Supply, Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR) Supply, Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), and DES Fire.

“As a Soldier, I know how important these facilities are to sustainment and readiness,” said Pyo. “This facility will contribute to increasing the overall quality of life and services provided to Soldiers, Civilians, Contractors, and dependents stationed at USAG Humphreys.”

This is another project completed under the Yongsan Relocation Plan, which relocates most U.S. Forces and headquarters activities from the Seoul metropolitan area to areas south, most notably to U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys.

Among the guests present for the ARL signing ceremony was FED Project Engineer, Anibal Barrios.

“Finishing the facility has been a breath of fresh air,” said Barrios. “Despite the challenges we encountered,

we delivered.”

With this project wrapped up and under the belt, Barrios is looking forward to delivering his next project.

Col. Garrett Cottrell (left), Deputy Commanding Officer - Transformation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District, and Col. Pyo In-tae (right), Chief, Program Management Team, ROK Design and Construction Agent, sign the Acceptance Release Letter for SPT060 Site 2 Building E, which will support storage requirements for various agencies across USAG Humphreys, Republic of Korea, April. 2. (U.S. Army photo by Susan Y. Lee)



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District Southern Resident Engineer, Jared McCormick, provided a tour and brief to the Army Family Tower #3 construction project at Camp Walker to Eighth Army-Korea Commander, Lt. Gen. Willard M. Burleson III, USAG Daegu Commander, Col. Edward Ballaco, USAG Daegu Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Blue, and their spouses on March 24. The project includes tower amenities like dog parks, picnic shelters, and bus shelters. Our team of engineers are dedicated to providing USAG Daegu the best facilities to take care of our community and to support the defense of the Republic of Korea. (Courtesy photo)

# Far East District celebrates first Local National to complete DoD Financial Management certification

By Sameria Zavala  
FED Public Affairs

**K**im Kyong-a, a Programs and Project Management Division (PPMD) program analyst for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Far East District (FED), was recognized by USACE Headquarters for her completion of the DoD Financial Management (FM) Level I certification program. She is the first Local National to complete this training, Corps and DoD-wide.

“It took me 18 months and for some courses, I had to start all over again, if I failed three tests. With English being my second language, it was not easy. I am so proud,” said Kim.

According to the Undersecretary of Defense (Comptroller) website, the primary purpose of the program is to establish a framework to guide DoD FM professional development. A second purpose is to provide a consistent, disciplined mechanism to ensure appropriate training and development in key areas such as audit readiness, decision support, career development and leadership.

“Ms. Kim is a graduate of the USACE Leadership Development Program (ULDP) II and has now completed this certification,” said Nikolais Fernandez, chief of the Program Support Branch, PPMD in FED. “I truly believe that she is destined for greatness within the USACE financial community. Her completion of this requirement underscores USACE’s and especially FED’s vision to be as inclusive as possible, whether our employees are Department of the Army or



Program Analyst, Kim Kyong-a (middle), was recognized at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Far East District (FED) Headquarters by Col. Christopher Cray (left), USACE FED commander, and Richard Byrd (right), USACE FED deputy district engineer, for being the first Korean National employee to receive the DoD Financial Management Level 1 certification. This is the first time a Local National employee has earned this certification and been recognized by USACE Headquarters and the DoD, as a whole. (U.S. Army photo by Yi Yong-un)

Korean National.”

The DoD initiated the FM certification program to provide centralized professional development and a standard certification recognized across agencies. There are three levels to the training, but Kim will work to gain experience for two years, before beginning her level two certification.

“With my leadership supporting me and completing my newest certification,” said Kim, “I have confidence

that I can do it!”

“I am extremely proud. It takes intellect to be able to accomplish that,” said Col. Christopher Cray, USACE FED commander. “PPMD allows us to strategically look at our organization and make the big-level decisions. They are vital to making construction projects run on time. At the end of the day, nothing gets done without money. I am proud of the whole team.”

# Industry Day at the Far East District

By Sameria Zavala  
FED Public Affairs

**F**ar East District (FED), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), held a virtual Industry Day at District Headquarters, March 17. Industry Day is an event held by a Department of Defense (DoD) Program Management Office (PMO) to present the plans for a current or future bid to representatives from the contractor community.

This event gives FED the opportunity to gain a better understanding of recent industry developments and to provide updates to Industry on future program developments and acquisitions.

This type of event is usually held prior to a Request for Proposal (RFP) being released or any major changes in a program, but for this event, the focus was communicating a programmatic

view of the District.

“It’s an opportunity for the government to express its goals, schedule, and solicit feedback about a procurement,” said Steven Griffiths, chief of the FED Business Operations Branch.

During Industry Day, there is an opportunity for industry to sit down with program office personnel, in a private one-on-one session, to discuss their capabilities and interest in upcoming work. This event can range from a few hours to three days.

Eight firms participated in the one-on-one sessions and 16 firms submitted capability statements of their qualifications.

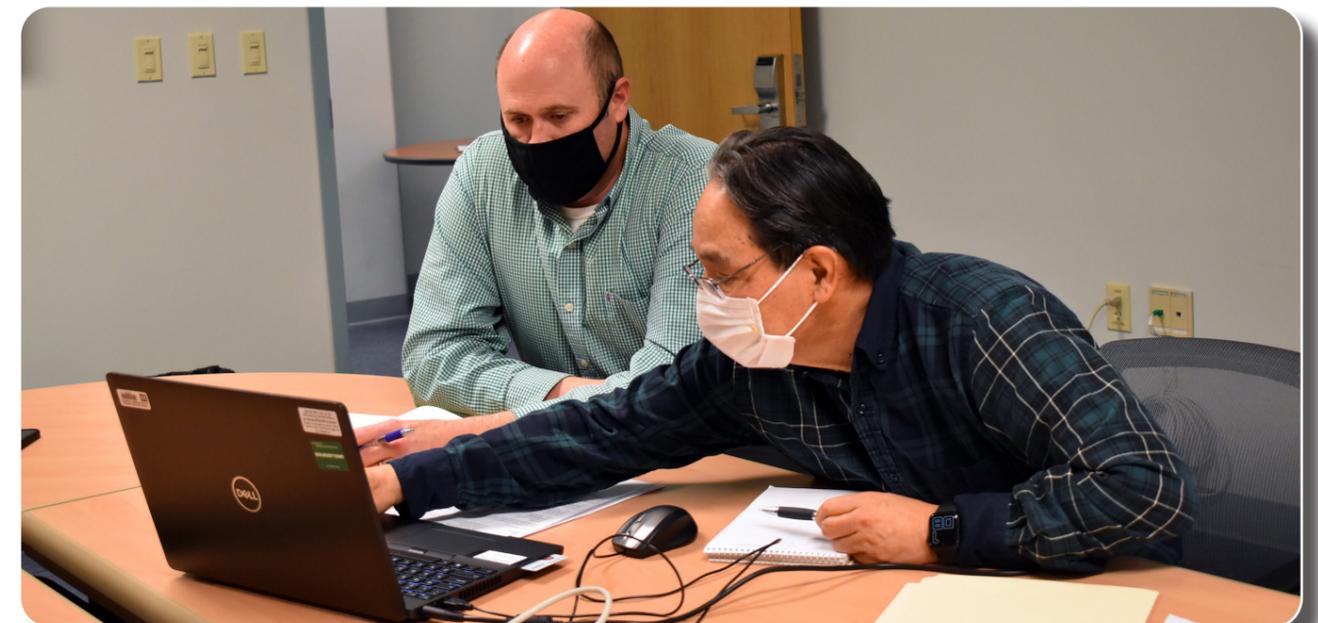
The benefits of this type of event are to ensure synergy between the DoD program office and industry representatives; foster partnering relationship

between government and Industry; incorporate industry comments into the RFP development process; and communicate program requirements and schedule.

Industry Days are usually announced on the System for Award Management (SAM.gov), the U.S government’s official website for people who make, receive and manage federal awards.

For those interested, PowerPoint slides presented at the event will also be available for view on SAMS.

“The question on industry’s mind should be, what can they offer to the government? The government shows what our requirements are, and industry shows us their solutions to our problems,” said Griffiths.



Far East District (FED) employees, Chad McLeod (left), Construction Division chief and Michael Miyagi, Construction Branch chief, conducted a one-on-one Q&A session, after hosting the first Virtual Industry Day at the Far East District headquarters, March 17. FED Industry Day was held to familiarize the industry with projected opportunities and for them to provide feedback (U.S. Army photo by Yi Yong-un)

# Korea Relocation Program

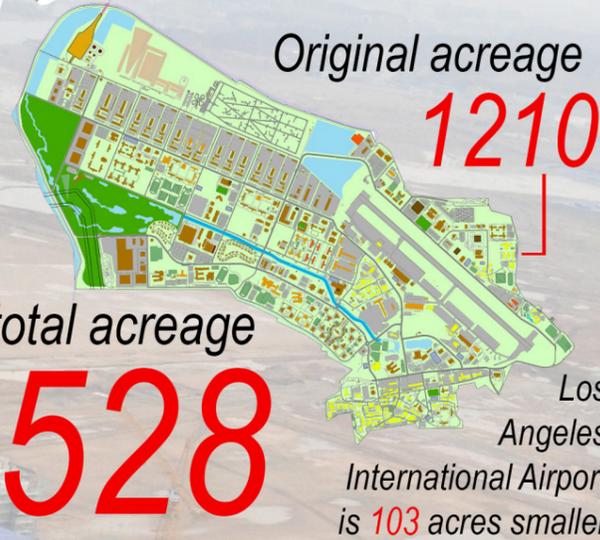
U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys

## By the Numbers



# 83

Percentage of completion for the entire program



# 597

 buildings completed;

# 83

 buildings under construction or planned.

The number of buildings being demolished

# 369

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

# \$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 water from a **100** year flood.

## Job Order Contract process expedites project initiation and increases efficiency for FED customers

By Sameria Zavala  
FED Public Affairs

**U**.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Far East District (FED) manages roughly 250 active projects throughout the Republic of Korea. There are different ways to procure a contract. One of the methods is through an FED Job Order Contract (JOC).

The JOC is an accelerated procurement that is intended strictly for simple projects that do not require formal construction designs. Formal construction designs could take 90 to 180 days, from start to finish. The Job Order Contract process, used mostly for minor renovation and repair projects like maintenance, roof repair and normal wear and tear on buildings, takes about 45 to 60 days.

“The combination of a clear-cut general scope that does not require a formal design and the fixed pre-priced construction work items provides for quicker procurement time for award,” said Michael Miyagi, Construction Branch chief.

“It allows for both the customer and the contractor’s involvement in the procurement process,” he said. “The FED project development team (PDT) coordinates with the customer to develop the requirements package and issues a request for proposal to the contractor. A project site visit is scheduled with the customer in attendance to clarify and finalize the scope before the contractor submits its price proposal. Negotiations are conducted to reach

a mutually agreed to price that is fair and reasonable resulting in a win-win situation for all parties concerned.”

The JOC is not a new method, but it is beneficial for FED customers, who have small projects, and for the District, which executes desired projects that directly benefit the military community,

across the Republic of Korea.

“This is one of the procurement methods in FED’s contracting toolbox to provide for timely contracting support to our customers in meeting their missions,” said Miyagi.



Photo of a current Job Order Contract (JOC) for Repair Building S-210 at Camp Ames, Republic of Korea (Courtesy photo)

# Far East District personnel learn basic life-saving skills

By Sameria Zavala  
FED Public Affairs

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Far East District (FED) personnel participated in life-saving skills and First-Aid instruction at the FED motor pool in Pyeongtaek, Republic of Korea, March 11.

The scenario for first aid involved a “person” wounded during a car accident, on the side of the road, with the FED member on the scene to assist in saving their life. Lessons were given on how to apply a pressure dressing

(bandage) to stop potential “bleeding.” Life-saving skills instruction included learning how to perform CPR. Medical CPR manikins, equipped with LED light sensors, were used to ensure proper pressure and pace of compressions were applied to the chest. Students were monitored to ensure rescue breaths were given between each set of 30 compressions.

Instructors were sure to disinfect all areas, after each use, to stop the spread of germs.

“The benefit this training gives our organization is a basic familiarity with CPR and First Aid in case of an extreme emergency,” said Gregory Pavelka, USACE FED safety and occupational health specialist. “This class was for information purposes only, but the safety office plans to hold American Red Cross certifications in CPR, First Aid, and automated external defibrillator (AED) for FED employees, soon.”

Within the first quarter of this year, 93 percent of our designated individu-

als completed the class and are confidently able to administer these skills.

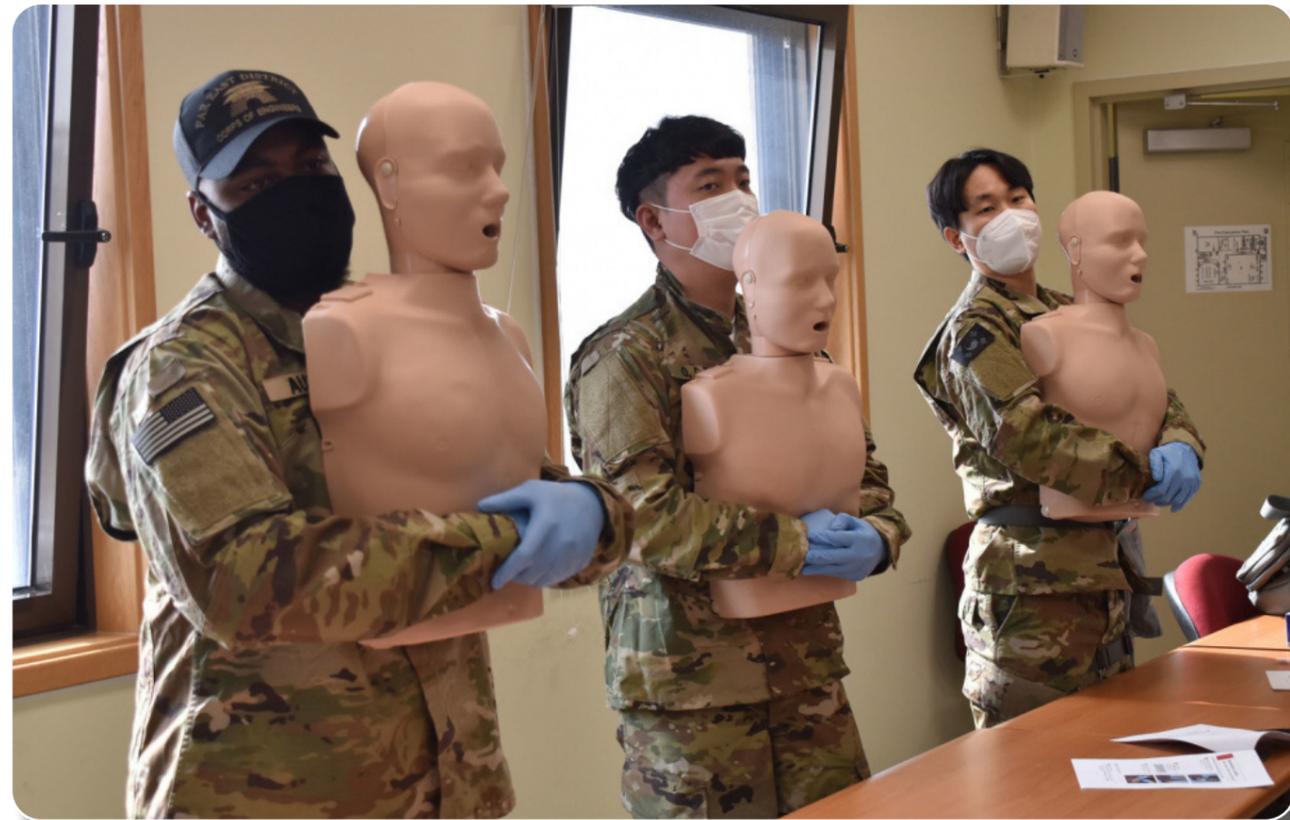
“We have an extremely important mission in Korea and are expected to perform that mission, no matter what the circumstances or environment we may find ourselves in, here, on the peninsula,” said Lt. Col. Dennis Mc-

Gee, deputy commander for USACE FED. “This training will ensure that our employees are prepared to provide first aid or emergency assistance whenever needed, so our mission can continue.”

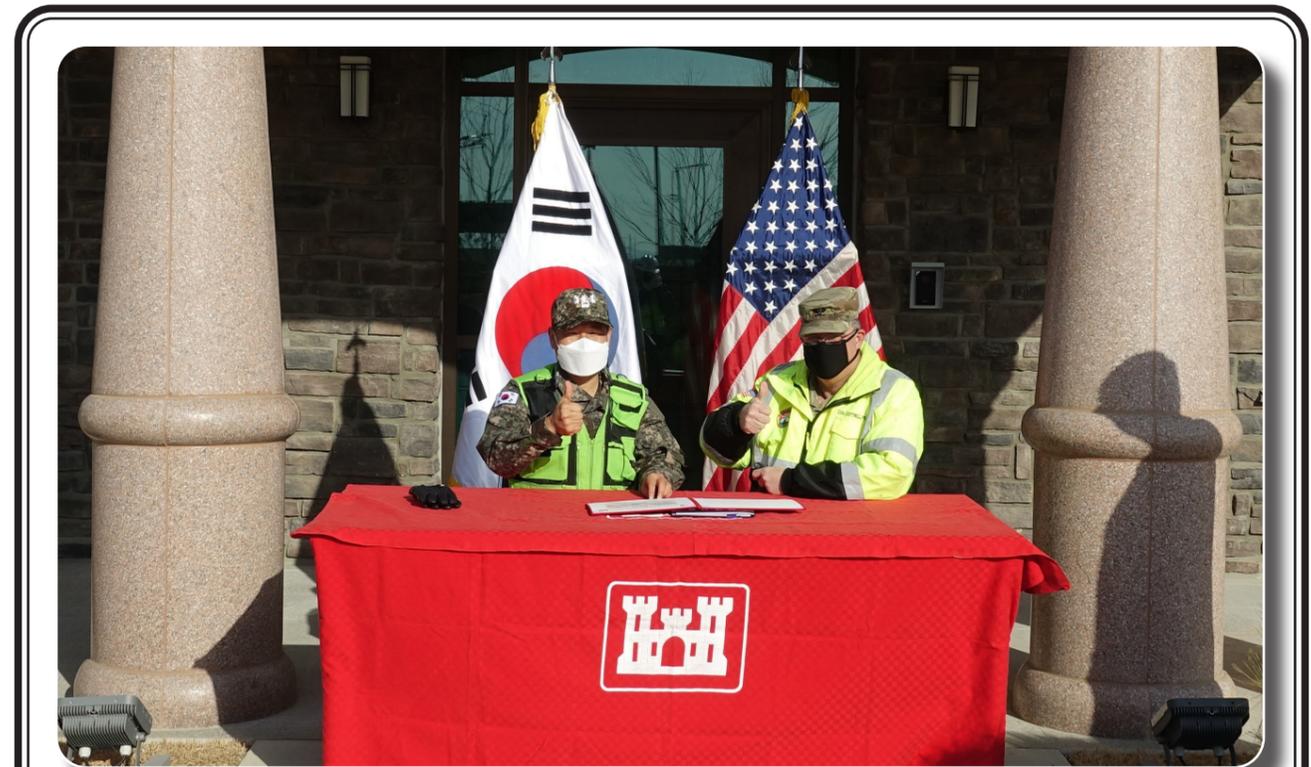
FED plans to continue this type of training in the future to ensure maximum safety in the workplace and

wherever it is needed.

The mission of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is to deliver vital public and military engineering services; partnering in peace and war to strengthen our nation’s security, energize the economy and reduce risks from disasters.



Far East District personnel practice the basics of CPR and First Aid during familiarization training at the FED Motor Pool in Pyeongtaek, Republic of Korea, March 11. (U.S. Army photo by Yi Yong-un)



Col. Garrett Cottrell (right), Deputy Commanding Officer - Transformation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District, and Col. Pyo In-tae (left), Chief, Program Management Team, ROK Design and Construction Agent, sign the Acceptance Release Letter for the U.S. Forces Korea Command General's Quarters, Feb. 23. This 4,000-square foot facility includes the main residence, an aides' office and a guard house. FED completed this project a month earlier than the estimated project date. This facility goes well beyond providing living quarters. This is also a location that can help continue fostering a partnership with the Republic of Korea. (Courtesy photos)

# Black Engineer of the Year Award Selects Keyon Austin as 2021 Modern Day Technology Award Recipient

By Sameria Zavala  
FED Public Affairs

**K**eyon Austin, a Security Operations Resident Office quality assurance representative for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Far East District, was recognized by Col. Christopher Crary, the FED commander, today, for earning the Modern Day Technology Leader Award, at the 2021 Black Engineer of the Year Award Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Conference.

“This is a big deal...any day we get to highlight our focused professionals speaks to the incredibly talented people we have in our organization. Any time we get to showcase that is very important. Keyon is now a part of that legacy,” said Crary.

“I want to thank everyone that I work with. It was an honor to win this award,” said Austin.

Black Engineer of the Year Award awardees are selected, because they

are considered the bright people who are shaping the future of engineering, science, and technology.

These nomination applications are reviewed and recommended for an award by a panel of leaders from industry, government, and academia. The purpose of these programs is to get minority-group families and communities focused on the urgent need for development in the field of technology.



Keyon Austin, Quality Assurance Representative for Far East District Security Operations Resident Office, receives a Modern Day Technology Award at the 2021 Black Engineer of the Year Award (BEYA) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Conference. Keyon brings 15+ years of military and civilian construction experience to the FED. Currently, he is overseeing construction inspection and control of the new USFK Operations Center worth approximately \$285 million. This project will provide facilities for the USFK/CFC missions. Keyon has also been a part of numerous volunteer events that range from preparing care package donations to families in quarantine to assisting with the Sigma Scholarship Giveaway, which awarded three graduating seniors from local high schools in the area. (U.S. Army photo by Sameria Zavala)



Keyon Austin (center), Quality Assurance Representative for FED Security Operations Resident Office volunteers for a back to school give away located at Humphreys Middle School. (Courtesy photo by Keyon Austin)



On Jan. 13, Col. Christopher Crary, Far East District Commander, and Col. Bradley Ward, Camp Mujuk Commander, and members for the project delivery team from the FED, Camp Mujuk, ROK Ministry of National Defense-Defense Installation Agency, and the construction contractor conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the USMC Life Support Area #3 Barracks project at Camp Mujuk. (Courtesy photo)

## 한국인 직원 최초로 미 국방부 재정관리 자격증 취득

글 사마리안 자발라 극동공병단 공보관  
번역 이영은 극동공병단 통역관

**미** 육군 극동공병단 사업관리부 프로그램 분석가로 근무 중인 김경아 씨가 미 국방부 (DoD) 재정 관리(FM) 1단계 교육을 이수해 미 육군 공병대 본부의 교육 인증을 받았다. 김경아 씨는 미 육군 공병대와 미 국방부 전체에서 한국인 최초로 본 교육을 이수했다.

“교육을 이수하는데 총 18개월이 걸렸고 몇몇 수업은 세 번의 테스트를 통과하지 못하면 다시 들어야 했어요. 영어가 제 2외국어이다 보니 교육받는 게 쉽지 않았어요. 교육을 이수한 제가 자랑스러워요”라고 김경아 씨가 말했다.

국방부 차관(감독관) 사이트에 따르면 해당 프로그램의 주요 목적은 DoD FM 전문가 개발을 도와주는 틀을 구축하는 것이다. 두 번째 목적은 감사 준비, 결정 지원, 경력 개발 및 리더십과 같은 주요 영역에서 적절한 교육 및 개발을 보장하기 위해 일관되고 체계적인 매커니즘을 제공하는 것이다.

극동공병단 사업관리부 사업지원팀장 니콜라스 페르난데스는 “김경아 씨는 미 육군 공병대 리더십 개발 프로그램 (ULDP) II의 졸업생이며 이제는 재정관리 교육 이수자입니다. 저는 김경아 씨가 미 육군 공병대 재정커뮤니티 안에서 위대한 업적을 이룰 것이라 믿고 있습니다. 김경아 씨가 교육을 이수함으로써 미국인 한국인 관계없이 모두가 같다는 미 육군 공병대 특히 극동공병단의 비전을 잘 보여주고 있습니다”라고 말했다.

미 국방부는 FM 자격증 프로그램을 통해 통합된 전문 개발 프로그램을 제공하고 모든 기관에서 인증할 수 있는 표준 인증서를 제공한다. 전체적인 교육

프로그램은 3단계까지이며 김경아 씨는 2년간 경력을 쌓은 후 2단계 교육을 이수할 예정이다.

“경영진의 지원과 새로 이수한 인증서를 보고 있으니 앞으로도 잘할 수 있을 거란 자신감이 생깁니다”라고 김경아 씨는 말했다.

극동공병단 사령관 크리스토퍼 크래리 대령은 “저는 매우 자랑스럽습니다. 이런 업적을 이루기 위해선 지적 능력이 필요합니다. 사업관리부는 중요한 결정을 내릴 때 우리 조직을 전략적으로 바라보는 역할을 합니다. 공사를 일정에 맞춰 시행하기 위해 없어서는 안 될 부서입니다. 결국 중요한 것은 돈 없이는 아무 것도 할 수 없다는 것입니다. 팀 전체가 자랑스럽습니다”라고 말했다.



미 육군 극동공병단 사령관 크리스토퍼 크래리 대령 (왼쪽)과 리처드 버드 (오른쪽) 극동공병단 부사단장이 한국인 직원 최초로 미 국방부 재정관리 1단계 자격증을 취득한 김경아 프로그램 분석가 (중앙)를 축하해 줬다. 한국인 직원이 재정관리 자격증을 취득하고 미 육군 공병대 본부와 국방부 전체 교육 인증을 받은 경우는 이번이 처음이다. (사진 이영은)

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