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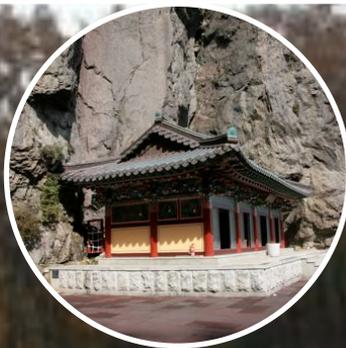


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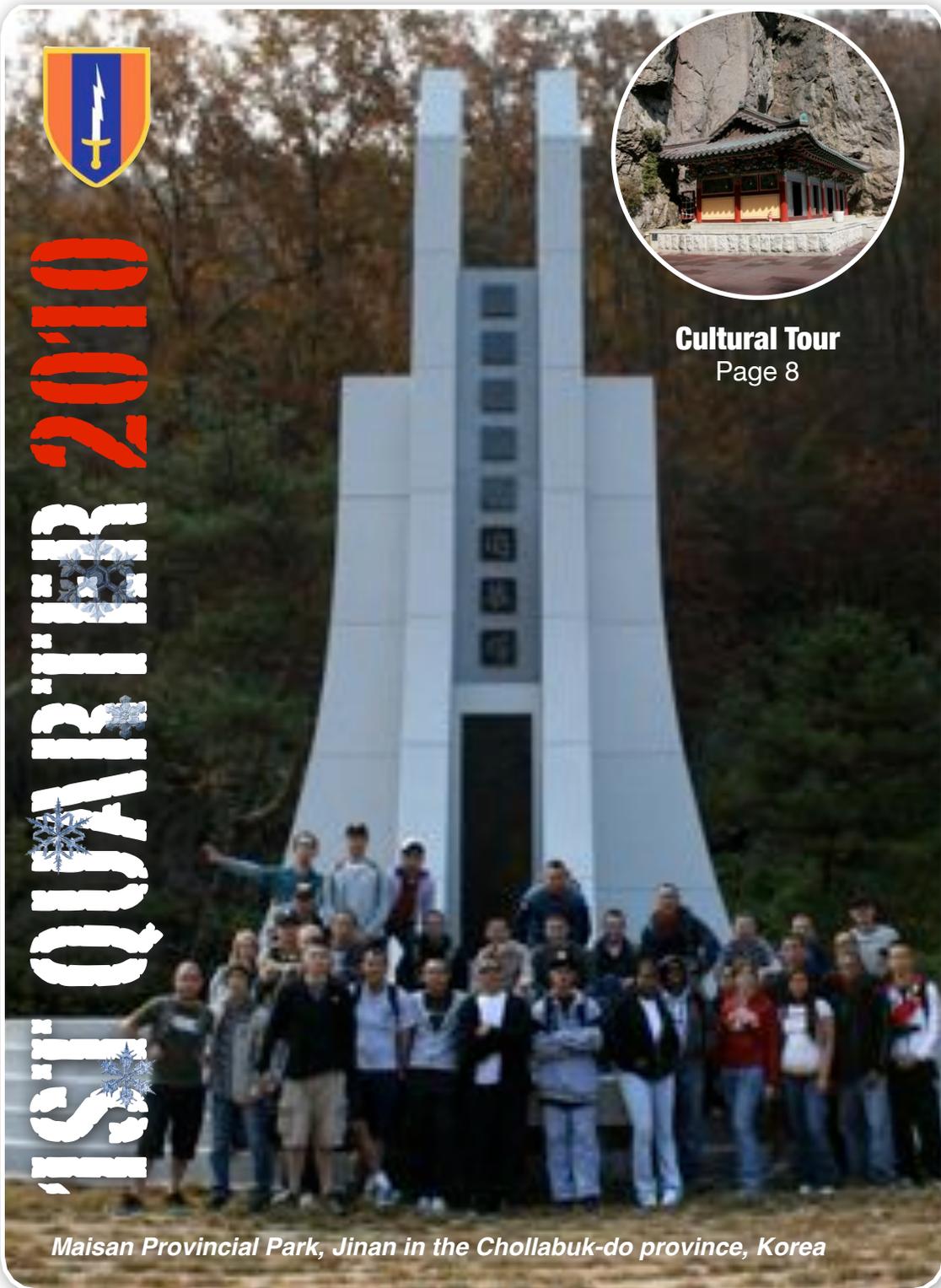
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DRAGON'S CORNER



Lt. Col. Mark E. Rosenstein, 36th Signal Battalion, Battalion Commander



Mark Rosenstein
LTC, Signal Corps
Commanding

“An-Nyoung-Ha-Sey-Yo” to all Dragon Soldiers, Civilians and Family Members! I hope this holiday season brought happiness to each of you. The past quarter brought many challenges and several significant achievements but most of all, it brought the battalion together and strengthened our esprit de corps. On numerous occasions I watched many of you persevere through tough situations; never giving in or faltering in spirit. Collectively, you are a dedicated team that contributes to make things happen; I’m very proud of each of you. Highlights of the past 90 days remind each of us just how much

we achieved – a Brigade Command Inspection, Several Company Command Inspections and DISA Evaluations, a CSLA Inspection, a Brigade Range Week, Brigade Senior Leader Training and Quarterly Training Brief, Dragon Shield II, Unit Cultural Awareness Trips, Thanksgiving Spiritual Luncheon, an Orphanage Holiday Luncheon, NBC Focus Week, Single Soldier and Couple Retreats, NCO and Soldier of the Quarter Boards, Manpower Assessments, Qualification Ranges and many pre-holiday unit activities. In one way or another, each of you contributed to the success of one or more of these events. Special congratulations go to Sgt. Daniel E. Robinson Jr. and

Pfc. Kim Sei-Hoon, 501st Signal Company, for winning Brigade NCO and KATUSA of the Quarter. Team work is our mantra!

During this quarter, we celebrated our most cherished holidays and closed with the arrival of 2010. Our first annual Halloween Pumpkin Carving

competition saw several amazing carvings that made the event fun and memorable. To those who participated, thank you. I also want to say thanks to all battalion leaders who supported their communities during the Thanksgiving day lunch at the various dining facilities. Your time and support did not go unnoticed. As December rolled in off the base of Apsan Mountain so did the cold weather; just in time for the holidays. Unit holiday parties set an undeniable tone of holiday cheer and spirit; thanks to everyone who helped make these parties meaningful and worthwhile. Special thanks goes out to 2nd Lt.

Levi Howze for putting together a wonderful battalion social dinner with an incredible holiday ambiance and exciting “White Dragon” gift exchange.

On a somber note, we lost a member of our battalion family during this quarter - Spc. Eric A. Peterson from 293d Signal Co. Please take a moment to reflect on your loved ones, especially during the holidays, and cherish the moments you have with them.

Winter is upon us. During the next quarter, we must apply composite risk management to prevent cold weather injuries such as Hypothermia, Frostbite, Trench Foot and yes, Dehydration. For more information, please take time to read the Battalion Winter Safety Campaign which touches on the effects and signs of cold weather injuries, winter driving and proper winter clothing/equipment. We all must remain alert to ensure the safety of our team.

At this time, I would like to take a moment to welcome all new personnel and families. You have joined a great organization and are part of a strong team. We value the knowledge and experience you bring to the 36th Signal Battalion. As you acclimatize to life in the “Land of the Morning Calm” I encourage you to take time to get settled and learn your way around your new environment. Please

“Never look down on anybody unless you’re helping him up.”

- Jesse Jackson

complete all in-processing steps to ensure the best quality of work and personal life. Take time to learn about your Community Services as well as local customs and courtesies. Please do not hesitate to ask any of us for help – One Team!

The coming quarter brings several key training events. January brings another Mercury Pride that will provide a forum for a brigade-level sports competition; February brings a Command Cyber Readiness Inspection as well as Warrior Storm I; and March closes out with the USFK exercise Key Resolve. During the quarter I look forward to visiting your units and spending time observing your contributions to the team.

To close I simply want to reiterate how proud I am to serve you as Commander of such an incredible organization. I ask each of you to always think and act **SAFELY**; travel with your “**Fire Team**” and watch yourselves around alcohol, drugs and other harmful influences; be alert to curfews; treat family, friends and others with Dignity and Respect; and for Leaders to ensure end-of-week, “**Under the Oak Tree**,” counseling is conducted. Who we are as individuals and as an organization is up to us – “If we can dream it, we can achieve it!” – Lets reach for our highest potential and make our assignment in Korea, an experience of a lifetime. Please enjoy this quarters “Voice of the Dragon” newsletter. -Health and happiness in the coming year -

“Dragon 6”





BN COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR'S MINUTE

Command Sgt. Maj. Harry Mercado, 36th Signal Battalion,
Camp Walker, Daegu



Harry Mercado
Command Sergeant
Major, US Army

“Welcome 2010”

Hello once again to all the mighty Dragons, Civilians and family members. Time flies when your having fun and working hard. The Holidays have just past, all the team building and family oriented events have shown that we have a wonderful strong family team. It amazed me (but didn't surprise me) to see the kindness that everyone showed and shared with each other. Everyone opened their hearts to the many different

organizations and especially to so many less fortunate children in the greater Daegu area.

Turn around and PCS has always been quick coming in the Land of the Morning Calm. We have said good bye to many great Leaders, Civilians and Families. We have also said hello to just as many great Americans, Koreans and KATUSAs as they join the Dragon Family, welcome. I hope you will enjoy serving in the mighty “Dragon Battalion”.

The past quarter brought some of the best competition seen in NCO/Soldier/KATUSA Battalion quarter board. 501st Signal Company took all honors in a clean sweep for the quarter. Sgt. Daniel E. Robinson Jr. won the Battalion NCO of the quarter, Pfc. Joe J. Jackson as the Soldier of the quarter and Pfc Kim Sei-Hoon as the KATUSA of the quarter. Fittingly Sgt. Daniel E. Robinson Jr. won the Brigade NCO of the quarter, Pfc. Pfc. Kim Sei-Hoon won the Brigade KATUSA of the quarter and Pfc. Joe J. Jackson finished a respectfully second at the Brigade level board. Once again I credit the hard work and determination of these fine Dragons. I want to thank our Noncommissioned Officers for their continued strive in teaching our young Soldiers this fine traditions of military boards.

In closing, I want to remind everyone to continue to take care of each other. The winter is now settling in and safety must never leave our minds. I expect continued tough and realistic training for each and every one in the coming quarter and throughout the year. I want to thank each and every one of you for all you do in serving your nation and the Republic of Korea.

“Standard Bearers”



Pfc. Walter Myers delivers a plate of Christmas lunch to a child of the Sungrim Orphanage during the Battalion hosted event at Camp Walker, Daegu, Korea.

The past quarter was yet another busy one for us. I will not mention all the events but I will say that I am proud of the entire team, each and every one of you have contributed to the overall success that we have and enjoy. The coming quarter has a lot of different events that will keep us busy. There will be many challenges for the Noncommissioned Officers to continue to lead, train, mentor and continue to care for our Soldiers. Last year we ended the year of the NCO. I will tell you that in my 21 years of service, every year has been the year of the NCO, and 2010 will be the same for me. I am proud of the Noncommissioned Officers and will continue to challenge each and every one of these great Americans and KATUSAs.



Sgt. 1st Class David De Vaughn (14 Sig Det), Cmd Sgt. Maj. Harry Mercado and Sgt. 1st Class Arnold Moore (HHD) attend the Daegu Area Thansgiving Luncheon after serving Soldiers and Civilians at the chow line.





Nashuma R. Knight
Captain, Signal Corps
Commander

Dear Spouses, Family Members, and friends of the Hq and Hq Detachment, 36th Signal Battalion.

On the behalf of the command team, 1st Sgt. Arnold Moore and I would like to wish many blessings to you and your families as we approach a new year. We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We definitely encourage you to embrace each other and enjoy the much needed holiday break.

In the spirit of the season the detachment continues to embrace the needs of the community through our Community Relations (COMREL) Programs, such as our monthly Good Neighbor Program "Feed the Needy." We recently hosted a Christmas dinner for one of the local orphanages. Many of our Soldiers participated by purchasing gifts for the children.

Some of our focuses for the upcoming quarter are Mercury Pride V, Komodo Shield, Dragon Flight, Maintenance Weeks with an emphasis on employing and maintaining vital equipment, and Warrior Storm II/Key Resolve '09. We encourage all to remain motivated as we embrace a busy quarter and we continue to appreciate your support and dedication.

We would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the following Soldiers for successfully completing the Warrior Leader's Course (WLC): Spc. Joseph Sloan and Cpl. Min Soo Kang. Both Soldiers made the Commandant's List. Thank you for your hard work and leadership. Keep up the great work!

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Alejandro Fuentes, Sgt. Curtiss Kluczinske, and Pfc. Travis Humble for re-enlisting.

Thank for making the decision to continue to serve your country.

We continue to thank the spouses and family member who support our Soldiers whether they are here with their spouse or residing back in the states. Your support is what drives the Soldiers to continue to do great things for the unit, as well as the U.S. Army. We continue thank our Soldiers for all you do. The success of the unit would not be possible without your dedication, motivation, and sacrifice. We cannot thank you enough for what you do for HHD and the nation.



Children of Sungrim Orphanage perform a traditional Korean play to the Soldiers and Family members of the battalion during the Special Christmas Party for the Orphanage at Camp Walker, Daegu on Dec 22.

"Move by Fire, Led by Lightning."

HAIL AND FAREWELL

HHD bids farewell to the following Soldiers:

- Sgt. Jeffrey Gardner,
- Sgt. Kim Jae Hyun,
- Spc. Darryl Cano, and
- Spc. Jason McNeil.

We will miss you dearly and we thank you for everything you have done for the unit.

HHD welcomes with open arms the following Soldiers:

- CPT Brock Peters,
- Staff Sgt. Nathan Vasquez,
- Staff Sgt. Philip Thomas,
- Sgt. Deonte Sanders,
- Spc. Krystal Martin, and
- Pvt. Myung Jin Kong.





OUR FLAG-FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

by Sgt. Trent Clark

“Company.....Attention!”, “About.....Face!”, “Forward.....March!” These commands for the 36th Signal Battalion Dragons have been temporarily replaced with, “Down.....Set.....Hut.....Hut!” If you have not been tracking all the happenings in the battalion, the 36th Signal Battalion Dragons’ Flag-Football team has been spitting flames.

The season started early September 2009, in which the battalion threw together a team to compete in the Unit level Flag-Football league. What the dragons didn’t know was that they would assemble a team which was an athletic force to be reckoned with. Finishing up the regular season with a 6-1 record put them as the number one seed going into the Daegu Flag-Football Championships. During the Daegu Championships, the Dragons won all their games in a “Standard Bearers” fashion. They became the team to beat in Area IV, putting them once again the number one seed for the Area IV Championships. These championships are comprised of the top two teams representing Camp Carroll competing against the top two teams from Camp Walker. Although during this tournament our very own Team Dragons came out on

top, they had a slight scare. Late in the second half with only 52 seconds remaining on the clock versus 19th ESC. Sgt. Cooper (169th), the quarterback for the 36th Signal battalion hurried the dragons to the line and began the attack. Advancing the ball in the red zone within two plays, Sgt. Cooper finds Master Sgt. Robert Brown (HHD) in the far right corner of the end zone as he makes a leaping grab to tie the game. The try for the extra point was successful as Sgt. Cooper finds Sgt. Clark (169th), slanting across the field for the catch. 19thESC begin their attempt to win deep on their side of the field. With only one play and 10 seconds remaining, the quarterback from 19th ESC throws up a long pass as it is intercepted by Sgt. Clark to end the game. This nail bitter for the 36th Signal Battalion Dragons woke them up as they ended their Area IV Championship quest defeating 498th Combat Service Support Battalion of Camp Carroll in a 32-2 blowout.

The 36th Signal Battalion Dragons are the top seeded team in the 2009 Eighth Army Flag-Football Championships and will be representing USAG Daegu. The tournament take place on their home turf at Kelly Field on

Camp Walker from October 29 – 31. With linemen like Staff Sgt. Fullwood, Pfc. Bolden, Sgt. First Class Galoia, Spc. Bryant, Pfc. Mendoza, Spc. Blask and Spc. Schoeman, the Dragons will be able to continue to execute effectively. These players contribute to the overall team concept. They provide the blocking protection for Sgt. Cooper, allowing him time to pick apart opposing defenses as he has an arsenal



Pvt. 1st Class Terry Saunders, HHD surprises his opponents by catching the impossible pass at the end zone that preceded the winning touch down.

full of talented weapons such as Master Sgt. Brown, Pvt. Saunders, Sgt. Clark, Pvt. Smith and Sgt. First Class Moore. Every football fan knows that offense sells tickets, but defense wins games. When you have defenders like Spc. Sloan, Pfc. Reynolds, and Sgt. First Class DeVaughn, the opposition has difficulty advancing down the field and scoring.

With up keeping the battalions mission and the thought of possibly becoming the 8th Army Flag-Football Champions, the 36th Signal Battalions’ flag-football team is excited about the full plates they maintain on a daily basis. Winning the upcoming championships will add to their contagious winning attitude and once again prove why they house the motto “**STANDARD BEARERS**”.



Sgt. Trent Clark, 169th SC



Signleers from the 36th Signal Bn. Dragons celebrate the victory at Kelly Field, Camp Walker, Daegu after defeating 498th Combat Service Support Battalion of Camp Carroll with the score of 32-2.



Team captain, Staff Sgt. Fullwood and Bn. Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Mercado accept the championship trophy





Brittianè Staton
Captain, Signal Corps
Commander

Greetings Titian family, this quarter was a busy quarter for our soldiers. We were inspected by Communications Security Logistic Activity (CSLA) auditors and received a satisfactory rating. Congratulation to our COMSEC Support team lead by Chief Warrant Two Toby Trujillo, Sgt. Chad Rutherford, Sgt. Cordell Bishop and our COMSEC Maintenance Support team Chief Warrant Three Pablo Melendez, Sgt. First Class Daniel Wells, and Staff Sgt. Joel Maldonado and the Soldiers for all

their hard work and efforts to make this a success.

Our focus this quarter was to celebrate our Detachment and capture all the moments that make 14th Signal Detachment very unique. On Oct. 16 we celebrated our seven year Re-Activation birthday by having a birthday fun run in Yongsan / Daegu and having a potluck in both locations. We had several soldiers bring in their homemade dishes and most of the soldiers helped with the decoration to make it more a family felt event. We also invited the 36th Signal Battalion Commander and Command Sergeant Major to help celebrate the event.

On Nov. 14, we had our first ever 14th Signal Detachment FRG/BOSS Team Building event in

Osan, Korea. We focused on having both COMSEC Support team and COMSEC Maintenance Support team meet for a combined gathering to get to know one another. This event was coordinated by 14th wonderful FRG leader Mrs. Kaylie Melendez and two assistance Spc. Brian Burgess (Yongsan Rep) and Pfc. Zarah Uncangco (Daegu Rep). This event was culminated with Soldiers and Families exchanging contact information and new ideas for any upcoming events for the FRG/BOSS for our unit.

On Nov. 16, our Soldiers geared up to attend our Brigade Range week in Area 1 at Rodriguez Live fire Range where they participated in several ranges to include: grenade, claymore, M249 ranges. This opportunity to conduct these ranges made our soldiers realize that we are a Nation at war and everyday isn't always behind a computer. This Range week enlighten our junior soldiers and reawaken our senior leaders.

14th Signal Detachment may be small in numbers but our mission still remains the same, to support the entire Korean Peninsula with COMSEC Management and COMSEC Maintenance support. This is a nonstop no fail mission. The

soldiers may encounter long hours to accomplish the mission. However, the reward for all the hard work is knowing that the 14th Signal Detachment was the reason for mission success of all units on the Peninsula needing COMSEC support. This is why I want to say "Thank You" to the loved ones supporting our soldiers here on the Korean Peninsula and back in the states. All the love and support you give to the 14th Signal Detachment Soldiers make the days less stressful knowing that you care.



Soldiers of 14th Signal Detachment tour the DMZ during one of the unit's cultural awareness program

"LOCKED IN TIGHT"



Re-enlistment ceremony for both Spc. Phillip and Amanda Wright



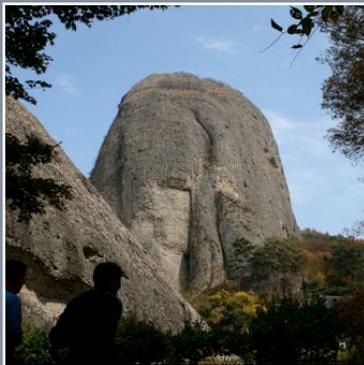
The Wright Family

OPSEC
Operational Security

is keeping potential adversaries from discovering our critical information. Operational Security protects our operations - planned, in-progress, and those completed.



CULTURAL TOUR



Mountain Mai Provincial Park

by Pfc. Michael Preston Sellers

The trip to Mai-San and Tap-Sa was both educational and eye-riveting. Mai-San, also known as “Horse Ears Mountain” is one of the most unusual mountain outcrops in all of South Korea. Not only are the peaks themselves of interest but there are also several small temples, dozens of rock pile pagodas, a heritage cave, and a small shrine. At Tap-sa or “Pagoda Temple”, about 80 neatly stacked rock pagodas were hand piled by Yi Gapyong, a hermit who made this valley his home. Most of the rocks used were the rubble that had fallen from these peaks, but some of the stones were also gathered through various mountains throughout the country.

Chaplain Joon Ahn was very

Tour of the DMZ

Spc. Brian Howard

Photo by Spc. Robert Wilson

On December 9, 14th Signal Detachment traveled to Area I. Once arrived, the expedition began with a briefing of interesting historical events that resulted in today’s separation of North and South Korea, technically known as the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone). Following the briefing, 14th was escorted to the dining facility for lunch. The facility was joined with a fitness area, gaming/lounging room, and a cantina; what more may a soldier ask for; it was a “One shot, one kill.”

Later on that day, 14th had a chance to see some areas of North Korea with binoculars from the DMZ, sites like Gijeong-dong Propaganda Village (which was known for speakers attached to buildings outputting propaganda) and North Korea’s tallest flag that is situated right outside the entrance.

Next was a tour to the JSA (Joint Security Area) where there were North Korea Soldiers in site. Many tourists were amazed and some were very cautious with hand gestures and eye contact not to make any confrontations. There also were South Korean Soldiers there that looked very intimidating with shades on and standing in their “ready

position” to attack at any moment guarding their area. In site were also joint buildings that separate both sides where meetings are held.

Lastly, 14th explored the 3rd Tunnel. When exploring this tunnel. The tunnel was very small in height and it was mandatory for all tourists to wear a hard hat to avoid head injuries. On the outside of the building is a representation of a globe split in half with North Korean statues on one side



A South Korean soldier stands guard at the DMZ

and South Korean statues on the other symbolizing both countries coming together in unity for peace.

The overall trip was very informative and great for sightseeing. This would be a great experience for almost anybody.



Observation post at the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) between north and south Korea.



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THE TORCH IS LIT

169th Signal Company, Camp Walker, Daegu, Korea



Maia Susuico
Captain, Signal Corps
Commander

“An-nyeong ha seyo” and Happy Holidays to the Fellow Soldiers, Civilians, Family Members and Friends of the 169th Signal Company. The 1st quarter is now behind us as we approach the 2nd quarter and the New Year – 2010.

It’s another beautiful season in Daegu, Korea, as the personnel of the 169 Signal Company and their families prepare for the holidays season. This past quarter has been filled with numerous training events and company fun. Such events

include our monthly Community relations / Good Neighbor Program Events, Company Parties, the Battalion Thanksgiving Luncheon, the Company “Spirit” Run, Tae-Kwon-Do PT, Combatives Level I & II Training, Computer Training, Brigade Range Week, a peninsula-wide exercise called Autumn Breeze, numerous Strong Bond events, tactical radio training (PRC 150 & PRC 117), the Manpower Survey, NBC Focus Week,



Our monthly Community Relation / Good Neighbor Program is an event where Soldiers have the opportunity to communicate in English with Korean students, primarily between the ages of 11-15 years old. We continuously get positive feedback from the students, school faculty and Soldiers involved.

Spectrum Training, and the Battalion Orphanage Christmas Lunch – to name a few.

This upcoming quarter we look forward to Mercury Pride V, Komodo Shield, Company Dragon Week, and most importantly Warrior Storm/Key Resolve 2010.

I am very proud of all we’ve accomplished in the past three months. One team, one fight! I would like to take the time to thank each and everyone of you for your hard-work, dedication and professionalism. You continue to keep the torch lit. Thank you!

I would also like to expression my sincere appreciation to all of our families and friends. Thank you for the love and support you’ve bestowed upon us. It keep us motivated and always in high spirits. Again thank you and God Bless!



Company get-togethers help to build a close knit team of Civilians and Soldiers. I am proud to say that this team we consider “family”. Our company parties involve laughter, food, and more laughter. Company gatherings were held for Halloween and Christmas.

Welcome to the 169th Signal Company!
We’re happy to have you on the team!

Pfc. Errol Worme

Mr. Wally Laysa

Pfc. Justin Kline

Mr. Jared Maschek

Pvt. James McGuires

Pvt. Adam Ward

I would like to personally bid farewell to outstanding Soldiers in the 169th Signal Company who truly made a difference.

Pfc. David Harris

Spc. George Foulentfont

Spc. Ashton Jordan

Pfc. Jamal Bolden

Staff Sgt. Jason Cadieux

Mr. John Balfour

Sgt. Tellas Butler

SUNGRIM ORPHANAGE



Christmas Party

On Dec. 22 children of Sungrim Orphanage attended, enjoyed festive meals and performed a traditional play at the battalion hosted Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall, Camp Walker, Daegu. The children received gifts that they have personally requested through the wishing tree program that the Soldiers had established to ensure every child would receive a useful and meaningful gift.

Combined Strong Bonds Retreat

by Pfc. Errol M. Worme' Jr.

The Combined Strong Bonds Retreat for Singles attended by various Units from the 1st Signal Brigade was a very refreshing and educational event, which provided exercises and valuable information for individuals who are in relationships and for those who are dating in search of a healthy, prosperous relationship. It combined an intellectual and spiritual approach to achieving the latter. During this three day event, the participating individuals were given the opportunity to express their own opinions and personal experiences openly, and get positive feedback on what to sustain and what changes can be made in order to improve their relationships. Valuable insight was given to those who may be looking for that Mister or Misses "right". Also the accommodations were First Class and the environment was beautiful.

The three training seminars that were given taught a single Soldier a great deal about himself / herself. Subjects such as "You Can't Marry Jethro Without Getting the Clampetts", made the audience understand that in a relationship or marriage you are not only involved with the person, you must also accept their families. And that concept plays a major role in creating and strengthening the bond with your significant other. Another subject that was found very useful was the Conscience Check-Up because it provided a way to gauge the compatibility between two people. Sometimes people don't realize that you

must step back and put yourself in the other person's shoes and take a look at yourself to understand how your actions can affect the other person and their feelings. Overall, everyone learned how to cope with the issues that may present themselves in a relationship and also best practices that one should sustain.

These types of events and training are essential for Soldiers. As stated in one of the seminars, the Military can serve as an "incubator" for people to get involved with one another on an intimate level. Therefore, understanding how to choose a mate, as well as positively maintaining, and strengthening a relationship a Soldier may already have is very important. Arming this knowledge will prevent Soldiers from getting involved in destructive and unsuccessful relationships, and help those who may already have one, whether with them or back home in the States remain faithful and committed to their significant other. Chaplain Joon Ahn provided a very useful and Spiritual approach that is a fool's-proof prescription for having a healthy lasting relationship!

Most participant enjoyed the weekend and looking forward to the next Strong Bonds event! "I learned a great deal, the Counselors were efficient and informative, and the fellowship was awesome. I hope the 1st signal Brigade will have another one soon." Sgt. Clark commented.



Single Soldiers from 36th Signal Battalion attend the Single Strong Bonds Retreat at Sorak Mountain, Korea



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EAGLE'S NEST

293d Signal Company, Camp Carroll, Waegwan, Korea



Spencer Calder
Captain, Signal Corps
Commander

Good day 293rd! It's been another hectic quarter for us with Command Inspections, Maintenance Weeks, Defense Information Systems Agency Evaluations, Range Week,

and the Quarterly Training Brief to the Brigade Commander. The end is not yet in sight. With the New Calendar year we get New Year's Resolutions and our New Year's Resolution is to make 293rd the best company in the Eighth Field Army. Coming up this quarter we have just as many important training events. We will be kicking off the New Year with Mercury Pride in Pyeongtaek, Confined Space Training (think Ghostbusters 2 where they go into the sewer, except no one will end up controlling the Statue of Liberty), and Chemical Training, and that is just January. Despite the hectic schedule we still need to be vigilant in our fundamentals. Awards, NCOERs,

Maintenance both Site Corrective Action, as well as Common, and Property Accountability are still priority number one. If we can accomplish all of this training and still meet those requirements we will ultimately be successful in our resolution.

I would also like to use this forum to re-iterate a new policy we have emplaced to ensure a safe living environment in the barracks. Smoking and all forms of open flames are prohibited inside the living area. We have had a few minor issues recently, and this is to prevent any possibly dangerous scenario from occurring. I would also like to highlight that the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act was passed on November 11th. This legislation allows military spouses to claim residency with their sponsor, which until now has not technically been allowed in all 50 states. Previous to this bill some states required the spouse to re-register to vote in the new state and pay income taxes.

Always remember that it is our duty to bear the standards of the 36th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade and the US Army. **Standard Bearers.**

HISTORY

During the era of the Roman Republic, and later the Roman Empire, each of its legions carried a symbol called the Standard, usually an eagle. This standard was borne by the senior Signifier – The Aquilifer, or Eagle Bearer. The Aquilifer not only carried the physical symbol of the legion, but rather its pride, standards, dedication to the republic, and also led the legion to battle in the very front.

The Eagle in the 293rd Signal Company's Seal is representative of what we strive to be as Soldiers serving the United States of America, its Citizens, and its Constitution. The Fasces on which the Eagle is perched reminds us that the foundation of a unit's strength and ultimately its mission success is the unity of the command.

293^d in Mourning

Specialist Eric Ammons Peterson was born on September 29, 1980 in Salt Lake City and enlisted into the United States Army on 17 November 2007.

Specialist Peterson attended Advanced Individual Training for Military Occupational Specialty 25P, Microwave Systems Operator Maintainer, at Fort Gordon, Georgia where he also graduated on the Commandant's List.

Specialist Peterson was assigned to the 293rd Signal Company in August 2008 and was stationed at Camp Carroll, Waegwan, Korea.



Eric A. Peterson
Specialist, US Army
1980 – 2009

During his tour with 293rd Signal Company, he served as a Microwave System Operator Maintainer at the Camp Carroll Technical Control Facility.

As a result of Specialist Peterson's technical competence and enthusiasm for his job he was selected to serve at the Company's most geographically displaced Technical Control Facility located at Jinhae Naval Base. His technical leadership contributed to his facility receiving the DISA Technical Control Facility of the Year award in 2009.

36TH SIGNAL BATTALION *in Action*



Top: Team Dragon participate AUSA Golf Tournament at Evergreen Golf Course, Camp Walker, Daegu



Battalion Commander, Company Commanders and staff conduct a scrub of the long range calendar during the Battalion Strategic Planning session.



Capt. Nashuma Knight pins on the Army Commendation Medal on 2nd Lt. Bridgette Navejar for her outstanding service as the battalion Adjutant.



Right: Two Dragon Soldiers load the MK 19 Grenade Launcher at RLFC during the Bde Weapon Week



Battalion Commander invites all spouses to the battalion conference room for an open dialog about issues and concerns within the battalion and the Daegu community.



Soldiers from 36th Signal Bn. rest for a group photo at the gate near Maisan mountain during one of the unit's spiritual fitness training in conjunction with stress management training.



Cmd Sgt. Maj. Harry Mercado (left), Master Sgt. Robert Brown, Capt. Nashuma Knight, and Lt. Col. Mark Rosenstein serve Thanksgiving lunch at Daegu Mountain Inn, Camp Walker, Daegu on Thanksgiving day.



MORE BANG FOR THE BUCK – USE OF THE CLAYMORE IN DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS

By Captain Spence Calder
 Photo by Major Lan Dalat

“I see the light!” Pvt. Joe, Hae Il yelled as he performed his final test of the M4 electrical blasting cap. The M18A1 Claymore Anti-Personnel Mine was already sighted. Situated precisely and ready to engage his targets, he carefully removed the M40 Test Set from the wire and plugged the wire back into the M57 “clacker” firing device. A few seconds later he ducked his head into the ground and shouted “Fire in the hole” three times. From the firing line, he felt the pressure from the explosion rush over his head and heard a deafening explosion. When he approached his target he saw that it was utterly obliterated and had the silhouette had been a real person, he would have had a real bad day.

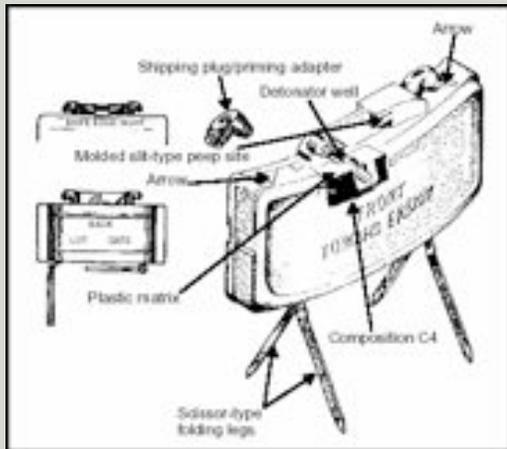


Fig 1: M18A1 Claymore Anti-Personnel Mine

The Soldiers and the NCOs of the 293rd Signal Company walked 33 young servicemen and women through that same process during the Claymore range

on 18 November 2009. Mohawk Range at the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex was set up in a two lane configuration to host the soldiers who comprise the 1st Signal Brigade’s Special Weapons Teams. The concept behind these teams is to allow an element from each company in the

brigade to familiarize themselves on weapons like the Claymore and the Hand Grenades and empower the Soldiers with the confidence to employ these weapons during a realistic scenario.

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A Soldier rewinds his spool of cable at the Claymore Mine familiarization lane prior to the deployment of a live M18A1 Claymore Mine.

BRIGADE WEAPON WEEK



M18A2 Training at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex (RLFX) range conducted by Officers and Soldiers from 293^d Signal Co.



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STRYKE'S CORNER

501st Signal Company, Camp Humphreys, Pyeongtaek, Korea



Anthony Reinhardt
Captain, Signal Corps
Commander

Dear Soldiers, Families, and Friends of the 501st Signal Company,

I would like to wish everyone happy holidays and good luck in the coming New Year. Though many of you have been separated from your loved ones this holiday season I hope you have managed to enjoy the holidays.

Since my last letter the 501st has been working continuously to accomplish its mission in the Republic of Korea. In October the company began to implement upgrades to the Area III network requiring updates to over 5,000 computers. In November the company participated in the Brigade Range Week. The Soldiers spent a week qualifying on all individual weapons and running a Land Navigation Course for the battalion. After returning from the Brigade Range Week the company had a Thanksgiving Party on the 24th for all of the Soldiers, Civilians, and family members of the 501st. On that same day the 501st swept the Battalion NCO, Soldier, and KATUSA of the Quarter Boards. In December Sgt. Robinson went on to place 1st in the Brigade NCO of the Quarter Board, Pfc. Jackson placed 2nd in the Brigade Soldier of the Quarter Board, and Pfc. Kim placed 1st in the Brigade KATUSA of the Quarter Board. All of these Soldiers did an outstanding job and showed that the 501st Signal Company continues to set the standard. December also saw SFC Dominique Davis leave the

501st Signal Company; she had served with the company for 3 years, 6 months as the First Sergeant. She will be missed by everyone who had the opportunity to serve with her and we all wish her the best of luck in Fort Hood. She was replaced by 1SG Anthony Davis who has been continuing to uphold the standards of the 501st and support to the Soldiers and family members of the company. The month of December ended with a holiday party on the 23rd with plenty of food, a raffle for prizes, and a Secret Santa. Thursday will end another successful year for the 501st and hopefully bring an equally rewarding New Year.

The 501st will be hosting Family Readiness Group meetings on January 28th, February 25th, and March 25th. All families able to attend are highly encouraged to do so, the FRG Leader, Mrs. Williams will use these meetings as an opportunity to keep the families informed about events in the company. In February the 501st will begin preparation for Warrior Storm and Key Resolve '10, a major Peninsula-wide exercise taking place in March. The company will be busy with both of these exercises for almost the entire month of March and pulling 24 hour operations in all sections. The exercise will be tough, but the 501st will continue to excel in its mission to support Area III.

I look forward to seeing all of the Soldiers, Civilians, and Family member continue to participate in company events. All of your contributions are helping to make the 501st Signal Company a better place to work and better place for families.

"Stryke Hard, Stryke Deep!"

STANDARD BEARERS

**Brigade
NCO of the Year**



Adriana Atkinson
Staff Sgt. USA

**Brigade
KATUSA of the Year**



Kwon, Kyuk Jin
Sergeant, ROK

**Brigade
NCO of the Quarter**



Daniel E. Robinson Jr.
Sergeant, USA

**Brigade
KATUSA of the Quarter**



Kim, Sei - Hoon
Private, ROK

**Battalion
Soldier of the Quarter**



Joe J. Jackson
Private, USA



NAVIGATING CASEY

by 1st Lt. Kenneth Blackwell

From November 16 - 20, 1st Signal Brigade conducted their annual Brigade Range Week at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex located in Pohang, Korea. The annual exercise is designed to familiarize and qualify personnel within the Brigade on a variety of weapon systems including M4, M16, M249, Claymore mines and Grenades. This training is also used to build cohesion between different battalions and units within the brigade.

The 36th Signal Battalion located on Camp Walker was one of the Battalions within 1st Signal Brigade that participated in this week long exercise. The 36th Signal Battalion was comprised of nearly eighty personnel that all traveled up north to Pohang from various places within the Peninsula; places to include Pyeongtaek, Waegwan, and as far south as Daegu. The 36th Signal Battalion personnel took part in the standard ranges that were part of the Range Week, having all their personnel safely and successfully familiarize and qualify on the various weapon systems. In addition, during the Range Week the Battalion was allocated a day of training to train as desired or needed, and the 36th Signal Battalion took full advantage of this opportunity by making plans for a day to have their personnel conduct land navigation training using the land navigation site on Camp Humphreys.

Land Navigation is a fundamental skill for soldiers, in which they make use of a military map, protractor and compass to find

designated points within a given area and in a specified amount of time. On 19 November the 36th Signal Battalion sent fifty of their personnel to Camp Casey located outside of Uijongbu to conduct the training. The 501st Signal Company was designated to be in charge of running the land navigation course. 501st Signal Company selected First Lieutenant Kenneth Blackwell to take the lead in running this course with the assistance of Staff Sgt. Robert Sherrer who made all the proper arrangements the week prior to ensure the safe and efficient training for this event. The training started off with 1st. Lt. Kenneth Blackwell briefing the instructions and rules to all participating personnel, which entailed the goal of finding five points within two and half hours using five-member teams. Staff Sgt. Sherrer and other 501st Signal Company representatives ensured safety within the course and provided timely and helpful tips to the soldiers along the way who seemed to need additional assistance while navigating the course.



Soldiers receive briefing from 1st Lt. Blackwell prior to the negotiation of the Land Navigation Course at Camp Humphreys.

Although, none of the ten groups were able to find all five points within the specified timelines with two groups



finding three points and all others finding four out of five points, the training event was still deemed a huge success by all due to everyone receiving tough, realistic training and walking away with an improved understanding of land navigation procedures.

One of the participants of the event, a Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA) Sgt. Lim Nam of the 501st Signal Company said "Today's training was a great opportunity to train and familiarize in land navigation. I had a lot of fun and it was a good experience." Reflecting on the training Staff Sgt. Henry Mustipher of the 501st Signal Company went on to say "It is always a great thing to have soldiers go out and experience this type of training first hand. Especially when you are coming from a unit that is strategical and does not get a lot of field time or training as a tactical unit normally would. You can tell that the soldiers really enjoyed getting "out" for a change."

All in all the 501st Signal Company and the 36th Signal Battalion were pleased and thankful to have the opportunity to conduct this training and look forward to the next opportunity they

may have to participate in this training again in the future.





With the Department of the Army authorizing the use of Facebook and Twitter on Government

computers, it is important to ensure you and your families are practicing good OPSEC when posting information on Facebook pages.

OPSEC Rules for Blogging:

- ❖ Do not post exact deployment dates
- ❖ Do not post camp locations

If you have any information on your Facebook profiles and or in the forums, remove it now!

Protecting Critical Information. Even if the information is not classified "secret", it can be considered "critical information."

Critical Information deals with specific facts about military intentions, capabilities, operations or activities.

If an adversary knew this detailed information, our mission accomplishment and personnel safety

could be jeopardized. It must be protected to ensure an adversary doesn't gain a significant advantage.

By being a member of the military family, you will often know some bits of critical

information, powers of attorney, wills, deployment information).

- ◆ References to trends in unit morale or personnel problems.
- ◆ Details concerning security procedures.

Tami xxx "Glad I found this site, my son Tony is currently serving with the xxxth BSB, xxx BCT, xx xxxxx xxx, (Fort xx xx) in Afganistan. I pray every day for his safe return along with his fellow soldiers."

Butch xxxxx "just wanted to say again, my son is leaving for iraq, friday his birthday, to help defend our country and freedom, wishing him and all our men and women to be safe, remember to keep your head down and the power day. lets give mark and all our troops a big HOOAH!——"

information. Do not discuss them outside of your immediate family and especially not over the telephone.

Examples of Critical Information

- ◆ Detailed information about the mission of assigned units.
- ◆ Details on locations and times of unit deployments.
- ◆ Personnel transactions that occur in large numbers (Example: pay

OPSEC is a Family affairs - discuss OPSEC with your family

As a family member of our military community, you are a vital player in our success, and we couldn't do our job without your support. You may not know it, but you also play a crucial role in ensuring your loved one's safety. You can protect your family and friends by protecting what you know of the military's day-to-day operations.

WHAT IS GNEC?

The Global Network Enterprise Construct (GNEC) will provide Soldiers single identify from home station to the Area of Responsibility (AOR) and back; ensuring the

information is managed so the Warfighters can access information as needed from anywhere, anytime, and protect the network and information from any adversary. Together, all must do what is necessary to ensure an information advantage and give Warfighters the tools they need to accomplish their

A SOLDIER'S STORY
IDEAL END-STATE



- Universal E-mail Address
- Universal File Storage
- One Telephone Number
- Standard Collaboration Tool Set

MORE BANG FOR THE BUCK – USE OF THE CLAYMORE IN DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS

Story by Captain Spence Calder

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Safety on the range and proper functionality of the Claymore is ensured through one-on-one supervision of the circuit check procedures in addition to the Range Safety Officer's control of the M57.

The range, conducted on behalf of the 1st Signal Brigade, was designed to instill confidence in our younger Soldiers on weapons they have previously had little experience with. A total of 24 claymores were fired during the one day training event, with two being set off simultaneously which demonstrated that the Claymore has a minimal effect on objects outside of its kill zone. Every soldier at the range who

had the confidence to detonate a claymore was afforded the opportunity to fire one.

The Claymore mine was first introduced to the Army shortly after the Korean War but didn't see much use until Vietnam. Its primary function is to extirpate enemy soldiers that are traveling by foot or by unarmored vehicle through use of 700 steel balls. These metal fragments are propelled by 1.5 pounds of composition C-4 explosives in a 60 degree arc in front of the mine, and is lethal up to 50 meters. The First Signal Brigade has well over 50 separate sites on a multitude of different installations ranging from Camp Stanley in the north of Korea all the way to Changsan Mountain Communications Site near Busan. As a result we have a unique challenge in defending our sites. The use of the Claymore in our defensive planning allows us to get more "bang" for our personnel "buck".



Top Ten TAX TIPS

1. Download your 1099s and W-2s

Your W-2 and 1099 Tax Statement are available to be downloaded at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. Make sure the withholding amounts are accurate. Also, make certain that the gross wages reported on the W-2 form match what you have earned.

2. Collect copies of bank or brokerage statements

Brokerage statements come in handy because they often contain data that may alert your accountant (or your military tax center) to any tax-loss carry forwards you might have from last year, as well as provide an idea about what types of gains and/or losses could be realized in the current tax year.

3. Set aside IRA contribution proofs

In 2008, taxpayers under 50 years of age are allowed to contribute \$5,000 per person to their IRAs. Those over 50 may contribute \$6,000. With that in mind, taxpayers should set aside proofs of this contribution.

4. Social security information for new additions to your family

Be sure to provide your tax center with the social security number of any children that you had or have adopted over the past year. Why? Because if you earn under \$75,000 as a single taxpayer or under \$110,000 as a married taxpayer (married filing jointly), you are eligible for a \$1,000 tax credit for every dependent child that you support under the

\$1000.00

Tax Credit per Child

Military Tax Centers

Open February 1, 2010

Location:

Camp Henry: Bldg 1685, Rm. 123, DSN 768-8590

Camp Carroll: Bldg 125, DSN 765-8179

Camp Humphreys: Bldg 751, DSN 753-6245

Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 1000 - 1900, Saturday 1000 - 1500

age of 17. But again, unless you provide your accountant with that information you won't receive the credit.

5. Gather work related receipts

If you purchased an item (such as a uniform) that you need for your job and your unit does not reimburse you for that expense, then the item is deductible.

6. Save pictures receipts or records of charitable donations

Receipts of your Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and Army Emergency Relief (AER) contributions must be saved and included with your tax return. And while the original receipts are not required, they are highly recommended because they will substantiate the deduction if it is challenged by the IRS during an audit.

7. Gather mortgage receipts

While your mortgage company will provide you with a 1099 detailing the interest you've paid on your loan throughout the year (which is deductible), saving individual mortgage receipts also makes sense. Why? They can be used to reconcile the year-end 1099 (in other words to check its accuracy) and provide your accountant with some sense of the size of interest deductions that might be realized in the coming year.

8. Gather proof of purchase for energy efficient goods

If you purchased a hybrid vehicle after January 1, 2006 you may qualify for a tax credit ranging from \$400 to \$4,000, depending on the vehicle. New Electric vehicles purchased in 2009 will come with a tax credit between \$2,500 and \$7,500 depending on the vehicle and the phase out calculation after the first 250,000 vehicles.

If you've purchased certain energy efficient items for your home in 2009, including insulation, hot water heaters, furnaces, boilers or thermostats you may qualify for up to another \$500 in tax credits (but not in 2008). Again, set aside your proofs of purchase and be prepared to present them to your accountant come tax time

9. Prepare all documents

Have your military identification card, Social Security cards, bank information to include routing information for direct deposit, your Tax statements to include W-2 and 1099s.

10. Locate last year's tax return

Before completing your taxes this year, be sure that both you and your accountant review last year's tax return. Why? The return will provide (both you and your tax advisor) with a wealth of information that can be valuable to this year's return, including:

- Tax loss carry forward information
- Withholding information
- Information about how certain income may have been treated, such as capital gains or traditional income

Not surprisingly, most taxpayers neglect to go over last year's return. But it is worth the time because very often you'll find a carry forward or some other nugget of information that might be beneficial to this year's return.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Unit Ministry Team



Joon Ahn
Captain, Chaplain

We are thankful for the wonderful season of Christmas and for a time to reflect on the past year. Private First Class Kim and I are honored and privileged to be a Unit Ministry Team for the 36th Signal Battalion. At this special time of the year, I'd like to express my personal thanks to everyone in our 36th Signal Battalion Soldiers and families. Your dedication, hard work, sacrifice, and creative spirit enable this battalion to grow and prosper.

During this past quarter, Soldiers from this battalion came together for many events. We had a successful Prayer Breakfast in October where our guest speaker Chaplain (LTC) Leideritz, 1st Signal Brigade Chaplain came to deliver a very power message about "followership" that truly inspired all of us. In November, we celebrated Thanksgiving with the Prayer Luncheon that was put together nicely by our own Family Readiness Group. We finished the year with a great event of gifts giving. The battalion sponsored the annual Sungrim Orphanage Christmas Party. I believe this event helped strengthen the US-ROK alliance as we go together toward peace. Many children from the Sungrim orphanage had the opportunity to experience traditional American Christmas turkey. Following the feast, a well-prepared show was performed by the children which gave the Soldiers a chance to appreciate a Korean traditional play. Finally, a surprise visit by Santa Claus who presented gifts and posed for photos with the children. This event truly inspired me. I'm looking forward to the next year's event.

Second quarter for 2010 will come with more events. The Strong Bonds retreat for married couples, Prayer Breakfast, Prayer Luncheon, and many upcoming Unit Ministry Team activities. Thank you all for your support and prayers. We hope that God will truly bless you in the new year.

"PRO DEO ET PATRIA" "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY"



Lt. Col. Mark Rosenstein (left) and Chaplain (CPT) Joon Ahn (right) share a moment with the director and staff of Sungrim Orphanage during the battalion hosted event



Pfc. James M. Berry lowers his head during the invocation led by Chaplain Joon Ahn at the battalion Prayer Breakfast.



Mrs. Sarah Ahn sings during the battalion Prayer Breakfast at Daegu Mountain Inn, Camp Walker.



Chaplain (LTC) Kevin Leideritz, guest speaker, delivers a biblical story to highlight "followership" to the audience made up of military and civilian personnel of the Dragon battalion.



Musicians from Pomo Presbyterian Church from Daegu volunteered to perform at the Prayer Breakfast within Camp Walker





CAREER COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Army Strong



U.S. ARMY



Steven Gedemer
Sgt. First Class,
Career Counselor

Greetings, fellow Dragons. Once again the 36th Signal Battalion has accomplished nearly all of its Fiscal Year 2010 retention objectives. This is once again unheard of for a battalion to be able to close out 12 month mission within the first four months of the year.

As I discussed in the last news letter, retention is becoming more and more competitive. This year the Army will once again suspend reenlistments once it's reached its goal and end strength limit. If you are in your reenlistment window and desire to reenlist prior to October 1, 2010 you need to act now.

I once again encourage each and every one of you to be proactive in your careers. When it comes to reenlistment bonuses and options, the early bird gets the worm.

As your career counselor I stand ready to provide you with the knowledge and tools you need to be successful in setting and achieving your goals both in the military and after.

On a separate note I know that many of our new Dragons have had issues with your enlistment bonuses being paid in a timely manner. The Area IV Finance Office had some significant errors with the data input of the bonuses that has since been identified and corrected. If you are still are experiencing any payment issues please contact me immediately so I can work to resolve it.

It is also important that all enlistment bonuses are turned in through the career counselor. This ensures that the proper documentation gets turned in and that further I do track these in case there is an issue such as what happened over the last 2 months. All that is required for turn-in to me is a copy of the following, PCS Orders, Pin-Point Orders, and the AIT Graduation Certificate. ***These documents can be digitally sent to me to expedite processing as well.***

ARMY STRONG

Did you know?

The Post-9/11 GI Bill includes an annual book stipend of up to \$1000

More details on Page 20



Chief Warrant two Christie Stewart presents the certificate of Enlistment to Staff Sgt. Alejandro Fuentes



Specialists Amanda and Phillip Wright re-enlisted by Cpt. Brittane Staton on top of Namsan, Seoul



Cpt. Maia Susuico reads the oath of enlistment to Spc. Alajwan Hughes of 169th Signal Company.



Chief Warrant Two John Flores swears Spc. Johnathan Lawlis during the re-enlistment ceremony inside the 169th Signal Company's headquarters.



Chief Warrant Three Pablo Melendez presents the certificate of Enlistment to Staff Sgt. Joel Maldonado.



DEFENDING THE GLOBAL INFORMATION GRID

By Ronald Coleman



Photo by Ms. Yi, Chae Sun, 169th Signal Company, Daegu, Korea

Newly graduates of the Information Management Officers course pose with Wanda Rosa (right) at the Area IV Network Enterprise Center (NEC), Camp Henry, Daegu.

U. S. Army Soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians from 19th Expeditionary Command, U.S. Army Garrison - Daegu and other tenant activities recently graduated from the 1st Signal Brigade Information Management Officer (IMO) certification course. The course was conducted at the 169th Signal Company Network Enterprise Center (NEC) located on Camp Henry in Daegu, Korea. Across the peninsula candidates from the Eighth United States Army and United States Forces Korea are selected by Commanders to attend this course. Courses are conducted throughout the year by the 1st Signal Brigade NECs.

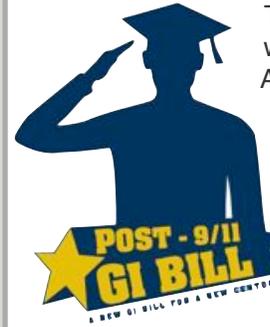
Graduates from the course are charged with carrying out the duties of unit IMOs who serve as the first line of defense in the protection of the Army Korea Land War Network (ARKLANT) and other joint networks. IMOs are also charged with

assisting staff with day-to-day Information Technology (IT) activities ranging from email, printing, responding to Information Assurance Vulnerabilities Alerts (IAVA's) and implementing IT strategic plans and procurement programs. IMOs are not alone in these duties as elements within 1st Signal Brigade's two operational signal battalions, 41st Signal Battalion located in Yongsan and 36th Signal Battalion located in Daegu, offer IMOs in-depth technical assistance through garrison Network Enterprise Centers (NEC). NECs were formally called Directorates of Information Management or DOIMs however this was changed in August of this year as part of the Department of the Army, Chief Information Officer and 9th Army Signal Command Commanding General's vision of a full spectrum, Net-Centric, Enterprise level Global Network Enterprise Construct (GNEC).

Regional Director, NEC (South)
Ronald M. Coleman
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 DSN: 764-5782

AREA III NEC
John Petrella
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 DSN: 754-8584

AREA IV NEC
Paul Clark
 Bldg: 1222 Cp Henry
 DSN: 768-8282



The Post-9/11 GI Bill went into effect on August 1. For anyone honorably discharged with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals honorably

discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days, approved training under the new bill includes graduate and undergraduate degrees, and vocational/technical training. Housing, tutorial assistance, and licensing and certification test reimbursement are also approved under the Post- 9/11 GI Bill.

	POST 9/11	MGIB
Ed Benefit	Actual Cost varied	\$1321.00 max
Housing Allowance	E-5 w/ Dep BAH	None
Book Stipend	Up to \$1000.00 per year	None
Eligibility	Active duty for 90 days after 9/11/2001	Active duty after 7/1/1985
Administration of payment	Tuition: school Housing: Monthly check to Veteran Books: Paid to Veteran	Monthly check to veteran
"Kicker" or College Fund	\$950 per month	\$950 per month
Transferability	Spouse and Child*	Spouse and Child*
Servicemember pay reduction	\$0.00	\$100.00 per month/12 months
Time Limit to use benefits	15 yrs from discharge	10 yrs from discharge

Source: <http://www.gibill.va.gov>



ARMY SERVICE UNIFORM

The U.S. Army service uniform is the military uniform worn by personnel in situations in which non-formal dress is called for. It is worn in most workday situations in which business dress would be called for. It can be worn at most public and official functions.

The current main service uniform is the green service uniform.

The blue Army Service Uniform (ASU) is the "new" service uniform, and was adopted for optional wear in 2008. It will start to be issued to new soldiers as mandatory wear as of Fall 2010, and must be worn Army-wide as mandatory wear after July of 2014. The ASU is replacing two uniforms already in use – the "Army Green" service uniform and the "Army White" service uniform. It will be based on the current dress uniform known as the "dress blue" uniform. It has its roots in the historical "Army blue" uniform, which dates back to the Revolutionary War, in which the Continental Army outfitted its soldiers in blue to distinguish them from the red uniform coats that British Army personnel wore in their uniforms of the time. It also recalls the Civil War Union Army's blue uniforms, which caused the two sides to sometimes be referred to in literature and other works as "the Blue and the Gray."



Source: US Army Institute of Heraldry

ASU's Headgear

The ALARACT wasn't very clear about the ASU's headgear, and the previous FAQ on the army.mil web site was also confusing.



Clarified and updated:

What is the headgear for the new blue ASU?

The primary headgear is the beret. Officers and enlisted Soldiers will be required to have both the service cap/hat and the beret by the mandatory possession date. Commanders have the discretion to determine if corporals and above wear either the service hat/cap or the beret. Enlisted Soldiers will receive an increase in the Clothing Replacement Allowance to purchase the service cap/hat.

Army Combat Service Identification Badge (CSIB)

Pin-on badge worn on the Army Service Uniform.



- Males: worn centered on the right breast pocket of the ASU coat
- Females: worn on the right side parallel to the waistline on the ASU coat
- The CSIB is ranked fifth in order of precedence below the Presidential, Vice-Presidential, Secretary of Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff identification badges
- The CSIB can also be worn on the shirt when wearing the Class B versions of the ASU

Overseas Service Bars



The Institute of Heraldry has confirmed the sizing and exact color of the new Hash Marks and Overseas Service Bars (OSB's) for the new ASU



FAMILY CORNER

Families of 36th Signal Battalion: Seoul, Pyeongtaek, Waegwan, Daegu, and Busan



DR. SEUSS EXPLAINS WHY COMPUTERS SOMETIMES CRASH

If a packet hits a pocket
on a socket on a port,
and the bus is interrupted
at a very last resort,

and the access of the memory
makes your floppy disk abort.
Then the socket packet pocket
has an error to report.

If your cursor finds a menu item
followed by a dash,
and the double-clicking icon
puts your window in the trash;

and your data is corrupted
cuz the index doesn't hash,
then the situation's hopeless
and your system's gonna crash.

If the label on the cable
at your house,
says the network is connected to
the button on your mouse,

but your packets want to
tunnel to another protocol,
that's repeatedly rejected
by the printer down the hall,

and your screen is all distorted
by the side effects of gauss,
so your icons in the window
are as wavy as a souse;

then you may as well reboot
and go out with a bang,
cuz sure as I'm a poet,
the sucker's gonna hang !

When the copy of your floppy's
getting sloppy in the disc
and the microcode instructions
cause unnecessary risk,

then you'll have to flash the memory
and you'll want to RAM your ROM.
Quickly turn off the computer
and be sure to tell your Mom!

Halloween Carving Contest



Entry number 1
of the Pumpkin
Carving Contest

Soldier confidently
points at her carved
pumpkin with a winning
attitude.



Chief Theresa Arnold
shows off her pumpkin
during the Pumpkin
Carving Contest



Mark Rosenstein
and his daughter
Sarah show case
their skills in
pumpkin carving





축하합니다 Congratulations



Master Sgt. (Retired) Mose Hurt receives his retirement award for his 23 years of service to the United States Army. He spent six of those years with 36th Signal Battalion.



Sgt. Maj. Sung Lee (이성), 36th Signal Battalion ROKA staff receives the highest honor from Col. Yoon Won Hee (윤원희) for having the best KATUSA program in the country.



Amy De Vries receives the Daegu bell as she departs the battalion as the FRSA.

ACTIVE FEDERAL SERVICE

35 YEARS

Richard Robinet

30 YEARS

Franklin Wright
Marshall Wright

25 YEARS

Ralph Connor
Kris Johnson
Tyrome Myatt

5 YEARS

Jefferey Rea
Robert Nally
Jared Mascheck



KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

John Balfour
Ralph Connor
Richard Locke
Franklin Wright

UNITED STATES ARMY



Certificate of Achievement in Safety is presented to the following Soldiers:

Staff Sgt. Jason Cadieux
Sgt. Dalatrivette Mayhew
Sgt. Trent Clark
Spc. Mark Cains
Spc. George Foulfont
Spc. Alajiwian Hughes

Spc. Ashton Jordan
Spc. Jonathan Lawlis
Spc. Brent Schoemann
Spc. Johnny Stacey
Pfc. Jamal Bolden

for outstanding safety performance in the Motor Vehicle





Brigade Holiday Ball 2009, Seoul, Korea



Brigade Weapon Week, RLFC, Korea



Sungrim Holiday Party



Thanksgiving Luncheon, Camp Walker



Battalion Spiritual Fitness Thanksgiving Luncheon, Daegu, Korea



Bn Hail and Farewell, Suesong Lake, Daegu



Commander
HQ, 36th Signal Battalion
Unit 15026
APO AP 96218