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## 36th Signal Battalion host Dr. Martin Luther King Poetry readings

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DAEGU GARRISON — On Tuesday January 11, 2011, the 36th Signal Battalion hosted the Area IV Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Poetry Night. The celebration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is celebrated around the world, reminding people of the civil rights leader and his message of equal rights and peace for all. The event took place at the Hilltop restaurant on Camp Walker and was a "standing room" only event. Capt. Brittiane Staton and Staff Sgt. Matthew Seabert were the organizers of the 25th anniversary of the holiday recognizing one of America's greatest leaders.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia and died on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. King was a Baptist minister and social activist who led the civil rights movement in the United States from the mid-1950s until his death by assassination in 1968. His leadership was fundamental to the civil rights movement and ending legal segregation of African Americans across the United States.

Dr. King rose to national prominence as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which promoted non-violent campaigns to achieve civil rights. In 1994, and to further commemorate a man who lived

his life in service to others, Congress transformed the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday into a national day of community service.

The event at the Hilltop restaurant was filled with singers, poets, and

dancers who focused on honoring Dr. King's legacy and vision of Justice for Everyone. Special thanks go out to the Area IV community for making the event a special night for all who attended. ▴



Soldiers, civilians and family members enjoying the Area IV Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Poetry Night Program. — U.S. Army photo Spc. Michael Tankard