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## **501<sup>ST</sup> MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRIGADE** **USAG YONGSAN, SOUTH KOREA** *"RED DRAGONS - STRIKE WITH FIRE"*



# **ARMY RESERVISTS TROOP PROGRAM UNIT MEET FOR FIRST BATTLE ASSEMBLY OF THE NEW YEAR**

The end of January marked the first Battle Assembly of the New Year for Army Reservists from the 501<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade's Troop Program Unit (TPU). While some Soldiers celebrated the holiday season locally, others traveled to the States to spend time with friends and family who they have not seen for some time. SPC John Stansbury enthusiastically shared anecdotes from his vacation in California.

"Getting there wasn't bad at all," said SPC Stansbury. "We had a non-stop flight and our 15-month old did pretty well. She spent most of the time running up and down the isles, which was good, but it really wore me out. During our three weeks at home I got a lot of shopping in. I had to find clothes that fit me since it is so hard to find any in Korea. Those Korean pop star skinny jeans don't fit me well."

SPC Stansbury also got to see his brother who he had not seen in six years and even squeezed in some time in Las Vegas.

"It was a great vacation! The warm weather was nice and so was being able to see the stars in the sky at night. I found myself daydreaming about what life would be like in California while I was there."

When asked how she rung in 2013, 2LT Unjoo Chang, owner of a P.C. (Personal Computer) game store, said she did nothing out of the ordinary this year.

"I worked the entire time. I really didn't do anything exciting this year."

CPT Omar Primicias, was excited to have his sister and niece visit from California.

"I took them to Lotte World and, even though my niece got a bit sick on the trip, we had a good time."

During December's Battle Assembly, the TPU Soldiers had a couple of opportunities to meet their counterparts in the 658<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Group, another local Army Reserve unit. One opportunity came during the 658<sup>th</sup>'s Family Readiness Group meeting and the other at 658<sup>th</sup>'s Christmas Party both held at the Dragon Hill Lodge. The meeting was beneficial for both units. There are currently 20 Soldiers assigned to the 501<sup>st</sup> compared to the more robust 658<sup>th</sup>'s 80-plus Soldiers. Members of both units were excited to meet their counterparts and learn how they can work together and support one another in the future.

December's Battle Assembly was also an opportunity for the 501<sup>st</sup> TPU Soldiers to hail SFC Tad Han and farewell SFC Song Kim. SFC Han replaced SFC Kim as the Active Guard Reserve NCO for the 501<sup>st</sup>. It was also an opportunity to celebrate the holiday season by going out to lunch as a unit.

