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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL INCOMING PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Welcome to the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade

We want to personally welcome you to one of the most professionally and personally rewarding tours you will have in the Army. Throughout its very proud history of over 60 years, the 501st MI Brigade has provided intelligence support to the combined forces on the Korean Peninsula.

Our daily mission is in support of the ROK-US alliance and serves vital US national interests. Our training is focused on further enhancing our robust capabilities, and is directly linked to furthering our partnership and alliance with the Republic of Korea. In this assignment, everything you do, on and off duty, has impacts on the mission with strategic consequences.

Life in Korea presents tremendous opportunities. Experience the warm culture of the Korean people, the food, the shopping, and outdoor activities that are available through programs such as Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers (BOSS) and the United Service Organization (USO). Each of our battalions has an active Family Readiness Group (FRG) program to ease transition anxiety and welcome Family Members to the unit and Korea. Some great resources to provide you information about the 501st MI Brigade and Korea:

- 501st MI Brigade web site: <http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/501MI/index.html>
- The Seoul Survivor: a great book of lessons learned about assignment in Korea (from a Family perspective – currently in its 26th edition)

Prior to your arrival, we will assign you with a sponsor. Your sponsor will answer questions you have about your job, the Command, and the area. If for some reason you do not receive a sponsor, contact usarmy.yongsan.501-mi-bde.list.hhc-bde-s1-sponsor@mail.mil. If you feel like you're not getting the support you need, contact your chain of command or the Brigade Command Sergeant Major.

Upon arrival, you will participate in an approximately two duty day reception, integration and orientation program run by the 19th Human Resources Company (19HRC), while being housed at US Army Garrison – Yongsan, in Seoul. After completion of this program, your unit will continue your integration. Should you require assistance, we have a 501st MI Brigade Liaison imbedded at 1RC.

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Life in Korea is not without challenges. There is limited medical and dental care on the Korean Peninsula, so resolve any significant medical/dental issues prior to your and/or your Family's arrival. Additionally, on post housing, command sponsorship slots, spousal employment opportunities and pet ownership may be limited based upon your area of assignment. If you are not currently command sponsored but have an interest in having your dependents accompany you in Korea, we encourage you to submit your command sponsorship request early.

Travel safe and have a pleasant journey to Korea. Again, we are confident you will find your assignment to this command a tremendous opportunity for professional and personal growth. We both look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to Korea and the Brigade.



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