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501st Soldiers came from across the peninsula and CONUS to honor COL Cox and welcome the incoming commander COL Chung. The formation of troops included HHC of the 501st, the 3rd Military Intelligence Ariel Exploitation Battalion out of Camp Humphreys, the 368th Military Intelligence Battalion out of Camp Parks, California, the 524th MI BN out of Yongsan and Camp Carroll, the 532nd MI BN out of Yongsan and Camp Humphreys, and the 719th MI BN out of Camp Humphreys.

Other supporters included KATUSAs and civilians who support the brigade on a daily basis, LTG Johnson, BG Grove, BG Conboy, as well as MG Park, BG Song (the first female general in ROK history), and BG Park. The guest list would not be complete without Mr. Choe, one of the unit's most famous civil servants who has served the 501st faithfully for 48 years.

COL Cox counts it an honor to have served as the commander of the 501st.

“Today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of this earth,” said COL Cox, borrowing a quote from Baseball Legend Lou Gherig. Under COL Cox's leadership the 501st achieved many mission successes. The Signals Exploitation Battalion worked multiple shifts in the GCC-CACC with experts from the DSA producing decisive bits of intelligence that brought clarity to numerous reports from multiple sources and the HUMINT Battalion partnered with ROK Security Forces from Uijeongbu to Busan and paired with a Korean Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan north of Bagram Air Base and continues to do so today.

“Annyeonghi Gyeseyo — former RED DRAGON 6 off the net,” said COL Cox as he ended his remarks.

COL Jason A. Chung took charge of the 501st to begin his second tour in Korea.

“I'm excited to command the 501st because of the unique role it plays in providing USFK and our ROK counterparts with intelligence support,” said COL Chung.

His recent assignments include Military Assistant to the Assistant Director of National Intelligence for Partner Engagement, Army War College Fellow (at CIA), and seven years with the Joint Special Operations Command.



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