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What's up

CURFEW

As of March 20, 2003, by order of USFK commander, an off-installation curfew is in effect from 7:30 p.m. until 5 a.m. each day of the week to include weekends and holidays.

During these hours, service members will not be in off-installation unless conducting official business.

Direct travel between a service members' domicile off-installation and his or her place of duty during the curfew is permitted. The service member must be either in their private residence, their place of lodging for the evening or on a military installation.

Class attendance at an educational institution will be deemed official business.

This curfew is in effect until further notice.



LSA, Improving Life Support During RSO&I

Story by
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8th Army PAO

The Life Support Area (LSA) staff, consisting of over 40 soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Eighth U.S. Army, has dedicated much time and effort in providing basic life support and morale-building activities during the Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration (RSO&I) training exercise held at Camp Walker, Daegu, South Korea.

Soldiers from HHC have provided life support to approximately 1100 soldiers.

"Life Support Activity is here to support the soldiers who deploy here for the exercise," said Master Sgt. Felicia Pierre, Operations NCOIC, Troop Command S-3.

"We provide the basic needs of the soldiers by in-processing, assigning bunks, giving security clearances, and providing transportation and



Photo by Pfc. Jang, Seung Mo

LSA staff including 1st Sgt. John Sumpter, HHC 8th U.S. Army (center), assigns bunks to soldiers.

supplies to them. Without the LSA, there would be much confusion."

Instead of simply providing these services, the LSA keeps on working for the betterment of the soldiers.

"The billeting has improved quite a bit this exercise after we had the chance to sit down with the HHC first sergeant and commander. They helped handle any problem that could not easily be solved." said Sgt. Charles Ginyard, the Billeting and NBC NCO. Another improvement is the building of permanent walls within some of the Butler buildings.

According to Pierre, it used to be noisy without the walls but with them, it is much more quiet than before.

"It isn't difficult working as a LSA if each person knows and does his job well." added Ginyard.

There are still problems of not having enough beds or proper meals for the night shift workers. However, as long as the exercises continue to occur, LSA will put in the effort for the comfort of the soldiers.



The Spirit of Hwarang

It's March, and Eighth Army warriors have amassed to show their combat readiness in this year's Reception, Staging, Onward Movement & Integration.

RSO&I is a routine, regularly scheduled mid-spring exercise involving forces from both the Republic of Korea and the United States. It is designed to evaluate and improve combined and joint coordination, procedures, plans and systems necessary for the conduct of contingency operation of Republic of Korea and United States Forces.

RSO&I demonstrates ROK-US interoperability and Combined Forces Command's capability, as well as the commitment to defend Korea.

Fifteen centuries ago, when this part of Korea was known as the Kingdom of Shilla, a group of Shilla warriors called the "Hwarang" demonstrated their battle skills and their nobility in this same area. The Hwarang was a youth organization led by a single "Kook sun," the spiritual leader. Under this leader, the Hwarangs led thousands of "Nangdo" to become a Hwarang. These young, aspiring warriors trained in martial arts and in academics, aspiring to become a Hwarang. A knightly code of conduct resulted from Hwarang-do training, and the Hwarang members visited beautiful places within the Kingdom, engaging in both military and spiritual exercises to cleanse and train their minds and bodies.

It is in the spirit of Hwarang that this newsletter was created to honor the service members and events of this year's RSO&I that demonstrate the spirit of Hwarang.

This newsletter is also available on-line at <http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/PAO/hwarang3.htm>.

If any of our readers know of any sections or individuals who possess this spirit of courage, intelligence and nobility, let us know by calling 764-3787 / 764-3225 or e-mailing us at kangbys@usfk.korea.army.mil.

Voice of RSO&I

"What do you like best about this exercise?"



Spc. Kenneth Nopp
169th
Signal Company

"I enjoyed the cross training available while working in concert with 293rd personnel as well as the G-6 and J-6 offices."



Col. Donald Breece
Secretary of
General Staff

"Since Eighth Army's conversion to a multi-component organization, the active and reserve soldiers are formally 'joined at the hip.' This exercise is an outstanding opportunity to realize the synergy created by the melding together of the two components."

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“What do you like best about this exercise?”



Pvt. Nathan Bollman
HHC
1st Signal Brigade

"Getting to use my technical skills in the war simulation as a 74B, and proving my worth to the Army. And field exercises make you really appreciate your regular duty hours."



Spc. Christopher Conn
HHC 8th U.S. Army
G-6

"I like the fact that the training I received will be put to good use. During RSO&I and UFL, there is plenty of work to keep my skills up to date and prepare me for the "real world" mission."

Weather for Daegu, South Korea



MAR 20

Hi	Low
56 F	42 F
13 C	5 C



MAR 21

Hi	Low
55 F	37 F
12 C	2 C



MAR 22

Hi	Low
56 F	37 F
13 C	2 C



Collective Soul Performs for Soldiers

Rock band Collective Soul performed at Kelly Fitness Center, Cp. Walker on March 17th. The band has been touring army installations in Korea, sponsored by MWR. The band entertained the soldiers with their hit songs such as 'Disciplined Breakdown', 'Precious Declaration' and 'Shine'.

Photo by 1st Lt. Anthony John, 305th PCH



What's up

Security

Classified document security is the responsibility of each section. Sections should destroy classified material as it becomes obsolete. Also, individuals should avoid discussing exercise issues outside the controlled areas. Locations of the CP, your role in the exercise, or the duration and scope of the exercise cannot be discussed over open telephone lines.

Off Post

Personal traveling off-post in Cp. Walker during leisure hours will use the "Buddy System," and they need to have their Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) card as well as an emergency telephone number card with them at all times. The wearing of the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) is not authorized off-post.

Rec Center hours

The recreation center is open daily, from 1200 to 2300 throughout the duration of the exercise.

Korean Phrase of the Day

- Excuse me.
~Shil rye hap nee da.
- I am sorry.
~Mee ahn hae yo.
- Thank you.
~Kam sa hap nee da.
- Help me!
~Doh wa ju se yo!
- How much is this?
~igo(this) ol ma eh yo?

The Recreation Center Gives Soldiers a Place to Relax during RSO&I

Story by
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If you are wondering what to do to relax during the RSO&I, the Camp Walker Recreation Center just might be the answer for you.

The recreation center offers a variety of amenities for soldiers to relax and have fun while they are on post.

The center offers a comfortable area to relax, with a large screen television and a cozy sofa. Videotapes or DVDs of choice can be checked out from the library.

A recreation room has three pingpong tables and two pool tables. There is also a snack bar to purchase treats.

Mr. Yi, Yong Kol, recreation specialist, said, that many people come to the center because it offers a wide variety of recreational equipment and a comfortable atmosphere.

According to Spc. Benjamin J. Dunway, 6th Ordnance Battalion, the soldiers go to the center to take a break from reality, work, and stress from the exercise. "It's a break from RSO&I."

Sgt. 1st Class Greg Wilson, 307th Signal Battalion, said that overall, the recreation center is a



Photo by Pvt. Yoon, Jong Pil

Sgt. Cody Berry(left) and Spc. Benjamin Dunway play pingpong at rec center.

good thing.

"It is important to have a place where people can go to relax," he said. "It is great that there is such a place here."

Other services that the recreation center offers are organization of trips within Korea, pingpong/pool tournaments, a music room with piano and equipment rentals.

"For the soldiers who do not get out often to see Korea, this might be the chance to get to know the country as we visit famous Korean sites," said Yi. "We sponsor, organize and make trophies for the tournaments that the soldiers participate in. We just hope they have a good time."

If you are trying to find something to do during your off-duty hours, check out some services the recreation center has to offer.