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Photo by Pvt. Yum, Tae-sung

Eighth U.S. Army soldiers pick up their bags upon arriving at Camp Walker in preparation for the exercise.

Frigid Lightning ready to strike

Story by Pfc. Kim, Taek-hyun

Eighth U.S. Army Soldiers deployed to Command Post Oscar Tuesday for this year's first exercise, 'Frigid Lightning,' as well as U.S. Forces Korea Soldiers for their Non-combatant Evacuation Operations Exercise scheduled from Feb 17.

Approximately 400 Soldiers came to CP Oscar to train for their wartime missions during this five-day exercise.

Similar to other exercises, participants will learn primary

missions they will need to perform during wartime, and also support 8th Army and the defense of South Korea.

Prior to the Reception, Staging and Onward Movement and Integration exercise in March, this exercise will provide training opportunities for the staff.

"It is a great chance for new Soldiers and those who haven't done this for a while to come down, dust themselves off a little bit, get their mind focused on what the exercise is all about and what they have to do down here," said Maj. Jeffry Klein, com-

mander of HHC, 8th U.S. Army. "By doing so, everybody will be ready for the upcoming RSO&I that rolls next month. ""

There are a lot of new Soldiers in the exercise who wear their full battle gear for the first time and who are not familiar with it.

"This is my first exercise and everything is strange and unfamiliar to me. I think it is important for me to understand it first and be accustomed to it," said Pvt. Kim, Suk of Logistics. "I think there is lots of work that needs to be

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The Spirit of "Hwarang"

It's February, and Eighth Army warriors once again have amassed to show their combat readiness in Frigid Lightning.

Frigid Lightning is a routine, regularly scheduled winter exercise involving forces from HHC, 8th U.S. Army. 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.

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 Frigid Lightning 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 764-3060 / 764-3055 or e-mailing us at jangsm@usfk.korea.army.mil.

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done together and I am sure this will improve my partnership, which is necessary in wartime.""

Sgt. Maj. Daniel Ciarrocchi, Operations sergeant major, emphasized the importance of this exercise and how it should be prepared.

"I expect the Soldiers to have reviewed the last 'After Action Reviews' from the last exercise and have discussed and made plans prior to coming to this exercise.

This will enable the Soldiers to be able to focus on what they need to improve on, as well as sustain in the areas that they did well in. Soldiers should continue evaluating their performances so they can be a stronger team at the end of each exercise. The Soldiers should take this training as realistic as possible to maximize their benefits of training in peace time for what they will be put to do in war time.""

Meal hours

Camp Walker DFAC hours from Feb 17 to Feb 22.

Breakfast: 5 to 8:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinner: 5 to 7 p.m.

Midnight: 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Night shift workers only



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What's up

Exercise Rules

- Alcohol consumption is prohibited for the entire duration of the exercise.
- No off post privileges
- Housing area and barracks are off limits unless you are an invited guest.

Uniform reminders

- Army PT uniforms are required during normal PT hours only. Reflective vest for all outdoor PT-related activities.
- BDUs, boots, ballistic helmet, protective mask and LBV are required for all other times.

Thought of the Day:

A high heart ought to bear calamities and not flee them, since in bearing them appears the grandeur of the mind and in fleeing them cowardice of the heart. - Unknown

Weather for Daegu, South Korea

FEB 18



Hi	Low
59 F	25 F
15 C	-4 C

FEB 19



Hi	Low
61 F	27 F
16 C	-3C

FEB 20



Hi	Low
47 F	28 F
7 C	-2 C



Don't talk around classified information. Use secure means to send your traffic.

Voice of Warriors:

What do you expect to get from this exercise?



Sgt. Maj. Joseph Terry
USFK Main SGM
J3-JOC

"How the USFK/CFC/Eighth Army works together as a single unit. And it is great to see how each section plays a part."



Pvt. Nathalie Cabradilla
SPO Secretary
8th U.S. Army G-4

"I expect to learn how the G-4 will perform its logistical role as a combat support element in a war situation."



Pfc. Park, Moon-hee
SPO Driver
8th U.S. Army G-4

"I can learn the importance of alliance. Also, I can strengthen the bond between my fellow Soldiers by working with them together as a team."



Maj. Lance Atkins
Force Protection Officer
8th U.S. Army G-3

"I hope to continue the integration of the separate pillars of FP. Also, the improvement of crosstalk between 8th Army and USFK is important."



LSA improves treatment for Soldiers during exercise

Story by Pvt. Yum, Tae-sung

The Life Support Area is an office consisting of eight members, and it plays an important role for the improvement of life conditions of Soldiers participating in the Frigid Lightning training exercise at Camp Walker, Daegu.

Located beside the commissary, the LSA has been supporting the Soldiers in many ways to improve circumstances during the past exercises.

"The main role of the LSA is to in-process personnel who come here for the exercise," said Sgt. 1st Class Galo Bueno, the NCOIC of LSA, HHC, 8th U.S. Army. "And also we provide the deployed units with whatever they need for the success of their mission."

In this years Frigid Lightning exercise, many things have changed compared to past exercises.

First of all, the manifest system has changed. Before the change, the workers in Yongsan sent the information to Camp Walker by fax machine so the LSA staff could input them into the database. However, the transmission often broke down or the fax paper was not clear. This caused some Soldiers to not have an assigned bunk. Now thanks to an



Photo by Pvt. Yum, Tae-sung

Sgt. 1st Class Galo Bueno, the NCOIC of LSA, checks the list of bunks assigned, while Staff Sgt. Robert Smith (left), NCOIC, S-4 and Staff Sgt. Bradford Bethea (right), supply NCOIC, support him.

improved system, exercise participants can now know their bunks prior to deployment.

In addition, the number tags attached to each bunk were replaced by bigger ones, so the Soldiers can identify them easily.

"The change of number tags was not a large scale work to us, but it was essential for the soldiers," said Bueno. "Many Soldiers have requested us to replace them with bigger ones, which made us to get the new tags. I think that is what the LSA is here for."

They also prepared a new building for MWR and a cyber cafe. It used to be a tent, but now it's a relocatable building so the Soldiers can spend their leisure time watching movies or surfing

"The LSA staff members put their best effort for the comfort of the exercise participants."

Sgt. 1st Class Galo Bueno

the internet more comfortably.

The LSA staff is still trying to make the working environment as comfortable as possible, although no soldier are reporting complaints to them.

"I am here in Daegu for Frigid Lightning to take care of the main body that arrives here, and also to maintain comfort of personnel coming here," said Sgt. Tracy Butts, the in-processing NCOIC of the LSA.



The past, present and future of ROK-US Alliance

Story by Cpl. Yoon, Jong-pil

It was not long ago that we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the ROK-U.S. alliance. This alliance, which is in its 51st, is one of the most successful alliances in the history of international relations. This is because the coalition between the Republic of Korea and the United States of America was able to stop the war between the two Koreas and also bring the longest truce in military history.

The first rendezvous between the Republic of Korea and the United States was not a friendly one. It was more of a hostile encounter that ended up with the crewmen of the U.S. merchant ship General Sherman being massacred after the ship was left to sink in the Daedong River in 1866, due to a mixture of a misunderstanding between the two groups and a trading restriction rule.

The next meaningful encounter between Korea and the U.S. was when U.S. forces came to Korea to make the Japanese forces stationed below the 38th parallel line surrender as World War II drew to a close. The Soviet Union, who entered the war in the later stage, took to the Japanese forces above the 38th parallel line and made them surrender as well.

After so, a barrier was put between the northern part of the 38th parallel line and the south and all interchange was stopped. In 1948, the Soviet Union withdrew their troop and requested the U.S. to do the same. Upon the request, the U.S. left only the Korea Military Advisory Group, a force left as a consultative force to the newly formed Korean Army.

Then the Korean War broke in 1950. Over 5 million U.S. troops participated in the war that took 3 years and killed nearly 14,000 U.S. Soldiers. In 1953, an armistice was signed between North and South Korea, and ever since, a cease-fire and a partial truce has been set in the Korean peninsula. A year later, the United States and Korea signed the ROK-US Mutual Security Agreement, which commits both nations to assist each other in case of outside attack. Since then, the alliance between the two countries has been maintained and also, major and minor agreements have been created and modified to strengthen the alliance. In the 50-year history, the alliance also played a key role in making Korea a democratic country and a market economy and provided intensive economic assistance.

There are many reasons why the alliance has been kept going. No matter what the reason is, it is

clear that this alliance is of much value to both countries and the northeast Asia. But today, we face difficult times in this long lasted alliance. While many daunting challenges are ahead of us, the alliance will endure as it successfully overcame various trials during the 50-year history. We are at the phase where we have to come up with a clear picture of what our alliance should represent and aim for. This simple but complicating obstacle will be overcome and this alliance will be kept and be strengthened by the efforts of the two brothers, the Americans and the Koreans.

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Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell, 8th Army commander, and Mr. Choi, Dong-jin, deputy minister of acquisition, cut a cake after signing a memorandum of agreement for the demilitarization of munitions last September as a part of strengthening the alliance.