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Twilight Calm hones 8th Army's battle skills

Story by Cpl. Jang, Seung-mo

Eighth U.S. Army soldiers deployed to Command Post Oscar Monday for this year's Twilight Calm exercise scheduled for December 8 to 11.

Approximately 300 soldiers of HHC, 8th U.S. Army are participating in this exercise to conduct their wartime missions during this four-day CPX.

During the period of this exercise, the participants will learn

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Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Ciarrocchi

their individual wartime tasks as well as their collective wartime tasks as they integrate into their cells.

"Every soldier has a mission during wartime," said Maj. Jeffrey Klein, commander, HHC, 8th U.S. Army. "Therefore, the

purpose of this exercise is to give the soldiers the chance to conduct their missions under a wartime scenario so that every participant leaves here with more confidence in their real-world missions."

According to Klein, this

exercise will also help the HHC soldiers to prepare for upcoming major exercises such as Reception, Staging and Onward Movement and Integration, and Ulchi

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Photo by Pvt. Yum, Tae-sung

Capt. Regan Campbell, assistant plans officer, 8th U.S. Army Engineer, picks up his duffle bag at Life Support Area.



The Spirit of "Hwarang"

It's December, and Eighth Army warriors once again have amassed to show their combat readiness in Twilight Calm.

Twilight Calm 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 Twilight Calm 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 kangbys@usfk.korea.army.mil.

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Focus Lens next year.

"What makes Twilight Calm exercise different from other exercises like RSO&I and UFL is that this exercise is an HHC, 8th Army exercise, which gives a chance to the HHC staff to train without all the other wartime distraction inputs. So it is easier for us to prepare for keeping the staff mentally fit to conduct a fight during wartime," he said.

This exercise can also provide the new personnel with valuable experience.

"There are many soldiers who came down here for their first time," said Command Sgt.

Maj. Daniel Ciarrocchi, G-3, HHC, 8th U.S. Army. "For the soldiers who will leave Korea before the next exercise, it is important that they initiate the new soldiers what they learned during their tour here in Korea. In other words, this exercise should function as a bridge between major exercises and keep the HHC, 8th U.S. Army staffs strong."

Ciarrocchi also commented on the importance of teamwork during the exercise. "Make the best out of this exercise. Try to coordinate and synchronize your staff and keep your battle skills. The teamwork is the essential key to the success of your wartime mission."

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- Area I - 730-4418
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No alcohol during exercise

Alcohol consumption by exercise personnel is prohibited in accordance with U.S. Forces Korea Regulation 27-5.

Consumption of alcohol during the exercise is a punishable offense, and individuals who violate this regulation may be subject to non-judicial punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Weather for Daegu, South Korea

DEC 10



Hi	Low
46 F	25 F
8 C	-4 C

DEC 11



Hi	Low
45 F	34 F
7 C	1 C

DEC 12



Hi	Low
48 F	30 F
9 C	-1 C



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

Voice of Warriors: *What is your favorite aspect of training exercises?*



Spc. Gary Wyche
Admin Sergeant
8th U.S. Army G-1
"Getting the aspect on how Korea will fight if any hostilities occur. And it is great to see how each section plays a part."



Pfc. Elizabeth Donoso
Admin Clerk
8th U.S. Army G-4
"Being able to work with everyone in a field environment. Also that I learn a lot for my MOS."



Maj. Kary Reed
SJA Chief
Operational Law

"Working with the same people that I met last time. PAO, IO, and chaplains are very good people."



Pfc. Moon, Heui-soo
Computer Analyst
8th U.S. Army G-4

"Although it is physically hard and challenging, it is worth doing so I feel happy about the exercise."



New structures reshape CP Oscar

Story, photos by Pfc. Daniel Love

8th U.S. Army Soldiers may notice some changes in the buildings since they were here during Ulchi Focus Lens in August.

Four structures here were built or are being built now in preparation for the exercise this February and countless exercises to come.

The first change soldiers who have been here before might notice is the new houses at the Command Post Oscar entrance.

"For a number of years we had tents sitting out there," said Lt. Col. Paul Legere, commander of CP Oscar. "They looked unprofessional and they did not meet my standards of appearance. They looked disheveled and inappropriate for the entrance of our command post.""

The tents have been replaced



A crane looms over the United States Forces Korea building which is currently being remodeled.

with more permanent guard-houses.

"Now, the security can stand out of the rain and the elements and do their job more effectively," said Legere. "The buildings are also more friendly to the folks trying to come in.""

Another change on the CP Oscar compound is a USFK addition to an existing building on

the southwest corner.

"The USFK main command post is relocating down here," said Legere. "They took over some facilities and are adding some facilities that they are renovating to use."

Off-compound, two other new buildings are in place. One is a baggage storage facility at the Life Support Area. The other is a two-story replacement to the MWR tents used in previous exercises for entertainment.

"The most important new facility is our new MWR relocatable, which used to be a tent," said Legere. "It's now in a hard building. It has cable TV, DVD with MWR movies, an internet cafe magazines, new furniture, and some telephones. When you're off duty you can have a good time during leisure time."



Pfc. Ryan Wellman, a computer technician with 8th U.S. Army S-3, checks his email in the MWR internet cafe. The cafe takes the second story of the new MWR recreation building which replaced the old MWR movie and internet tents.



Getting to know the Korean winter

Story by Cpl. Yoon, Jong-pil

Not every country has four distinct seasons. But the Republic of Korea, being located in the middle latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere and the Temperate Zone, has four distinct seasons: spring, summer, fall and winter.

The mild Korean spring, full of new lively green; the passionate summer; fall with bright blue sky and full of cardinal colored, tinged autumnal leaves; and the pure, innocent white world of winter,

are the pride of Korea. The start of this exercise, Twilight Calm rings the signal that a new Korean winter has set in.

The temperature of a typical Korean winter ranges between -6 (21 F) to 8 (46 F) degrees Celsius. The average temperature of Seoul and Daegu of the last ten years are -0.9 (30 F) and 1.6 (35 F) degrees Celsius and the coldest day was -6.1 (21 F) and -4.1 (25 F) degrees for these two cities. The precipitation for the three winter months in Seoul was 70.1 mm and 63.9

for Daegu last year.

The U.S. Marines who took part in the battle of the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War had fought heroically against approximately 120,000 Chinese Communist soldiers. What seemed like a simple mission turned out deadly when they faced two unexpected obstacles, one, a large number of well hidden enemies, and two, the worst winter weather conditions in 100 years. After the battle, only a small



Photo by Pfc Kim, Taek-hyun

Gateguards keep their bodies warm in front of the heater after their shift at the gate of Camp Walker.

number of Marines were left standing without injuries and frostbite. More casualties came from the devastating Korean winter than the enemies' weapons. The cold, that went down below -35 (-31 F) degrees Celsius at the mountaintop where most of the battles took place, killed thousands.

We should never underestimate winter. Though it seems harmless, it might cause fatal damage to the strength of one individual and the unit in whole. As we step foot into wintertime, we should always keep in mind and prepare ourselves to fight and win the battles that lay ahead of us.



Photo by Cpl. Jang, Seung-mo

Season to be jolly *A view of Camp Walker Chapel decorated with colorful bulbs for the holidays ahead.*



Eighth Army soldiers rock steady in twilight



Photo by Cpl. Yoon, Jong-pil



Photo by Pfc. Daniel Love



Photo by Cpl. Jang, Seung-mo

Soldiers from HHC, 8th U.S. Army, currently participating in Twilight Calm, run during PT in the morning (top, left) and stretch out after the run (above). They have been conducting PT during the exercise.