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Seoul Word

Happy Father's Day

"Fathers are just wonderful in a million different ways, And they merit loving compliments and accolades of praise."

Helen Steiner Rice

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Veterans honored for sacrifices at Battles of Punch Bowl

By Chung Young Seok
Staff Writer

Active and retired U.S. and Republic of Korea military personnel conducted a Wreath Laying ceremony in conjunction with the U.S. Army Troop Command- Korea and the United Nations Command Honor Guard ceremony June 12 at Knight Field.

These ceremonies were held in commemoration of the Battles of the Punch Bowl during the Korean War and honoring the veterans who fought in those battles. General Thomas A. Schwartz, commander-in-chief, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea, Gen. Lee, Jong Ok, Deputy CINC CFC, Maj. Gen. Peter J. Gravett, commander, 40th Infantry Division, retired Maj. Gen. Kim, Dong Ho and retired Master Sgt. Kurt Dressler laid the wreaths.

"We are all aware that the Korean-War safeguarded freedom and democracy against the communist infiltration and we will never forget your noble dedication, holy sacrifices or your contributions," said retired Gen. Paik, Sun Yup, guest speaker for the ceremony. "I hope that this ceremony will give us a chance to recognize the precious value of freedom and peace. Lastly, I wish it would be an occasion to show the world the long-endeavored hope of the Korean people."

The Punch Bowl is located 20 miles north of the Hwachon Reservoir along the Demilitarized Zone. The circular valley is an ancient volcanic crater approximately four to five miles in diameter encircled by hills rising sharply from the valley floor. The valley was named for its punch bowl like appearance.

On Aug. 30, 1951, the U.S. 1st Marine Division was ordered to attack the Punch Bowl areas. The ROK 1st Marine Regiment and the U.S. 7th Marine Regiment began the offensive operation from the front line. Despite numerous disadvantages, they recaptured the northern and southern hills around the Punch Bowl and finally obtained the area through bloody battles that lasted until Oct. 2, 1951. The Punch Bowl areas were important due to their terrain structure, which did not permit any straight-line attack.

The two most notable battles of the Punch Bowl are known as Bloody Ridge and Heart Break Ridge.

Photo by Pfc. Kim Nam-kwan

U.S. Forces Korea Commander Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, retired Republic of Korea Gen. Paik, Sun Yup, and veterans of the Korean War's Punchbowl battles conduct a pass-in-review during the Battle of the Punch Bowl Commemoration Ceremony held June 12 at Knight Field.

"There were not many battles with the ROK and U.S. Forces like the Punch Bowl battles, which closely combined operations between the two forces," said Paik. "Due to the great victory of the Punch Bowl battles, we were given a huge advantage for the armistice talks. This also contributed to the counter-offensive operations afterwards.

Fourteen U.S. servicemembers earned the Medal of Honor, thirteen posthumously, as a result of the battles of Punch Bowl.

Seoul sailors remember Battle of Midway

By JOC Al Fontenot
CNFK Public Affairs

On June 4, 1942, a fierce battle between the U.S. and Japanese began near Midway Island in the Pacific Ocean, with nothing less than naval superiority at stake.

Although the Battle of Midway lasted just three days, the fighting was intense. U.S. forces lost one aircraft carrier, one destroyer and 145 planes. Additionally, 307 personnel were killed in action. The Japanese losses were even more staggering: four aircraft carriers and one destroyer were sunk, 291 planes were destroyed and approximately 4,800 men lost their lives. The U.S. victory was considered the turning point of World War II, and helped tip the balance of naval power in favor of the U.S. and its Allies.

To commemorate the brave men who fought in that battle, 115 sailors from the Seoul area gathered June 5 for a ceremonial dinner at the Navy Club. According to Rear Adm. William D. Sullivan, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Korea, the commemoration served as a reminder to everyone of the importance of the battle and the brave men who fought for freedom.

"Midway was a turning point in the war," said Sullivan. "It's considered the time the tide turned after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and tonight we commemorate those brave soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who fought so valiantly during World War II. Part of tonight's ceremony is to honor those people and recognize their sacrifices and pay tribute to their heroism."

Among the Navy participants was Petty Officer Second Class Charles Houghtling, a computer specialist at CNFK and the grandson of a sailor who served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Hornet and fought in the Battle of Midway. The ceremony held a special meaning for him, and he even read part of a letter that his grandfather had sent to his grandmother shortly after the fighting ended.

"When I was a child, my grandfather never talked much about the war," said Houghtling. "However, shortly before I joined the Navy he told me that he hoped I never had to go through what he went through. That has always stayed in the back of my mind.

"In my mind this dinner tonight honors all the men and women who have served our country – not just in World War II. But it does have a special meaning to me, especially since one of my grandfathers actually fought in that battle and my other grandfather was

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Soldier remembered

Staff Report

Memorial services were held June 13 at South Post Chapel for Capt. James Joo Lee, Community Relations Officer for Eighth United States Army.

Born in Uijongbu, Republic of Korea, Lee entered active duty in 1996 after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., where he earned his commission as a lieutenant, corps of engineers. After completion of the Engineer Officer Basic Course, he served as platoon leader in the 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Federal Republic of Germany.

Lee's next duty assignment was as executive officer for Charlie Company (Air Assault), 44th Engineer Battalion, Camp Howze, Republic of Korea. After completion of the Engineer Career Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., he reported to his current position.

Lee's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and Army Achievement Medal.

Surviving are his wife Soo Jung Lee of Kwang Ju, his parents Steven Lee and Ok Nam Chung and sister Cynthia Lee all of North Arlington, N.J.

NEWS AND NOTES

Change to Incheon Shuttle Bus

Effective June 12, the Incheon Shuttle Bus will no longer depart from Moyer Community Activities Center. The bus will depart only from Dragon Hill Lodge and proceed directly to Incheon International Airport. See page 17 for schedule changes.

Transportation Class

There will be a Transporation Coordinator Class at Balboni Theater June 26 from 9- 11:30 a.m. If you are a Transportation Coordinator or becoming a Transportation Coordinator, you must attend this class. This includes any army civilians, KGS employees and military personnel.

Community Closures

Holidays, organizational days and change of commands often close community services. Plan your day by first looking at the Community Closures on page 6.

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Army birthday links past to future

By Gen. Eric K. Shinseki
Army Chief of Staff

This week, the Army celebrates 226 years of service to the nation. With organizational parties and birthday balls, runs – parades – installation open houses, the donning of new headgear, and a focus on tomorrow's Objective Force, this birthday builds on last year's celebration and establishes a tradition for observing future Army birthdays.

Last year, we cut an Army-sized birthday cake with members of Congress in the Rotunda of the Capitol to commemorate our 225th birthday. The Center of Military History's 225 Years of Service: The U.S. Army 1775-2000 enhanced our understanding of the Army's proud history, and celebrations worldwide marked the occasion.

And when television viewers saw the sergeant major of the Army close the New York Stock Exchange, Ann Curry jump with the Golden Knights, and Joan Lunden and other notables share the spotlight with American soldiers, public awareness of the Army increased. Local dignitaries attending Army birthday ceremonies were reminded about how much America owes its soldiers. In these ways, we strengthened the critical bond between soldiers, their families, and the communities in which they live and work and raise children.

The Army birthday also links our past to our future. The Army is in the midst of an ambitious Transformation. By the end of the decade, we will transform the greatest land force in the world into a strategically responsive force – the Objective Force – that combines the best characteristics of our light and our heavy forces in a way that will be dominant across the full spectrum of operations. The Objective Force seeks to put a combat capable brigade anywhere in the world in 96 hours, a division on the ground in 120 hours, and five divisions in theater in thirty days. That responsiveness represents unprecedented capability that will keep us dominant in an increasingly complex world.

This year, we salute, yet again, the significance of the Army's birthday with another great celebration. We intend to remind soldiers of the great legacy they have inherited from the millions of tough, disciplined, freedom-loving men and women who have soldiered before them. We are SOLDIERS, by God, and proud of it. We are proud of our past and proud of our future.

Finally, the black beret symbolizes and tangibly ties us to the future Objective Force. For 25 years, it has symbolized the speed and agility of Army Rangers. Before that, the black beret represented the lethality and power of tankers, armored cavalrymen, and mechanized infantrymen who wore it in the 1970s. On the Army's 226th birthday, we extend the beret's legacy to the entire Army as we change to create a 21st Century Army that is more responsive, deployable, agile, versatile, lethal, survivable, and sustainable than we are today.

What will not change?

"The magnificence of our moments as an Army will continue to be delivered by our people. They are the engine behind our capabilities, and . . . soldiers remain the centerpiece of our formation . . . They fuel our ability to be persuasive in peace and invincible in war. We will train . . . to fight and win anywhere, anytime. . . In the process, we will provide the inspired leadership which celebrates our soldiers and nurtures their families, trains for decisive victories, and demonstrates responsible stewardship for the national treasure entrusted to us - our men and women in uniform."

U.S. Army Photo
General Eric K. Shinseki

The Army Vision

And so, as we celebrate the first Army Birthday in the new millennium, to our soldiers, civilians, retirees, veterans, and their families – thank you. Thank you for 226 years of magnificent service to the nation.

Straight talk from SMA on beret, transformation

By Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley
Sergeant Major of the Army

WASHINGTON — In recent months, it has become increasingly apparent that opinions on the beret are nearly as numerous as the myths and misconceptions surrounding both the beret's history and our reasons for switching to it.

I've made it a point to talk about the beret with nearly every group of soldiers I've spoken with in my travels. Typically, I've asked for a show of hands from people who think the black beret is a bad idea. As a rule, about 20-30 percent of the soldiers raise their hands.

Then, nearly every group has shared some good-natured laughs with me as we take a look at what soldiers really know about the topic.

"What kind of units wore the black beret from 1973-1979," I begin asking the soldiers who raised their hands.

"What was the first unit in the Army authorized to wear black berets?"

"True or false — Rangers wore berets in World War II?"

"True or false — Soldiers graduating from Ranger School are awarded a Ranger tab and a black beret?"

"What is the only course in the Army where soldiers are awarded berets upon graduation?"

"How many years has the Army talked about putting every soldier in a black beret?"

Beginning as early as 1924, armor units in the British Army began wearing black berets for a few very simple reasons. For one thing, the color hid the grease spots tankers often left on their hats when putting them on and taking them off as they worked on their vehicles. Also, the beret allowed tank crewmen to comfortably wear radio headsets and push their faces against the tank's telescopic sights.

Although historians say a few Ranger units unofficially wore black berets during the early 1950s and again during the Vietnam War, the Center of Military History can find no photos or documentation indicating World War II Rangers were ever authorized to wear berets of any color.

The headgear did not become an official part of the Ranger uniform for another 25 years. In 1975, the Army authorized two newly formed ranger battalions to wear black berets — one year after both armor and cavalry units around the Army began wearing black berets.

The Opposing Force units at the National Training Center, Joint Readiness Training Center and Combat Maneuver Training Center have worn black berets for years. Further, armor and cavalry units throughout the Army were authorized black berets from 1973-1979.

A few months back, one old cavalryman even told me that when Chief of Staff Gen. Bernard Rogers decided in 1979 that only special operations and airborne units would be authorized berets, tankers in his unit objected to the decision and burned "their" black berets in protest.

It is also interesting to note how many soldiers believe that Ranger and Airborne School graduates receive either black or maroon berets upon completing their respective courses. Very few soldiers realize that Special Forces Qualification Course graduates are the only troops in the Army awarded a beret and tab when they complete their school.

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NEWS & NOTES

Magic the Gathering Tournament

Magic, The Gathering Tournament, Pokemon, sports cards and coins will be on dispaly Sat. at the Yongsan Main Post Club 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Following are the tournament & dates: today (Sealed surprise, fee $15), June 16 (Apocalypse sealed four boosters).

Asbestos Awareness Class

DPW Environmental is sponsoring an Asbestos Awareness Class June 25 (English 9 -11 a.m.) (Korean 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.) at the Moyer Community Activity Center. For more information call 724-6498.

School Lunch Coupon Buyback Deadline

Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials have announced parents must return any unused school meal coupons for a refund no later than July 15. Unused school meal coupons can be returned for refunds at AAFES cashier counters where the meal coupons are normally sold.

Bus Driver Ceremony

Pacific Transportation Management Office will recognize the school bus drivers with a ceremony on June 22. For more information call 738-5032.

Child Find

Early Intervention Services provides free developmental screening and evaluation services for children age birth to three. If you have questions or concerns regarding how your child talks, walks, moves, behaves, eats, sleeps or plays contact EDIS/EIS Kim Oak-chu 738-6792/ 5043.

AWC Seminar Recruitment Underway

The Osan Education Office is enrolling eligible officers and federal employees for Air War College nonresident studies. This program is open to active duty, national guard, and reserve 0-5 selectees or above of any component of the US Armed Forces, and federal civilian employees (GS - 13 or above). Sign up by July 13. The Osan Base Education Office is now taking enrollment applications. Forms are available at *http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/enrolppr.htm.* For more information call 725-6509.

Personnel Points

Postal tip of the week: Although the Inter-theater Delivery System, commonly referred to as the Military Postal System, can be used to ship articles to most MPOs in the Pacific, APO AP and European APO AE theaters free of charge, there are a few exceptions. Also, please keep in mind that articles sent MPS are technically not mail and cannot receive any United States Postal Service special services, such as insurance, certified or registered. Therefore, if the article is lost or damaged, you have no recourse for reimbursement. Therefore, it is suggested that if you send anything of value, that you pay the postage (local rate) and necessary registered or insurance fees so that if the article is lost or damaged, you will be able to file a claim with the USPS. Please contact your local post office or call 724-3003 for more information. And remember, always use your nine digit Zip code (APO # plus last four digits of unit #).

Homebased/Advanced Assignment Program: HAAP was originally developed in the late 1970s to give NCO (non-promotable sergeants to master sergeants), on assignment to dependent-restricted tours their follow-on assignment either back to the same place (homebase), or to another continental U.S. installation (advanced assignment). Soldiers could leave families where they were, move them to the advanced assignment, or decline HAAP and elect the entitlement to move their families to and from a "designated point." The purpose was to reduce permanent change of station spending, but a positive side effect was the stabilizing impact on military families.

The disadvantage of HAAP has always been the difficulty to project CONUS requirements 12-22 months in the future. Soldiers also had little input into where their HAAP would be. Too often those were changed, either by the Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate offering alternatives or the soldiers requesting different home base advanced assignments.

EPMD has been involving the soldiers in the selection of their HAAP assignment by providing each soldier on assignment to a dependent restricted area a PERSGRAM stating, "YOUR HOMEBASE/ADVANCED ASSIGNMENT PROGRAM (HAAP) ASSIGNMENT IS XXXXXXX. IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A DIFFERENT HAAP, CONTACT YOUR CAREER BRANCH WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THIS EDAS CYCLE VIA U.S. MAIL, E-MAIL XXXXXX@HOFFMAN.ARMY.MIL, FACSIMILE DSN: 221-XXXX OR TELEPHONE DSN: 221-XXXX."

Notification to PERSCOM is important if the soldier desires either to change the HAAP location or decline HAAP. (A soldier not participating in the HAAP remains available for any assignment.) Any change is not official until PERSCOM has approved the change.

Here in Korea, 8th PERSCOM, via instructions from the CINC and EUSA CG, have been conducting a HAAP survey of our own. To ensure the accuracy of the data and results, the survey has been controlled and operated via resources at the One Stop In and Out Processing Center in Area II. The results are being compiled and analyzed and will soon be forwarded with recommended changes to ensure the program meets the needs of the soldiers assigned in Korea. Stay tuned for those results and the initiatives thereby requested.

Meeting service remaining requirements: Career enlisted soldiers, soldiers on their second or subsequent enlistment who have Headquarters, Department of the Army assignment instructions and insufficient service remaining to meet the tour or service requirement must reenlist, extend or sign a declination of continued service statement within 30 days of assignment notification counseling.

Soldiers serving on their initial term of service are not required to take action to meet the tour or service requirements, nor are they required to sign a DCSS. Career soldiers who decline to reenlist or extend to meet the tour of service requirements will be counseled on the effects of signing a DCSS. Signing a DCSS does six things. They are: 1) Places the soldier in a nonpromotable status, 2) Prohibits the reenlistment or extension of enlistment, 3) Prohibits the soldier from reentering the service for a period of 93 days if separated at expiration of term of service, or, at least two years if voluntarily separated before expiration of service under Army Regulation 635-200 (Personnel Separations), 4) Requires rank determination before reentry, 5) Prohibits the soldier from applying for a commissioned or warrant officer appointment program while on the current period of active duty, and 6) Precludes consideration by centralized selection boards for promotion and/or schooling.

For more information, contact your unit reenlistment office or career counselor or the Theater Army Reenlistment Office at, 724-8472.

MP Blotter

The following entry was extracted from the Yongsan and Area II Military Police blotters. Such entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

An E-4 was charged with larceny of government property. Investigation revealed the servicemember removed a laptop computer from the CQ desk. The laptop was later recovered in the servicemember's barracks. The servicemember was advised of his rights, which he waived, and rendered a written statement admitting to the offense. The servicemember was further processed and released to his unit pending action by his commander.

An E-3 was charged with larceny of NAF property. Investigation revealed the E-3 was observed by AAFES security via closed circuit camera concealing two bottles of cologne, one shirt and one pair of boxer shorts in his backpack and exiting the store without rendering proper payment for the items. The subject was stopped and detained by security until arrival of Military Police. The subject was apprehended, processed and released to his unit pending action. The Commander's Action Report indicates that, in a Field Grade Article 15, the E-3 was reduced to E-2 and fined $588 per month for two months.

NEWS & NOTES

Area II Information meeting

Area II Information meeting will be held June 26, 9 a.m. at the Community Services Building, bldg # 4106.

BOSS College Mixer

Boss College Mixer will take place June 29, 7 p.m. at the Main Post Club, near Gate #5. School ID required. For more information call 738-5254/ 5419 or e-mail *byrdwelchb@34sg. korea.army. mil.*

Musical Comedy Revue

Area Community Theatre audition for a Musical Comedy Revue June 19 and 20, 6 p.m. at the Moyer Community Activity Center bldg. # 2259. Roles for up to 5 men and 5 women ages 18 and older. Dates of performances are July, 26, 27, 29. For more information call John Wood at 723-5712.

Area II Health Promotion

Area II Health Promotion offers Tobacco Cessation, Fitness/Sports Injury Prevention, Performance Nutrition, Medical Effects of Tobacco, HIV/STD Prevention, PT Improvement, Hot/Cold Weather Injury Prevention, Stress/Anger Management, Men's/Women's Health Care Issues, Field Health & Hygiene and more. For more information call Suh, Ok Hee 736-8920 or e-mail *SuhOH@usfk.korea.army.mil.*

Independence Day Celebration

Independence Day celebration will be held July 4, 11a.m. until dark at Yongsan. Celebration includes fantastic food, contests, games, entertainment (Perfect Stranger Band, Front Page Band, Eugene Park, Solid Base, EUSA Band) and fire works.

BOSS Meeting

Monthly BOSS meetings are scheduled at Moyer Community Activity Center today for Yongsan at 1:30 a.m. For more information call 738-5254/ 5419.

Boy Scouts of America Order of the Arrow

The Korea District of the Far East Council, Boy Scouts of America is reorganizing its Order of the Arrow Chapter and is looking for all Order of the Arrow members in Korea. For more information call 723-4225 or e-mail *oaKorea01@yahoo.com.*

Independence Day Celebration Shuttle

Hannam Village-Collier Field House

The 34th Support Group TMP will be providing a special shuttle bus service from Hannam Village to Collier Field House due to limited parking areas. Participants are encouraged to ride the shuttles that will be provided starting at 10:30 a.m. and continue every 30 minutes until 8:30 p.m. Buses will be staged at Collier Field House after the fireworks in order to transport participants back to Hannam Village. Please let us do the driving to help make your holiday more enjoyable!

Depart Hannam Village		Depart Collier Field House	
10:30 a.m.	2 p.m.	11a.m.	5 p.m.
11 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	11:30 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
11:30 a.m.	3 p.m.	Noon	6 p.m.
Noon	3:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	4 p.m.	1 p.m.	7 p.m.
1 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	5 p.m.	2 p.m.	8 p.m.
	5:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
	6 p.m.	3p.m.	9:45 p.m.
	6:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	9:45 p.m.
	7 p.m.	4 p.m.	9:45 p.m.
	7:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	

Remarks
1. Shuttle Buses to Hannam will be available at 9:45 p.m. after the Fireworks.
2. Call Truckmaster Sgt. 1st Class LamontCollins as needed for assistance on the 4th of July at 011-319-4491.

Photo By Spc. Keisha Lunsford

Almost 300 servicemembers, family members and builders who took part in the USO's sponsored, "Friendship Build" June 11, take a break from the hard work. The event precedes the main week of building which is scheduled for Aug. 5 - 11, when former President Jimmy Carter and more than 3,000 international volunteers will work together to finish 72 units in Ansan. Other sites include Paju, Daegu, Taebaek, Jinju and Kunsan. For more information contact the USO Camp Kim office at 724-7781 / 3301 or access the Website at www.habitat.or.kr.

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Reunion

The Korea National Tourism Organization is continuing the special Reunion Program with two tours, Sept. 24-28 and Oct. 29 - Nov. 2. Details and latest Reunion information is available at *http://www.korea.army.mil/pao/cr/reunion.htm*. Applicants are being accepted on a first received, first served basis. Spaces are limited.

Stronghold of Warriors Gate Summer Bash

Stronghold of Warriors Gate Summer Bash will be held July 7 starting 10 a.m. at Dorm # 717 Pavilion Area (field behind Pacific House), Osan AB, Songtan. For more information contact Seneschal, Lord Johann at *warriorsgate@yahoo.com* or the Autocrat, Lord Fernando at *fernando2469@aol.com*.

EUSA MWR 2001 Photo Contest

EUSA MWR 2001 Photo Contest will be held on June 29, 2 p.m. at the Moyer CAC. Entry deadline is June 15. Check your local Arts& Crafts for contest rules and entry form. For more information call Margaret Barnett at 723-8510 or Betty Welch at 738-5254.

Volunteers Needed for BOSS Han River Casino Cruise

Volunteers are needed to assist with games during the BOSS Han River Casino Cruise on Aug. 25. Anyone experienced with Black Jack, Chuck-A-Luck, Craps, Poker, Roulette are needed. Call 738-5254 or e-mail *byrdwelchb @34sg.korea.army.mil* for more information.

HHD 176th Finance Battalion Change of Command

176th Finance Battalion Change of Command/ Change of Responsibility will be June 19, 10 a.m. at the Collier Field House. Outgoing commander is Maj. Kevin G. Hebl and incoming commander will be Capt. Terrie Baisley.

Montgomery GI Bill

Additional Benefits for Montgomery GI Bill, $600 to $5400 more MGIB benefits, began May 1. You must have entered active duty on or after July 1 and have MGIB benefits. VEAP convertees and Vietnam Era GI Bill participants are not eligible. Make an appointment with your Education Counselor. For more information call 723-8098.

Major provisions of SSCRA explained

By Capt. John Rawcliffe
Yongsan Law Center

In order to assist soldiers in fulfilling their military obligations, Congress enacted the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940. The SSCRA provides a wide range of protections for individuals entering active duty military service, as well as for members already on active duty. The SSCRA is intended to postpone or temporarily suspend the enforcement of certain civil obligations to enable service members to devote full attention to duty. Although it does not apply in criminal matters or to actions commenced in a foreign country, the SSCRA does apply to civil matters. The SSCRA protections generally begin on the date of entering active duty and terminate within six months of release from active duty.

However, reservists and members of the National Guard are protected only while on active duty, and the protections may not extend to service members who are absent without leave or imprisoned as the result of a court-martial sentence. The major provisions of the SSCRA are discussed in the following paragraphs.

Default Judgments

Before a court can enter a default judgment (for failure to respond to a lawsuit or failure to appear at trial) against a military member, the person suing the member must provide the court with an affidavit stating the defendant is not in the military. If the defendant is in the military, the court will appoint an attorney to represent the defendant's interests (usually by seeking a delay of the proceedings, see below). If a default judgment is entered against a service member, the judgment may be reopened if the member makes an application within 90 days after leaving active duty, shows he was prejudiced, and shows he had a legal defense.

Stay of Proceedings

During the period of military service or within 60 days thereafter, a court in its own discretion or on application by a service member (or a person on his behalf) may delay a civil court case when the requirements of military service prevent the member from either asserting (as a plaintiff) or protecting (as a defendant or codefendant) a legal right. A stay (delay) of proceedings will be granted where the service member proves that his rights or ability to defend are materially affected (impaired) by reason of the military service. The court may order a stay for the period of military service plus 3 months thereafter or any part thereof, and subject to terms as may be deemed just.

Requesting a Stay of Proceedings

The simple fact of military service alone does not justify a stay of proceedings. Whether a stay of proceedings is granted will depend upon the facts and circumstances of each case. Key factors considered by the court include the length of the delay, availability of leave (including excess leave), duty requirements, necessity of the member's presence, any prior appearances in the matter, the stage of the proceedings, and bad faith.

In some cases, a court may determine that a stay of proceedings would be too prejudicial and may require an appearance by the party requesting the stay. One should be aware of this possibility even if one believes that the SSCRA should apply. Furthermore, making an appearance in court does not necessarily mean that one has to physically appear.

A letter from an attorney or directly from the soldier to the court might be construed by the court as an appearance. A court might also determine that a letter directly from the soldier indicates that he or she is representing himself or herself pro se. Therefore, the service member should be careful when seeking to request a stay of proceedings. Specifically, when seeking a stay of proceedings in a civil matter, your commander should be the one to send a letter to the court if he or she believes that a stay of proceedings is necessary. A legal assistance attorney can help your commander draft such a letter.

Stay or Vacation of Execution of Judgments, Attachments, or Garnishments

A court may grant a stay of the execution of any judgment or order against the service member, and vacate (set aside) or stay the attachment or garnishment of the service member's property, money or debts where the service member's ability to comply with the judgment or order is materially affected by reason of his military service. The duration and terms of the stay are the same as for a stay of proceedings.

Maximum Rates of Interest

If, prior to entering active duty service, a service member incurs a loan or obligation with an interest rate in excess of six percent, the member will, upon application to the lender, not be obligated to pay interest in excess of six percent per year. This relief applies during the period of active duty service unless the court finds the member's ability to pay has not been materially affected by his military service.

Eviction and Lease Termination

Without a court order, the SSCRA prohibits eviction of a service member and his dependents from rented housing where the rent does not exceed $1,200 per month. The court may delay eviction proceedings for up to three months or make any other order it deems just.

In addition, a service member who executes a lease, prior to entering active duty service, for premises actually occupied for dwelling, professional, business or agricultural purposes, may terminate the lease by simply providing written notice to the lessor (landlord). If the lease requires monthly payments of rent, termination will be effective 30 days after the next payment due date.

For all other leases, termination will be effective on the last day of the month following the month in which the notice was delivered and the service member shall receive a prorated refund of any advance rental payments.

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Special Forces Briefings

Briefings are held every Wed at 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. in Bldg. 4005 behind 1st Replacement Company for all interested soldiers. For further information call 738-1818 or email *keyod@soar.army.mil*.

COMMUNITY CLOSURES

USFK/EUSA Staff Judge Advocate closure

USFK/EUSA Staff Judge Advocate will be closed July 6 for organizational day.

US Armed Forces Claims Service closure

US Armed Forces Claims Service will be closed July 6 for organizational day.

US Army Legal Service Agency closure

US Army Legal Service Agency - Korea will be closed July 6 for organizational day.

US Army Trial Defense Service closure

US Army Trial Defense Service, Yongsan field office will be closed July 6 for Organizational day.

176th Finance Office closure

176th Finance will be closed June 19 morning due to the Change of Command/Change of Responsibility. Finance will be minimally staffed in the afternoon.

QM Laundry and Dry cleaning Plant closure

The QM Laundry and Dry Cleaning Plant will be closed July 4 for U.S. Holiday (Independence Day). For more information call 736-6666.

Cable T.V. Customer Service Center closure

The EUSA G1 MWR Cable Television Customer Center located in the Yongsan Community Services Building (bldg # 4106), room 236 will be closed July 2-17. Customers can receive service at the EUSA MWR CATV Business Office (bldg 4891) from 8a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call 738-4310.

Eighth Army Resource Management Closure

Eighth Army Resource Management will be closed June 22 for Organization Day. For more information call 723-8841.

Transportation Battalion closure

All 25th Transportation Battalion elements will be closed June 22 due to its annual Camaraderie Day.

Chosun Gift Shop closure

The Chosun Gift Shop will be closed for the month of July, and will re-open Aug. 1. For more information e-mail *Chosungiftshop@aol.com.*

U.S., ROK forces bring new perspective to logistics over beach

By Lt. Lisa L. Brackenbury
U.S. Naval Forces Korea Public Affairs Officer

Chilpo Beach, South Korea– Logistics operations may not be as glamorous as flight operations on an aircraft carrier or tank maneuvers in the desert, but keeping troops in the field supplied with fuel, provisions and equipment is just as important to a mission's overall success.

More than 1500 men and women from the United States and the Republic of Korea officially completed the Combined and Joint Logistics Over The Shore exercise June 5 at Chilpo and Yonghon beaches, located just 45 minutes north of the city P'ohang, South Korea.

Designed to develop the capabilities of both U.S. and ROK forces to safely and efficiently transfer fuel and supplies that arrive by ship and smaller landing craft to forces inland, C/JLOTS was the first bare beach delivery of military equipment in Korea since the Korean War's Inchon landing almost 51 years ago. In a situation where adequate port facilities may not be available, being able to get supplies ashore where needed is vital.

The exercise also tested the ability of ROK and U.S. forces to communicate and operate with each other in a true joint and combined environment.

"This is the first time we've done a C/JLOTS exercise here in Korea," said Brig. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, the C/JLOTS joint task force commander, "and it's had real value from two perspectives."

"First, we've demonstrated our capability in performing successful over the shore logistics on a bare beach with no port facilities, and in a combined environment with forces from the Republic of Korea," continued Stultz. "The second real value is that the ROK forces now have the confidence and the capability to do this again with us in the future if needed. We've taken interoperability and combined operations to a new level. And we'll be able to take the lessons learned over the past weeks and apply them to future exercises or even real-world contingencies."

Evidence of combined and joint cooperation occurred at every level of the C/JLOTS organization, starting with the command and control staffs, and continuing through to the security details, the crane operators, and even the galley staff. "This exercise offered our personnel a huge value in joint training, and basically in how to work with each other," said Stultz.

"Future operations, whether they are wartime contingencies or peacetime humanitarian relief efforts, are almost always going to be in a joint and combined environment. So exercises like this, which are very realistic in terms of what would happen during a real-world contingency, are great training."

Navy units participating in the exercise included Amphibious Construction Battalions One and Two, Assault Craft Unit One, Beachmaster Unit One, Underwater Construction Teams One and Two, two Cargo Handling units, and elements of the Commander, Naval Beach Group reserve detachment 119 – all under the command of Commander, Amphibious Group Three , based in San Diego, Calif.

The Military Sealift Command also participated with four ships – Cape Mohican, Flickertail State, Chesapeake, and Maersk Alaska – all participating in delivering fuel and equipment from the states to off shore Korea.

Participating Army units included elements of the 143rd Transportation Command out of Orlando, Fla., and the 7thTransportation Group from Fort Eustis, Va. Even the U.S. Air Force participated with a three-person element from the 18th Weather Detachment in order to better monitor weather conditions affecting the exercise.

South Korean forces included approximately 300 personnel from the ROK Marine Corps, Navy and Army, which provided security, force protection, port operations control and harbor defense for the MSC ships throughout the two-month long exercise.

All these forces worked together to not only build a 200-tent city, capable of housing and feeding 1,500 personnel, but also to construct a 1,200-foot-long, 20-foot-high elevated causeway on the beach, transfer 3.2 million gallons of fresh water from ship to shore using both the Navy's Offshore Petroleum Discharge System and the Army's Inland Petroleum Discharge System, and move more than 350 20-foot-long containers from ship to shore using a combination of landing craft from the U.S. Army, and U.S. and ROK navies.

According to the C/JLOTS Naval Forces Commander and Commander, ACB1, Navy Capt. Kenneth Butrym, the event was an exercise in overcoming the challenges of combined operations.

"We learned that combined operations are hard," said Butrym. "Everything takes more time, mostly because of having to translate all our communications. But more importantly, we learned we could work through those challenges. Our success was a confidence boost to both the U.S. and ROK forces, and we're very proud of everything we accomplished."

One of the most impressive sights on the beach was the ELCAS, or elevated causeway. The first of its kind to be built anywhere outside of the United States, the ELCAS was constructed in just under ten days by sailors from ACB1 and ACB2 out of Little Creek, Va., with assistance from the ROK Army. In a location with no pier facilities, an ELCAS is an incredible asset which enables around-the-clock transfer operations in any kind of weather.

"Small craft which have to land directly on the beach to deliver their cargo are inoperable in any seas higher than four to six feet," said Navy Lt. Eric Hawn of ACB1.

"Therefore, if we have bad weather, delivery operations essentially have to stop, which can really hinder the operations in the field. The advantage of the ELCAS system is that it can endure all kinds of adverse weather, even light hurricanes. It's really a unique type of force multiplier which ultimately serves to keep our inland personnel supplied with the equipment and cargo they need," added Hawn.

The Navy and Army built an ELCAS

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PHOTO BY LT. LISA BRACKENBURY

Sailors and Soldiers look on from an ACU ONE landing craft at the crew of MV Chesapeake as they slowly sink a SALM as part of the Offshore Petroleum Distribution System during the Combined and Joint Logistics Over the Shore exercise off the coast of Yonhong Beach June 5.

Understanding household shipment entitlements, responsibilities

By Sgt. 1st Class Marshall Harris Jr.
Movements Branch NCOIC

This article(part II) is designed to offer advise for military and civilian personnel and their families who are anticipating a change of station move and to help you understand your entitlements and responsibilities concerning shipment of household goods and unaccompanied baggage.

Weight Allowances

Your basic weight allowance is established under provisions of the Joint Federal Travel Regulations and service regulations and is the maximum weight you can move at government expense. This allowance includes the weight of household goods you ship, place in storage or send as unaccompanied baggage. You - not your transportation officer or the carrier - are responsible for staying within the weight allowance. If the weight of items packed, shipped or stored exceeds your weight allowance, you must pay all charges connected with the excess weight.

Exceeding your authorized weight allowance can cost you a lot of money. Charges for excess weight can range from several hundred to several thousand dollars. If you are separating and will not remain in an active pay status, excess costs must be paid before your shipment is moved. Administrative weight restrictions apply to most personnel assigned to Korea.

If you are administratively weight restricted your unaccompanied baggage is included in your full weight allowance, but is in addition to your administrative weight household goods allowance.

Active duty Army personnel who are administrative weight restricted and who meet the following criteria may request an exception to the administrative weight restriction through the Yongsan PPPO.

Short tour extension over 18 months; long tour extension over 24 months; required to reside off post; inheritance during tour; items acquired through marriage; authorized to maintain dual residence; required to host high-level officials with host nation or allied officials; assigned to two consecutive full tour assignments in administrative weight restricted areas; assigned COT from unrestricted to a restricted weight area; 48 month tour in Korea; undue hardship if weight restrictions were enforced; special circumstances which were beyond a member's control.

Your counselor at the Transportation Office can provide information on weight restrictions and exceptions to the policy.

The only way to avoid excess weight charges is to stay within your authorized weight allowance by estimating early and disposing of unnecessary possessions. Estimating the weight of your household goods is very important. Estimates should start early, even before you visit your transportation office to set up your move. The counselor at your transportation office will need an estimated weight for each shipment you intend to make. An early and fairly dependable method for making this estimate is to figure 1,000 pounds per room (not including storage rooms or bathrooms) and then add the estimated weight of large appliances and items. Weight estimates are not official; they are planning tools only. You can never use weight estimates to refute excess weight charges.

Authorized professional books, papers and equipment are not counted in either the full weight allowance or an administrative weight allowance. Professional books, papers and equipment are those items required to perform official duties. You must give the counselor an estimated weight to enter on your application for shipment or storage. This constitutes an official declaration of intent to ship PBP&E. You must also separate professional items from the rest of your property so they may be packed, and marked weighed separately. When properly listed on the inventory, they are not counted as part of your weight allowance. Before signing the inventory prepared by the movers be sure that these items are listed as "PBP&E" and not as "books or miscellaneous." The proper designation of these items and the exclusion of the weight can be very important. PBP&E do not include office, household or shop fixtures, furniture (such as bookcases, desks and file cabinets) or sport equipment.

You are entitled to have your shipment reweighed prior to delivery at destination. If you are close or expect that you exceed your authorized weight allowance, then you should request a reweigh at destination. A request for a reweigh can be made through the transportation office at your destination prior to delivery.

Notification of overweight charges can take several months after your move has been completed. If you receive a notification for exceeding your weight allowance, check it carefully. Often you may not have received credit for PBP&E or some other entitlement.

If you have any questions concerning your excess weight, contact your transportation office.

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Hannam Village Vacation Bible School

Hannam Village Chapel will hold its annual Vacation Bible School June 25-29 from 9 a.m. - noon. Built around an action adventure journey through the deserts of Egypt and the Middle East, the week will be filled with exciting Bible stories, a search for the secret of the Stone Tablets, a kiosk of crafts, fun music in the Music Courtyard, and theme related refreshments and recreation for all Truth Trackers. This week of fun, food, and exciting learning of God's truth will be free of charge and is open to those who have completed Kindergarten through sixth grade. For more information, call Hannam Village Chapel at 723-4523. Points of contact for this event are Tina Tindle and Missy Hamner

This is my Father's world

By Chaplain Mark Fentress
Area II Staff Chaplain

I rest me in the thought, of rocks and trees, of skies and seas His hand the wonders wrought.
Maltbie D. Babock

Several years ago, members of my unit and congregation in Panama gathered on the Santa Clara Beach for a Sunday morning sunrise worship service. The sun was coming up with all kinds of magnificent gold and orange colors reflected on the clouds and across the water.

One young soldier remarked as he surveyed that gorgeous sunrise, "No one paints a picture quite like God!" The rest of us, still caught up in our wide-eyed glaze of wonder, heartily agreed.

There is an old Latin phrase, "Res ipsa loquitur" which means "the thing speaks for itself." No question about it, that sunrise was a stunning act of God's creativity — which made quite a moving speech!

All about us are beautiful things that testify to the Creator's handiwork: sun, moon, stars, tides, seasons, mountains, flowers and children — and the list goes on. Only a person with a blindfolded mind could believe that all of these miracles are happenstance.

Prayer: Open wide, O Lord, our eyes, hearts and minds, to your countless and wonderful miracles that surround and bless our lives.
Amen

File Photo

Chaplain Mark Fentress is the 34th Support Group and Area II Staff Chaplain.

Protestant

Sun	8 a.m.	Memorial Chapel (Weekly Communion)	10 a.m.	"Rock" Moyer Community Activity Center
	8:30 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel	10:15 a.m.	South Post Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	121 General Hospital	10:30 a.m.	K-16 Community Chapel
	9:40 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel (Korean)	11 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel
			noon	South Post Chapel (Gospel)
			7 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel

This list does not represent all services and programs in Area II. For more information call 738-3011.

Photo by Yu Hu-son

Private First Class Joshua Fike, a Joint Security Area scout, rechecks the azimuth to a target before he records the data on a range card he is preparing for an M240B machine gun.

Infantrymen strive for 'EIB'

By Spc. Shawn Woodard
2nd Infantry Division

"The Expert Infantryman Badge tells my soldiers that I'm an expert at what I do and I'm capable of leading them. With this badge, I will lead from the front," said Command Sgt. Maj. David Draughn, 2nd Brigade command sergeant major, president of the 2nd Infantry Division 2001 EIB Board.

Four hundred and seventy seven infantrymen from the 2nd Infantry Division, the Joint Security Area and one soldier from United States Army Japan participated in the two-week EIB training exercise which began June 4 at the Korea Training Center.

General George Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, created the EIB at the beginning of World War II. He believed infantrymen should have something to reward them for the hazardous job they have, said Draughn.

The first EIB test was given at Fort Bragg, N.C. One hundred noncommissioned officers were tested. Only three NCOs had what it took to walk away with the badge. The first badge was awarded to Tech. Sgt. Walter Bull, A Co., 399th Inf., 100th Inf. Div. on March 29, 1944.

Photo by Yu Hu-son

Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Dorman, platoon sergeant, A Co., 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry, has his assistant demonstrate the proper way to hold the M16 while low crawling during a block of instruction on individual movement techniques.

Most people have a misconception that the training is held simply for the badge. However, the purpose of this training is to produce better-trained infantrymen for the division, Draughn added.

"The badge is only a by-product of this training. The badge is a reward for all the effort and heart soldiers put forth into the training," said Draughn.

It was no easy task for soldiers to meet the requirements to attend the training. Soldiers were required to get their commander's recommendation, pass the Army Physical Fitness Test with 70 points or better in each event, and qualify "expert" with the M16 rifle. After meeting all the requirements, these soldiers were ready to take on the task of achieving what many of their comrades only dream of.

Senior noncommissioned officers from the 2nd Inf. Div. served as cadre. These seasoned NCOs made certain each soldier met the standards for each task. All of these NCOs wear the EIB.

The EIB training consisted of 34 tasks broken into four categories: the APFT, land navigation, 30 hands-on stations that test common infantry tasks and a 12-mile foot march.

Land navigation was an area that soldiers had to perfect before receiving a "Go." Since infantrymen spend most of their time in the field constantly practicing their map-reading skills, this area was not as difficult as other tests they would face. Soldiers not only had to pay special attention to small details, but they also had to fight fatigue because they repeated the land navigation course several times for training purposes.

As the intense environment and arid conditions began to wear on soldiers, the cadre began reminding soldiers of the reason they attended the training. They stated the infantrymen had attended to become experts in their field. Because the cadre knew how hard it was to earn the badge, they shared their knowledge and expertise with the soldiers training for the EIB. For those who seemed discouraged due to frustration or feared they would not succeed, the senior expert infantrymen often told stories about when they were in EIB training.

" I know what you guys are going through right now," said Draughn. "I was in the same position you're in right now, but I tried six times before receiving the badge. I know it is hot and you're tired, but you got to overcome and stay focus during each station."

At each of the 30 hands-on stations such as map reading, M16 functions check, grenades, and other common infantry tasks, cadre carefully inspected the way soldiers conducted each required task.

If a soldier wanted the badge, he was certainly going to earn it, said Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Dorman, platoon sergeant, A Co., 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry.

"We're out here to train these soldiers to perform each task to standard," said Dorman. "We're not going to give them anything, but we're also not going to take anything from them either. We demonstrate to each soldier the proper way to perform each task and, with that, they determine their own fate. If they get the badge, it is because they earned it."

Some EIB candidates viewed the cadre as strict, but the strict standards only forced the soldiers to perfect skills that each infantryman should know and needs to survive on the battlefield. Because infantry soldiers look the enemy in the eye, these rigid training requirements could very well save a life during battle.

"The training is very intense and demanding but it's not bad at all," said Pfc. John Benavides, 4th platoon, C Co., 1st Bn., 503rd Inf.

Photo by Yu Hu-son

Expert Infantryman Badge candidates wait for their camouflaged equipment to be graded at one of the hands-on stations.

"The cadre are here to make sure soldiers are paying close attention to details and giving 100 percent."

Regardless of the effort soldiers put into the hand-grenade station, it continued to be the most difficult task for most of the soldiers. Due to the accuracy and precision needed to hit the target, many soldiers were given "No Gos" and told to return after practicing. After three days of training, soldiers had named the hand-grenade station "Heartbreak Ridge."

Soldiers who received "Gos" at each station advanced to participate in a 12-mile foot march. The foot-march formation was at 2:30 a.m. on the last day of training. These soldiers were given three hours to complete the foot march with a 35-pound rucksack. Those who gave all of their energy and finished within the time limit participated in the award ceremony.

At the award ceremony following the foot march, proud experts stood waiting for the reward they had trained so hard for. Having successfully completed the required training, these soldiers are now expert infantrymen.

"I have 477 soldiers participating in EIB training this cycle and after the last day of this cycle, I will have 477 more proficient infantry soldiers in this division," said Draughn.

"Soldiers who are perfect on test day will earn the badge and others will be better trained infantrymen than before they arrived."

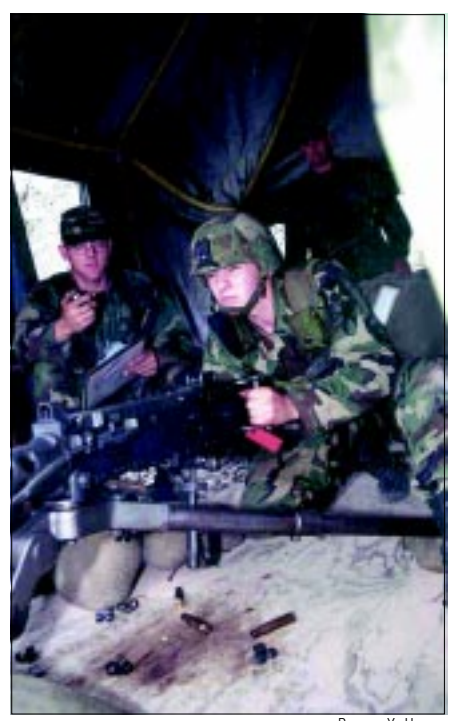

Photo by Yu Hu-son

Second Lieutenant John Opladen, platoon leader, D Co., 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry, trains with the .50 Caliber machine gun as Cpl. Brian Ring, 3rd platoon, D Co., 1st Bn., 503rd Inf., times his performance with a stopwatch.

June 15- June 21

June 15	"The Shrek"	PG	Fri. 6 & 8:30 p.m.
June 16	"The Shrek"	PG	Sat. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
June 17	"Heartbreakers"	PG-13	Sun. 5 & 8 p.m.
June 18	"The Brothers"	R	Mon. 7 p.m.
June 19	"The Brothers"	R	Tue. 7 p.m.
June 20	"Tomcats"	R	Wed. 7 p.m.
June 21	"Tomcats"	R	Thu. 7 p.m.

"Heartbreakers"

Starring
Sigourney Weaver, Jennifer Love Hewitt

Max and Page are a mother-daughter duo who are in the middle of a con, when Page does the unthinkable- she falls in love. Things like morals and a conscience start to surface, which force mother and daughter to square off and examine their crazy ralationship to keep their own hearts in one piece.

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"Tomcats"

Starring
Jerry O'Connell, Shannon Elizabeth

The Tomcats are a group of freewheeling, sex-fueled single buddies who go up against each other in a betting pool that will leave the "last man standing" unmarried with the jackpot. Fast-forward seven years to today, when they are all married and starting families with the exception of two confirmed bachelors...

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June 22 - June 28

June 22	"Pearl Harbor"	PG-13	Fri. 6 & 9:30 p.m.
June 23	"Pearl Harbor"	PG-13	Sat. noon, 4 & 7:30 p.m.
June 24	"Pearl Harbor"	PG-13	Sun. 6 p.m.
June 25	"Josie and The Pussycats"	PG-13	Mon. 7 p.m.
June 26	"Josie and The Pussycats"	PG-13	Tue. 7 p.m.
June 27	"Enemy at the Gates"	R	Wed. 7 p.m.
June 28	"Enemy at the Gates"	R	Thu. 7 p.m.

"Pearl Harbor"

Starring
Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett

It was the end of innocence, and the dawn of a nation's greatest glory. It was during Pearl Harbor, following the story of two best friends, Rafe and Danny, and their love lives as they go off to join the war.

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Video Game "Play Station II"

Moyer Community Activities Center has the Video Game Play Station II free to use in Game Room #208 only. For more information, call 723-3295/3265.

Table Tennis Tournament

Table Tennis Tournaments will be held every Saturday at 2 p.m. in Game Room #208. Bring your partner and join the fun.The winner will get a calling card or gift certificate. For more information, call 723-3265.

Pet Care Center

Customers going on permanent change of station or having an emergency can make special arrangements with the Pet Care Center for early, late, holiday or normal closing day pick-up from the Pet Care Center. Pick-up from the Pet Care Center is the only service that will be provided on authorized closing days. For more information, call 736-6426

Games For Rent

Moyer Community Activities Center has six different kinds of Inflatable games (Bouncy Boxing, Bun-Gee Run, Day at the Derby, Human Bowling, Human Dart, Velcro Obstacle Challenge) for rental at $100 each game per 24 hours. For more information, call 723-3295.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Youth Gymnastic Classes

Youth Gymnastic classes are held at Yongsan Youth Services for ages 3 and up on Tue, Thu and Sat. For more information call 738-3001/5036.

Completed Physical for YSC programs

All youth involved in Youth Services Sports programs will require a completed physical. Appointments will be every Tues. from Jun 12 - Aug 28. Appointments can be made at the YS Gym. For more information call 738-8117.

EUSA/BOSS Beach Blast & Body Building Contest

EUSA/BOSS Beach Blast & Body Building Contest will be held at the Pusan Pub on Saturday and the bus will depart to Pusan on Saturday, 5 a.m from the Moyer CAC. For more information call 738-5254/5419.

Summer Basketball League

Deadline to enter the Summer Basketball League is June 24. Coaches' meeting will take place June 25, 1p.m. at the Collier Field House. League starts July 7.

Yongsan Invitation Swim Meet

The 34th Support Group Youth Sports and the Yongsan Barracudas Swim Team Booster Club is sponsoring the Yongsan Invitation Swim Meet. Deadline for entry is Aug. 9 Competitors must be age group swim teams sponsored by U.S. Military organizations or must have the permission of the meet sponsor. There are no entry fees for DOD sponsored teams. Competition will take place Aug. 11 and 12 at Yongsan Garrison South Post. For more information call 738-2311 or e-mail *CopusM@34SG.Korea.Army.mil.*

July 4th Intramural Softball Tournament

Yongsan Area July 4th Intramural Softball tournament will be held June 30 - July 4. Deadline to enter is June 25 and the coaches' meeting is June 26, 1 p.m. at the Collier Field House. For more information call 736-4032.

Yongsan Bowling Lanes

1. Monthly Prize Bowling: Yongsan Lanes has a monthly prize bowling. You can win by bowling a certain score. Entry is free.
2. Gold Pin Bowling: Yongsan Lanes has Gold Pin Bowling every Tues. evening from 6 - 9 p.m.
3.Youth Bowling: Youth Bowling will take place every Sat., 9:30 a.m. - noon. Coaches will be available to assist the kids.
4. Scratch Bowlers Special: Yongsan Lanes will be having a Korea-Wide Invitational Budweiser Bowling Challenge on June 24. Starting sign up is at 1 p.m. and the event will start at 2 p.m.
5. Bowling for Ladies: Sign up for the Ladies Night Out Bowling League.
6. Bowling League for Youth: Sign up for the Fun Bowling League. The league bowls every Sat. 9:30 a.m.

For more information call 723-7830.

Yongsan is "Home of the Braves"

By Robert Boyles
Youth Services

Two Braves share tournament honors as Co-MVPs

Kerry Kempink pitched in his third consecutive tournament game gaining his second win while Anthony White continued to rip up the baseball with his bat as the Braves pounded the Orioles 16-2 for the tournament championship. The two were also named Tournament Co-MVPs for their outstanding individual performances. See game results below for how it all happened.

Losers bracket game

Chester Boyles and Leo Niewierowski were brilliant if not masterful in their pitching performances Wednesday night in the championship game of the losers bracket of Youth Sports Baseball Senior Division Tournament. Chester Boyles handed the Dodgers their second straight loss and ticket home in the Youth Sports Baseball Senior Division Tourney with a two-hit, 3-2 victory over the regular season champions. Niewierowski posted eight strike-outs and surrendered only three hits in losing only for the first time this season.

Pitcher Chester Boyles showed the form that earned him last year's honor as all Far East Baseball Player of the Year while perhaps ending his high school career with one of his best pitching performances ever. The right-hander earned the win striking out seven and giving up one earned run on two hits that included a homerun by league MVP Abel Escamilia. Boyles congratulated the stand-out pitcher, who could not pitch because of a sore arm as he rounded for third and headed for home. The homerun was the first off Boyles since he was a freshman.

Besides a phenomenal night pitching, Boyles needed to come up big time at the plate. The Orioles were down to their last out. Chicko represented the winning run at third. Chicko, after being hit by a pitch, reached third by virtue of a stolen base and wild pitch. Niewierowski, who had already struck out two of the three batters faced, now faced Chester Boyles. Boyles the league's batting champion with a .591 average was coming to the plate for the fourth time. In his first three previous appearances he struck out reaching first when the catcher mishandled the pitch, walked, and flied out. The count went even: two balls, two strikes, two outs. The score was even, tied at two. Niewierowski let go a fast ball. Boyles swung hard lashing the pitch hard down the left field line. As the Dodger's third baseman reacted, the ball careened on what appeared to be his leg into left field. Chicko scored easily from third. "I knew he would not be able to handle it," said the elated Boyles after the game. The Orioles' other two runs came on an Eric Collins (1-for-2) double and sacrifice fly by Robert Boyles.

Championship game

The Braves were well rested. They waited patiently on the sidelines to see who their opponent would be in the championship game. The air was cool and everyone sensed the momentum was likely to favor the Orioles. Not an unreasonable assumption considering the Orioles had taken a nail biter. The listless Dodgers, regular season winners, had failed to stave off elimination, falling 3-2 to the Orioles.

Who won the first game had no bearing on coach Kempink's decision to start his son Kerry. Kerry would take the mound for the third straight game as starter in the post season, a move totally unprecedented. The Orioles on the other hand would counter with senior Eric Collins. A toss of the coin would determine home team.

The Braves won the toss and would be home team. The Orioles would have the first chance to draw blood. Both sides were clear on their objective. The Braves knew they needed to win just once; now was the time to do it. The Orioles however needed to win twice in order to give Boyles a chance to pitch for the championship.

Kempink almost perfect

Kerry, a sophomore, was in complete control of all his pitches from the very start. Setting down the first six Orioles in order, Kempink took every last hope the Orioles had as they trailed 11-0 after just two innings. Kempink struck out six while allowing only one hit. The lone hit came on a double by Chester Boyles in the third when the game was almost a foregone conclusion. Kempink pitched in all three of the games in post season play and showed no signs of soreness in the arm that had prevented him from pitching earlier in the year. Offensively Kempink drove in two runs, scored three times and went 1-for 2.

The Braves were merciless in pounding the Orioles for 10 hits including three homeruns. Anthony White continued his torrid hitting, going 3-for-4 for the game and 8-for-10 for the tournament. White, a .308 hitter during the regular season, not only proved valuable at the plate but was equally brilliant defensively at first base. The Braves came together as a team just at the right time.

Shortstop Randy White, Anthony's older brother, led-off the first inning with a homerun followed by third baseman John Abston who also went yard. The back-to-back homeruns led to a seven run uprising that proved to be the Orioles undoing. Herald Oertwig also hit a homerun for the Braves, who tacked on four more runs in the second inning. Eric Collins, the Orioles' starter was tagged for the loss.

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killed in action during the war," added Houghtling.

While the commemoration dinner served as a reminder of the past, Sullivan noted that remembering is also important to the present.

"This ceremony also reminds us even today that our sailors and our Marines, soldiers and airmen in Korea are defending another nation's freedom – the Republic of Korea – with whom we have one of the strongest alliances in the world. It reminds us that 60 years after World War II, we are still out in the Pacific, preserving freedom."

The Battle of Midway is one of two official events – the other being the Navy birthday on October 13 – held by sailors worldwide. Commemorating the Battle of Midway on an annual basis was directed in June 1999 by then-Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jay L. Johnson who felt that sailors needed time to reflect upon the proud heritage of the Navy and to build a renewed awareness of the Navy's tradition and history.

Petty Officer First Class Samuel Montero and Senior Chief Petty Officer Teresa Edwards pay tribute to the men who fought in the Battle of Midway.

Dragon Hill Lodge - Incheon Airport - No Cost

		Bus 1	Bus 2	Bus 3	Bus 4	Bus 5
LV	Dragon Hill	6:30 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	4:40 p.m.	8:50 p.m.
	Incheon Airport (Dep #5)	7:29 a.m.	8:44 a.m.	2:29 p.m.	5:59 p.m.	9:49 p.m.
AR	Incheon Airport (Dep #11)	7:30 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	6 p.m.	9:50 p.m.
LV	Incheon Airport (Arr#1)	7:40 a.m.	8:55 a.m.	2:40 p.m.	6:10 p.m.	10:20 p.m.
	Incheon Airport (Arr #26)	7:42 a.m.	8:57 a.m.	2:42 p.m.	6:12 p.m.	10:22 p.m.
AR	Dragon Hill	8:40 a.m.	9:55 a.m.	3:40 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	11:20 p.m.

Effective June 12, the Incheon Shuttle Bus will no longer depart from Moyer Community Activities Center. **The bus will depart only from Dragon Hill Lodge.**

By AR 58-1, priority on military shuttle buses is as follows:
1. Personnel on offical business(TDY or PCS with/without dependents).
2. Off-duty military personnel or DoD civilian employees.
3. Reserve or NAtional Guard members.
4. Dependents of active duty personnel.
5. Retirees.

Incheon shuttle bus reservation system for summer

· Reservation service effective June 4 through mid August.
· Reservation accepted Monday - Friday, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
· Personnel on PCS/TDY orders can call Ms. Kim at 738-3734/s5425 not later than 2 days prior to departure date and reserve a seat on the shuttle bus.
· Personnel must specify time of bus: 6:30 or 7:45 a.m., 1:30, 4:40 or 8:50 p.m. and should keep in mind that it is good practice to arrive at the airport 2 hours prior to departure.
· Please include number of people traveling and number of bags.
· Priority boarding:
-Personnel with copy of PCS/TDY orders and reservation.
-Personnel with copy of PCS/TDY orders without reservation.
-standby personnel.
(*Reservations are not required but, reservation holders will be afforded priority. Personnel whose official place of duty is Incheon International Airport will have priority over all other riders, to include reservation holders. (UP AR 58-1)

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advance rental payments.

Installment Contracts, Mortgages, and Deeds of Trust

A service member who enters into an installment contract or other security arrangement (such as a mortgage or deed of trust) prior to entering active duty is protected if his ability to make payments is materially affected by military service. The court will compare the service member's pre-service income and military income to determine his financial condition.

The creditor cannot cancel the contract or security agreement and repossess the property without a court order, but a court may terminate the contract and allow the creditor to repossess the property, if the creditor repays the prior installments, deposits or a portion thereof as directed. The court may also order a stay of proceedings or make such other equitable disposition of the case to conserve the interests of the parties.

Insurance

A service member's private life insurance policy is protected against lapse, termination, or forfeiture for nonpayment of premiums for a period of military service plus two years.

The insured or beneficiary must apply to the Veterans' Administration for protection. However, the amount of insurance protected per individual is limited to $10,000.

Taxation

A service member's state of legal residence may tax military income and personal property. A member does not lose legal residence solely because of a transfer pursuant to military orders.

For example, if a member is a Virginia resident and is transferred to a post in California, the member does not lose Virginia residency nor will he be subject to pay California state income tax on his military pay.

The SSCRA also protects a service member's personal and real property owned prior to military service from sale or forfeiture where his ability to pay taxes is materially affected by military service.

The court may order a stay of the proceedings, sale or forfeiture for a period of military service plus six months. Where a sale or forfeiture is directed to collect the tax, the service member still has the right to redeem (buy) the property within six months of discharge from active duty or any longer period of time authorized by the state. Interest on the unpaid taxes, however, will be limited to the maximum rate of interest of six percent.

The SSCRA as a Practical Matter

Although the SSCRA provides certain protections, remember that certain steps should be taken in order to invoke these protections. If you think that you are in a situation where one of the above paragraphs may apply to you, see a legal assistance attorney as soon as possible for individual advice. If you believe, for example, that you need a stay of proceedings in a civil case, you should contact the Legal Assistance Office when you receive a court notice requiring you to appear. Keeping in mind that courts do not always grant a postponement in proceedings, a legal assistance attorney will inform you on what measures should be taken. If and when the court decides to grant you a stay of proceedings, you should ensure that you are able to appear on the new date set by the court.

"C/JLOTS," from Page 6

at Camp Pendleton, Calif. during an earlier JLOTS exercise, which ultimately helped to work out the kinks of working together in a joint environment prior to coming to Korea to build the ELCAS in a combined environment.

"The Army and Navy staffs were able to solve any communications and procedural differences between ourselves during our last JLOTS exercise," said Butrym, "so all we had to do here in Korea was work on the same thing with the ROK forces. The human equation is always an important aspect of a successful exercise or operation, and being able to have amiable working relationships between the Army and Navy personnel really helped when it came time to work with the ROKs."

Transportation ashore is also a significant factor in both humanitarian assistance and wartime scenarios. And since most forms of transportation require fuel to operate, being able to keep troops ashore supplied with this valuable commodity is essential. For C/JLOTS, the Navy and Army used their OPD and IPD systems, respectively, though instead of fuel, they transferred more than three million gallons of fresh water from the MSC ship Chesapeake to storage units inland for use in the tent city.

"In addition to using that water in the tent city for personal services like showers and laundry, we gave most of it to the farmers in the Chilpo Beach area, further contributing to the humanitarian assistance aspect of the exercise," noted Butrym. "We also made repairs to some local hotels in the area."

In addition to water and repair assistance, the excess wood used for the tent structures and flooring were given to the community as well.

As with any exercise, the most basic mission is to practice valuable skills and techniques that may be called into use in the future. But for the sailors, soldiers and airmen of this C/JLOTS, the real value was operating with the ROK forces.

"Once we overcame the language barrier and other differences in basic operating procedures, it was enjoyable working with the Koreans," said Petty Officer First Class Shane Potts of ACB2.

"The real key to this exercise was the training, that in turn built an even stronger relationship between the U.S. personnel and the ROKs," said Stultz. "It was a unique learning experience, working to understand not only the Korean culture, but also their command culture and command relationships. Our experiences here will really make a difference in the future if we ever have to do a real-world mission like this."

"Beret," from Page 2

Thus far in talking to literally thousands of soldiers about the black beret, only one person— a sergeant at Fort Gordon, Ga. — knew that the Army's leadership had considered transitioning the entire force to black berets for more than a dozen years. Each time, the decision was deferred because of other priorities.

During his first year as chief of staff, Gen. Eric Shinseki concentrated on building up momentum for our ongoing transformation. Only in his second year as chief did he decide the time was right to wear black berets.

At the end of my beret quiz, I ask soldiers to tell me what they know about the Army and our ongoing transformation. I'm proud to say most of us have a working understanding of the Army transformation.

As I explain it, Gen. Shinseki's intent with transformation is to prepare the Army for the diverse missions our country is now asking us to perform.

Prior to Desert Storm, Saddam Hussein overran Kuwait in a matter of days and stopped his forces at the border just north of oil-rich eastern Saudi Arabia. Mysteriously, he then sat and watched for six months as we reinforced our rapid deploying airborne units. In the end, the mass of our assembled combat power allowed us to achieve a quick, decisive victory.

For the foreseeable future, there will remain in the world a number of countries and leaders who will think it wise to challenge the United States, our interests and our allies.

Nobody will ever know for certain why Saddam stopped when he had our forces outgunned and outnumbered. Far more certain is the fact that the next dictator to challenge us won't repeat Saddam's mistakes. When future foes mobilize their forces, they will likely move quickly while hoping they can achieve their objectives before we can deploy our forces.

To be ready for that kind of showdown and to better prepare us for missions like those in Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia and Kosovo, Gen. Shinseki is transforming the Army into a force that's more agile, deployable and lethal. It may be something of oversimplification, but in the end transformation will result in heavy units that are more deployable and agile and light units that are more lethal and survivable. The result will be warfighting formations that can deploy about as fast as today's light units but pack a lot more firepower and mobility.

So, as we move toward that goal, I ask groups to name the one uniform item that could logically symbolize that transformation — one item that has, over the years, been associated with both heavy armor units as well as the best light infantry unit in the world — the black beret.

Change is never easy, and I understand that. It's especially difficult in an organization as large and grounded in history and tradition as the Army. But, I also understand that we must change if we are to be ready for the challenges that await us in this new century.

For the most part, our military has done a poor job of envisioning and preparing for the next war. Typically, we have trained and equipped our military based on what was true in the last war while failing to see the coming of a different conflict that was often less than a decade or two away.

These mistakes have been costly — they have been paid for in the lives of our soldiers as we have often lost early battles in a number of wars. It is a testament to the greatness of our country and our military that we learned quickly in these conflicts and adjusted our equipment, training and tactics and achieved victory.

But, it makes sense to me to begin changing with the world and design formations that are better suited for future conflicts. Not only could this make the difference in these yet-to-be battles, but it might let us avoid them entirely as future enemies gauge our capabilities and decide their best course of action is to avoid a fight with us at all costs.

The last question I typically ask soldiers is, "how many of you have ever celebrated the Army's birthday?" Sadly, I would tell you that maybe 25 percent of them indicate that they have.

That, I tell them, is about to change. In the future, we're going to take pride in the Army's heritage to the point that if there's two soldiers in a fighting position on June 14, I expect them to put a match in a piece of MRE pound cake, blow it out and then sing "Happy Birthday" to the Army.

Courtesy Photo

Sergeant Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley

In recent years, the Army has been the silent member of the Defense Department as we have quietly gone about doing our nation's business without calling a lot of attention to ourselves and our accomplishments. There's something to be said for modesty, but we deserve to flex occasionally and tell people who we are, where we've been and where we're going.

I would hope that these thoughts would add a bit to soldiers' understanding of both the Army's transformation and the change to the black beret.

(***Editor's note:*** *This excerpt is taken from a letter sent by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley to the Army's command sergeant major community last month. Permission has been granted for Army newspapers to reprint it.)*

Refund checks due military taxpayers too

Special to the American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - If you owed federal income taxes for 2000, a check for up to $600 will be in the mail for you by September.

Lieutenant Col. Thomas K. Emswiler, executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy, said military members are as eligible as other taxpayers for the federal refund that's made headlines recently.

In an interview with the American Forces Radio and Television Service, he said the tax bill just signed by the president creates a new tax bracket of 10 percent and made the rate retroactive to Jan. 1. In the past, he said, "the lowest tax rate was 15 percent, so the 5 percent reduction will allow most taxpayers to get a refund."

The law provides the mailing of refunds start in July and be complete by the end of September. Plans now call for the first checks to be mailed on July 20 and the last batch on Sept. 28. Taxpayers will receive letters in July explaining how much to expect and when.

Emswiler said anyone who had a federal tax liability for 2000 is eligible providing they weren't claimed as someone else's dependent.

"Liability" means owing more than the amount of nonrefundable credits, such as education and child care credit.

Refundable credits, such as the earned income tax credit, don't count for determining eligibility or the amount of the refund.

"If you filed a joint return last year and had at least $12,000 in taxable income, you'll receive a $600 refund," he said. "That $600 represents the difference between taxing $12,000 at 15 percent and taxing it at 10 percent as provided for under the new law.

"If you filed as head of household last year and had at least $10,000 in taxable income, you'll get a refund of $500. Most taxpayers who filed as single last year and had at least $6,000 in taxable income will get a refund of $300," he continued.

Persons claimed as dependents, such as children, college students and elderly parents, receive no refund. Further, Emswiler said, the refunds he cited are maximums — persons who reported less than the threshold incomes receive proportionally smaller refunds.

"But as long as you had some tax liability in 2000, you'll get a refund," he noted.

Eligible taxpayers need only ensure the Internal Revenue Service has their correct mailing address, Emswiler said. Service members should notify the post office of moves or file IRS Form 8822, "Change of Address," with the IRS.

The IRS plan is to issue refunds according to the last two digits of taxpayers' Social Security numbers, he remarked. Refunds for those with "00" will be among the earliest checks mailed in July; "99s" will be among the last in September. The process is scheduled to take three months because 96 million checks are involved.

Transforming Army issues new doctrine

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army released two new field manuals on its 226th birthday, that provide a glimpse of how it will operate while transforming into a more strategically responsive and dominant force for the evolving security challenges of the new century.

One manual, FM 1, "The Army," establishes Army doctrine, while FM 3-0, "Operations," establishes how the Army will conduct activities across the full range of military operations.

"Both manuals reflect the fundamental changes occurring in the Army today, linking national strategy to Army strategy and operations," said Col. Neal Anderson, chief of Strategic Planning, Concepts and Doctrine with the Army Staff's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans.

"FM 1, the Army's capstone manual, provides broad doctrinal guidance, while FM 3-0 builds on the guidance in FM 1 to establish doctrine for how the Army conducts military operations."

FM 1 has four main parts: the Army in the profession of arms, how the Army fits into strategic and joint military operations, the Army's core competencies and "the way ahead," or the future of the Army.

"This manual reiterates the Army's role to serve the nation, in war and peace, with a primacy of focus on fulfilling our nonnegotiable contract with the American people — fighting and winning our nation's wars," Anderson said. "It articulates the Army's core competencies, which are essential and enduring capabilities that define the Army's contribution to our nation's security."

FM 3-0, the Army's capstone war-fighting manual, establishes doctrine across the range of military operations — peace, conflict and war, he said. It outlines those operations as offensive, defensive, and stability and support operations that can be performed simultaneously, Anderson said.

Linked to FM 1, FM 3-0 will guide the Army as it transforms into a force that will be more responsive, deployable, agile, versatile, lethal, agile, survivable, sustainable and deployable, he said.

These field manuals are important because they establish doctrine for a doctrine-based Army, Anderson said.

FM 1 replaces FM 100-1 and FM 3-0 replaces FM 100-5. The new numerical designation reflects the Army's efforts to follow the Department of Defense's system of numbering manuals, officials said.

DoD slows anthrax vaccination program again

By Jim Garamore
American Forces Press Service

Editor's note: *This copy includes the insertion of June 11, missing in the first paragraph of the original, and it also corrects other minor textual problems.*

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense is further curtailing the anthrax immunization program due to inadequate supplies of the vaccine, DoD officials said June 11.

Effective immediately only service members assigned to "special mission units" will receive the six-shot series.

The action is necessary because of delays in DoD receiving FDA-approved vaccine from Bioport, the sole source of the vaccine.

Officials said they expect the Food and Drug Administration to approve Bioport, based in Lansing, Mich., for full production "no later than" March 2002, said Marine Maj. Gen. Randall West, special assistant to the deputy secretary of defense for chemical and biological protection.

"We have not yet been able to reestablish the supply of certified safe and effective vaccine to continue the program on the schedule," West said during an interview with American Forces Information Service.

He said the contractor is working to achieve FDA approval of the new expanded Bioport manufacturing facility as soon as possible. There are currently a bit more than 30,000 doses of vaccine available for use now.

But until then, DoD will conserve the dwindling supply of approved vaccine. West said only small special operations units, people working on research and some congressionally mandated studies will continue to receive the vaccine.

This is the third slowdown for the immunization program. In December 1999, DoD stopped inoculating service members other than those deploying to Korea and the Persian Gulf.

In November 2000, DoD stopped inoculating servicemembers bound for Korea. Now servicemembers deploying to Southwest Asia will stop receiving the vaccine.

"I wish we had vaccine available to continue the protocols and to continue vaccinating all of our people deploying there," West said.

About 13,000 U.S. service members are deployed to Southwest Asia. DoD and U.S. Central Command will have sufficient antibiotics on hand for post-exposure treatment in case of an attack.

"We'll also have to rely on an even greater way on our forms of protections: chemical/biological protection suits, detectors, intelligence collection and gathering," West said.

West said, in his opinion, it is imperative that DoD resume the vaccination regime as soon as possible. "The sooner we can provide this vaccination protection to the entire force, the better I'll sleep at night," he said.

"The weaponized form of anthrax can be delivered by several munitions, is a very deadly threat. You can't see this, you can't smell it, you can't taste it, it's very difficult to detect and if you haven't been vaccinated, by the time you detect symptoms of anthrax, it's too late to save a person's life."

Service members who have begun the vaccination regime will not have to start over when vaccine comes available.

"Fortunately, even a couple of shots provide some resistance to anthrax," West said. "They'll be able to start the protocols where they left off.

"When we do have the vaccine replenished the first place the vaccine will go is Southwest Asia," West said. "Army Gen. Tommie Franks (commander, U.S. Central Command) is very concerned about this slowdown."