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Combined Training Improves Combat Skills For U.S., ROK Soldiers

Story and photos by Spc. Olubunmi Babalola

Despite the ongoing threat of terrorism around the world, military police soldiers serving on the Korean peninsula continue to prove that they are fit and ready to fight tonight as they sharpen their combat skills while conducting a great demonstration of their war-fighting capabilities alongside their Republic of Korea, or ROK counterparts.

In preparation for their wartime mission, soldiers from the 188th Military Police Company, along with soldiers from the 35th ROK Infantry Division, spent seven days conducting a combined training, platoon level live fire exercise at Bojeol Range, Namwan, June 12th through 19th.

"This combined exercise was a great benefit to both the ROK and U.S. soldiers," said Capt Brian J. Carlson, 188th MP Co. commander. "These ROK soldiers are located in our area of operations and in case of wartime, they are the people we

have to fight with against the enemy."

Since he took command of the 8th Military Police Brigade, Col. Peter M. Champagne has focused on striking a balance between the unit's law enforcement capabilities and war-fighting skills. Conducting live fire exercises was one of the top five priorities emphasized.

Military police soldiers have been put through their paces in a very demanding, fully instrumented, training environment against the world-class opposing force in a contemporary operational environment. Tough, very demanding and realistic training challenged the competence and character of every soldier and leader.

"The goal of the exercise was to raise the bar of our training. We wanted to operate on a platoon level, which is a step



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U.S., ROK soldiers charged at the enemy position during the live fire exercise conducted at Bojeol range.

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A message from “WATCHDOG 6”...



Col. Peter M. Champagne

I couldn't be any prouder of the many accomplishments our soldiers and leaders across the Mighty 8th MP Brigade have achieved during the last quarter. This Brigade has seized the opportunity to strike a balance between providing world class law enforcement support to communities all over Korea while simultaneously training to be ready to "fight tonight". There is not another MP Brigade in the U.S. Army that is striking a better balance or training as hard as we are.

Your remarkable and unequalled record of success comes at a high cost. You have all heard that "freedom is not free" and the soldiers and leaders of this Brigade, U.S and Katusa, make many sacrifices on a daily basis, 24/7, to set the

standard of excellence in many areas. Our soldiers work extremely hard and our leaders are often stretched to their limit. But, we are forward deployed in the most militarized zone on the planet earth, and we take our mission seriously. That is why the Watchdog Brigade has a well-earned reputation for having one of the best training programs on the Peninsula, "100%...and then some"!

I have personally spoken to a number of noncommissioned officers and officers who have volunteered for an assignment to Korea with the 8th MP Brigade because they are excited about our training program and opportunity to grow professionally and personally. Many of our young soldiers are submitting FSTE requests at a record pace. For example, in the month of July, alone, of the 80 soldiers eligible for DEROS, 40 submitted FSTE request to extend in Korea. I'm confident that when it comes to leading, training, and caring for soldiers, we got it right; otherwise these soldiers would want to go someplace else. I'm committed to course we have charted, and will not be deterred, as we strive to get better in all areas. Our vision is sound and clear, and our goals and priorities will remain un-

changed.

This edition of the blotter is full of news about our Live Fire Exercise Program (LFX). Every unit in the Brigade has conducted at least one LFX and we continue to try to get you the resources to train our soldiers harder than they have ever been trained before. We have forged relationships with numerous ROK Army and Marine Divisions who have opened their doors to training land and ranges to the Watchdog Brigade like never before. We have received outstanding support from the 17th Aviation Brigade, 18th MEDCOM, and 6th Cav. Every time we do a LFX we get better. As we continue to train smarter, we need to focus on quality and training to standard, especially on the basics like physical fitness and toughness, communications, marksmanship, first aid, NBC, and troop leading procedures.

The Provost Marshal General, Major General Don Ryder visited the Watchdog Brigade in June and was extremely

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A message from "WATCHDOG 6"...

impressed and pleased with the performance of the Brigade and our programs, especially in the area of Police Intelligence Operations (PIO). General Ryder indicated that we are making history with our PIO program and we need to export our techniques, tactics, and procedures, to the rest of the MP Corps. Our PIO program enables us to protect the communities we serve and without an effective program we simply would not have the opportunity to train like we do.

Our support of the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice was truly outstanding and we received widespread recognition from General LaPorte and Lieutenant General Campbell. We performed this sensitive law enforcement mission to a

very high standard and as a result of our efforts, many veterans of the Korean War left the peninsula with a smile on their face and a warm feeling in their heart.

I'm very excited about the coming months as we begin to train on Rodriguez Range Complex and Warrior Valley. This is the first time that the 8th MP Brigade has dedicated time on the multiple purpose range complex and we are preparing some exciting scenarios and LFX concepts to challenge our soldiers and leaders to new heights of excellence. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Military Police Ball on 4 October, 2003, at the Hyatt Hotel in Seoul. Until, then be safe and continue to raise the bar, "100%...and then some."

A message from "WATCHDOG 7"...



The past two months have great for me. I have had a chance to get out and see at the units in the 728th MP Bn and 90 percent of the units in the 94th. I see soldiers doing great things in each unit. From the motor pool and conducting CTT and ensuring that we account for all sensitive

items in the Arms Room not to mention the readiness of your protective masks. This is a great brigade with professional leaders', officers and NCOs doing the right thing for the Army, soldiers and their families.

We must continue to put the right NCOs in the right positions. This is key because we NCOs are the role models for the junior enlisted soldiers and they are the leaders of tomorrow.

I ask that each soldier in this brigade stay focused on the Bde commander's top five priorities and our transition to war tasks. This is key if we were to go to WAR tonight.

Make no mistake about it we could be at war tonight so we must be ready to fight and win our nation's wars.

I can't stress enough

about the issues of safety. We must always be on alert for safety violations and safety issues. We don't need to lose a soldier because we overlooked the matters of safety.

Being stationed in Korea can be a lot of fun and hard work, however we must always look out for our soldiers. For a lot of soldiers this is a hardship assignment, and it can get to be depressing, however with good leadership programs we can make this a very enjoyable assignment for each soldier.

**Be Safe! Have Fun!
Stay Motivated!**

CSM Hollins



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higher than the squad level convoy live fire exercise we conducted a few months ago," said Carlson. "We also wanted to conduct combined training with our ROK counterparts for the first time."

During this live fire exercise, ROK infantry soldiers were integrated into each platoon and conducted this challenging training side-by-side with their U.S. counterparts. According to Master Sgt. Roger Macon, 188th MP Co. operations sergeant, the 188th MP Co. soldiers gained a lot of experience working with their ROK counterparts.

"The ROK soldiers were highly skilled and focused on accomplishing their mission," said Macon. "This gives our soldiers confidence in the fact that if we ever go to war in South Korea, both the U.S. and the ROK military will fight together as one team against the enemy."

During his visit to the range, Champagne extended his gratitude to the 35th ROK Infantry Division for the support and assistance provided to the U.S. soldiers. "I am very grateful for the opportunity that we have to train together with the ROK soldiers," said Champagne. "Now we know that when the call comes, we can fight together and win decisively," he added.

The ROK unit provided assistance in using Bojeol range for the live fire and also provided soldiers who participated in the training with the U.S. soldiers.

"We had the opportunity to observe and respect each other's capabilities during this combined train-

ing," said Carlson. "There were cultural exchanges which fostered Korean/U.S. relations and we both gained a better understanding as to how to operate in a real world mission," he said.

This training was a mock battle drill in which the military police soldiers were to perform a deliberate attack on a known enemy position after receiving an operations order. The platoon leaders briefed their plans to the company commander. The platoon leaders then briefed the soldiers, using a sand table which depicted a graph representation of the terrain the soldiers would maneuver on during the exercise. The sand table provided the soldiers an idea of the mission, the terrain that lay ahead, and the anticipated enemy location.

The exercise was conducted by each platoon with two squads attacking from an assault position and the third squad from a support position. Four ROK infantry riflemen were integrated into the assault team while two served in the support position. Other personnel secured the objective rally point, or ORP, and the landing zone.

"It was a little difficult at first following instructions because of the language difference," said Sgt. Choi I.Y., 35th ROK Infantry

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Two ROK Infantry soldiers fired at the enemy from the support by fire position



U.S., ROK soldiers transport a casualty for medical evacuation during the live fire exercise

Division. "But it gave me an opportunity to learn English quickly in order to accomplish the mission," he added.

The soldiers began by setting up an objective rally point in a camouflaged area while some of the soldiers conducted a recon of the support by fire position and once placed, a recon of the objective. When the objective was observed and it was determined that nothing had changed from their initial mission brief, the squad leader, team leaders and remaining soldiers moved tactically to the assault position under the direction of the platoon leader.

The attack was initiated by mortar rounds fired by the 35th ROK Infantry Division mortar team and the 8th Air Force Security Forces Squadron mortar team. Then the support element opened fire as the assault force charged the enemy, one squad at a time. The squads took the offensive by bounding. While one squad laid covering fire, the other maneuvered toward the enemy's position engaging targets with their different weapons as they advanced.

"I was excited to get the opportunity to operate the different weapons that the U.S. soldiers use," said Choi. "I enjoyed the tactical plan and I liked the separation of the assault team from the support team and how each team accomplished its specific mission," he added.

These MP soldiers and ROK infantrymen improved several of their basic battle skills such as communication during a wartime situation,



Col. Peter M. Champagne, 8th MP Bde. commander, addresses U.S. and ROK soldiers during the After Action Review conducted after the live fire exercise

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**Master Sgt. Roger Macon
188th MP Co. operations sergeant**

control rate and distribution of fire, call for fire, moving as a member of a fire team and call for MEDEVAC.

"The ROK soldiers were unbelievable," said Carlson. "I was extremely impressed with their level of expertise with the weapons."

According to Macon, the success of this exercise was truly a unified effort across the different branches of service in the U.S. and the ROK. The soldiers made use of the M16, M4, M249, M203, MK-19, AT4, 60 and 81mm mortars, firing high explosive rounds.

Cpl. Kang Kil Won, 2nd platoon, 188th MP Co. felt the training was very beneficial, yet exhausting. He was a team leader and carried 20-pound SINCGARS radio manpack through the lanes while he engaged his target.

"Patience and persistence are the major things I learned," he said. "It was challenging and I was tired but I was able to learn how to search and treat an enemy prisoner of war and conducting proper radio procedures on the battlefield," added Kang.

Kang never had the opportunity to train with ROK soldiers and stated that it was the most enjoyable part of the training. "It was cool operating the different weapons with the ROK soldiers by my side," said Kang.

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Despite the live rounds and the noise during the combined live fire exercise, 2nd Lt. John Alm, first platoon leader, 188th MP Company, communicated with other soldiers using a radio

The training concluded with the soldiers conducting medical evacuation procedures and returning to their ORP. They accounted for all personnel and equipment before returning to home base to conduct an after action review, or AAR.

“You soldiers have proved yourselves worthy of being war-fighters,” said Champagne as he addressed the soldiers during the AAR. “You are relentless fighters and your level of motivation and discipline remained evident throughout this challenging training exercise.”

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**Cpl. Kang Kil Won
2nd platoon, 188th MP Co.**

Champagne reminded the soldiers of his determination to train them harder than they’ve ever been trained before. “Despite the physical challenges experienced by these soldiers, their level of motivation did not decrease,” said Champagne.

The Bojeol hills and non-stop operations, stretched and challenged the abilities of all soldiers that participated in the live fire exercise. However, the exhaustion the soldiers felt did not measure up to the soldiers’ satisfaction, knowing that they are fit to fight at anytime.

“It was tough. Running up the hills with the heavy equipment was very tiring but I had to keep going,” said Kang. “It seemed very real, like a real war, you know; especially with the ROK soldiers on my right and left sides,” Kang concluded.

KATUSA Newspaper is now available On-Line in color

By 8th U.S. Army PAO

KATUSA Newspaper, published by Eighth United States Army Public Affairs Office, reopened its on-line service. The paper was established 28 years ago to enhance the KATUSAs’ morale and 3,500 copies are distributed biweekly.

You can use this on-line service when you are unable to read the paper due to the mission or the condition of the camp. This also offers you an opportunity to read the old issues again.

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142nd MP Co. reinforces the mission of 8th MP Bde during convoy live-fire exercise

Story, photos by Pfc. Alex Licea



A soldier from the 142nd MP Co begins to prepare for the landing of a HMMWV which was sling-loaded to a CH-47 Chinook helicopter.

Under a coat of camouflage face paint, weapons at the ready, the intensity in each soldier's eyes was fierce. Sweat ran down their faces as they moved into position. Suddenly, the troops looked to their right and left and then heard the distinctive sound of helicopters flying above. The helicopters hovered menacingly, firing salvos of rockets and 30 mm ammunition on cue into enemy targets throughout the training area. With their hearts racing, the call

of "move out" was heard across the airways. Each squad leader and team leader ordered their soldiers to pick up and push on. The troops gathered their thoughts, weapons and equipment and fought through to complete the mission.

The United States Forces Korea (USFK) and the Republic of Korea, Army (ROKA), are always preparing their servicemembers "to fight tonight" by conducting realistic and challenging training.

In the past year, the 8th MP Bde has undergone a significant transformation and is now striking a balance between pro-

viding outstanding law enforcement support and training for its wartime mission.

According to Col. Peter M. Champagne, 8th MP Bde commander, force protection and law enforcement for our servicemembers, their families, and the communities across the peninsula continues to be the primary mission of the 8th Military Police Brigade during armistice, while the second remains continuing to train for combat should deterrence fail. Col.

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A soldier from the 142nd MP Co prepares to fire his AT-4 launcher during the CLFX.

Champagne's vision for the brigade is focused on providing the Commanding General with a professional, reliable and lethal fighting force.

One of the ways commanders in the 8th MP Brigade meet this intent is by conducting the Brigade's three phase live-fire exercise program (LFX) - a program Col. Champagne guarantees to provide both soldiers and leaders in the 8th MP Bde the opportunity to train harder than they have ever trained before.

Each phase of the IFX program is physically and mentally demanding - always executed in realistic and challenging environments.

Phase One of the program begins with a squad dismounted LFX. Phase Two pro-

gresses to a platoon-level LFX, while Phase Three culminates with a convoy live fire.

The 142nd Military Police Company recently met the "commander's intent" by conducting a convoy live-fire exercise on August 7th-10th at Besung Range near Wonju.'s intent. Their objectives included training in counter-ambush tactics, honing their skills on the MK19 Grenade Machine Gun, M249 Machine Gun, M203 Grenade Launcher, M416 Rifle, and AT4 Anti-Tank Launcher and engaging targets while moving in a vehicle convoy using the close air support of Apache helicopters. This live fire also included a number of additional high pay off soldier and leader tasks that cut across the spectrum of the 8th MP Brigade Mission Essential Task List.

"Being exposed to this type of training is extremely im-

portant for young MP soldiers," said Lt. Col. Scott A. Jones, commander of the 94th MP Battalion. "This training simulated combat conditions for our MP soldiers to employ two significant skill sets, MK19 weapons target acquisition and engagement while moving in a vehicle convoy, and the employment of close air support using Apache helicopters."

"Additionally, we were able to conduct sling load operations using CH47s from B Company 2/52 Aviation Bn, 17th AVN Bde," he added. "We lifted multiple M1114s (HMMWVs) from Camp Humphreys to Bisung Range."

The Combined Arms Live Fire (CLFX) conducted by the 142nd MP Company, 94th MP Battalion is a clear example of

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Soldiers of the 142nd MP Co. react to an enemy attack and secure their vehicles during the convoy movement

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teamwork at its best in the Eighth United States Army. The integration of air assets is a proven combat multiplier – both for the purposes of rapid mobility as well as the application of lethal fires in support of ground forces. The 142nd brought all of these assets to bear with tremendous success.

One of these key aviation assets was the heavy-lift aircraft B Co 2/52. Their mission is to conduct theater aviation operations in support of 8th U.S. Army and, on order, to provide combat aviation support to the Ground Component Command (GCC) as an element of the Combined Aviation Force (CAF). For the 142nd CLFX, the aviators' support for the Watchdogs began immediately, helping to move critical personnel and equipment rapidly to the fight. The aviators and their crews exercised key skills in LZ/PZ operations as well as sling loading.

“Sling load operations are the bread and butter for our company and the mission we performed with the 8th MP Bde enabled us to conduct realistic multi-echelon training for our crews. This recent mission was an outstanding example of teamwork and what can be accomplished when the air and ground units maintain mission focus until the PZ is clean. The Innkeepers look forward to future missions with the 8th MP Bde,” said Maj. Eric A. McEldowney, Commander B Co. 2/52d Aviation.

“Their support was absolutely amazing. The



An Apache helicopter circles around the vehicle convoy and prepares to fire its 30mm gun at enemy targets



The vehicle convoy moves through the live-fire lane at Besung Range

aircrews were true professionals and they provided our MPs with an understanding of the tremendous capabilities of the 17th Aviation Brigade,” stated Capt. Michael Johnston, 8th MP Bde training officer.

Following the move of personnel and equipment, the CLFX began with each platoon reassembling on their tactical vehicles and preparing for the live-fire lane. As the convoy moved out, soldiers of the 142nd executed rehearsed battle drills while still stressing flexibility, and individual and team communication skills.

“This exercise was all about teamwork, and it was designed to emphasize how dependant each team member is on the other in a tactical situation,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Douglas J. Delzeith, command sergeant major of the 94th MP Bn. “It emphasized the chaos of combat and put a lot of pressure on leaders to take charge and continuously communicate with team members.”

In addition to training convoy security operations, MP soldiers also experienced the integration of close air support from Apache helicopters from the 3/6 Cavalry Squadron. For most soldiers, this was the first time working with close air support during a live-fire, and was a first for the MP Corps operating in the Korean peninsula.

“This training was unprecedented for MPs in Korea. ” said Jones. Colonel Champagne has captured some of the lessons learned from convoy movements in Iraq and incorporated them into the Brigade Training Program.. “Convoy

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A soldier from the 142nd takes aim during the CLFX

movements through high threat areas in Iraq rely on Apache Helicopters for close air support, so I wanted my soldiers to train with the 6th Cavalry Brigade, which provided us with outstanding support”, said Champagne.

“This exercise gave us the opportunity to apply our gunnery skills into a realistic training event, utilizing real-time air-to-ground communications and direct support,” said CW2 Matthew Longanacre, 3/6 Air Cavalry Line Troop pilot. “It was great exposure for many of the pilots, including myself, because it was the first time we’ve ever done this type of exercise.”

“Two professional and outstanding units provided the support, C Troop of the 3/6th Cavalry Squadron along with B Company 2/52 Aviation Bn,” added Jones..

As each squad continued to move through the live-fire lane, gunners on top of the HMMWVs fired at specific targets using the MK19 grenade launcher as fellow soldiers similarly engaged enemy positions using their M-16 rifles and M249 Squad Automatic Weapons.

“This has been some of the toughest training I have ever seen MP soldiers do,” said ROK Sgt. Maj. Kim, Jae Kwang, 142nd MP Co ROKA Staff Sergeant Major.

In addition, each team used smoke canisters for concealment during the convoy movement and as they set up their defensive positions behind each vehicle. Once security was assured, squad leaders and team leaders instructed soldiers to re-acquire and fire at enemy positions and targets.

“The squad leaders and team leaders were the ones that made it happen,” said 2nd Lt. Georgina Granville, platoon leader for fourth platoon. “They were the backbone of the operation during the CLFX.”

“Everyone was motivated and focused” said Spc. William T. Geisen, 94th MP Bn. “It was great and unique training because there was so much going on.” The 142nd CLFX was truly demanding - both physically and mentally. Continuous operations during and after the

training exercise left soldiers exhausted; however, it instilled a strong sense of pride and teamwork among the soldiers of the 142nd MP Co.

“We were all in it together,” said Sgt. 1st Class Philip Mitchell, platoon sergeant for fourth platoon. “The teamwork was excellent among soldiers of the 142nd and it proved that we not only set the standards, we also exceed them.”

By the end of CLFX, soldiers of the 142nd MP Co. gained knowledge and valuable experience. It required soldiers and leaders to plan and execute convoy operations under harsh conditions. It also put an emphasis on weapons proficiency, target acquisition, communications, and close air coordination.

“The soldiers performed magnificently,” said Jones with confidence. “They met the challenge and learned lessons of the difficulty required to conduct operations under these conditions.”

“The 142d MP Company truly had their “Guns Up” for this exercise,” said Delzeith.

“To see the satisfaction on the faces of each soldier after they completed this demanding course was amazing. This unit truly proved their mettle starting with the sling load operations to the range, and throughout the three days of firing. “I’m extremely proud of these soldiers and noncommissioned officers for taking this challenge on. This unit performed exceptionally well in true Watchdog fashion, 100%...and then some”, said Champagne.!”

8th MP Brigade Transformation: “Mission complete... 100% and then some

By Col. Peter M. Champagne
8th MP Bde. commander

Last week I had the opportunity, along with Sgt. Major Patrick O’ Connor to visit the 557th MP Company and 57th MP Company in the field and observe their squad LFX training. These units were conducting realistic, challenging, and demanding LFXs on the same day at both ends of the peninsula to a very high standard. Also, our headquarters company was in the field for three days conducting common task training. If that isn’t an indication that the transformation of this Brigade is complete, I don’t know what other kind of evidence you need.

Please allow me to take the opportunity to share with you my thoughts about this training and the transformation.

We all know LFXs are resource-intensive, but they are critical training events that provide both soldiers and leaders with realistic training on collective and soldier skills. We put a lot into these training events and continue to raise the bar each time we go out as we continue to learn about our strengths and weaknesses.

Each battalion did a tremendous job in providing the resources and management of range operation so that the commanders and first sergeants, as well as the platoon leaders and platoon sergeants could focus on the training. All the key components of an outstanding training event were in place.

A lot of hard work and effort from brigade to company level made this great training happen. Each battalion and company had to complete comprehensive planning, leader certification, OC certification, effective preparatory training, integration of support elements (aviation, fires, media), use of sand tables, and AARs.

I witnessed key leaders present at the training (battalion commanders, battalion command sergeants major, company commanders, and first sergeants).

The commanders of both of these units had their soldiers ready for training. They used safe, realistic scenarios and set the bar for the training at a challenging, but achievable level, taking into consideration their assessment of the state of training in their unit, level of ex-

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Photo taken by 1st Sgt. Robert Arthus

A 557th MP Co. heads to the evacuation point, carrying a wounded soldier



Photo taken by Spc. Olubunmi Babalola

Soldiers of the 57th MP Company contemplate on their next move during the live fire exercise conducted at Angang Range

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perience, and available training time and resources.

The noncommissioned officers in both of these units did a tremendous job preparing their soldiers for the training. Many of you know the squad leader's role in these LFXs is extremely demanding and stressful. Our young NCOs responded to this challenge magnificently as the six squads I watched go through the training, each accomplished the mission to a high standard which is remarkable considering the level of experience of our soldiers and leaders, as well as the integration of Korean soldiers into our formations. Collectively, they are all winners and we can all be justifiably proud of them and their accomplishments. On Tuesday, I observed the 557th MP Company training in some of the most miserable weather and conditions (mud) that I have witnessed. The soldiers and leaders did not miss a beat because of the adverse conditions. They accomplished the mission with great enthusiasm, motivation, and discipline... the hallmark of a well led, trained, and cared for unit. The leaders I observed were confident and competent. Everyone learned a lot about operating under difficult conditions. Although the range on which the training was conducted had some limitations, the chain of command made it work to a very high standard.

Capt. Donnie LaGrange had been in command only three weeks before his company executed this LFX. This speaks volumes about this officer's courage, confidence, and competence. It also sends a louder message about the company's first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Robert

Arthus, and the noncommissioned officers in this unit stepping up and taking charge in preparing their soldiers for challenging training in spite of recent change of command.

Capt. Nile Clifton, 1st Sgt. Eric Vogt and the NCOs of the 57th MP Company did an absolutely flawless job preparing their unit for one of the best LFXs I have witnessed. This range provided the unit with great flexibility to use aviation support to insert the squads, the ability to call for fire using mortar fires from the ROK Army and U.S. Air Force, the ability to fire live AT4s and use M203 HE ammunition, and call for MEDEVAC to air lift out casualties. The commander did an outstanding job orchestrating all of this support and activity into a kick-ass training event and the soldiers responded magnificently.

You are all doing a tremendous job training our soldiers to fight tonight. I'm not so tough that I won't admit that there were actually tears of joy on my face as I rode on a CH-47 with a squad from the 57th MP Company as I observed the smiles on those soldiers' faces knowing that they were conducting the best training we could give them.

I'm extremely thankful and proud of the tremendous effort you have made to make this transformation possible and will continue to challenge you to train our soldiers and leaders harder than they have ever been before... 100% and then some!



Photo taken by Spc. Olubunmi Babalola

57th MP Company soldiers aim at their target during the recently conducted live fire exercise



Photo taken by 1st Sgt. Robert Arthus

Soldiers of the 57th MP Company run toward their target during their live fire

Fun, pride and bragging rights... 8th MP Bde organizational day

Story by Pfc. Alex Licea

Photos by Pfc. Alex Licea and
Pfc. Min, Kyung-Nam

They came from Camp Humphreys, Walker and Carroll. Bus by bus was loaded with 8th Military Police Brigade soldiers from across the peninsula setting their sights on Yongsan. The guidelines for their trip were simple:

Mission: Conduct a brigade organization day.

Objective: Participate in as many events as possible

Standard: Have a good time!

The 8th MP Bde had its yearly brigade organizational day, on Friday, July 25. The event drew the 94th MP Battalion and its subordinate companies, the "Warfighters" of the 728th MP Bn, and brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company. The 8th MP Bde came together to participate in the festivities and compete in many athletic competitions where bragging rights were at stake.

The day was filled with action-packed sporting events such as basketball, softball, volleyball and a tug-of-war. The event also provided tons of food where soldiers could chow-down on some of the finest barbeque and participate in many enjoyable games.

Col. Peter M. Champagne, 8th MP Bde commander, makes it a top propriety in the brigade to ensure soldiers across the 8th MP continuously

enjoy a healthy, fun quality of life while serving in Korea.

The brigade's organizational day began with a 8th MP brigade esprit de corps four-mile run early Friday morning. Before the run began, Command Sgt. Maj. Tommie Hollins, 8th MP Bde command sergeant major, lead soldiers in some early-morning physical training at Seoul American High School's football field. After the early PT, each company began to form up for the brigade run.

The run was led by Col. Champagne, Command Sgt. Maj. Hollins and the regimental colors of the 8th MP Bde, which was held by several soldiers throughout the run.

One by one, each company lined up, and ran together as a solid foundation.

Although Mother Nature was not cooperating, damp soldiers of the 8th MP Bde were motivated and sounding off. The streets of Yongsan quivered as over 300 soldiers ran in unison and sang each cadence at a thunderous tone. After the run, a breakfast was provided to soldiers of the brigade.

Let the games begin.... Once everyone changed out of their soaked PT uniforms the athletic competition began. Eager soldiers flocked to the Col-

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Col. Peter M. Champagne, 8th MP Bde commander, leads soldiers of the 8th MP Bde. during the esprit de corps four-mile run

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lier Field House gymnasium for the first event of the day.

The 728th MP Bn and HHC hit the hard wood in the first basketball match-up. The contest was close throughout the game and there were several lead changes. The emotion throughout the gym was intense, and the game was tight going into the last two minutes of regulation. However the 728th began to pull away toward the end of the game, and when the dusted settled, the “Warfighters” edged out the “Hammerdown” company with a final score of 47-43 in a thrilling contest. The second game saw the 94th MP Bn trying to take down the confident 728th team.

The game was an emotional rollercoaster as both teams put forth maximum effort throughout the contest. However, when the buzzer sounded, the 94th team pulled it off and beat a talented 728th team.

The events then turned



Soldiers conduct some early-morning PT at Seoul American HS field

from the basketball court to the soccer field. The first match-up saw the 94th MP Bn. squaring off against the HHC. The HHC team quickly jumped to a commanding 2-0 lead by a quick offense and solid defense, but the 94th was not about to roll over and call it quits. In the second-half, the scrappy 94th team scored two goals and forced the game into overtime. Reeling from the quick offense displayed by the 94th, the HHC could not counter the offensive burst and lost 3-2 in OT.

While the second soccer match between the 94th and 728th was taking place, soldiers were treated to a king-size meal with tons of snacks and barbeque food. From hamburgers to hot dogs, ribs and chicken, soldiers of the brigade “chowed down” to a meal fit for an “Iron Watch-dog.”

After lunch, the attention then turned to the softball field. The Warfighters charged on to the field to compete against the 94th and never looked back pounding the “polar bears” with consistent hitting and superb defense. The HHC softball team also suffered a bitter defeat to the 728th. The heart of the 728th line-up was swinging the bat like San Francisco Giants’ All-Star Barry Bonds. The 728th destroyed the “Hammerdown” company in a final score of 20-4.

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Lt. Col. Steven L. Crowe, 728th MP commander, leads his ‘Warfighter’ battalion during the brigade run



Command Sgt. Maj. Tommie Hollins, 8th MP Bde. command sergeant major, addresses soldiers after the four-mile run

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A player from the 728th basketball team shoots for success during the basketball competition.

HHC use all their might during the tug-of-war competition

Throughout the day, many soldiers found themselves participating in other fun-filled events such as the horseshoe toss, volleyball competition and dunking booth.

In many minds of the soldiers, the final event was probably the most anticipated event of the day, the "Tug of War" contest!!!!..

Each team consisted of eight soldiers, with each team having a female and KATUSA soldier on their squad. The first match was between the 728th and 94th. The match was exciting from the start as each team struggled for position. After a few tugs back and forth, the "Warfighter" muscle kicked in and finished off the 94th's MP Bn's hopes for victory.

The HHC team came into the contest fired up hoping to dethrone the "Warfighters." Both teams showed strength and persistence throughout the tug-of-war. The HHC showed heart throughout the contest, but a sudden burst of power by the 728th sent the HHC team packing and taking the tug-of-war competition.

After all the events were completed, Col. Champagne and Command Sgt. Maj. Hollins handed out awards to the winners of each event. The "Warfighters" cleaned house throughout the

day by dominating almost each event and took first place in the 8th MP organizational day. The 94th MP Bn placed second, while the 8th MP Bde, HHC, brought home the third place crown.

The spirit of the "Watchdog" was as powerful as ever with each battalion and company coming together and participating in the day's activities. Everyone competed to win and enjoy a fun atmosphere, but in the end, the camaraderie between soldiers of the 8th MP Bde outshined any trophy "100 percent and then some."



Col. Peter M. Champagne presents the 728th MP Bn. with the first place trophy

CFC establishes Provost Marshal Office

By Pfc. Alex Licea

Since the establishment of the Combined Forces Command 25 years ago, there has never been a CFC provost marshal office until now.

On July 7th, Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, United States Forces Korea commander, along with Gen. Kim, Jong Hwan, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, signed and approved the establishment of the first Combined Forces Command Provost Marshal Office in Yongsan Garrison, Seoul.

The role of CFC during the armistice is deterrence; however, should deterrence fail, its wartime mission is to defeat external aggression.

The CFC is commanded by a four-star U.S. general, with a four-star ROK Army general serving as deputy commander.

The purpose of the CFC provost marshal office is to improve coordination and information flow throughout the CFC.

The provost marshal office will also establish rapport and standardize procedures between the Republic of Korea and U.S. coalition military police during armistice and in case of wartime operations.

The position will also improve the coordination of combined, joint and coalition MP operations. The establishment of a CFC provost marshal office would also affect positive changes in planning efforts, and help enhance MP support during wartime operations.

“Over the past 14 months, we have been working toward the establishment of a CFC provost marshal,” said Maj. Chad B. McRee, chief of the provost marshal joint operations division.

“The new position will be of great assistance to the Korean government and its Army, not to mention more combined MP training between U.S. and ROK MPs.”

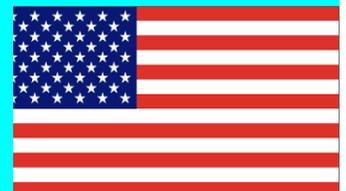
Col. Peter M. Champagne, 8th MP Bde commander and USFK/8th United States Army provost marshal, will take charge as the CFC provost marshal and will be assigned four ROK officers, one serving as the deputy commander while the others serve as the CFC provost marshal staff. This staff will be headquartered at the 8th MP Bde in Yongsan.

“The CFC provost marshal and staff will not

only increase the combined capabilities of the U.S. and ROK military police corps, but also provide improved synchronization between the two,” said Champagne.

The new office will also provide better communication with the Korean National Police and ROK Army on day-to-day operations. “The opportunities of working with the KNP can reach a new level because we have ROK officers to help us close the language barrier with the KNP,” said McRee. “The CFC provost marshal office will also provide more in-depth war-time planning in case we are called into action and help close any cultural gaps to an already strong U.S.-ROK alliance.”

The new position established by the Combined Forces Command will not only strengthen the CFC in Korea, but it will also continue to reinforce its mission statement “Deter hostile acts of external aggression against the Republic of Korea by a combined military effort of the United States of America and the ROK; and in the event deterrence fails, defeat an external armed attack against the ROK.”



142nd MP soldiers hone skills during live-fire exercise

**Story and photos
by Pfc. Alex Licea**

With tensions building over the suspected North Korean nuclear program, the everyday possibility of a North Korean invasion into the South, and recent wars into Iraq and Afghanistan, military police soldiers serving in Korea continue to train on a day-to-day basis ready to not only perform their law enforcement mission but also to ensure they are ready to fight tonight.

The number one priority of the 8th Military Police Brigade has always been force protection and the soldiers of the 142nd MP Co. are certainly no strangers when it comes to performing these tasks.

As part of their green cycle training, the 142nd MP Co. soldiers conducted a live-fire exercise at Warrior Base on Thursday, July 17.

Due to its unpredictable work schedule and mission of providing security for the United States Forces Korea and Eighth Army's most important post, the role of the 142nd MP Co. is one of the most demanding in the Brigade. Adding to the complexity, Yongsan is located deep in the heart of Seoul where over 15 million people call home.

"The mission of the 142nd MP Co is critical," said Capt. Monique G.K. Guerrero, commander of the 142nd MP Co. "The 142nd Military Police Company conducts military combat support operations to protect and allow for freedom of movement of U.S. assets critical to CFC, USFK, and Eighth Army."

Since he took command of the 8th MP Bde last year, Col. Peter M. Champagne has focused on achieving five ob-

jectives.

Although physical fitness remains the number one priority, executing, realistic and challenging task of live-fire exercises is equally important.

This live-fire range was part of a 10-day field exercise where soldiers honed their skills and trained for the company's wartime mission.

The live-fire exercise not only gave MP soldiers the opportunity to qualify on their weapons but it also gave them an understanding of the importance of weapons proficiency. "The soldier's weapons proficiency, knowledge of the weapons and their capabilities enable them to be lethal on the battlefield," said Guerrero.

Before a soldier is allowed to qualify, they were first given pre-marksmanship instruction.

The MPs of the 142nd fired the MK19-40mm grenade-launcher, M136-AT4, 9mm pistol, M-4 rifle and M-16 rifle during their live-fire exercise.

"The soldiers and non-commissioned officers made everything happen. I am fortunate that my NCOs are professional and my soldiers are motivated," said Guerrero.

By the end of the two-week training exercise, the unit not only qualified on their weapons, but discovered a new understanding of why U.S. forces serve in

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A soldier from the 142nd MP Co gets help finding the target during the AT-4 qualification range

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142nd MP Co. Commander*

Korea.

“I believe that the 142nd overcame the challenges before them and completed a successful gunnery and CLFX train up,” said Guerrero.

Acknowledging that it takes a team effort to plan and execute a training event such as this, Guerrero stated that “I always take every opportunity to thank my operations cell and my First Sgt. Julius E. Gonzales,” she added. “They are the true driving force behind the success of our mission.”

At the end of the field training and live-fire exercise, the soldiers were looking forward to returning to Seoul.

With muddy boots and dirty uniforms the military police soldiers of the 142nd Military Police Company clearly demonstrated the brigade commander’s intent to give “100 percent and then some.”



Soldiers line up on the range as they prepare to qualify on the AT-4.



A soldier reacts to a simulated chemical act during the live-fire exercise



Spc. Luley, 142nd MP Co., conducts a class on the different fighting positions

Provost Marshal General visits 8th MP Bde.

**Story, photos by
Pfc. Alex Licea**

Maj. Gen. Donald J. Ryder, the newly appointed provost marshal general of the United States Army and criminal investigation division commanding general, visited the 8th Military Police Brigade “Watchdogs” Tuesday, June 17 during his week-long visit to Korea.

The provost marshal general is a relatively new position and Ryder’s recent appointment makes him the senior MP on the Department of the Army staff, who reports matters of the MP Corps to the Army chief of staff.

CID, which is headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, is responsible for the conduct of criminal investigations throughout the United States Army. The investigations range from homicide to fraud, on and off military installations. The general’s visit to the “Land of the Morning Calm” and the 8th MP Bde. was aimed at discussing the current status of the Army’s military police corps, participating in the 19th CID Battalion change-of-command ceremony and visiting the United States Forces Korea, or USFK provost marshal office.

“The provost marshal general heard about the transformation of the 8th MP Bde. and was interested in the military police training we conduct here in Korea,” said Col. Peter M. Champagne, commander, 8th MP Bde.

Ryder arrived in Korea on Sunday, June 15 and was greeted by personnel from the 19th CID Bn. The representatives from the battalion assisted him in getting settled-in and escorted him to the Dragon Hill Lodge where he resided throughout his visit.

The following day, Champagne, along with officials from the Korean Military Police Regimental Association welcomed Ryder as they dined at a renowned Korean restaurant. Over dinner, they discussed the current relations between the Republic of Korea and United States, the importance of ROK- U.S. unit partnerships and how the brigade’s community relations program continues to grow.

“The 8th MP Bde. has the best community relations programs throughout 8th Army and across the peninsula,” said Champagne with a tone of confidence. “General Ryder enjoys talking to the “green members” when he comes to Korea about military police affairs and continues to develop the strong U.S.-ROK MP relationship with the retired officers from the Korean Chapter of Regimental Law Enforcement.”

“Several of the “green members” are former ROK PM generals, and General Sung, Hwanwook hosted this great event” added Champagne.

The general, a native of Haverstraw, New York, was treated to fine Korean delicacies like kimchi as he dined with Champagne and other guests. They all toasted the evening with “Katchi Kapshida” meaning we go together.”

“This is for another 50 years of a strong U.S.-Korean alliance,” said Champagne as he raised his glass.

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Col. Peter M. Champagne, 8th MP Bde. commander, presents Maj. Gen. Donald J. Ryder, provost marshal general, with a Big Dog Fit to Fight Fit to Win T-shirt and a Watchdog Mug

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Maj. Gen. Ryder is briefed on the Biometric Identification System and how it works

As the evening closed, Ryder thanked KMPRA members for the evening and the continuous support put forth by Korean associations across the peninsula ensuring safety and security of servicemembers and their families while serving in Korea.

On Tuesday, June 17, Ryder began his day by attending a brief at the Command Center Seoul on Main Post, Yongsan. After the brief, Ryder was taken to the 94th MP Battalion, Provost Marshal Office, or PMO, where he received a brief of the daily operations of the PMO. Lt. Col. Scott A. Jones, commander of the 94th MP Bn. along with the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the battalion, welcomed the 30-year military veteran.

The general was shown some of the new initiatives such as the new military police vehicles, closed-circuit television equipment used to monitor activities outside the installations and identification card scanners used to verify all Department of Defense military and civilian ID cards.

"This is quite an operation," said Ryder. "It's very impressive." Once the

tour of the 94th was complete, Ryder handed out coins to deserving soldiers for a job well done.

"General Ryder was very impressed with how cutting-edge the 8th MP Bde. really is," said Champagne. "He really found out how demanding law enforcement and battle time readiness is in Korea."

The 142nd MP Co. military dog training facility was next on the day-long visit to the 8th MP Bde. Soldiers from the 142nd were on-hand to give a warm-hearted reception to the general as he arrived. Although the dog kennel is still under-construction, soldiers from the 142nd gave Ryder a tour of the indoor and outdoor areas of the facility. The CID commander

provided many insights and views of the importance of the military working dog while on his tour of the kennel.

Once the tour was complete, Ryder headed back to the brigade headquarters for a brief on the mission and goals of the 8th MP Bde.

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Maj. Gen. Ryder had lunch with 20 soldiers from the brigade at the Hartell House to discuss various opportunities in the CID.

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Champagne, along with the staff, conducted a 30-minute overview for Ryder explaining the brigade's mission, unit locations, brigade initiatives, commander's vision, goals and priorities. Champagne also explained the brigade's Iron Watchdog program.

"Physical fitness and training is the most important priority in this brigade," said Champagne during the briefing. "I want to ensure our soldiers are physically ready in case we are called into action."

After the briefing, about 20 soldiers from the brigade joined Ryder and Champagne for lunch at the Hartell House to discuss opportunities in the CID. These soldiers were treated to a buffet-style meal while they discussed what CID had to offer, the state of the MP Corps, and numerous other topics.

Following lunch, Ryder headed back to the brigade headquarters to discuss matters of the Army's MP Corps and the state of leadership within the corp. "Right now we do not have enough MPs in the Army," he said. "However, we are trying new things and looking into new ways of recruiting."

The brigade staff, along with the 728th MP Bn via communications link-up, listened closely to what the general had to say.

"We need to make sure our soldiers are taken care of," Ryder said during his lecture. "We also need to make sure they are properly trained and prepared for the worst case scenario."



Col. Champagne and the 8th MP Bde. staff conducted a 30-minute brief explaining the unit's mission, initiatives, vision, goals and priorities to Maj. Gen. Ryder



Maj. Gen. Ryder, Col. Champagne, 8th MP Bde. staff, along with officials from the Korean Military Police Regimental Association raised their glasses for a toast during the dinner

Once the conference was complete, Champagne invited everyone to the front of the brigade where he presented Ryder a "Big Dog, Fit to Fight, Fit to Win" Iron Watchdog t-shirt, baseball cap and coffee mug.

The visit concluded with Champagne leading brigade soldiers in singing the "Watchdog Song." The two-star general was humbled by the gesture and cracked a confident smile to soldiers as they sang.

"That was very inspiring," said Ryder. He thanked all the Watchdogs for their warm welcome and wished them good luck.

"Gen. Ryder was very impressed and pleased with the direction of the brigade," said Champagne. "I'm so proud of the soldiers and leaders in the brigade and if it wasn't for General Ryder mentoring me, I probably would not be here today," he added.

8th MP soldiers provide security for 50th anniversary event

Story, photos by Pfc. Alex Licea

"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers: For he today that sheds his blood with me; Shall be my brother." The words expressed in William Shakespeare's famous book (Henry V) symbolized veterans of the Korean War and describes their unity 50 years later. Years after the war, many vets still hold true to these beliefs, and with the ever-changing world, and its unpredictable state, the symbolism of brotherhood as withstood the test of time.

So when veterans of the Korean War visited Yongsan on Sunday, July 27th to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the armistice signing, they were in good hands with the 94th Military Police Battalion, providing, probably, the most anticipated security for the event.

"We had months to prepare for this event," said 2nd Lt. Mark J. Lemanski, 94th MP BN, Provost Marshal's Office operations officer. "We are prepared for this type of operation."

Over 150 soldiers from the 94th provided security and traffic control for the armistice commemoration. The protection plan included several different MP units integrated into the overall concept, guaranteeing there would be no problems.

"We have MP soldiers from the 142nd MP Co, 55th MP Co, K-9 unit, Special Reaction Team (SRT) and PMO," said Lemanski. "We are ready for anything."

MPs controlled the flow of traffic and scanned



2nd Lt. Mark J. Lemanski, operations officer, briefs MP soldiers conducting security during the 50th anniversary event

each individual before entering the festivities. "We have everyone going through metal detectors and checking their bags to ensure there were no problems during the event," said Sgt. 1st Class Gregory B. Dickerson, PMO operations sergeant. "We are trying our best to make it as quick and comfortable as possible for the veterans."

Veterans from around the world set foot on Yongsan to reflect on the 50 years since the Korean War. The ceremony honored the soldiers, airman, sailors and marines who served with nobility and pride during the three-year war. Each paid his/her respect to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Throughout the ceremony, MP soldiers made sure that the event ran efficiently. "All the operations are running smoothly and going quiet well," said Lemanski.

"Everything is going good and we are making sure it continues to stay safe throughout the event," added Dickerson.

The 50th anniversary of the armistice not only acknowledge the sacrifice made by thousands of servicemembers, but in a way, it also celebrated the strength of the U.S./ROK alliance and sent a message that the next 50 years will be better than the first.



MP soldiers work at the metal detector stations located throughout the event during the event

MP Soldiers Conduct Wartime Mission

By Spc. Olubunmi Babalola

Soldiers from the 557th MP Company conducted a live fire exercise from 27 April to 1 May at the Rodriguez multipurpose range complex, north of Camp Casey.

Despite the rain and cold, these soldiers prepared for battle in weather conditions few others could bear. These military police soldiers improved several of their basic battle skills such as communication during a wartime situation, coordination of movement between teams, and calling for a MEDEVAC helicopter to lift a mock casualty from the battlefield.

“During this particular exercise, the heavy rain, mud and rough terrain set the combat conditions that we seek, so soldiers can push the envelope as they endured some of the most challenging and difficult training to date,” said Lt. Col. Scott A. Jones, commander, 94th MP Bn.

The primary mission of the 557th MP Co. is to conduct area military police operations, protect designated installations and critical assets, and ensure the freedom of movement of friendly forces in assigned areas of operation in support of United States Forces Korea.

According to SFC Michael Csapo, 3^d platoon leader, 557th MP Co., the soldiers had four days prior to the exercise to conduct preparation training. Each platoon conducted individual movement techniques, actions on the objective, oral operation orders, fire and movement commands, and moving as a member of a fire team.

“The main focus of this live fire exercise was to increase the soldiers’ weapon’s proficiency and to build confidence in the leaders,” said Capt. Don J. LaGrange, 557th MP Co. commander.

The training scenario involved military police soldiers conducting a deliberate attack on a known enemy location in order to neutralize

the threat.

They began by conducting a tactical road march to the objective rally point; from there the squad leader performed a recon of the objective and the support by fire position. The squad leader then placed soldiers into position and back briefed them on the plan.

The leader then tactically moved the assault team to their position.

The squad leader initiated the attack with fire from the support team as the assault force charged the enemy, one team at a time. The teams took the offensive as one laid covering fire while the other maneuvered toward the enemy’s position engaging targets with their different weapons as they advanced.

Once they were about 25 meters from the objective, some of the soldiers

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Soldiers from the 557th MP Company rush toward an enemy position during the live fire exercise conducted at Rodriguez range



Photo taken by 1st Sgt. Robert Arthus

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attacked and secured the objective while others conducted medical evacuation procedures.

This challenging live fire exercise provided the 557th MP Company soldiers an opportunity to test their ability to accomplish their mission in a realistic environment.

“Maneuvering a squad over 200 meters while under direct fire, challenges soldiers physically and mentally as leaders make those critical decisions necessary to seize the objective when negotiating the lane,” said Jones.

While this training was going on, the 557th MP Company was also conducting a MK-19 range at Story range and preparing for an external evaluation.

“Logistics was a major challenge during this exercise,” said LaGrange. “The company was running three separate logistic support areas at the same time. It took everything we had to accomplish this mission,” he added.

Despite the many challenges, the 557th MP soldiers were highly motivated and stayed focused on the mission and the tasks at hand.

“The soldiers were coated in mud and had to wear wet and cold weather gear,” said Capt. Michael Handy, 94th MP Bn. S-3. “This created a little challenge for them. However, they overcame the obstacles and executed their mission,” he added.

This was a very realistic mission for the 557th MP Co. because it replicated a possible wartime situation. During this exercise, the soldiers not only improved their tactical skills, they also fostered team cohesion.

“They learned the ability to maneuver as a team, and they developed trust and bond among each other,” he said. “It was obvious that this exercise unified the soldiers.”

While the 8th MP Bde. remains committed to protecting the force, they must also ensure that they are ready to conduct

their wartime mission.

“Our live fire exercise program provides a tiered approach to help accomplish our mission,” said Col. Peter M. Champagne, commander, 8th MP Bde. “It is a giant step in the transformation of this brigade toward our wartime operation. We have shifted to focus on more war-fighting training,” he added.

“It was a demanding and challenging opportunity for the soldiers to train in a realistic environment. They will never forget it, and they’re all better soldiers for experiencing it,” said LaGrange.

The soldiers and leaders of the 557th MP Co. did not miss a beat because of adverse and difficult conditions.

“They accomplished the mission with great enthusiasm,

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Photo taken by 1st Sgt. Robert Arthus

A 557th MP company soldier aims at his target during the live fire exercise



Photo taken by 1st Sgt. Robert Arthus

This team evacuates a simulated battlefield casualty to the landing zone for treatment.

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motivation, and discipline... the hallmark of a well led, trained, and cared for unit," said Champagne. "The leaders I observed were confident and competent. Everyone learned a lot about operating under difficult conditions."

Champagne also commented on the leadership of the unit in conducting this training.

"The commander and noncommissioned officers of this unit had the soldiers ready for training," said Champagne. "They used safe, realistic scenarios and set the bar for the training at a challenging, but achievable level, taking into consideration their assessment of the state of training in their unit, level of experience, and available training time and resources," he added.



Photo taken by 1st Sgt. Robert Arthus

557th MP Company soldiers take cover behind smoke during the live fire exercise

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMPLAINT PROCESS

By Master Sgt. Eugene G. Jackson

Do you feel that you have been discriminated against based on race, color, gender, religion, and/or national origin? Are you afraid to report the incident due to fear of reprisal?

Every soldier, family member, and civilian has the right to live, work, and play in an environment free of sexual harassment and discrimination. Each individual has the right to present an EO complaint to the command without fear of intimidation, reprisal, or harassment. While it is not required, it is recommended that individuals attempt to resolve a complaint by first informing the alleged offender that the improper behavior must stop. Always attempt to resolve any issue at the lowest level. Depending on the severity of the offense, this may not be plausible.

Individuals are encouraged to use the chain of command; however, it is not the only agency available to file a complaint. Complaints can be filed with the next higher command, the Inspector General (IG), the chaplain, the staff judge advocate, Medical Agencies, Provost Marshal, Housing, and any Equal Opportunity Advisor.

There are two types of EO complaints: informal and formal. Informal complaints are normally a complaint filed that the alleged victim does not want in writing. These complaints may be resolved by the chain of command, the individual, or another member of the unit and not subject to a timeline. Informal complaints are important and should be addressed with the same sense of urgency and sincerity as formal complaints.

Formal complaints are written complaints taken on a DA Form 7279-R (Army Equal Opportunity Complaint Form). The complainant is sworn to the accuracy of the complaint. Any individual who feel that he/or she has a formal complaint should file it within 60 days of the incident. Those filed after 60 days may be reviewed at the discretion of the Commander.

Soldiers, family members, and civilians may contact the Equal Opportunity office to clarify whether or not an incident or behavior qualifies as an EO or sexual harassment complaint.

Every leadership issue is not an EO issue but every EO issue is a leadership issue.

‘Soldiers and Friends’

MP soldiers build camaraderie with Korean counterparts

**Story, photos by
Spc. Olubunmi Babalola**

As they develop their tactics, techniques and skills, training for their wartime mission and improving combat readiness, soldiers from the 94th Military Police Battalion took time to build camaraderie with their Korean counterparts by conducting combined training with them at New Mexico range Tuesday, May 20.

‘Soldiers and Friends’ was the theme exemplified as U.S., KATUSA and ROK soldiers came together to accomplish their mission of developing combat skills while learning new skills and techniques from their counterparts.

Lt. Col. Yeo Myung Ho, 7th ROK MP Bn. commander and about 15 soldiers of his soldiers arrived at the 94th MP Bn. headquarters in the morning when Lt. Col. Scott A. Jones, commander, 94th MP Bn. took them to breakfast at the 8th PERSCOM Dining Facility.

“The goal of this combined training was to continue the alliance with our military police partners as we forge strong professional and personal relationships,” said Jones. “We foresee depending on each other for assistance while operating in combined and joint environments together in the event we transition from armistice to hostilities.

The level of success during joint or combined operations will directly depend upon our ability to work together as one team against one fight,” he added.

After breakfast, Jones took the soldiers on a tour of the battalion’s motorpool to showcase the different military vehicles and equipment operated by the U.S. soldiers.

The 7th MP Bn. soldiers examined the different types of armored highly mobile multi-purpose wheeled vehicles, or HMMWVs and Light Medium Tactical Vehicles, or LMTVs

Upon their arrival at New Mexico range, the 7th MP Bn. soldiers were given a class on the M-68 close combat optic, or CCO, and were introduced to the weapon’s reflex site technology. Unlike the M-16 rifle which allows you to use one eye to aim, this weapon allows you to use both eyes.

2nd Lt. Erinn Singman and Sgt. Jesse Monroe, both from the 55th MP Co. explained to the ROK soldiers, the capabilities of the M-68 and the breathing process required to accurately

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Lt. Col. Yeo Myung Ho, 7th ROK MP Bn. commander, qualifies on the M-68 close combat optic at New Mexico range, May 20



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fire the weapon. Then both U.S. and ROK soldiers were given an opportunity to demonstrate what they had learned and qualify with the weapon.

“We try to conduct combined training with our ROK counterparts because it’s proven to be very beneficial,” said Jones. “There is no substitute in promoting strong alliances and relationships with our military police partners.”

During the visit, Jones invited the soldiers from the 7th MP Bn. to join his unit in their upcoming sports organizational day. “I think it’s a great idea and I look forward to this opportunity,” said Yeo.

Both commanders also discussed future training plans and ways to improve their training.

“Anytime you have two different teams conducting combined training, there is always a great benefit,” said Yeo. “Each team has different tactics, skills and equipment. The training gives us an opportunity to learn new tactical skills and ideas from each other,” he added.

The 94th MP Bn. began conducting combined training with soldiers from the 7th MP Bn. about 10 months ago and both units have been successful in maintaining a great relationship.

“It’s a great honor to be able to visit,” said Sgt. Park Jin Hyuk, 7th MP Bn. “We spent valuable time learning how our counterparts conduct their missions and what different kinds of weapons and equipment they use to accomplish these missions,” he added.

Following the range qualifications, Jones presented some of the ROK soldiers with his coin of excel-



Sgt. Coleman explains the capabilities of the M-68 CCO to Lt. Col. Yeo



Lt. Col. Scott A. Jones, commander, 94th MP Bn. explained the capabilities of the U.S. light medium tactical vehicle

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A 7th MP Bn. ROK soldier qualifies on the M-68 close combat optic as a U.S. soldier mentored him

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Lt. Col. Jones explained the new computerized system utilized by the 94th Mp Bn. which keeps electronic scores of the firers.

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lence for their outstanding performance during the weapons qualification.

Yeo expressed his gratitude to the 94th MP Bn. for inviting them to this joint training exercise.

“I am very grateful to know that we have counterparts such as these who are always willing to continue to strengthen the friendship that we have despite some oppositions,” he said. “I look forward to the great things that we will do together in the near future,” Yeo added.

The 94th MP BN hopes to organize events such as this at least once a quarter. “This will help us reach a higher level of commitment between the ROK and the U.S.,” said Jones.

Not only did this visit give the ROK soldiers a better understanding of how the 94th MP BN conducts its missions and what different weapons they utilize, it also cements the relationship for the ROK Army’s future leaders with that of their American counterparts.

“I’m most appreciative and thankful for the warmth and love displayed to us here,” Park said.

CID NEEDS MPs

The US Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) is looking for Military Police Soldiers to become CID Special Agents. A career in CID can be challenging and rewarding, with numerous advanced schooling and unique assignment opportunities. You could work as a general crimes agent, work undercover in counter drug operations, or perform personal security for high-level Department of Defense personnel. Some of the schools available to agents are Advanced Fraud investigation, Child Abuse Prevention and Investigations Techniques, Hostage negotiations, the FBI National Academy, Canadian Police College, and many others.

The US Army Criminal Investigation Command is a federal law enforcement agency responsible for conducting felony investigations of an Army interest. This includes murder,

rape, child abuse, along with drug offenses, and frauds committed against the US Army.

The requirements for Military Police to become a CID agent are: 1 year MP experience; minimum of 2 years military service, maximum of 10 years; Specialist and Sergeants (who are not on a SSG promotion list); Normal Color Vision; 60 hours of college credit. The applicant must have suitable character, integrity, sobriety, discretion and stability as established by a thorough background investigation, to include credit history, no convictions in courts except for other than minor traffic violations.

There are several steps to becoming a CID agent and the application process can take several months to complete. So do not delay contact your local CID office to schedule an interview with the Detachment Sergeant, who will assist you with the application process.

HHC Soldiers Conduct CTT Training

**Story, photos by
Pfc. Alex Licea**

With the aftermath of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and the U.S. still waging a global war on terrorism, a soldier must always be prepared for the unexpected, especially overseas. One key aspect to being ready is a soldier's ability to perform the basic skills needed to survive on the battlefield.

Soldiers assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th MP Bde., conducted a three-day field training exercise, or FTX. The purpose of this FTX was to perform Common Task Testing, or CTT, an Army-wide training program, and a requirement for each soldier. CTT testing consists of sixteen individual tasks every soldier must perform to standard.

HHC, 8th MP Bde. conducted CTT testing from April 28-30 at Camp Casey. The three-day event was headed by Capt. Richard L. Geren, HHC commander and 1st Sgt. Thomas S. Sivak who supervised all the activities.

"I wanted everyone to be out in the field training hard and having fun at the same time," said Sivak.

Senior non-commissioned officers played a huge part in preparing the soldiers and manning the six testing stations.

"I definitely have to thank all the senior NCOs who spent their time and energy in order

"CTT was hands-on training and built confidence not only in the soldiers but the young NCOs as well"

*Thomas S. Sivak
HHC First Sgt*

to conduct this training in a professional manner," said Sivak. "I especially have to thank Master Sgt. Bonnie Lagoda and Staff Sgt. David Foster for the time and effort they put into making this training event possible," he added.

The exercise started out with the soldiers setting up the sleeping tents. Once the tents were upright, each soldier was given three meals ready-to-eat or MREs for their noon meals. Breakfast and dinner were hot meals provided to the soldiers along with different types of juices and hot coffee.

"I have to give a big thanks to Sgt. Jacob Stroker from the 55th MP Co. who provided the hot meals for us during our time out there," said Sivak.

As nightfall approached, the commander and first sergeant announced that the day ahead would

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Staff Sgt. Eduardo Perez, 8th MP Bde. security division, pulls guard during the CTT training



HHC soldiers move on to their next testing station

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be a challenging one and safety was stressed as the main priority.

"Let's have fun out there and get some good training in," said Geren, during his Monday night speech to the soldiers. "But let's be safe out there as well."

The next day, the soldiers awoke to a day which was unpredictable not only physically and mentally but also climatically. The commander and first sergeant set up 14 teams for the CTT course, each team consisting of three to four soldiers. They were to move through a six-lane course in which each individual soldier had to successfully complete a common Army task.

The lanes consisted of land navigation, evaluating a casualty, operating and conducting a radio call, properly using a claymore mine and reacting to a chemical or biological attack. All the soldiers were ready to begin real training.

"I was looking forward to the CTT course," said Spc. Tashi Dhoundup, command group, 8th MP Bde. "I was ready for some real training."

As the first few teams were preparing for the mission; the rain began to fall and continued throughout the day. Nevertheless each team was prepared for whatever conditions awaited them.

"I was still motivated to get out there and complete the course despite the rain," said Pfc. Daniel Mango, customs inspector for SSD.

The path and distance of the course were designed by the commander and first sergeant. Most of the teams completed the course in 3-4 hours. Throughout the course, each team had to deal with rough terrain and slippery conditions. "The course was very difficult and physically demanding," said Pfc. Susie Cordon, administrative clerk for S-1. "But I was happy about my performance when it was all over."

Once again safety of each soldier was an important element of the training. After the teams completed the course, the soldiers were able change out of their cold, soaked uniforms and replace their wet socks and boots for dry



SGT Hopkins dons his protective mask during the NBC CTT testing

warmer garments.

By the third and final day of training, HHC soldiers were excited to be heading home. Each soldier helped disassemble the tents and packed the equipment back on the trucks and HMMWVs

"I was very pleased with the teamwork that was displayed during the set-up and tear-down of the base camp," said Sivak with a smile. "It was quick and effective."

The HMMWVs were then lined up and inspected to make sure no function problems would arise on the journey back to the 8th MP Bde. The soldiers packed up their individual gear and loaded the vehicles. With M-

16 rifles at their side, 66 soldiers returned back home.

"CTT was hands-on training and built confidence not only in the soldiers but the young NCOs as well," Said Sivak.



Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tomes, lead the HHC soldiers in rifle physical training

MP Soldiers Hone Battle Skills Through Live Fire Exercise

**Story, photos by
Spc. Olubunmi Babalola**

Despite the rain that slapped their faces, the 57th MP Company soldiers were not hindered from spending 12 days honing their combat skills, while training on their wartime mission at Angang Range. They conducted a live fire exercise April 21st through May 1st in order to test their ability to fight tonight.

As they prepared for battle in weather conditions few others could bear, the MPs improved several of their basic battle skills such as communication during a wartime situation, coordination of movement between teams, and calling for a MEDEVAC helicopter to lift a mock casualty from the battlefield.

In preparation for the exercise, Capt. Nile L. Clifton, 57th MP Co. commander, set up a sand table which depicted a graphic representation of the terrain the soldiers would maneuver on during the exercise. This sand table provided the soldiers an idea of the mission and terrain that lay ahead.



A 57th MP Company soldier guards his area of operation

The platoon leaders gave the operations order brief to their squad leaders who in turn briefed their team leaders. Each team leader then gave a mission brief to their soldiers. Afterward, the platoon leaders and platoon sergeants conducted pre-combat inspections to ensure that all the soldiers had their equipment.

"The main focus of this training was for the soldiers to learn, comprehend, and put to use the technical and tactical skills necessary to be successful in combat," said Capt. Nile L. Clifton, 57th MP Co. commander.

The training was a mock

battle drill in which the military police soldiers were inserted by air from a CH-47 Chinook helicopter to perform a deliberate attack on an enemy cache point in order to eliminate the enemy's threat in the area. Since it is the duty of MP soldiers to guard the rear area, the MP soldiers were tasked with keeping the supply routes open and eliminating enemy special operations forces trying to disrupt the rear area.

They began by setting up an objective rally point in a camouflaged area while some of the soldiers conducted a recon of the support by fire position and, once placed a recon of the objective. When the objective was observed and it was determined that nothing had changed from their initial mission brief, the squad leader, team leaders and remaining soldiers moved tactically to the assault position.

They initiated the attack with fire from the support team as the assault force charged the enemy, one team at a time. The teams took the offensive as one laid covering fire while the other maneuvered toward the enemy's position engaging targets with their different weapons as they advanced. The soldiers made use of the M16/M4 with the M68 sites, M203, M249 and the AT4.

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Soldiers from the 57th MP company await the arrival of the CH-47 Chinook helicopter which will mark the beginning of their attack on an enemy cache point during their live fire exercise

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During the training, the military police soldiers were successful in directly hitting their target with the live AT-4 11 out of 12 times, thereby proving the accuracy of the weapon and the skill of the soldiers.

Despite the many challenges, the 57th MP soldiers were highly motivated and stayed focused on the mission and tasks at hand.

“Communication on the battlefield was a minor challenge faced by the soldiers during the exercise,” said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Doggett, first platoon sergeant. “However, the squad leaders were able to combat this challenge by setting-up alternate means of communication with their soldiers. They made use of hand and arm signals, whistles and smoke canisters.”

Doggett’s goal was to put his soldiers in a realistic combat situation and physically challenge them to their absolute limitation and then surpass those limitations, he said.

Pvt. Park C. J. found the training a chance to learn more about leadership and taking initiative. “Sometimes, I couldn’t hear the commands given by my leader. So, I had to use my hand and arm signals to communicate.” he said. Park, a gunner with the 2nd platoon, has only been with the 57th MP Co. for one month.

“It was tough,” said Park. “Running through the woods with all the heavy equipment is a new experience for me. But it’s only helping me build my skills for a real wartime situation,” he added.



A 57th MP Co. soldier loads her weapon as she prepares for the support by fire

This was a very realistic mission for the 57th MP Company because it replicated a possible wartime situation.

While the 8th MP Bde. remains committed to protecting the force, they must also ensure that they are ready to conduct their wartime mission.

“Our live fire exercise program provides a tiered approach to help accomplish our mission,” said Col. Peter M. Champagne, commander, 8th MP Bde. “It is a giant step in helping the transformation as a brigade toward our wartime operation. We have begun to focus on

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57th MP Co. soldiers board the CH-47 Chinook helicopter



An medic takes care of one of the wounded soldiers during the exercise

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more war-fighting training,” he added.

Champagne also added that the company leadership did an absolutely flawless job preparing their unit for one of the best live fire exercises he ever witnessed. “The commander did an outstanding job orchestrating all of the support and activity into a kick-ass training event,” he said.

During this exercise, the soldiers did not only improve their tactical skills, they were also able to build team cohesion.

“It was obvious that this exercise unified the soldiers,” said Clifton. “Team building and confidence in their leadership and confidence in the array of weapons and weapon systems were major things that the soldiers took away from the exercise.”

Since he took command of the 8th Military Police Brigade, Champagne has focused on accomplishing five priorities: Physical Fitness and mental toughness, live fire exercises, maintenance, leader and soldier development, and quality of life.

Champagne tells all new soldiers during the newcomer’s briefing that he’s determined to train them harder than they’ve ever been trained before. This live fire exercise is proof positive that he is making good on his promise to focus the brigade on its priorities.

The 8th Security Forces Squadron along with the 50th ROK Division assisted with making this exercise successful by providing mortar support during the training.

The 17th Aviation Brigade also assisted with adding realism to the training by providing air support

for the 57th MP Co. soldiers.

This was also the first time in the Brigade that both a day and a night dismounted live fire exercises were conducted. The soldiers used the same scenario used during the day. The soldiers were aided in their movements through the woods and through the attack lane by the use of PVS-7B, PAC-4Cs on their M4/M16 weapons and the PVS-4B on their M-249 machine guns.

The soldiers of the 57th MP Co. executed the lane just as well at night as they did during the day but learned that their movements and communication abilities were degraded due to the lack of depth-perception from the night vision devices.

“The exercise definitely increased my confidence and combat skills,” said Park.

According to Doggett, this training proves the soldiers’ ability to move as a member of a fire team and to react to contact when engaged by the enemy. They learned the ability to maneuver as a squad and were also able to practice removing a mock-casualty through a helicopter evacuation.

“I’m very excited that I get the opportunity to actually fire these different kinds of weapons,” said Park. “The exercise definitely increased my confidence and combat skills. This is an opportunity some soldiers wish they had.”



57th MP Co. assault force team charge at the enemy



57th MP Co. team leader communicates with his radio during the training exercise

188th MP soldiers evaluated on wartime readiness

Story, photos by Pfc. Alex Licea

The 8th Military Police Brigade conducted an external evaluation, or EXEVAL, of the 188th MP Company, June 2-5 at Yon Chong Training Area, North of Daegu. The intent of this EXEVAL was to review the company's ability to perform its wartime missions.

The primary mission of the Original Warfighters is to conduct military police operations following the rules of engagement, specifically protecting the lives of civilians during wartime operations.

During the EXEVAL, the unit was evaluated on many different aspects of combat readiness such as conducting operations in a nuclear and/or chemical environment, securing a critical site, reacting to enemy fire and executing command and control.

"This EXEVAL has really helped us assess not only our strengths but also our weaknesses," said 1st Lt. Brandon Tennimon, 188th MP Co. executive officer. "However I think the 188th MP Co. has really shown what they are made of."

A number of wartime situations were simulated during the 72-hour EXEVAL which tested the ability of each soldier to react to scenarios and execute their specific mission in a timely manner.

"I'm very proud of our team's accomplishments in completing each mission," said Spc. Ryan Cooper, team leader for fourth platoon.

"I think it has really brought us closer as a platoon."

A team of observer/controllers, or O/Cs from the brigade controlled the exercise as well as coached and mentored the company's leadership.

They also assessed the company's personnel, intelli-

gence, maintenance, supply, communications and NBC functions.

"The 188th MP Co soldiers are fulfilling the objectives of the 8th MP Bde to the highest level," said Tennimon.

Every new soldier is familiar with the brigade's mission from the newcomer's brief given by the brigade commander.

"I remember the newcomer's brief and I knew it was going to be about training from that day forward," said Cooper.

The EXEVAL also presented an opportunity for new soldiers from the 188th MP Co to work with their squad leaders and team members in a field en-

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A soldier from the 188th MP Co. fires his M-249 squad automatic weapon, as he responded to a scenario during the company EXEVAL



A 188th MP Co. soldier responds to an enemy attack during the company EXEVAL

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vironment.

“We have had a lot of new soldiers coming in recently and this is the first time most of us are working together in a field environment,” said Cooper. “But the teamwork has been strong, and we are coming together.”

The brigade commander’s overriding goal for all company level evaluations is to create a positive learning environment for all participants. Teaching, coaching and mentoring were the key.

The EXEVAL provided the company an essential and detailed training assessment. Success or failure depended on the unit’s ability to accomplish its mission in a tactical environment while simultaneously protecting its forces.

It also presented the opportunity, regardless of the evaluation’s outcome, for soldiers to hone their battle skills and continue to grow as soldiers.

The EXEVAL is a great opportunity for commanders to objectively assess their units’ training, identify shortfalls and develop ways to improve.

In addition this type of training provides commanders and soldiers an idea of what to expect when



Sgt. Kim D. J., communicates through the radio, to his team members.



Soldiers from the 188th MP Co. receive instructions from their leader as they prepare to respond to one of the scenarios during the company EXEVAL



Civil Gathering Hotline

From 8th Military Police Public Affairs

The United States Forces Korea Civil Gathering Hotline is an automated recording, updated daily intended to inform service-members and their families across the Korean peninsula about ongoing pro or anti U.S. civil gatherings.

When on post simply dial **115**. The hotline then informs callers about the dates and times of scheduled civil gathering as

well as locations.

USFK personnel are strongly encouraged to avoid all gatherings and all mass transit facilities leading to or around these areas.

If you find yourself in one of these areas and need assistance simply call **112**. The number will connect callers to the Korean National Police. If in Seoul dial **02-7914-3004** or

3005 for Yongsan’s military police. If in other area of Korea, soldiers and their families can refer to the emergency phone numbers on the USFK SOFA card.

Reminder: All USFK Personnel and their family members are required to carry a SOFA card at all times.

The Civil Gathering Hotline is here for you. So go out and enjoy your time in Korea but remember be safe and use the **Buddy System**.

ROK & US Terror Suppression Capability Improvement

ROK Army Gold Eagle Troop · US 8TH Military Police Brigade: Actual training against terror

Story, photos courtesy of The Korea Defense Daily

"The invisible enemy," terrorists have been intimidating national security lately. With this mood throughout the world, ROK and U.S Army conducted training very strongly and efficiently for dealing with those problems. On the 26th of June, Gold Eagle Troop conducted combined training against terror in the training field of 201st Special Force Brigade with the SRT of 728th Military Police Battalion of U.S. 8TH Army.

On that day, the training progressed on the assumption that terrorists entered the main building and held people in the building as hostages. The training was focused on maximizing the combined training capability of ROK & US Army. The ROK Special Forces Team and the US SRT showed each other examples of terror suppression. After that, in regular training, they got into the building rapidly with fast rope. They controlled terrorists and rescued the hostages from them with their own skill, which had been trained before, and they completed the mission perfectly. Specially in that training, they used smoke shells, blank ammunitions, and simulation grenades.



A ROK soldier from the 201st SRT repels down the wall during the ROK-U.S joint training

On the other hand, before this training, they made handling capability against terror higher, conducting helicopter rappel, fast rope and squad combat fire training, already organized as one team which was mixed between US and ROKA SRT. This training will be continued on the 27th of June.

In this training, they could check the difference of the tactics against terror between US and the ROK Army, and discussed with each other the solution of problems which might happen in the training as soon as it occurred, so that they made the training effectiveness higher.

Capt. Lamar, who participated in that training, said after the training that countermeasures and tactics against terror was being watched with keen interest all over the world, so in that mood, it was of great value to accomplish the combined training successfully, and that it was a great opportunity for them to experience the ROK Army's excellent capability.



A soldier from the 728th MP Bn is taught a fighting position during the joint training.

8th MP Bde. U.S./KATUSA soldiers show friendship spirit

Story, photos by Pfc. Alex Licea

Ceremonies, outdoor gatherings, sporting events, talent shows and unity summed up the KATUSA/U.S. Friendship Week. The fun-filled week is an annual event held during the month of May designed to expose American soldiers to some Korean culture. However, this year's KATUSA/U.S. Friendship Week reached a new milestone as it signified the 50th anniversary of the alliance between U.S. and Korea.

Both U.S. and KATUSA soldiers assigned to the 8th MP Bde. participated in many of the week's festivities and events. From basketball and volleyball to flag football and Korean wrestling, soldiers from the 8th MP Bde showed their "Watchdog" pride.

"We had maximum participation from a brigade standpoint despite the fact that some of the soldiers were on different missions during the activities," said Master Sgt. Bruce Vinson, operations NCO for S-3, HHC. "I was very pleased with the turn out."

Vinson, along with the rest of his counterparts at the S-3 shop, was responsible for coordinating the brigade's activities during week. "It all took about a month to plan," he said.

The month-long planning consisted of organizing the events, funding the brigade's outdoor luncheon and coordinating with the 34th Support Group.

"The 34th Support Group was overall in charge of the KATUSA/U.S. Friendship Week, and we had to conduct weekly in progress reviews, or IPRs with them to organize and plan for the

the week," said Vinson. "Capt. Heather Stone, Maj. Martin Partridge and I were in charge of making sure it all came together in the end."

The events began on Thursday, May 1st, with a trip to the Namham fortress, a historical Korean attraction. Soldiers from the HHC, 94th MP and Criminal Investigations Division gained new insight into Korea's rich history and culture.

"Learning about the Korean way of life was definitely an eye-opener," said Spc. Brendon Bowen, communications support for HHC. "I was very interested in the different buildings in the fortress and its history throughout the years."

The fortress trip was just the beginning of what the exciting week had to offer.

On Friday, May 2nd the 8th MP Bde hosted a barbeque filled with sporting events, games and

plenty of food.

"I really enjoyed the picnic," said Pfc. Na Kwang Duk, administrative clerk for long range plans. "I had lots of fun playing sports with both U.S. and KATUSA soldiers."

The day concluded with a talent show where the different units performed humorous and ridiculous comical acts.

"I was very proud of the KATUSA soldiers who acted in our part of the talent show," said Sgt. Uhm, Kyung Tae, HHC senior KATUSA. "They have been practicing for a month."

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8th MP Bde. soldiers stand tall during the U.S./KATUSA friendship week opening ceremony

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"The talent show was fabulous," Bowen said. "I enjoyed the Korean comedy which had a slapstick element to it and is something that U.S. soldiers are really not accustomed too," he added.

On Tuesday, May 6th soldiers from the 8th MP Bde were standing tall as 8th U.S. Army commander Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell officially opened KATUSA/U.S. Friendship Week 2003. "The 8th MP Bde represented itself well," said Spc. Grady Bentley, 8th MP Bde. command group.

Wednesday, May 7th saw plenty of rain and some of the events were postponed. Nevertheless, the skies could not dampen the unity between U.S. and KATUSA soldiers during events such as basketball and flag football. "Everyone came together to work as a team," Vinson said.

Friday, May 9th, soldiers from the 8th MP Bde took part in basketball, softball and Korean wrestling.

"Korean wrestling is something I had never done before and I found it very interesting," said Bentley. "I learned a lot and had a lot of fun, and I hope to do it again real soon."

"It was good to see how much team spirit we had during the Korean wrestling event," said Na



1st Sgt. Thomas Sivak, HHC, slammed his opponent during the Korean wrestling competition

At the end of the day, a ceremony was held to close out KATUSA/U.S. Friendship Week 2003. Trophies and medals were handed out for the winning teams in each event. However, the awards came second to what was learned during the week-long activities of friendship and teamwork.

"I feel the unity between U.S. and KATUSA soldiers was accomplished," said Uhm. "I'm very pleased with how everything turned out."

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8th MP Bde. soldiers competed in a basketball game during the friendship week

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8th MP Bde. soldiers display their talent during the U.S./KATUSA friendship week talent show competition



Commander of ROK Army Support Group visits 8th MP Bde.

Story, photo by Pfc. Alex Licea

Col. Kim, Dok Kon, commander of Republic of Korea Army's support group, visited the 8th Military Police Brigade Friday, July 11.

The commander of the ROK Army support group is responsible for overseeing and managing all Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA) soldiers assigned to units in the Eighth United States Army.

Kim's reason for visiting the 8th MP Bde. "Watchdogs" was to gain a greater understanding of the current status and missions of the KATUSA soldiers within the brigade.

"I reported my current status to Col. Kim about the missions and the training exercises throughout the 8th MP Bde," said Maj. Lee, Hang Kyoo, chief officer of RSO. "He knows the importance of the 8th MP Bde's mission throughout the peninsula and realizes how it is one of the largest brigades to have KATUSA soldiers under its command."

One of Kim's concerns during the visit was the use of weapons by KATUSA soldiers. He expressed some concern with KATUSA soldiers using weapons during live-fire exercises and other training events.

"Safety was something that Col. Kim emphasized throughout our meeting," Lee said. "His concerns were any potential accidents among the KATUSA MP soldiers due to the fact many have access to weapons on a regular basis." However, Kim also expressed gratitude to U.S. officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the 8th MP Bde.

"Col. Kim was very thankful to the officers, NCOs and all soldiers of the brigade for the great training they give all KATUSA soldiers," said Lee. "Col. Kim feels it makes all KATUSA soldiers of the 8th MP Bde. not only strong physically but mentally as well."

During his visit, Col. Kim provided Maj. Lee with some additional guidance. "Col Kim wants me to oversee all RSO offices throughout the companies and battalions across Korea to ensure the safety of

"Col. Kim was very thankful to the officers, NCOs and all soldiers of the brigade for the great training they give all KATUSA soldiers."

*Maj. Lee, Hang Kyoo
Chief Officer RSO*

all KATUSA soldiers," he said. "Safety is definitely our biggest issue, and we want to keep the 8th MP Bde accident free when it comes to weapons use." Kim concluded his visit by meeting with Col. Peter M. Champagne, commander of the 8th MP Bde. Champagne gave Kim a warm welcome and presented him with a coin. Kim returned the gesture and presented a coin to Champagne expressing his thanks for the continuous efforts of the 8th MP Bde and the warm welcome he received all through his visit.

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Col. Peter M. Champagne, 8th MP Bde. commander, presents Col. Kim, Dok Kon a 8th MP coin statuette during his visit.

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한국군 지원단장 8헌병여단 방문

Translated to Hangeul by Cpl. Koo, Min-Soo

한국군 지원단장 김덕곤 대령이 7월 11일 금요일에 8헌병여단을 방문했다. 한국군 지원 단장은 미8군에 배속되어 있는 카투사 전원들을 관리하고 감독하는 중책을 맡고 있다. 김덕곤 대령이 8헌병여단을 방문한 이유는 여단에서 복무하는 카투사들의 업무와 현황을 더욱 잘 파악하기 위한 것이었다.

“나는 김덕곤 대령님께 나의 근황과 여단내에서 이루어지는 훈련에 대해 보고 했다. 그는 한반도 전체를 통틀어 8헌병 여단이 가지는 중요성에 대해 잘 알고 있고 또한 본 여단이 소속된 카투사들이 가장 많은 여단중에 하나임을 잘 알고 있다.”

라고 8헌병여단 한국 육군 참모과장 이한규 소령이 말했다. 김덕곤 대령의 관심사는 카투사 병사들의 무기 사용에 대한 것이었다. 그는 카투사 병사들이 실탄 사격이나 다른 훈련에서 무기를 사용할 경우 반드시 주의를 기울일 것을 당부했다. “안전은 김덕곤 대령님께서 회의 내내 강조했던 것이다. 그의 관심은 카투사 헌병들이 무기를 자주 다루게 됨에 따라 일어날 수 있을 만한 사건에 집중되었다.” 이한규 소령의 말이다.

한편 김덕곤 대령은 8헌병여단의 장교와 부사관 병사들에

게 깊은 감사를 표했다. “김덕곤 대령님은 카투사 병사들을 훌륭하게 훈련하고 있는 장교들, 부사관과 병사들에게 감사를 표했다. 그는 또 이러한 점이 여단내 모든 카투사들을 육체적으로 뿐만 아니라 정신적으로도 역시 강하게 만들어주는 것 같다고 말했다.”

역시 이한규 소령이 말했다. 그의 방문 동안, 김덕곤 대령은 이한규 소령에게 몇가지 부가적인 당부를 했다. “김덕곤 대령님은 내게 카투사 병사들의 안전사고 예방을 위해 예하 대대와 중대에 대한 감독을 철저히 하라고 당부했다. 안전이야말로 가장 큰 실천 목표이며 8헌병여단이 무기 사용에 있어서 무사고 부대가 되길 바란다.” 이한규 소령이 그의 말을 대신 전했다.

김덕곤 대령은 여단장 샴페인 대령과 가진 회의를 마지막으로 방문을 마쳤다. 샴페인 대령은 코인을 줌으로써 김덕곤 대령의 방문을 환영했다. 김덕곤 대령도 역시 8헌병여단의 지속적인 노고와 방문내내 받은 환대에 대한 감사의 표시로 코인을 선사했다.



A Prayer For The Troops

*Contributed by Chaplain (Capt.) Bob Marsi,
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Military Police Corps Regimental Prayer

Heavenly Father - We approach You today because You have called us to be a people of prayer. We praise You because You are our Creator, our Redeemer and our Provider.

We acknowledge our great need for You as we fulfill our mission as soldiers. We have been called to serve our nation as Military Police and we are proud of the honored heritage of the Regiment and our motto: Of the Troops and For the Troops.

Whether we are fighting an enemy, securing an area, patrolling the streets, or helping someone in distress, help us, O Lord, to always be men and women of integrity who can be counted on to do the right

thing. Give us the strength to stand for what is right and to oppose those who would do harm to our nation and the people we serve.

May we always be truthful in Word, Deed and Signature, and bring honor through our service to the memory of those in the Regiment who gave the supreme sacrifice for their country. Guide us now, Father, by giving us wisdom and knowledge from on high, that as Military Police we will always be prepared to...

Assist, Protect and Defend – Amen!

Expand Your Knowledge

‘MP History’

The Military Police Corps is one of the youngest branches of the United States Army. It was officially established on 26 September 1941. Its traditions of duty and service are unsurpassed in our armed services.

Soldiers have been performing police duties from the time of the Revolutionary War, when these duties were assigned mainly to a mounted police force called the "troops of the Marechaussee". Soldiers of the Veteran's Reserve Corps and Provost Corps performed military police duties during the Civil War.

MPs served with distinction in the Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, the Korean Conflict, and in Vietnam. As a result of their distinguished service in Vietnam, the Military Police Corps was designated a combat service and support branch of the Army on 14 October 1968.

Since Vietnam, the versatility of the Military Police Corps has made it a "Force of Choice" for use in Low Intensity Conflicts and Operations Other Than War in which our nation has been involved, such as Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada

and Just Cause in Panama. During Operations Desert Shield and Storm, the Military Police provided Area Security, conducted Battlefield Circulation Control, and exercised custody over thousands of Iraqi prisoners.

Since 1991, the Military Police has assisted in restoring hope to Somalia and upholding democracy in Haiti. Military Police are maintaining order in war-torn Bosnia, as well as conducting patrols, operating checkpoints, and conducting investigations in an effort to keep the peace in Kosovo.

At home, they have been busy providing disaster relief, quelling prison unrest, and combating urban riots while still fulfilling their fundamental function of maintaining discipline and security within the Army.

The Military Police Corps has been a very busy organization during the sixty-two years of its existence, and as one of the most deployed branches of the service, it appears that it will remain so for the foreseeable future. The Military Police Corps is indeed a "21st Century Force on the Move".

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The Watchdog Song



Watchdogs lead the way through every night and day
Protect the force and regulate them all
We'll take 'em down again double nickel is a 10
Watchdogs are the greatest force of all

Chorus-

So... go watchdogs mighty watchdogs
Assist protect defend together 'till the end
So... go watchdogs mighty watchdogs
8th MP Brigade will always win

Warfighters rule the night they're prepared to fight
Centurions set the pace forever more
Original warfighters set the standards higher
And Peacekeepers will always guard the shore
Repeat Chorus

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