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The community newsletter for CFAC military, civilians and their families

ROK, U.S. Sailors clean up beach

A total of more than 50 American and Republic of Korea shipmates teamed up in force to help clean up Jinhae Ma-cheon Beach on Friday, July 23rd.

The team worked together to pick up 50 33-gallon bags of trash along the water. According to Mr. K.H. Pak, who helped spearhead the event, volunteer activities like this build strength and comraderie between the two navies.

“By working together, we increase our understanding of each other,” he said.

He added that the spirit of volunteerism knows no cultural boundaries.

“Volunteering to help in the local community is universal,” Mr. Pak

said. “It’s a worldwide trend.”

The massive clean-up effort took hours of coordination between local city officials, the U.S. Navy, and the ROK Navy. Everything from trash bags, gloves, water and ice for the participants, had to be gathered.

Then a clean-up site had to be agreed on, and a good date planned.

However, as this event was but one of several to see the two Navies work side-by-side in the local community, everything came together flawlessly, according to Mr. Pak.

“This was completed in the great tradition of friendship,” he said.



HONOR

Time for Ulchi Focus; welcome our guests

By Cmdr. Francis X. Martin
Commander, Fleet Activities, Chinhae

The major focus in Chinhae for the month of August will be supporting the Ulchi Focus Lens (UFL) Exercise.



The base population will increase by over 300 people and there are ship visits scheduled in Chinhae and Pusan.

LCDR Atwood and PN2 Hubbard will process travel for more than 1,000 exercise participants at the Joint Reception Center (JRC) at the Pusan airport. I want to extend a warm welcome to all UFL exercise participants. Support to the fleet is the primary mission for every member of the CFAC crew!

With all of the preparations for Ulchi Focus Lens (UFL) underway, did you ever wonder why the exercise is named Ulchi?

Ulchi Mundok is the namesake for this exercise that involves thousands of sailors and marines each year.



Ulchi Mundok was a great general from the Koguryo Kingdom who defeated the invading Su armies from China in 612 AD. Although far outnumbered by the invading hordes from the north, Ulchi Mundok was able to defeat them through his superior tactics and tenacity.

During the Korean War (1950-53), the ROK military officers were taught to model themselves after Ulchi to defeat the "invaders from the north."

The Community Relations (COMREL) effort led by **LCDR Malon, Mr. Pak** and **RP1 Hemphill** was an outstanding event. On 23 July, more than 40 Chinhae Sailors and family members joined the crew from Chinhae Naval Base Command (CNBC) to clean up the Chinhae City beach. It was a beautiful day.

USS CORONADO will be joining CFAC and CNBC in COMREL events in late August. A special COMREL in September will be helping with rice harvest.

Volunteering your time is part of being a GOOD NEIGHBOR and experiencing Korea.

Monthly US/ROK Sports days start this month with softball and volleyball competition on 11 August. This is part of ongoing efforts to increase our engagement with our ROK counterparts. CNBC invited the entire USN crew at CFAC to a special festival on 14 August in honor of Admiral Yi Sun Shin's victory at Hansan in 1592. We have 60 sailors and family members going to this festival and we will actually be part of the parade.

Thanks to **OSC Smith**, the

Chinhae Bowling tournament is underway with 8 teams competing for the prizes. The 14-week league will take a break for the UFL exercise, but return in September. Fashion award so far goes to the **Cheeseman/McCarver** team for their colorful shirts and spirit.

Bravo Zulu to **IT1 Davis** from NAVCOMDET for organizing the Surf

and Turf softball tournament on 15-16 July with teams from Seoul (SUSLAK), Camp Humphreys, and Osan. IT1 Davis and all of the First Class Petty Officers did a great job running the concessions stand and raising money for the Navy Ball. The Next softball tournament scheduled for 9-11 October.

The last item I want to discuss is preparation for the September advancement exams. Make the time to study for the upcoming exams.

Getting advanced is an important part of your military responsibilities, so dedicate time EVERY DAY to preparing yourself for a pay raise!!



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COURAGE

Exploring The Peninsula: Things to do while stationed in Chinhae

Submitted by **Dan D. Olson**

Mt. Jirisan National Park

A place with beautiful scenery, Mt. Jirisan National Park was the first to be designated as a national park, in 1967.

It is a mountain range of awesome scale, extending across the three provinces and five cities.

The magnificent mountains and exceptional scenery make this one of the most famous mountains in Korea. 1,915 meters above sea level, Cheonwangbong Peak, considered to be the pillar of heaven is the main peak.

Mt. Jirisan also features Banyabong and Nogodan, and is home to over 10 famous temples. There are more than twenty summits and valleys such as Baemsagol Valley, which are part of Mt. Jirisan Ten[Sceneries].

As this is the location of the most well-preserved virgin forest in Korea and wild life, the majestic and mystical mountain is often viewed with the highest respect. There are many species of animal and plant

life, and as the first place to cultivate tea in Korea, herbal medicine cultivation still flourishes here.

Mt. Jirisan was also where the Buddhist culture prospered, and there are a lot of cultural assets here, such as Silsangsa Temple(National Treasure No.7), Baekjagam and the Three-Story Stone Pagoda (National Treasure No. 26.). These regional cultural assets and the superb sceneries of nature give you a unique taste of local history and culture. The weather is temperamental and only 80~100 days out of the year are clear and sunny, but the mist and fog create rare scenes not found elsewhere.

For more information, and tips on how to get to this fantastic park, contact :Mt.Jirisan National Park Control Office, Tel : +82-55-972-7771 (with bilingual Korean,English service) -Or visit their homepage at:

<http://www.npa.or.kr/chiri/>

The park is open year round.

Meet a Shipmate

Name:

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Hometown:

Independence, MO

When I joined the Navy:

Jan 7, 2004

Why I joined the Navy:

To serve my country and travel

Where I work:

Public Works trouble desk

What I like best

about being in Korea:

The interesting food and the awesome view we have everyday



Photo by YN2 Amy Broadus

COMMITMENT

Meet CFAC's new Ombudsman

By Vicky Rands

Hello everyone. I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself. For those of you who haven't heard, my name is Vicky Rands and I am your new Chinhae Navy Ombudsman. I am thankful to Commander Martin for his appointment and very excited to have this opportunity.

I am not new to the Ombudsman position but this is my first experience being an overseas Ombudsman. I look forward to talking with you all, working with you and helping in any way possible.

My role as Ombudsman is to be the liaison between the families and the Command and to assist with information and referral. If you have any problems or questions, I'm here to help. I won't be able to solve every problem but I'll do what I can and make sure the appropriate people are made aware of the problem/situation.

Everything you tell me is kept strictly confidential unless I have your permission to use what you've told me. Please don't

hesitate to contact me. No problem is too big or too small.

Thanks to Missy (Smith), we have a great "Welcome" program. I look forward to continuing her program and possibly enhancing it. I would like your help with this.

I would like to know what you found extremely helpful/useful in your "Welcome Basket" and if or what you would have preferred in it, or anything you would change. Any comments or suggestions are greatly appreciated. I have a limited budget to spend on each family but I welcome your ideas/suggestions to enhance this program.

We all know that new arrivals don't always arrive at convenient hours. Between jet lag and the commissary schedule, it's not always possible to get things for dinner that first day you arrive. So, I was thinking it would be a nice touch if we could get together as a community and sign up to bake a dessert and dinner for new arrivals and those coming back from hospital stays including those with new babies. You would be asked to make either a dessert or dinner and the frequency would depend on the number of people who sign up and the number of incidents.

Please let me know what you think of this idea and if you are willing to participate.

Also, we had an incident recently that reminded me about our lack of emergency childcare services. We never plan on an emergency happening to us but, unfortunately, they do happen. I was thinking that maybe we could set up our own emergency child care service.

People in our community could volunteer their services to assist families with emergency babysitting so the spouse may be at the hospital. This would be strictly voluntary and you would set the times you were available to help out. If you like this idea, have any comments or suggestions about it or would like further information, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Last, but certainly not least, is the Women's Night Out. This is for all the women of our community whether you have children or not. Even if you're not married, please come and join us. It's always a lot of fun. This month we are planning to take advantage of the MWR trip to San Su Jung Restaurant (Korean Ribs). I was told this place was a lot of fun and we won't regret going. We will leave Duffy's at 1700 on Friday, August 20 and return around 1900. A \$10 deposit is required but you will get that back. Your only expense is your meal which is usually quite inexpensive. If you are interested, please let me know or just go down to MWR and sign up. The more the merrier.

I am going to do my best to put out a monthly newsletter. Any comments or suggestions you have or any contributions you would like to make are always welcome. Please feel free to contact me anytime. I am always here to help. You can reach me by phone at:
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Hope to see you all soon. Take care!

Fond farewell to outgoing CFAC Ombudsman

COMFLEACT Chinhae, CDR Francis X. Martin, thanks outgoing command ombudsman Missy Smith for her dedicated service. Mrs. Smith held the position for two years.



Photo by YN2 Amy Broadus

EXCELLENCE

CFAC Command Priorities (3 August)

FLEET SUPPORT and UFL PREPARATION (inside 20 days to COMEX)

1. Identify FLEET SUPPORT and DV requirements and execute plan to provide life support for 300+ UFL exercise participants.
2. Incorporate lessons learned during RSOI concerning JRC operations, TPFFD force flow, and EOC watch standing to support OPLANs.

+++++++ Execution of FLEET SUPPORT comes first ++++++

REGIONALIZATION

1. Understand business costs to run the base and try to reduce those costs EVERYDAY.
2. Execute FY04 budget smartly (Measure **Burn Rate vs. priorities**)
3. Pursue Fire MOU with CNBC and follow up on the USFK Fire Risk Assessment.
4. Energize Regional Safety Program to reduce preventable MISHAPS.

MWR STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN

1. Develop business plan to support CNI APF FY05 funding level.
2. Start transition to User Fees in a logical and prioritized fashion.
3. Expand catering business at Turtle Cove.

ADMIN PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

1. Prepare to support COMPACFLT Manpower recommendations to cut MILPERS and hire Korean CIVPERS to accomplish the armistice and contingency missions at CFAC.
2. Complete development of Required Schools listing and update BUPERS billet specialty training (BST). Maximize pipeline training for every prospective gain.
3. Implement ATOS and closely manage TAD requests to ensure maximum value. Trip reports are expected follow every major TDY assignment.

ROK ENGAGEMENT PLAN

1. Develop plan and schedule for ROK engagement events (especially with Union).

FUTURE OF CFAC

1. Review CTF 778 Organization changes / Relocation plan.
2. Support Zoning Land Use Facilities Plan (ZLULF) and Utilities Studies by Belt Collins.
3. Maintain close communication with CO Camp Hialeah concerning early closure.

THINGS WE DO EVERY DAY

- Prioritize – sometimes - choosing what not to do is the key!
- Customer service to crew, families, tenants and community.
- Listen to our sailors and community and act quickly to solve potential problems.
- Try not to miss an opportunity to celebrate the success of our sailors!
- **Track progress to achieving CFAC Goal Card expectations.**



MA1 Douglas Dreher (at left) cuts his re-enlistment cake with re-enlisting officer LCDR Heinz Malon during a ceremony on August 2nd. Dreher re-enlisted for 4 years. Photo by YN2 Amy Broadus

Fleet Activities Chinhae - GOAL CARD

1. Become a CBR-D Warrior - READY TO FIGHT TONIGHT!

- Qualify as Rifle and Pistol Marksman.
- Learn to use Individual Protective Equipment for safety and CBR-D readiness.
- Seek Auxiliary Security Force (ASF) and Auxiliary Medical Force (AMF) qualifications.

2. Achieve High Level of Physical Fitness - Critical to Readiness!

- Exercise three times a week.
- Pass the BCA/PFA and plan to improve on your next PFA.
- Maintain medical and dental readiness.

3. Prepare for a Pay Raise Every Day!

- Advancement is part of your Military responsibility.
- Schedule one hour every day to prepare for advancement.

4. Pursue Advanced Education!

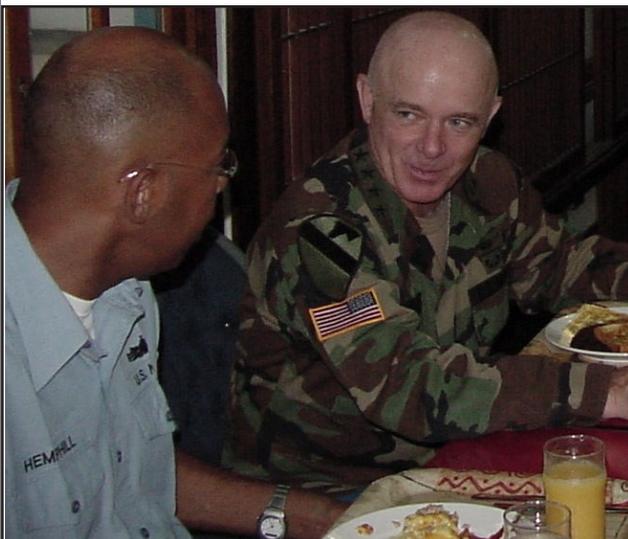
- Complete 12 units of college courses towards a degree (AA or BA).
- Update your Electronic Training Record and 5 Vector Model.

5. Be a Good Neighbor and Experience Korea!

- Learn about Korea and Asia.
- Participate in culturally enriching MWR tours once a month.
- Volunteer for Community Relations projects once a quarter.

6. Practice Navy core values: **Honor, Courage, Commitment.**

- Use Operational Risk Management in your daily life.
- Follow USFK Curfew and Buddy System. Remain sober if you are of age to drink alcohol, and do not drink, if you are not of age (20 yrs old).
- Act quickly to solve potential problems in an honest and direct manner.
- Practice sexual responsibility.
- Take time to celebrate the success of your shipmates.
- Follow the SAILOR'S CREED - Remain **committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all.**



RP1(SW) Alvarez Hemphill chats with Commander, U.S. Forces Korea, Gen. Leon LaPorte, during breakfast at the CFAC galley on July 12th. This was the first visit by USFK in more than two years. After breakfast, General LaPorte attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony on the brand new CFAC driving range.

Photo by YN2 Amy Broadus