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DECEMBER'S SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

ACTING POTROK VISITS CFC HQ (16 DEC)

The ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command welcomed South Korean Acting President and Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn for a series of briefings at the CFC headquarters on Dec. 16.



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The Acting President received briefings on all three commands: CFC, UNC, and USFK. The hour-long visit marked his first as the Acting President and underscored the continued support of the Republic of Korea to the ROK-U.S. Alliance.

U.S., ROK Navies Conduct Working Group to Strengthen Anti-Submarine Warfare (1-2 Dec)

U.S. and Republic of Korea (ROK) Navy leaders met in Busan to discuss ways in which both navies can improve anti-submarine warfare (ASW) capabilities.

"Submarine warfare is a known threat not just to the ROK but to the region," said Rear Adm. Kim Jong-il, the deputy commander of ROK Fleet. "This working group is important because the U.S. and ROK navies must continue to work together in strengthening our ASW capabilities."

Rear Adm. Brad Cooper, commander of CNFK and working group co-chair, echoed Rear Adm. Kim's sentiment and emphasized the importance of the working group. "The threat of submarine warfare is real...the effort and attention we put into this working group will benefit the security of the region," said Rear Adm. Cooper.

EIGHTH ARMY-TROKA FALL FESTIVAL (2 DEC)

Eighth Army and Third Republic of Korea Army leaders and their spouses participated in the annual Eighth Army-TROKA Fall Festival at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, Dec. 2.



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The festival is intended to enhance the combined operation capabilities and strengthen the Alliance between the two units through static displays, site tours, briefings, and team-building activities.

66th Armor Regiment Reunited with ROK 26th Tank Battalion (9 Dec)

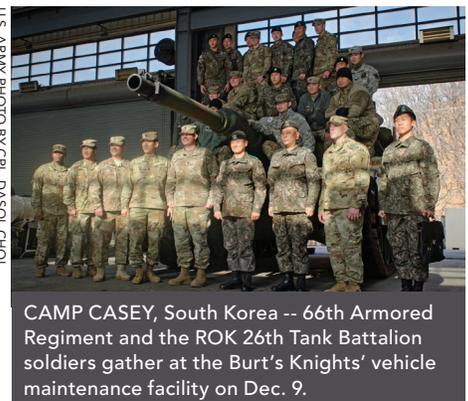
More than 60 years since fighting together during the Korean War, the ROK 26th Tank Battalion once again finds itself serving alongside the 66th Armor Regiment in defense of the ROK. The regiment's 3rd Battalion is on a nine-month rotation to South Korea with the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

In order to recall these units' history together, build a stronger partnership, and develop a fight-tonight readiness in South Korea, the commanders of two battalions signed a partnership agreement at Camp Casey, December 9.

It is a great honor to partner with the 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, whom our ancestors fought in blood with," said ROK Army Lt. Col. Park Sung Ho, battalion commander to the 26th Tank Battalion. "I hope both battalions to grow into the strongest Armor battalions by developing a strong alliance and sharing our combat experiences."

"The partnership is the most important thing that we do here," said Lt. Col. Matthew Garner, the commander of 3-66 AR. "Because they have to trust us, and we have to trust them."

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CAMP CASEY, South Korea -- 66th Armored Regiment and the ROK 26th Tank Battalion soldiers gather at the Burt's Knights' vehicle maintenance facility on Dec. 9.

DECEMBER'S KEY VISITORS

We are honored to welcome Distinguished Visitors to learn about the Command, our mission, our people, and to exchange ideas.

- Hon. Hwang, Kyo-ahn, ROK Prime Minister (Acting President, ROK)
- Amb. James Choi, Australian Ambassador to the ROK
- Sen. James Lankford (R-OK), Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
- Rep. Peter Sessions (R-TX), Chairman, House Rules Committee
- Rep. Paul Cook (R-CA-8), House Armed Service and Foreign Affairs Committees
- Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI-1), Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Rep. William Keating (D-MA-9), Foreign Affairs Committee
- Rep. Pat Meehan (R-PA-7), Committee on Homeland Security
- Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA), House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
- Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK-2), House Energy and Commerce Committee
- Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA-4), Agriculture Committee
- ADM(R) Jonathan Greenert, former Chief of Naval Operations, John M. Shalikashvili Chair in National Security Studies, National Bureau of Asian Research
- Ms. Kelly Magsamen, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Public Security Affairs
- Amb. Joseph Yun, Special Rep. for NK Policy/Deputy Assistant Sec. of State