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THREE COMMANDS IN KOREA

- United Nations Command (UNC) integrates 17 Sending States in maintaining the Armistice to provide stability in Korea.
- ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command (CFC) is the bilateral Alliance warfighting headquarters.
- U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) is the U.S. joint command under Pacific Command.

APRIL'S SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

UNC/CFC/USFK Holds Change of Command (April 30)



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Army Gen. Vincent K. Brooks takes the U.S. Forces Korea colors from Navy ADM Harry B. Harris, the Commander of U.S. Pacific Command, during a change of command ceremony in which Brooks took command of UNC, CFC, and USFK, Yongsan Army Garrison, Seoul, South Korea, April 30, 2016.

Leadership of UNC, CFC, and USFK changed hands Apr. 30 during a change of command ceremony at the Command's headquarters. Incoming Commander Gen. Vincent K. Brooks assumed command, replacing Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, who has served as Commander since October 2013.

Gen. Brooks previously served as the Commander, U.S. Army Pacific, in Hawaii. Upon his nomination in March

to lead UNC/CFC/USFK, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said of Brooks, "As an operational leader in multiple theaters including the Korean Peninsula, the Balkans, and the Middle East, Gen. Brooks has developed a keen appreciation for the responsibilities of command and the importance of partnerships as a force multiplier."

"In the present day, the challenges continue to rise, but so does the strength of this Alliance and the resolve of the United Nations ... I will ensure that we are always ready to fight tonight."

~ General Vincent K. Brooks, UNC/CFC/USFK Commander

Gen. Scaparrotti has been confirmed by the Senate as the next Commander, U.S. European Command (EUCOM) and Supreme Allied Commander in Europe. Upon his nomination in March, Secretary Carter said, "Gen. Scaparrotti's proven leadership over the course of several difficult assignments will serve him well in this critical command," adding that during his time in Korea, he "further demonstrated his excellence as a soldier-statesman."

"It's been my great honor to serve in UNC, CFC, and USFK ... We have been tested, and proved vigilant, strong, and ready ... The Alliance today is stronger than ever."

~ General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, U.S. Army

Command Sgt. Maj. Steven L. Payton also assumed responsibility as the UNC/CFC/USFK Command Sergeant Major on April 30 from his last assignment as the Sergeant Major of the Army G-3/5/7 (Operations and Plans), in Washington, DC.

Sgt. Major of the Army Daniel Dailey Visits Command (April 5-8)

Sgt. Major of the Army (SMA) Daniel Dailey's visit to Korea was the first time he had seen Camp Casey and the city of Dongducheon since being assigned there in 1996 as a Staff Sergeant in 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment.

"It's a place that made us strong and ready because we trained every single day," he said.

Though Korea has seen vast changes since he last set foot in South Korea, Dailey said that the emphasis on readiness in Korea and throughout the Army remains the same.

"I got the skills to be a great non-commissioned officer here because I was focused," he said. In Korea, "you're laser focused because you know what's happening just north of you."

SMA Dailey's battalion commander at the time was then-Lt. Col. Vincent Brooks, the new UNC/CFC/USFK Commander.

USO Korea Hosts 45th Annual Six Star Salute (April 14-15)

This is a special two-day event where the honorary rank of "Six Star" is awarded to 80 junior enlisted personnel from the Republic of Korea, the United States, and United Nations Command in recognition of their selfless dedication and devotion in defense of liberty. The event was initiated in 1970 by a group of Korean and American civic leaders who wished to express their gratitude to members of the armed forces serving throughout Korea.

APRIL'S KEY VISITORS

We are honored to welcome Distinguished Visitors to learn about the Command, our mission, our people, and to exchange ideas. These were the most senior visitors in April:

- Gen. Paul J. Selva, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- ADM Harry B. Harris, Jr., Commander, U.S. Pacific Command
- Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, Deputy Secretary of Energy
- Vice Admiral Thomas Rowden, Commander, Surface Forces, Pacific Fleet
- LTG(R) Michael Linnington, Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)
- UNC Sending State Ambassadors in a monthly roundtable discussion
- Sgt. Major of the Army Daniel Daily

OFF DUTY KOREA

Spring rolls on in Korea! There are Korean professional baseball games and many spring festivals such as the Lotus Lantern Festival in Seoul, and the Boseong Green Tea and Damyang Bamboo Festivals in South Jeolla Province.