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WELCOME

Welcome to the inaugural edition of UNC/CFC/USFK's monthly newsletter which will regularly update you on the latest developments from Freedom's Frontier in Korea.

~ COL Steve Lee
Director of Strategic Communication

UNC/CFC/USFK COMMANDER'S PRIORITIES

1. Sustain and Strengthen the Alliance
2. Maintain the Armistice. Be Ready to "Fight Tonight" to Deter and Defeat Aggression.
3. Transform the Alliance
4. Sustain the Force and Enhance the UNC/CFC/USFK Team

THIS MONTH'S SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

29 June – 9 July: Combined Joint Logistics Over-Shore (CJLOTS) Exercise

This exercise trains ROK-U.S. Service Members on how to accomplish vital logistical measures in an area with strategic access to Seoul. CJLOTS will have 1,700 total personnel participating in the exercise.



CJLOTS 2015 demonstrates the ROK and U.S. ability to transfer solid and

liquid cargo from the sea to the shore and aims to improve logistics interoperability, communication, and cooperation between the U.S. and ROK Navies.



27 July: Armistice Ceremony
62 years ago in Panmunjom, GEN Mark W. Clark, Commander, UNC, and General Nam Il, senior delegate for the Korean People's Army and the Chinese Volunteers, signed the tri-language Korean Armistice Agreement. It was the longest negotiated armistice in history: 158 meetings spread over two years and 17 days.

"Maintaining the Armistice does not come free - time, effort, resources, and particularly the lives of UN Service Members (which include forces from the U.S., ROK, and 17 other Sending States) are dedicated to defending the Republic of Korea."

~ Lt. Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Deputy Commander UNC/USFK

On 27 July, 2015, the Command participated in the Armistice Agreement Commemoration Ceremony as we honored the sacrifices of those who fought defending freedom and liberty during the Korean War. The Command remains resolute in carrying out the terms of the Armistice Agreement each day.

THIS MONTH'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 July:

- Mr. Abraham Denmark, Department of Defense, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia
- Congressional Delegation: Senator Joe Donnelly (Democrat-Indiana)
- Mr. Terry Halverson, U.S. Department of Defense, Chief Information Officer
- Air Vice Marshal Saisak Kanpachai, Director of Peace Operations Center Royal Thai Armed Forces HQ
- Admiral Scott Swift, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet
- Staff Delegation: Mr. Cornell Teague, House Appropriations Committee, Defense Subcommittee, Professional Staff Member
- UNC Sending State Ambassadors in a monthly roundtable discussion

OFF DUTY KOREA

The Boryeong Mud Festival is an annual festival which takes place during the summer in Boryeong, a town near Kunsan Air Base. The Mud Festival attracts over two million visitors annually and is popular with Korea's local and foreign young population. The festival this year ran from 17 to 26 July. Attractions include mud pools, mud slides, and mud skiing competitions. The festival closes with a large fireworks display.



COMING NEXT MONTH

In August, the Command will participate in ULCHI FREEDOM GUARDIAN (UFG). UFG is an annual training exercise to ensure readiness to defend South Korea against the North Korean threat and strengthen the ROK-U.S. Alliance and UNC Sending States participation.

It's also back to school for our great Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) in Korea.