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## UNC/CFC/USFK COMMANDER'S PRIORITIES

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

## JUNE'S SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES UNC/CFC/USFK Commander meets South Korean President Park Geun-hye (June 15)

President Park congratulated Gen. Vincent K. Brooks on his appointment and asked that he work closely with commanders of the ROK Armed Forces to further solidify the ROK-U.S. Alliance. She emphasized that Korea and the United States should continue to deepen policy coordination and maintain the unequivocal principle of prioritizing North Korea's denuclearization.

General Brooks stated that the threat from the North should never be underestimated, and that he would support



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President Park Geun-hye welcomes U.S. Army Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, the new Commander of the ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command, to Cheong Wa Dae, June 15, 2016.

President Park's North Korea policy by strengthening cooperation within the Combined Forces Command, and with his Korean counterparts.

President Park said she hoped that Korean and American soldiers would form a great team with strong camaraderie, maintaining the two countries' robust and combined readiness, so that the Korean public would have a firm sense of security.

## UNC conducts Armistice enforcement operations in the Han River Estuary (June 10)

Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, Commander, United Nations Command, in accordance with his responsibilities under the Armistice Agreement, authorized a UNC operation to secure the Han River Estuary from the unauthorized entry of fishermen into a military controlled area, beginning June 10.

The operation was executed by Republic of Korea forces (the Republic of Korea is a member of UNC), and was monitored by members of the UNC Military Armistice Commission.

**"United Nations Command takes its responsibility to maintain the Armistice very seriously. We had a responsibility to act and we are doing that."**

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

## USS *Mississippi* arrives in South Korea (June 13)

The USS *Mississippi* Virginia-class attack submarine arrived at Busan on June 13, as part of its maiden voyage. The visit allowed the sub's 141 sailors a chance to contact loved ones at home and visit Korea after several weeks at sea.

The Pearl Harbor-based *Mississippi*, one of the most advanced submarines in the world, is equipped with torpedoes and Tomahawk cruise missiles. Commissioned in 2012, it's more than 360-feet-long and displaces about 7,000 tons.

The submarine engaged in a joint exercise with South Korean forces while in the region. "The *Mississippi's* visit is essential to the strengthening and broadening of the U.S. and Republic

## 66TH COMMEMORATION OF THE START OF THE KOREAN WAR

Rear Adm. Bill Byrne, the commander of U.S. Naval Forces Korea, speaks below at the 66th commemoration of the start of the Korean War. Byrne represented the UNC at the event, held in Busan at the UN National Memorial Park on June 25. "We are here today to honor our many fallen, for on this hallowed ground lay more than 2,000 brave men and women who defended, fought, and died for the Republic of Korea," said Byrne.



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of Korea's bilateral relationship, while expanding the existing strong Navy-to-Navy bond," U.S. Submarine Group Seven said in a statement.

## JUNE'S KEY VISITORS

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

- Rep. Frederik Stephen Upton (R-MI)
- Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ)
- Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA)
- Rep. Edward Whitfield (R-KY)
- Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL)
- Rep. John Larson (D-CT)
- Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR)
- Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX)
- Rep. Bill Flores (R-TX)
- Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-VA)
- Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA)
- Thomas Lehmann, Danish Ambassador to the ROK
- Ms. Miranda Ballantine, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, IEP
- Adm. Scott Swift, Commander, Pacific Fleet
- Dr. David Hassell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, CBD
- Ms. Beth McCormick, Director, DTSA
- Mr. Joseph Jeu, Director, Defense Commissary Agency