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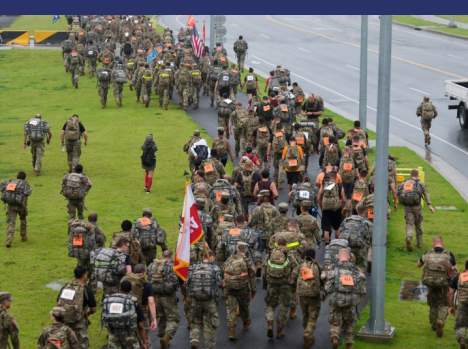
Sep 7: Seoul Defense Dialogue 2019 in Seoul. Theme was “Building Peace Together: Challenges and Vision.”

Sep 10: North Korea test fired two KN-25 “super large” guided rockets from Kaechon, 80 km north of Pyongyang. Both projectiles reportedly flew 330 km.

Sep 19: 1st Anniversary of the Pyongyang Declaration and the North-South Comprehensive Military Agreement.

Sep 23: 9th Summit between U.S. President Trump and ROK President Moon at the UN General Assembly meeting. They discussed ways to make headway in working-level nuclear talks between Pyongyang and Washington. They reaffirmed the principle of avoiding hostile acts against Pyongyang and helping it move toward a denuclearized future.

Sep 26-27: 16th Korea-U.S. Integrated Defense Dialogue (KIDD) discussed key Alliance issues including the transition of wartime operational control (OPCON) and defense cost sharing.



A MEMBER'S WELCOME

KDVA is available to veterans, currently serving defense personnel, and people who care about the ROK-U.S. Alliance. I am very proud to be a part of this organization and invite all enlisted Service Members who are eligible to join our cause to enhance and support one of the great alliances in the world!

~ Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Troy Welch, KDVA Member since 2019

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

On September 20th at the Korean Cultural Center in Washington, KDVA conducted its quarterly Meet & Greet. Our biggest crowd gathered to catch up, network, and thank our Korean War veterans. ROK Ambassador Cho Yoon-ye thanked the KDVA for its support to the ROK Embassy and the ROK-U.S. Alliance. General Sharp provided an update on Alliance topics stressing the continued need for a strong Alliance, especially as we work on wartime OPCON transition and the Special Measures Agreement.



Over 150 guests attended the **2019 KDVA Education Conference and Dinner for Junior Service Members** in USAG Humphreys on September 19th. The keynote speaker, Mr. James Kim (Chairman and CEO of AMCHAM), highlighted his three pillars of the ROK-U.S. Alliance: Service Members in Korea, KORUS FTA, and cultural ties (people to-people partnership).



Chuseok is a very important holiday in Korea, and for the ROK Service Members in South Korea's four overseas units (Hanbit, Dongmyeong, Akh, and Cheonghae), Chuseok is especially meaningful. At the Chuseok event held by the Hanbit unit, the children of Nuer (in South Sudan) watched a taekwondo demonstration and enjoyed yutnori (a traditional Korean game) and kite-flying. The Hanbit unit established a clinic and medical booth to conduct health checks for the children. Soldiers also presented them with Chuseok gifts, including school supplies and shoes. Facebook followers said: “Thank you for your service.” “God bless you and be with you.”



At the ninth annual **9/11 Memorial Ruck March at Camp Humphreys**, 500 people signed up for the 9.11-mile memorial ruck. “This was probably a relatively small event here on Camp Humphreys when it first started nine years ago,” said Capt. Anthony Friday, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 304th Expeditionary Signal Battalion. “As Camp Humphreys has continued to grow and become the largest overseas post in the world, the event has just continued to grow exponentially with it.”

Facebook follower: “We feel it in our hearts. Thank you.”

UPCOMING EVENTS /

- Oct 1:** ROK Armed Forces Day
- Oct 3:** ROK National Foundation Day
- Oct 9:** ROK Hangeul Day
- Oct 13:** Army Ten Miler, USFK Team sponsored by KDVA
- Oct 14:** U.S. Columbus Day
- Oct 14:** Sejong Society- KDVA Forum
- Oct 14-16:** 2019 AUSA Annual Meeting & Exposition
- Oct 15-20:** Seoul ADEX 2019 (Seoul International Aerospace & Defense Exhibition)
- Oct 15-17:** KDVA key leader meetings with ROK business leaders and the ROK Army Association
- Oct 17:** Alliance Partnership Dinner in Seoul

OUR PEOPLE ...



Mr. Anthony Grant stopped by the USO Walker Center in Daegu, ROK to enjoy some chicken nachos with his great, great, great nephew. Mr Grant is 99 years young, and he served for 20.5 years in the Quartermaster Corps during WWII and the Korean War. After his Military service, Mr. Grant continued to serve the Military Community by working for the Defense Commissary Agency for 25 years. The USO Team thanked him for talking with the staff and patrons about his time in Korea.

Facebook follower: “Thank you for serving Mr. Anthony Grant. A True Legend!”