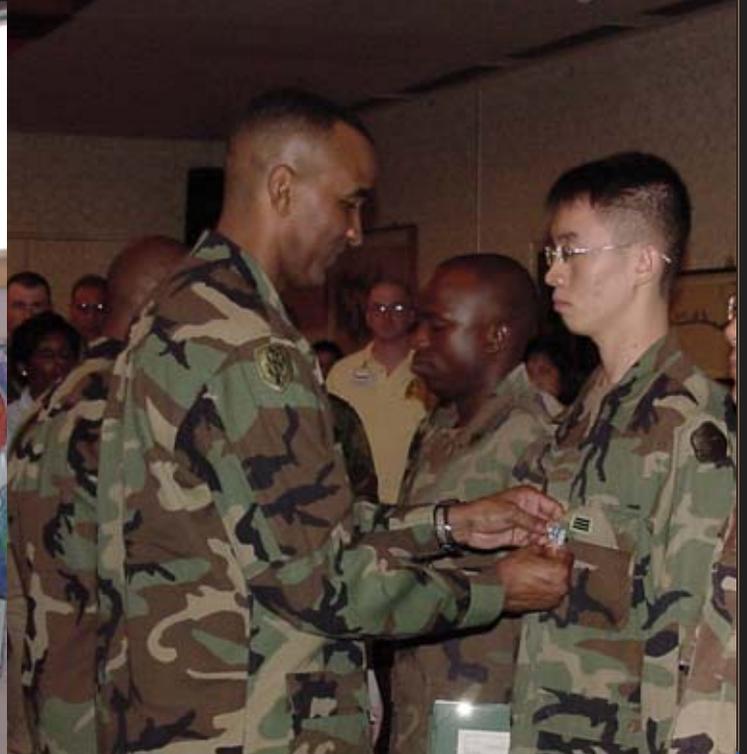


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NCO, soldier & KATUSA**

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**Maj. Gen.
Jeanette Edmunds**

Team 19!

Greetings to all UFL '03 participants! Welcome to the land of the Morning Calm.

Many of you have participated in exercises in Korea before and understand the unique environment we train in.

For some, this may be your first time in the Republic of Korea. Please be conscious of Korea-specific rules and regulations.

The UFL '03 exercise will be a complex, challenging training opportunity. Every soldier, civilian and Korean National employee has an integral part to play in our mission.

In order to "Fight Tonight," we must continue to push the envelope on leveraging technology to our advantage and train to approved Army standards.

That said, I am eagerly looking forward to UFL '03. With our Command Post renovations and new technology, we should be able to excel. We must take advantage of this tremendous training opportunity, actively seeking out ways to improve our overall combat readiness.

As always, safety is paramount in training. Our goal for UFL '03 is no training-related accidents or injuries.

Accomplishing this requires everyone's involvement and is non-negotiable. We have a responsibility to our soldiers and civilians to create a safe, realistic training environment.

UFL '03 is a great opportunity to train on our wartime mission. We must do it right from the beginning! This is a very busy time of year.

Units will deploy to various strategic locations for the exercise, and our country continues to lead the fight on world terrorism. By training safely, to standard, and remaining vigilant, we will always accomplish our mission.

Have a safe, challenging exercise. Remember: Leadership equals taking care of soldiers.
Team 19!



**Command Sgt. Maj.
Larry C. Taylor**

Team 19!

It is an honor and a privilege to serve such a fine organization. My predecessors, CSM Welch and SGM Swain, set high standards. We will continue at that high level for UFL '03.

This is a heavy rotation period. Like me, many of you are new to the organization and new to Korea.

That said, many of us are not new to the Army.

We will have many soldiers, active duty and reservists, deployed to the peninsula for the exercise. I encourage everyone to work together, focusing on the accomplishment of the mission. In doing so, we will take care of the deployed soldiers by integrating them and keeping them involved in all aspects of our UFL mission. We also will ensure they are informed about

regulations and policies here in Korea that they may not be familiar with. Take care of soldiers!

We must always remember the importance of this exercise. We train as we fight, and we fight as we train.

We also should serve as a sponsor and host by showing them the Korean culture and introducing them to the wonderful people here.

For many deployed service members, this will be their only opportunity to experience the "Land of the Morning Calm."

On another note, there has been an increase of demonstrations throughout Korea. We should not let those actions deter us from continuing our fine relationship with our Korean hosts.

I encourage everyone to be cognizant of all regulations and policies. Numerous disciplinary actions could have been avoided with a little more mentoring. Soldiering is serious business.

Again, thank you all for welcoming me here. I look forward to working for and with you all.
Team 19!

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'Winning Team' salutes new commander



Col. Charles J. Toomey receives the MSC-K unit flag from Maj. Gen. Jeanette K. Edmunds.

Story and photo by Pfc. Han, Won-Jong

The U.S. Materiel Support Center-Korea Change of Command ceremony was held at Camp Carroll recently.

The passing of the colors from the outgoing commander, Col. Kevin M. Smith, to the incoming commander, Col. Charles J. Toomey, is significant in many ways. The tradition is symbolic of the transfer of command responsibility from one leader to another.

In the ceremony, Smith received the colors from Sgt. Maj. John Swain and then passed them to Maj. Gen. Jeanette Edmunds, the 19th Theater Support commander. The passing of the colors was his last official act as the unit commander and symbolized the relinquishment of his command.

After Toomey received the colors and assumed command of MSC-K, the unit colors were returned to Swain which demonstrates the commander's trust and confidence in the Noncommissioned Officer Corps.

"All members of MSC-K continue their pursuit of excellence and uphold MSC-K to be the 'Home of the Winning Team.' Today MSC-K remains stronger and more integrated than ever. I am confident that this Winning Team will continue right where it left off; and with Col. Toomey's care and leadership, find new heights of logistics excellence," said Smith.

Commissioned as a Quartermaster Officer in 1980 from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, Toomey is a graduate of the Quartermaster Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the Combined Armed Services and Staff School, and the Command and General Staff College. His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Unit Commendation Medal, and the Air Assault Badge.

In her remarks, Edmunds said, "We honor the military tradition of the Change of Command and mark the 31st Change of

Command in the history of Material Support Center-Korea. Today Team 19 says farewell to one of the best commanders and one of the best commanding teams I have ever had the pleasure of working with.

"As a commander of MSC-K and one of the primary U.S. Army ambassadors, Smith's accomplishments are both enormous and everlasting. Some are good at leading, some are good at administrating, and others are good at war fighting or technical skills. Kevin has all four. Throughout his tenure, Smith has proven to be truly inexhaustible and totally committed to every aspect of service as a member of the ROK-U.S. alliance."

Smith was the first U.S. officer ever to be awarded the Korean Veteran Meritorious Achievement Medal by the Korean Veteran's Association for his support of the ROK-U.S. alliance.

"He has implemented a tremendous series of improvements for our theater-level logistic capability and readiness. Repair crisis time is down. Inventory methods are improved. War reserve stocks are easier to issue. Our Korean counterparts are more satisfied with our ability to hand off assets, and our technical work forces are better trained," said Edmunds.

Edmunds, Chilgok County Governor Sangbo Pae, Police Chief Hwandu Pak and Local Assembly Chairman Changki Pak, many other officers, soldiers, and family members from MSC-K took part in the ceremony. Also, 8th U.S. Army Band, the 20th Support Group Color Guard, and the 6th and 37th KSC Companies showed their support.

"MSC-K is manned by the most dedicated professional logisticians," said Toomey. Their positive attitude and persistence give new levels of excellence to the organization. I can't tell you enough how proud I am to be given the opportunity to command this unit, whose reputation is second to no other. I accept the tremendous responsibility to represent this command with the utmost pride. Our mission continues to be not one of promoting war, but preserving peace. To the MSC-K workforce, I look forward to our working together and the many challenges ahead!"

Team 19 welcomes new top enlisted soldier



Command Sgt. Maj. Larry C. Taylor assumes command as the top enlisted soldier of the 19th Theater Support Command.

Story by Master Sgt. Anthony L. Reed

Photo by Pfc. Han, Won-Jong

“Follow me.”

These are complicated, but simple words of instruction from someone inclined to lead.

The 19th Theater Support Command recently welcomed its new top enlisted soldier, Command Sgt. Maj. Larry C. Taylor, in a Change of Responsibility ceremony held at the unit’s headquarters on Camp Henry.

Taylor has been a noncommissioned officer 22 of the 25 years he has been a soldier. He has been a command sergeant major five years.

“I am a command sergeant major, noncommissioned officer and soldier,” Taylor stated. “It doesn’t matter what order you put it in, as long as you include all three titles.”

Taylor enlisted in the U.S. Army as an artillery cannon crewman. “Artillery taught me how to be a soldier,” he said. “Teamwork and trusting other soldiers are important when shooting rounds downrange. I went from corporal to staff sergeant on the gun line. A Squad Leader in charge of people – that’s what it’s all about.”

He later became a nuclear weapons technician and ammunition specialist.

Taylor has served in a variety of leadership

positions, including assistant gunner, squad leader, small group leader, platoon sergeant, drill sergeant, senior drill sergeant, branch chief for the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, first sergeant for two ordnance companies, NCO Academy command sergeant major, and most recently as 59th Ordnance Brigade command sergeant major.

His military education includes Field Artillery School, Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Courses, First Sergeant Course, Drill Sergeant School, Instructor Training Course and the Sergeants Major Academy.

Taylor’s awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (fourth oak leaf cluster), Army Commendation Medal (fifth oak leaf cluster) and the Army Achievement Medal (seventh oak leaf cluster).

He was inducted into the prestigious Sergeant Morales Club and the Order of Saint Barbara. He is also a recipient of the Ordnance Corps Order of Samuel L. Sharpe.

His assignments include positions at Fort Sill, Okla.; Bad Kitzengen, Germany; Redstone Arsenal, Ala.; Miesau, Germany; Fort Bliss, Texas; Longaire, Italy and Tazar, Hungary in support of Operation Joint Endeavor.

This is Taylor’s first tour in Korea. He is joined on this tour, and in life, with his wife, Crystal, a master sergeant and supply NCO.

She has been in the Army 21 years and presently is assigned as the NCOIC for CP Oscar on Camp Walker for Eighth Army.

“This is all new to me here in Korea,” she said. “There will be a lot of adjustments, but I anticipate no problems being the wife of the 19th TSC command sergeant major and being a senior noncommissioned officer.”

Crystal said she feels partly responsible for her husband’s new position. “Originally, I came here unaccompanied. This was only the second time, not counting when he went to the Sergeants Major Academy, we would have been separated during our military careers. I think me coming here motivated him even more,” she mused. “I am very happy for and proud of him.”

The couple has a son who followed in his parents’ footsteps. He is a private first class, assigned at Fort Bliss, Texas. His unit recently returned from a deployment in Iraq.

Taylor’s positions and assignments played a key role in him being selected as Team 19’s top enlisted soldier.

“I chose him (Taylor) because he has a tremendous background in training soldiers,” said Maj. Gen. Jeannette Edmunds, commanding general, 19th TSC. “He believes in leading by example. After I interviewed him and heard the endorsements from those he has worked with in the past, I knew he’d do a great job for our soldiers and noncommissioned officers.”

The commanding general said she values the experience Taylor has in leadership positions (as a first sergeant and command sergeant major). The training environment experiences he brings to the position as Team 19’s command sergeant major are unique qualities.

Taylor said he believes soldiers should not decide on a job unless they really want it. “After an intense interview with the CG, it made me want this job even more,” he explained. “I felt like it was important, not just for my career, but for Team 19 and for the U.S. Army. Every command sergeant major has the same responsibilities, but at different levels. This position is much bigger than I am. Simply put, I am mindful that I am not a transient in a position. I am here to serve, not be served. If a decision needs to be made which could possibly jeopardize the integrity and values of this position, I will choose to keep this position intact. Again, this position is much bigger than I am.”

“Soldiering is serious business,” the new Team 19 top enlisted said. “I am a representation of all the NCOs and soldiers who trained and served with me. That is what motivates me to be the command sergeant major, NCO and soldier I am today. I want to be a mentor. If you have any doubts as to what a soldier should look like, look at me. I’m the model. Follow me.”

501st Corps Support Group wins Philip A. Connelly Awards Field Kitchen Category



Warrant Officer Atelano Villon, a judge for this year's Philip A. Connelly Award competition, inspects lunch preparation at the 501st Corps Support Group's mobile kitchen trailer.

By Steve Davis Area III Public Affairs Office

When the 501st Corps Support Group won the best field mess category in this year's 8th Army and Installation Management Agency-Korea Region-level Philip A. Connelly Award competition, more was at stake than something shiny for the unit trophy case. Soldier development and the confidence of soldiers in their leaders also were on the line.

"Winning the Philip A. Connelly competition shows our unit has met and exceeded the Army standards in field food service operations," said Master Sgt. Doris B. Pegram, 501st CSG food service supervisor. "It also shows soldiers and leaders are learning the highest standards and our soldiers are receiving the best field feeding."

The Department of the Army and the International Food Service Executives Association established the Philip A. Connelly Awards Program in 1968 in honor of the late Philip A. Connelly, a former president of the organization. The award is designed to recognize the best in garrison and field dining facilities in the Army and to improve food service operations.

According to Warrant Officer Atelano Villon, an IMA-KORO and 8th U.S. Army G-4 food service advisor, and one of this year's 8th Army-level competition evaluators, the Connelly competition is the Army food

service's "Super Bowl."

"Winning the Philip A. Connelly Award brings a lot of prestige," he said. "It means a unit competed with and beat the best food service units."

Participating small and large garrison dining facilities and field kitchens are judged for their compliance with Army food service regulations and culinary standards.

Pegram, a previous Department of the Army-level Philip A. Connelly Award participant, said the field kitchen competition is one of the hardest and most demanding.

"When you are in garrison, you have easier access to supplies and food service resources," she said. "When you are in the field, you have to improvise, adapt and overcome."

A field kitchen area, she said, has to be built from the ground up. Soldiers have to choose the correct site and supporting facilities that include a mobile kitchen trailer in which hot meals are prepared and cooked, a dining tent, outdoor wash lines for pots and pans, garbage pits or incinerators, hand washing sites, male and female latrines and a command post. All of those things must be placed at the proper interval and properly camouflaged.

Then there's the weather to deal with.

"For the past 12 days, we've had four days of dry weather," Pegram said at a Camp Humphreys training area during the July 7-18 run-up to the Connelly judging. "Like the Army saying goes, 'If it's not raining, you're

not training.' We are definitely training."

Site preparation and weather are just prerequisites. Another important ingredient is the actual job of cooking for and feeding soldiers, then getting things ready to do it again.

Sgt. 1st Class Cynthia Woods, the 501st CSG Connelly team captain, was busy training and supervising five cooks.

"It's not just the outcome of the Connelly that is important to me. It's also the satisfaction of seeing soldiers develop their skills," she said. "Some of these food service soldiers had never set up a field kitchen before this year's competition. Now some of them can put up an entire field site to standard."

Pfc. Nickesha Hibbert, a 19-year-old cook from the 61st Maintenance Company, said she had never cooked in the field until the Connelly competition.

"We didn't get this kind of training at school, so I'm learning a lot," she said.

Woods said it takes more than cooking skills to win the Connelly Award.

"The entire unit has to get behind it," she said. "We have great support from all of the units that make up the 501st Corps Support Group."

The supporting units include the 46th Transportation Company at Camp Humphreys; the 595th Maintenance Company at K-16 air base; the 305th Quartermaster Company at Yongsan; the 61st Maintenance Company and the 473rd Quartermaster Company at Camp Kyle; and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 501st Corps Support Group at Camp Red Cloud.

The Winners:

The winners of the 2003 IMA-KORO and 8th U.S. Army-level Philip A. Connelly Awards are:

Small Garrison Category

HHC, 20th SG (Camp Henry) *

50th Engr Co, 2nd Engr Bde, 2nd ID (Camp LaGuardia) **

Large Garrison Category

HHC, DISCOM, 2nd ID (Camp Casey) *

HHC, 527th MI Bn, 501st MI Bde (Camp Humphreys) **

Field Kitchen Category

501st CSG, 19th TSC (Camp Red Cloud) *

HHT, 4/7 CAV, AVN Bde, 2ID (Camp Garry Owen) **

* winner

** runner-up

20th Area Support Group: Making Area IV 'best place to live, work' in Korea



Pvt. Joshua James and Pvt. Carol Agou, mail clerks from HHC, 19th TSC, sort the mail in the 20th ASG consolidated mail room.

Story and photos by Spc. Tricia O. Ortiz

The 20th Area Support Group works for both the 19th Theater Support Command and Korean Regional Office. They are responsible for all logistical support and base operations in Area IV as well as the war mission.

Area IV consists of seven sub-installations and 15 sites with a population of almost 12,000 U.S. military, KATUSAs, family members and civilian employees. The group also exercises command and control over the U.S. Army Garrison at Busan and the 23rd Chemical Battalion at Camp Carroll. The 20th Supports 69 separate units located in Area IV, performing a variety of missions in defense of the Republic of Korea.

The 20th ASG is located at Camp Henry, Daegu. It commands the largest geographic area and is the third largest in manpower with 12.4 percent of the 19th TSC's authorizations. Area IV includes Camp Henry, Camp Walker, Camp George, Camp Carroll, Camp Dartboard, Camp Libby, Camp Salem, Taegu Storage Area, Kunsan, Camp Hialeah, Brooklyn, Changsan, K-9 Airfield, Pier 8, Pusan Storage Facility, Masan Ammo Depot, and Chejudo. To manage these operations, the command has more than 900 authorized personnel who accomplish an identified workload requiring 1,207 workers.

The 20th Area Support Group was constituted on 20 November 1965 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 20th General Support Group. The name was changed to 20th Support Group on 4 May 1991. The unit was deactivated in Korea on 29 June 1973 and reactivated in Daegu on 16 August 1985.

The 20th ASG is in charge of anything that has to do with quality of life and welfare in Area IV, said Command Sgt. Maj. Tony Moore, command sergeant major of 20th ASG and Area IV. "We make sure things are running in Area IV."

The 20th ASG is responsible for all support functions in Area IV. It consists of all areas south of Daejon, to include Camp Carroll in Waegwan, Camps Henry, Walker and George in Daegu, Camp Hialeah and Pier 8 in Pusan, and the Cheju Island recreation camp off the southern tip of Cheju Island. It also supports Marine detachments located at MEC-P in Pohang. This support includes everything from housing, water and electricity to stop lights, roadway and recreation.

"We devote 90 percent of our time toward base operations and installation management," said Lt. Col Wilfred J. Plumley Jr., deputy commander for 20th ASG and Area IV.



Spc. Ni, Xiaoye, mail clerk from HHC, 20th ASG distributes mail .



Sgt. Betty Horton-Hardy, chief leader of HHC, 20th ASG dining facility, gets food ready for lunch.

“It is important to maintain the quality and way of life here in Area IV,” said Moore. “It is challenging to stay on top of all the projects that Area IV has within the installation.”

Moore said he tries to assist and observe Sergeant’s Time Training for those soldiers assigned to 20th ASG. “We want to make sure the soldiers are being taken care of.”

For Plumley, he chose to work at 20th ASG because he said he believes it can have a very positive influence on people.

“The 20th ASG gets involved with almost every aspect of Area IV. For example, medics are from one of our tenant unit stations. They are not assigned to us, but I get involved with the medical units because I have to worry about the support they are giving to this area,” Plumley said.

He also added how smaller community people work together a lot easier because they feel like more of a family.

The 20th ASG is responsible for oversight of all dining facilities in Area IV.

The dining facility run by HHC, 20th ASG at Camp Henry, won the 36th Annual, 8th Army/ Korean Regional Office Philip A. Connelly

Competition. This DFAC was selected as the best small garrison dining facility on the Peninsula.

“The Philip A. Connelly competition is one of the highest level incentive programs for food service,” said Chief Warrant Officer Lorraine R. Thomas, Area IV food advisor. She added that it helps improve the professionalism of food service personnel and provide recognition for excellence in the preparation and serving of troops in the Army dining facility.

The 8th Army/KORO food service evaluated the dining facility on July 15th. They inspected all areas of the dining facility such as administration, sanitation, food preparation, and subsistence.

In the area of food preparation, they ensured all food service personnel were following their recipe cards and following the correct times in which to start their product. Sanitation was a very important part of the inspection.

The evaluators were very impressed with the dining facility cleanliness and how the equipment was being maintained, said Thomas. “The food service personnel kept a positive attitude during

the whole time of the inspection and won,” she said. The next competition is the DA Finals, Fort Lee, Va., where HHC, 20th ASG will compete against the most competitive dining facilities in the Army.

Besides the installation management mission for 20th ASG, as part of the military, there is always the war mission.

During wartime, the primary missions for 20th ASG are Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, Integration and Noncombatant Evacuation Operations, said Plumley .

“The 20th ASG is the backbone for RSO&I for all units coming into Korea,” said Plumley.

“RSO&I is not logistics; however, it is operations with heavy logistical implications.”

Its tasks include receiving personnel and equipment, convoy dismount point or railhead, personnel and equipment movement from the air, sea or railhead to the staging area, joining unit personnel and providing equipment, supplies, services, and life support necessary to achieve readiness for onward movement.

Soldiers in 20th ASG continue performing their vast duties and responsibilities, helping make Area IV a great place to live and work.



Pfc. Bethania Calixto, mail clerk from HHC, 20th ASG, verifies the new mail recieved.



Chail Yong, cook at HHC, 20th ASG dining facility, gives Cpl. Lee, Jin, HHC, 20th ASG, his lunch.



Tae, To Ha, cook at 20th ASG dining facility and Pfc. Nicholas Sachek, food service specialist, prepare lunch.

19th TSC recognizes new NCO, Soldier, KATUSA of Year



(left to right) Sgt. Gboyega T. Tolani, HHC, 34th ASG the NCO of the Year; Cpl. Im, Nam-Keun, 17th Ordnance Company, 6th Ordnance Bn.; KATUSA of the Year and Spc. Hyun Sub Lee, HHC, 19th TSC the Soldier of the Year, receive plaques from Association of the U.S. Army.

Story and photos by Spc. Tricia O. Ortiz

People from all over the peninsula gathered for lunch August 6 at the Evergreen Club in Camp Walker to congratulate and acknowledge the newest 19th Theater Support Command noncommissioned officer, soldier and KATUSA of the year.

“It is a great honor and privilege to be here to recognize Team 19’s noncommissioned officer, soldier, and Katusa of the year,” said 19th TSC Command Sgt. Maj. Larry C. Taylor.

Sgt. Gboyega T. Tolani, generator mechanic, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 34th Area Support Group in Yongsan, was announced as NCO of the year. Spc. Hyun Sub Lee, administrative assistant, HHC, 19th TSC at Camps Walker/Henry, was the Soldier of the Year. The KATUSA of the Year was Cpl. Im, Nam-Keun, 17th Ordnance Company, 6th Ordnance Bn., in Camp Kwangsari.

The selection process for the NCO, Soldier, and KATUSA of the year award takes a long time. Each soldier has to go through numerous boards before they are selected to go to the 19th TSC Soldier of the Year board. Competitors are evaluated on their military bearing and knowledge in various military areas.

“Every soldier who competed is a winner,” said Taylor. “I could not be prouder. Thank you very much for what you do and what you continue to do. You are the future of the Army.”

“The NCO is known as the backbone of the Army. Accomplishing the mission and taking care of soldiers are the two basic guidelines for success,” he said. “As noncommissioned officers, we live by the NCO creed.”

Tolani from Nigeria, joined the Army a little over three years ago and was recently promoted to sergeant. Originally, Tolani was selected to go to the Soldier of the Year Board. This promotion eliminated him from attending the Soldier of the Year

board.

Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Crisostomo, command sergeant major for 34th Area Support Group suggested that Tolani go to the NCO of the Quarter Board, so he would have a shot at NCO of the Year.

“I told him that because of his experience attending boards, he would probably be selected to go to the NCO of the Year board,” said Crisostomo. “So, he won the NCO of the Quarter board, then went to the 19th TSC NCO of the Year board and won. I knew he was going to win because he is a self-motivated soldier.”

Tolani said since he joined the Army, he has always been encouraged to attend boards. This year alone he attended nine boards. “Never say you can’t do something unless you try. You don’t lose going to a board, but you gain knowledge and experience,” he said. “You gain more respect and recognition.”

The new NCO of the Year advises soldiers to do their best on everything and look for challenging responsibilities. He



Sgt. Gboyega Tolani, HHC Company, 34th ASG, fixes a generator.

also added that the Army is full of opportunities like leading soldiers and great benefits. “It is up to the soldier to take advantage of it,” he said.

Soldiers should to be considered the ones who make things happen in the Army, said Taylor. “As a command sergeant major, I can tell you I live to be around soldiers,” said Taylor. “That title is the foundation from which my career was built. I am a command sergeant major, a noncommissioned officer, and a soldier. It does not matter what order you put it in, as long as you include all three titles.”

Originally from Seoul, Lee joined the Army while he was pursuing his doctorate degree. He has two masters degrees as well. Lee said he is very pleased to be the soldier of the year.

For Lee, time is more valuable than a degree or money. Lee also mentioned that he is grateful to the Army for all of its great benefits and treatment of soldiers. He said the Army takes care of its people. He is also happy because he is able to take care of his family and mother.

Lee, still new to the Army, at his 18-month mark, said he is still getting to know the system. “I will not stop trying to find out about better opportunities to better myself and improve my life,” said Lee.

Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Blackett, transportation logistics NCO for 19th TSC, is Lee’s platoon sergeant. He said Lee has lots of initiative and he does not wait for things to be done. “He is a self-motivated soldier who likes to take responsibilities upon himself,” Blackett said.

He also added Lee has “the I-can-do-anything attitude” and how he takes responsibility for all of his action. Blackett said he would like all the soldiers to be like Lee. He said Lee likes to learn from other soldiers and NCOs. He takes advantage of every opportunity he can to better himself.

“He is becoming a role model to other soldiers and likes to motivate them,” Blackett added.

KATUSAs have been a part of the Army since 1950. “They have become an indispensable part of our mission here in the ‘Land of the Morning Calm,’” Taylor said.

Im joined the ROK Army, after attending Seoul National University for three years. He felt honored being selected as the KATUSA of the year for 19th TSC.



Spc. Hyun Sub Lee, HHC, 19th TSC, gets the re-certification of Combat Lifesaver by giving an IV to Cpl. Kim, Doug-Hyun, HSC, 168th Medical Bn.

“I always try to do my best, and winning this board was a product of my hard work,” he said. “I want to be an example to other soldiers, especially the KATUSA soldiers.”

Sgt. 1st Class William Cole, Im’s first sergeant, said he is proud of Im for winning KATUSA of the Year board. “Im is very knowledgeable and reliable at his work. He is a very articulate soldier,” he said.

Each soldier received an Army Achievement Medal, a plaque from the Association of the U.S. Army and three nights stay at the Dragon Hill Lodge. The NCO and Soldier of the Year also received a \$500 gift certificate from the Army and Air Force Exchange Services. Morale, Welfare and Recreation donated \$200 to the NCO and Soldier of the Year, while the KATUSA of the Year received 236,000 Won. The Sergeant Major Association gave \$100 to the NCO and \$50 to the Soldier and Katusa of the Year. Debec Chamber of Commerce gave a 250,000 Won certificate to the KATUSA of the Year.

Going to boards is a challenging, but rewarding experience for many soldiers. Tolani said, “fellow soldiers recognition and benefits which will help you in the future for promotions and military awards are some of the things you get from a board.”



Command Sgt, Maj. Kim Won-Dae, 19th TSC ROK Army, congratulates Cpl. Im Nam-Keun, 17th Ordnance company, 6th Ordnance Battalion for being the new KATUSA of the Year.

New Command Chaplain encourages 19th Theater Support Command



Chaplain (Col.) Richard B. Garrison, command chaplain for 19th TSC conducts a sermon at the Camp Walker Chapel.

Story and photo by Cpl. Kim, Yoon-il

Chaplain (Col.) Richard B. Garrison assumed his current duties as Command Chaplain, 19th Theater Support Command recently.

Garrison was born in Odgen, Utah and raised in Great Falls, Mont. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible Theology from Moody Bible Institute, a Master of Divinity Degree from Denver Seminary, and a Master of Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College.

Back in 1973, Garrison was a sergeant assigned to the Army Hospital, Fort Sill, Okla. He left the Army in 1975 and re-enlisted in the Chaplain's Program in November 1981.

Since his appointment as an Army Chaplain, Garrison's assignments have included Battalion Chaplain, Division Support Command, Fort Carson, Colo.; Brigade Chaplain, 197th Infantry Brigade during Desert Storm; Division Chief for the Chaplain, Fort Carson, and Training Management Officer, Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains in Washington, D.C.

"The Command Chaplain is the staff officer who conducts or performs that function of carrying out the commander's religious support such as conducting services, counseling and programs that go along with it. Chaplains are spiritual advisors to the commander

on issues concerning morale and religion. Also, we help soldiers who are in need of advice or a person to talk to about their personal problems," said Garrison.

Garrison said the Chaplain's Office must continue to build a team that is able to provide religious support to the community. "With so many soldiers here in Korea separated from their family and friends, it is the chaplain's duty to provide an atmosphere of encouragement, hope and help to soldiers who are experiencing difficulties in separation," he said.

"I am excited to see how the community here in Daegu is very active in its religious programs. I tend to do my best to support and excel during my tour here in Korea," said Garrison.

Having been an enlisted soldier, Garrison knows the importance of the Chaplain to the soldiers. He places great emphasis on how the spiritual dimension is a very important part of a soldier's readiness for any mission. "We live in an age of technology and communications; however, to get the soldiers motivated to use these technologies is the chaplain's job as well," said Garrison.

Married to his wife, Lilliet, for 28 years, Garrison has two lovely children, Eric and Elisa. "My wife and I are excited to be here in Korea. We appreciate the culture here and look forward to traveling a lot during our tour," said Garrison.

Experience Korean food at the KATUSA Snack Bar



Choi, Dong-Hyang, Katusa Snack Bar owner gives a KATUSA soldier his change.

Story and photos by Cpl. Kim, Yoon-il

Experiencing new food and culture is very important when stationed in a foreign country. For the soldiers in Korea, the KATUSA Snack Bar is a good place to start learning more about Korean food.

The KATUSA Snack Bar on Camp Henry, Daegu, is always packed with hungry soldiers and civilians during lunch and dinner. Not only is the food great and the facility clean, the owner and workers at the Camp Henry Katusa Snack Bar are friendly and work hard to maintain a great environment.

The KATUSA Snack Bar was established to support the KATUSA welfare funds. On Camp Henry, the 20th Area Support Group leases the KATUSA Snack Bar to a Korean national who takes ownership.

The current owner of the Camp Henry KATUSA snack bar is Choi, Dong Hyang who has maintained the facility for more than five years. Back in 1998, Mrs. Choi provided a Korean style buffet for a party at the Camp Walker, Hilltop Club. After tasting her food, she was offered a chance to compete for ownership of the KATUA Snack Bar. She won first place in the contest and has been the snack bar owner ever since.

“We try our best to maintain a family environment here at the KATUSA Snack Bar. My daughter has worked with me ever since the day we opened, and the cooks are all my friends. We are a big family who welcomes

everyone who enters our door as family,” said Choi.

Choi also mentioned how the KATUSA soldiers have always been like her children.

“From the first time a KATUSA soldier comes in to the last day when he retires from the Army, it’s like taking care of my children and then sending them off to college. I try my best to provide my food like their

parents who provide it for them at home,” said Choi.

The snack bar on Camp Henry offers various dishes and has a capacity of 60 seats. It is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends.

A tasty vegetarian dish is a bean paste soup with tofu and vegetable called Dwaen-jang soup and Bibimbap which is rice with various vegetables mixed together in a hot red pepper paste.

For meat lovers, the snack bar offers the famous Bulgogi with rice or spicy pork with rice.

“Side dish menus are changed daily to give a variety for the customers. This allows U.S. soldiers and civilians to get familiarized with Korean food throughout their time here,” said Choi.

“Back when the KATUSA Snack Bar was first opened, I helped my mother from time to time during my vacations from school. At first I was shy and couldn’t talk to foreigners openly. But after working here at the snack bar, my English skills have increased gradually. When I’m out in the city and see a foreigner, I go up to them first to say hi,” said Go, Bo-yoon, daughter of the snack bar owner.

The snack bar at Camp Henry was recently renovated with the help of Korean nationals, civilians, and U.S. Army personnel.

Choi wants to thank all who have helped keep her establishment in mint condition and promises to always take care of her customers as she would take care of her family.



Dwean-Jang soup and Bulgogi with Rice are two popular dishes ordered by customers at the KATUSA Snack Bar.

A new SGT and boxer at 19th TSC wins

Area IV boxing match



Jeremiah Jones practices boxing by punching the sand bag.



Sgt. Jeremiah Jones repairs a Team 19 vehicle.

Story and photos by Spc. Tricia O. Ortiz

Inch by inch each section of his hands is covered with layer after layer of tape, leaving only fingernails exposed. With his shoes tied tight and mouth piece at his side he is ready to box. This is how Sgt. Jeremiah Jones gets ready for his daily boxing workout.

This 22-year-old soldier, after three years in the Army as a light-wheel vehicle mechanic and a new sergeant at 19th Theater Support Command has decided to pursue one of his passions - boxing.

Jones, a soldier from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Theater Support Command, Camp Walker, grew up street fighting in the neighborhoods of New Orleans. He said he enjoys the physical challenge of fighting with another person.

Some people consider fighting inappropriate, but it all depends on what type of brawl. In the case of boxing, "it takes a lot to hit someone, and boxing gives you that opportunity to punch the opponent," said Jones.

Weighing in at 195 pounds, Jones won the Area IV Boxing competition July 4. After knocking down his opponent, Pvt. Gregory Thomas from 377th Medical Company, in the second round of the match, Jones became the light-heavyweight champion for Area IV.

The new light-heavyweight champion said the competition is about more than just winning. It also proves that any challenge can be overcome. "I like to try new things and challenge," he said.



Sgt. Jeremiah Jones repairs a Hummer vehicle.

Jones was happy with this victory because it showed him what he is capable of and where he needs to improve for his next boxing fight.

"Jones works hard and gets along with all soldiers at work," said Sgt. Stephanie Reeves, motor pool noncommissioned officer from 19th TSC. "He does whatever it takes to get the job done." She also stated that Jones is a great leader and mentor for all soldiers in the motor pool. "He brings camaraderie among motor pool soldiers."

Jones' boxing wins will keep his morale high as well as his fellow soldiers, said Reeves.

"I like the contact of person to person," Jones said. Jones enjoys the rivalry in boxing because it is a competitive sport.



Jeremiah Jones shadow boxes.



Jeremiah Jones gets in shape for his boxing tournament by doing roll-up push-ups.

His next competition will be in October at Camp Casey.



(left to right) Sgt. Maj. John Swain, outgoing command sergeant major; Maj. Gen. Jeanette K. Edmunds, commander; and Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Taylor, new command sergeant major; salute the Colors at 19th TSC Change of Responsibility ceremony.

