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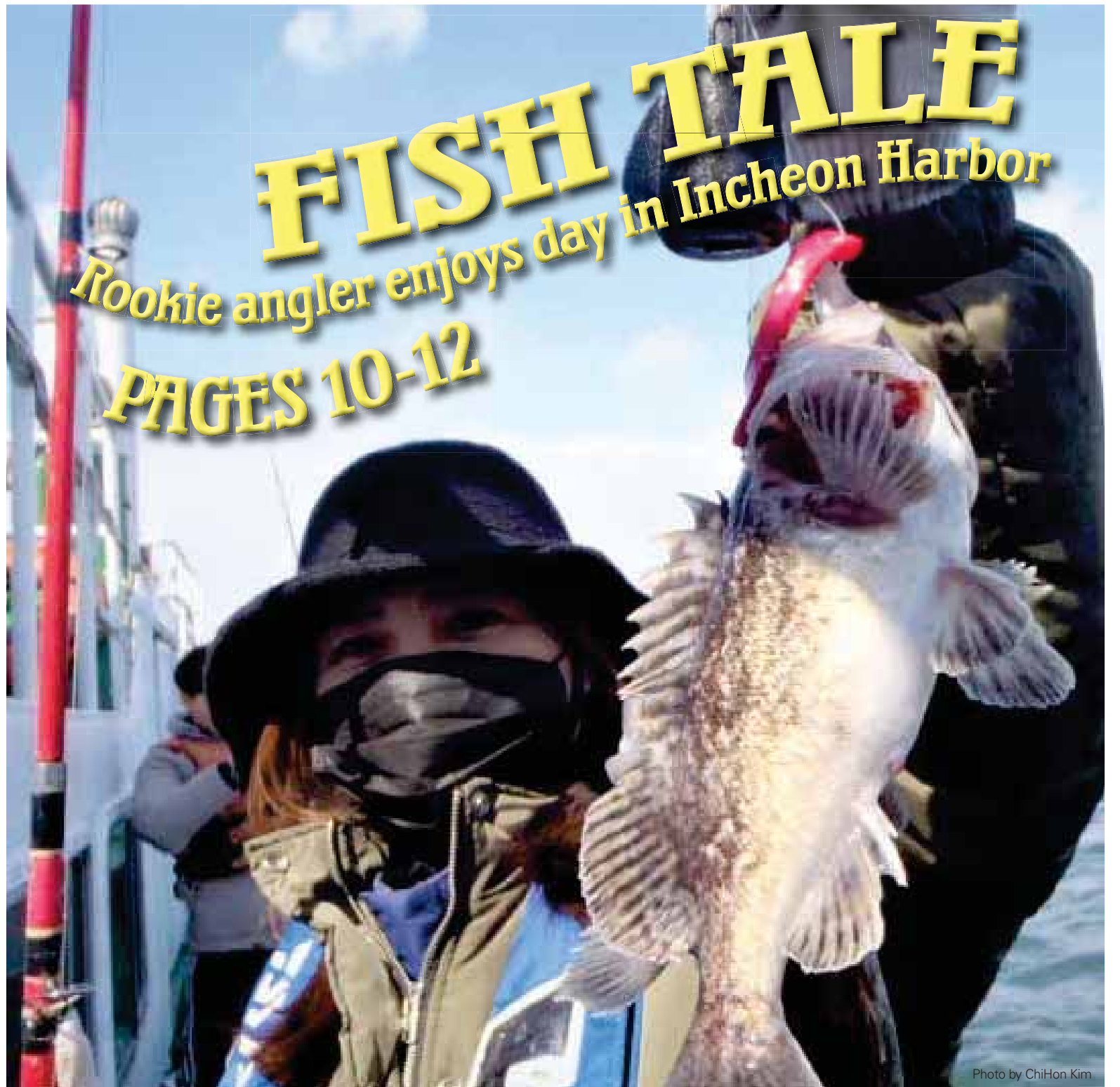


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2nd ID soldiers 'bring it to the mat'

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CAMP HUMPHREYS — The 2nd Infantry Division has launched a Friday Night Fights tournament featuring progressively more difficult hand-to-hand combat to promote readiness within its formations.

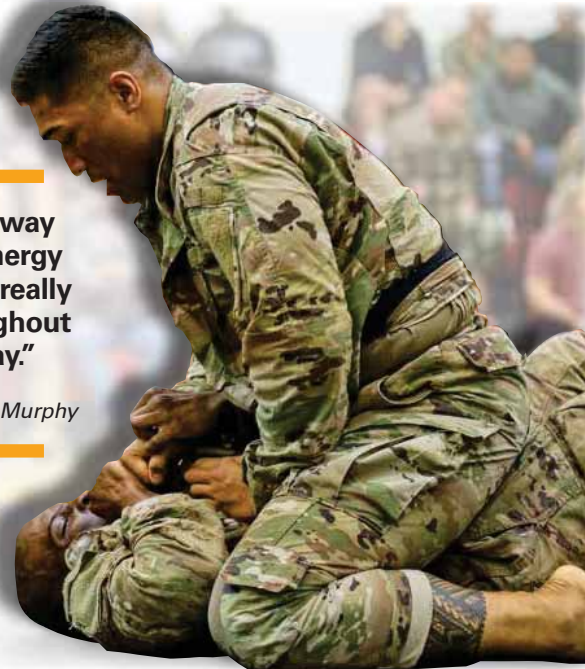
The tournament, which began Friday, will bring soldiers from all major subordinate commands under 2nd ID to Sitman Fitness Center on Camp Humphreys each week to determine who will advance to the next round and fight to be the first Friday Night Fights champion.

"We are bringing the soldiers in because tournaments like this build their resiliency, their confidence in each other and their readiness," Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Dillon, the division's operations noncommissioned officer, told Stars and Stripes on Friday.

"If a soldier has the confidence to go out there, toe-to-toe with someone they don't know, overcome that fear of essentially being in hand-to-hand combat with an individual, it's going to build their resiliency, their self-confidence is going to grow,"

"It's a good way to tap into energy that we can't really release throughout a typical day."

— Spc. Matthew Murphy



Pfc. Frazer Tauga, top, and Sgt. Daquon Jeffress of the 2nd Infantry Division compete during the Friday Night Fights debut tournament at Camp Humphreys on May 10.

Dillon said, "and they will be more resilient when facing tough times out on missions."

Also, the tournament gives soldiers something fun to do, he said.

Hand-to-hand combat training helps to instill courage and self-confidence, according to an Army field manual. With competence comes the understanding of controlled

aggression and the ability to remain focused while under duress.

Command Sgt. Maj. Phil Barretto, 2nd ID's highest ranking enlisted servicemember, said the tournament is also a means for soldiers to relieve the stress they endure during their tour.

"It's funny, we have had fights outside our gates, but we have been fighting ourselves," he told Stars and Stripes. "Here is your outlet; bring it to the

mat. Whoever wins, wins. You leave and shake hands."

Thirty-four soldiers registered for the tournament debut, allowing for 17 bouts for the evening's fight card.

"At work we are expected to act a certain way and say roger to everything," said Spc. Matthew Murphy, of 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade. "When you're on the mats you can express yourself and do what you've learned and trained for. It's a good way to tap into energy that we can't really release throughout a typical day."

The tournament will advance in levels of difficulty and rules as it progresses each week. All of the rules of the tournament are in line with the U.S. Army Combatives School competition, rules and regulations.

Rounds one and two will consist of advanced combative techniques that focus on ground fighting, control and opponent submission. The third round and championship round will incorporate intermediate-level striking techniques.

"You may lose tonight, but come back and let's do this again," Barretto said. "The resiliency is to keep fighting to get back up, don't stop because you lost. Keep fighting until you win."

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Celebrating Month of the Military Child Seoul American Elementary School

Editor's Note: Here are some stragglers from our Month of the Military Child campaign. Once again, thanks to all our talented students and fantastic educators.

By: Ngemaes Oiterong

To me, it feels great to be a Military Child!

One thing great about being a military child is that you get protected by the military. I know this because every battle and war that we have won was because of the military. Other ways the military keeps us safe is that they have been gate guards, police, and etc. If the military was never with us, we would never get protected by other countries.

Another great thing about being a Military is that you can go to military schools. When I mean military schools, I'm talking about on schools on base that are appropriate and safe. I like to go to these schools because I get to make new friends that are really great! I also get the best education which is really good! Without these schools, I might have gone to a foreign school.

As a military child, my family and I sometimes get stationed on base in military towns. A great thing about these towns is that we get to meet awesome people who are kind and helpful. My siblings and I get to meet great friends and people too. I'm glad that my family and I got stationed in the town we live in!

I'm glad that my dad got to join the military let my dad join. He used to be a police officer in Palau, but then he got an offer to join the military. If the military did not let anyone of any color join, my family and I wouldn't have these military rights. I am glad that I'm a military child, and I think it is great to be one!

By: Andy Hill

Being a military child is hard but a good experience. Being a military child is hard because you always have to move around to different places and make new friends. Sometimes you might even have to be half around the globe from your extended family like me. My name is Andy Hill and I live in Seoul, South Korea on an Army Base called Yongsan. Although it is hard to be away from family. My family and I have had some good experiences and some bad ones too.

For example, if the army didn't station us here in South Korea we wouldn't have been able to get our dog Nami. There are a few downsides of being in South Korea like not being able to be close to family, not having fresh produce, and having bad air. In Korea, my family has visited several Asian countries like Vietnam, Thailand, Japan, an island in South Korea called Jeju, and we got to step over the line at the DMZ into North Korea. If we were not here in Korea, we would not have been able to go to all these different countries. That is the life of being a military child.

By: Sofia Sandoval

Being a military child is fun, but it is also frustrating. The fun thing about being a military child is that you get to see the world and go to different places, when a lot of kids don't get that opportunity.

The frustrating part is that when you move, you leave a lot of friends behind, but you make new friend along the way. The other thing is that sometimes I don't get to see my dad during the week because he is at work.

Right now I am in a military school. It is a bit different because even though I have been a military child my whole life, I have never been in a military school.

In conclusion, I think being a military child is fun.

By: Cienna Dower

Hi! My name is Cienna Noelle Dower. I have been an Army brat since March 11, 2008. My parents met while in the Army. They were both stationed here in South Korea in 2003. They went back and forth with getting in and out of the Army because they had to care for my brother and I. I did not like my parents being in the military because they were never there when you needed them because they were studying or working. My father even missed my 1st, 4th, 6th, 7th, 9th and as of today, March 11, 2019 he missed my 11th birthday.

My father's name is Matthew, my brother's name is William, and my mom's name is Tonya. My father is a Blackhawk Helicopter Maintenance Test Pilot and helps fix aircraft. If he has as to fly that night, he will not go into work until later on that day. He has repelled and jumped out of several airplanes. My mom is part of the FRG for my Dad's company, she takes care of my family and sometimes watches two little boys. My brother attends Seoul American Middle High School and is in 8th grade. I attend Seoul American Elementary School and I am in 5th grade.

I lived in Alabama for 1 year and 2 months. Then, I moved to Hawaii and lived there for just over 6 years. So, although I was born on Fort Carson, Colorado, I call Hawaii my home because I grew up there. Even though I am halfway around the world and away from many family friends, I have also made some new ones. I do miss friends and family back home in Hawaii, Colorado and Texas. I will move back to Colorado in May.

By: Israel Gibson

My name is Israel and I am a military child because my mom, dad, and grandfather are in the Air Force. I like being a military child because it allows me to go to places that I have never been. I also get to see things from others point of view.

"There are downsides to being a military child."

Sometimes it makes feel sad or upset that my mom and dad are in the military and some places are dangerous. My Mom is the person I have know that has taken care of me since I was born. My Dad has not really been there for me but my Mother has. So when my mom has to leave, I feel horrible and betrayed because I love my mom so much. I want her to come back to me. "The good parts about being a military child."

When I go somewhere with my mom, I feel happy. We go to new places and have new experiences. When I arrived to Seoul, Korea, I was scared. I was with my mom, but I thought it was going to be like the Philippines and Ghana mixed together. It was nothing like that. In fact it was a little bit like New York, with all of the buildings stacked on top of each other and the people are wonderful and very nice. Well, that's my opinion, but I think every place that I have been to has been absolutely beautiful. I would tell every military child not to judge a book by it's cover.

Check out more military children stories at: militarychild.stripes.com

A tank ahead,
Gunshots just flew,
We travel the world to fight for you!
U.S. military children have very hard lives. We have to move to many different places and we don't get to stay in one place very long. We make friends in one place and then we have to move away.

For me, Levi Monette, I had to leave all of my best friends back in the States. Of course, most of us don't like this process. I hated how I had to leave my friends to move to another country, but I knew that we could have new opportunities and experiences..

Anyways, our lives are hard. So next time you think about the military, don't just think about the soldiers, think about the children too!

-Levi Monette

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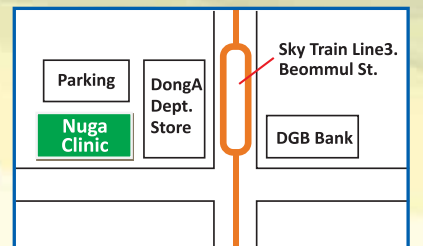
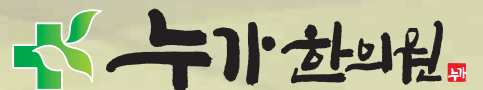
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By: Charlotte Aubin

Being a military child, sometimes your parent leaves.
 You don't see them for up to one year.
 And sometimes you have to leave your home,
 And go to a place across the globe.
 Being a military child is not always great,
 Sometimes you really have to hate,
 And sometimes you have to live on base,
 Away from all of your friends and family.
 But eventually,
 You will get used to moving,
 And soon you will be thankful that your parent is in the military.
 Because you travelled to many places,
 That not that many people can go to.
 Also, you have made many friends,
 And you have had many experiences.
 That impacted your life,
 And others around you.
 So, now you know that being a military child is not just anything,
 Not many people get to experience,
 Because not a lot of people get to travel the world,
 And some people are homeless and don't have any money for food.
 When you think about this,
 You know that you are special because you have these things.
 That not everyone has on earth.
 And on base,
 you don't have to pay for electricity.
 Most people have to pay for electricity.
 And most people have to pay for things to stay alive,
 But if you are lucky,
 And you work hard for money,
 And get money to pay for things to survive,
 Then you will be able to survive.
 And when your parent is not in the military anymore,
 You will realize just how lucky you are.

To be a military child is hard because my parents work in different places. I have to study hard, be good at math, read history books, and be intelligent. I also have to choose a career on base when I grow up.
 My dad works in a Korean hospital off base. My mom is a civilian that works in the Brian Allgood Community Hospital on base where my school is. My positive experience being around military students and teachers is about making friends and learn new things. My negative experience is that being in a problem. We all should study hard. School is an awesome place for military students to learn what to do when they grow up. School is awesome and cool!
 My positive experience about moving is going to a new place. My negative experience is that I will never see my friends again once they move. My positive experience having access on base is that I can explore new stores. My negative experience is that some are boring. Exploring is fun!
 My mom is a patient advocate in the Brian Allgood Community Hospital. She said, "I must work here for the military!". She must have trained a lot to work there! My mom is a very, very awesome person! She must know her rights to work in the Brian Allgood Community Hospital.
 My dad is a doctor and a professor at the same time. He must be great at math so he got that job. My dad must be working hard in the hospital off base. He sometimes comes home early, but he also sometimes come home late. My dad is a hardworking person.
 Being a military child is hard work. I will have to study about wars and soldiers to understand the people that worked hard for freedom. If there are any young students that are curious about biography, I will study then answer their question. My opinion being a military child is cool because I could go both on base and off base. I like to travel on base because there are cool houses and backyards.

- Alyssa

I have been a military child since I was a baby. My dad has been in the military for 17 and a half years and my mom was in the military for 6 years. My mom and my dad both served in the Iraq war. My mom now works as a government services employee.
 I was born in Florida with my twin and moved to Hawaii where I spent the first 3 years of my life. That's where my sister Natalie was born. Then we moved to New York. After that we moved to Virginia. Then we moved here to Seoul, South Korea in 2016. And that was about me. By the way, I also have one big sister named Gabby and one big brother named Devon.
 I like being a military child because I like to make new friends and move to different places. Being a military child has been special to be.

- Allana

Being a military child is a hard thing. You need to travel a lot and go to different schools. It may be hard at first, but you can get used to it and make new friends. You might go to DoDEA schools, which stands for Department of Defense Education Activity.
 My dad is a civilian worker on Yongsan garrison. We came from America to South Korea. My dad was never in the military. I'm in a DODEA school called Seoul American Elementary School. I was very nervous when I got here. I got used to my school, I made new friends, and enjoyed my time here.
 Some kids experienced deployment. Deployment means an active military going somewhere for their job. When you're feeling sad or upset, you can talk to a person that you trust. You can find a way to talk to your parent while he or she is gone. It might make you feel a lot better.
 You might have your own way of making yourself happy, like a dog tag. Having a way to remember your family member in the military is a good way to help you in rough days. It may help change your negative thoughts to positive ones. This helps a lot with your feelings. Good ways of remembering your family member can help you in tough times.
 Being a military child is not easy, but you can make it not so tough. Friends and family can help you in a way. You may or may not like it, but your parents are helping the country. You should show them that you appreciate what they are doing for our country. I feel happy about how the military helps the country and our people.

- Alex

Hi my name is Amaya and I think that it is hard for my Dad to be in the military, because he has to choose between going to the field or to work on our birthday. Then you move a lot, but when you move, you go to different places around the world. It's also very hard to keep on moving around the world and leaving family and friends.
 The good part is that you get to go places like South Korea and Germany. Then when you move you get to see different cultures and their countries. It's also good because you get to go on to base and DoDEA schools. After that you meet other kids that know what it is like to have a/both parent(s) in the military.
 The best part about moving is that you always will have new adventures even if it is the same place that you are going to. Also wherever you go, you will meet amazing fun new people. You also get to go live in places and countries that most other people don't get that chance in their whole life.
 The worst part about moving is that you have to start with no friends at the new place you are in. Then you have to get a house to live in. Also if you have a pet, you need more money on that. You also have to go to a whole new school that may be an hour away. You then don't see your family and friends. Then if you are bullied no one wants to stand up for you because they don't know you.
 The best part about being a military child is that you go to places all over the world. Then other people go to the places as an adult and you did it as a kid. You also get to see the inside of a place people only see in the news or outside of it. You are surrounded by kids that move like you and have the understanding that kids that don't have parents in the military. You are also never in danger because everyone around you is like a big family, so you can trust everyone.

- Amaya

4th grade



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4th grade

Ms. Sibayan

Even though I am not a military child, my dad is actively working in the military base as a nurse. Like being a military child, I can access many places. I mean by everywhere not just Korea (south), like Kansas, another country, even Alaska. We have access to Yongsan Garrison and the places in it and out of it, like to go to school (SAES), to travel to new places, and to attend mass. We get more privileges than just this even in other places than Korea.

When it was still winter break we went on a vacation that was hosted and paid by the hospital and church for us. It was for that we can spend time with our family away from work. It was also for family time. The church also has hosted movies at the park. They were just for fun though. When my dad goes to deployment to get better at his job, we all miss him. But for more than one week mom asks my grandma for help. Sometimes he also goes away another time after 2-3 days after he comes back. After he comes back, it's time to say bye to grandma. And she will come back another time.

So this is my experience of being a military child. Even when my parents retire I will always be a civilian of a DoD staff. When I move or live in another country, I'm still a child of a military civilian everywhere and I will always will be.

- Conner

My dad was stationed in Yongsan when I was born. Because of this I was born in a Korean hospital called Cha Hospital. My first language was Korean because I went to a Korean preschool. Being a military child allowed me to experience the Korean culture, something I would not get a chance to do if my dad was not in the military. I've been a military child for a long time.

My dad was a commander of a unit in Korea. When he was a commander, the soldiers in his unit treated me very nicely. My mom was also the leader of the Family Readiness Group. Because of this, we were allowed to go to Hawaii on business trips together. Before then I had never been to Hawaii before.

When my dad and I go to the movie theater on base, we have to stand and put our right hand over our heart while the American anthem plays. We only do that on military bases. However, when I went to other movie theaters in California and Korea, we did not have to stand for the national anthem. I like showing respect to our anthem. Being a military child, I got to experience my dad's Assumption of Command and Change of Command ceremonies. I fondly remember these events because my dad gave long speeches in front of his soldiers, family, and friends. Some of my family members were there and my mom received flowers. Military customs and traditions are pretty cool.

All in all, I'm proud to be a military child. I am glad I was given the opportunity to grow up in Korea. I know being in the military is not easy for my dad and I appreciate the sacrifices he has made for me, my family, and our country.

- Audrey

Hello my name is Eunseo, I am in 4th grade. My dad is in the military so we have been stationed in Korea and Germany. Also I traveled all over Seoul, Tokyo and Hawaii where I learned different cultures. I have good memories and also have bad memories of leaving friends.

I was born in Germany when my family was stationed in Germany. I don't remember much of Germany because my family had to move to Korea when I was 6 months old. All my families are born in Korea except for me. I am the only one who was born in Germany.

I traveled to Japan and Hawaii a couple of times. My family flew Space A flights and military airplanes. Because my dad is in the military, so my family could ride in military airplanes. It was fun to ride military airplanes. The seats are on the side of the airplane and seats are almost empty so I could sit anywhere I want. I could walk around and see all the inside of the airplane.

Also, I am able to meet many friends in different states and different countries, while my family is stationed in many different places. I had friends in California, Oklahoma and Korea at Yongsan, Humphreys and Casey. I had really good memories with them, but also I have bad memories when I had to move to different places.

I lived in many different places like in Germany, Korea and different states while my dad is in military. My family traveled a lot of places while my family is stationed in Korea. I enjoy traveling and seeing all different things and learn all different cultures. I met many friends and I will make more friend in the future all over the world.

- Eunseo

Hello, my name is Gillian and I am a military child. Being a military child is fun going all around the world and meeting new people. It can also be hard too. You will move away from you friends and family. Also, all the new things like new languages and people that are from different cultures. Moving around the world has taught me a lot about different things and people.

Moving has made a big impact on my family's and my life. It makes it better with the great friends in the DODEA school and on the military base.

You will meet new people and make new friends everywhere you go around the world. I just always remember that people have done the same things I have to do. Being a military child is amazing because you can go around the world when you move.

The worst part about moving is leaving my peers. Also, another bad part is you don't know anyone in the new place you are going. Another bad thing about moving is you will not have your stuff for a while. There are also good things you will be able to tell people where you have been. A good thing is you get to go on adventures.

The military base is a good place because if I could not go here I would have to go to international school. Also, I have people I can talk to. They have many different things to do and clubs to join. Many people can help me and be my friend. Also, off base there are many fun and historic things that are part of Korea's history.

The DODEA school has been amazing. The schooling has been great. The school has great teachers and students that have amazing personalities. The school has a small community, so you probably know most people. A good thing about a small community is people will be there to help you. Being a military child can be fun!

- Gillian

My name is Richard, and I attend Seoul American Elementary School. I am 10 years old and I am good at math. I never moved anywhere outside Seoul, but I travel a lot with my family. My dad works in Pyeongtaek during the week, and only comes home on weekends. A negative side of being a military child is when my dad is working and I get stuck on a problem. I really want his help, but he can't help me when he's not around.

Being a military child is good because you can go to a good school on base that prepares you for a good future. There are millions of reasons why being a military child is good. At the same time, being a military child is hard because your dad needs to work a lot or he is away from home often. I am proud to be a military child even if my dad is not always around because he is able to take good care of us.

- Richard

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Hello, this is my feelings about being a military child. My step dad has been in the military for about 11 years. I'm only 10 so I haven't known all of it, but it started when I was 3 months old. I had to move a lot so I had to leave my fiends. Right now, I'm in Korea and soon moving to Colorado. I've moved almost 4 times!
 Leaving my friends and family is hard, but I got used to it. I always make new friends and call my family. In Korea the base is closing down.
 My step dad is retiring so we have to find a new job and find more ways to get money. It gets sad at times when my step dad has to leave. I miss him but I know he will come back. Changing school can also been hard too, but I know the people there are good. It can be fun to try new things in different places. In Korea I learned the different culture besides the American culture and it is cool. I always visit or have family visit me. As I move, I have new experiences like going to the 5th tallest building in the world.
 It's been hard, but we must have my step dad do his job for money and a good life. I know I will be fine as long as I make friends and see my family. My brother was born while my dad was fighting in war so that was a downside. This was a fun experience to travel to new places and make new friends.

- LILLY

With my dad in the military, we go to different places like South Korea. It's pretty fun to go to different places with new people and cultures. We have to move soon again but its not that bad, you just have to adjust to moving. I like moving because it is like starting over and that's fun. The best country I've ever been to is Germany because my grandparents are there so it's more fun.
 There are some bad things about moving too, like paranoia. I get some about not finding friends, also from getting robbed. Another bad paranoia is thinking people might not like me. I would lose most of my friends that I have known for at least 2 years.
 There are still some good things about moving, like having new experiences in different places. Sometimes I'm even happy I moved away from places. I like being a military child because I can go to many places to live. When I moved to South Korea I could go to many other countries because they are not far from Seoul. So far places I have gone to in Asia are Hong Kong, Thailand and South Korea.
 My experiences were very cool in Seoul. My favorite #1 part was going to Everland. It is the best theme park in Seoul! My second favorite thing was going to Thailand and Hong Kong because they are not too far from South Korea. Last but not least, is Lotte World. I like it because on Mondays through Wednesdays it is empty, so you can ride a lot more rides.
 Living in Seoul is a cool experience but I can't live there forever because we need to move. I have been living in Seoul since May 1, 2017, and on June 1, 2019, I'm leaving for America. I want to stay because I got too used to being and living here that I don't want to move. I never went to Japan even though I wanted to go but I think we did not have time.
 I love traveling because I can tell more stories about my adventures. So when I talk about it I can make my stories sound like an epic adventure. It's really fun being a military child even though there are some bad things or sad things but there can still be great things. This is my thoughts about what it's like to be a military child.

- Misha

Being a military child has not been that hard for me so far. I get to go to new countries, see new things, and meet new people. There are hard stuff like moving from friends and going to a new school. My dad is in the military and we moved to Korea. We made lots of new friends and learned new things. We learned how to make our new food like kimchi and kimbap. But it was hard moving. I have two siblings, a sister and a baby brother. When we got to the airport my sister was sad and had tears, while my brother stayed asleep.
 My dad had to go first, so it was hard for my mom to get both of the two dogs and the three kids. But we made it! As soon as we got to the house we slept! It took three months for our stuff to make it. Finding a house was not easy. My dad looked at a lot of apartments. Our dogs needed a place to go out and use the bathroom. You should try going to the city because there are a lot to do like eating street food and going to the mall and lots more.
 I was in grade three at the time, so it was not a problem by the time I got to Korea the school year was almost over. We had a big party at the end. When I got to grade 4 I got nervous, to go on the base you have to have an ID to go through the gate. There were a lot of new changes. All in all, I like that being a military child since it lets me see the world and I hope to see more in my life.

- Imari

Being a military child, I have to move sometimes. I live in Korea because my dad works on the army base. There are some schools here, on the garrison, and a lot of things like a hotel called the DHL. That is short for Dragon Hill Lodge. The PX is where we get toiletries and all kinds of things, but you can't get food. It's not a place that sells food. It's like a shop with no food. Sure, there's water but there is also candy which most kids love.
 If your dad or mom are not in the military then they might be a civilian. My dad was in the army when he was younger, but now he is a civilian worker so he can go on base and go to all the places like the library and the post office. Oh and I forgot to mention if my dad was in the military then that means I am a military child. Yes, I have moved sometimes but that doesn't mean it will ruin my life. I think of it as a New Adventure.
 As a military child, I get to do things that some kids that are not military children don't get to do. I get to travel a lot and visit countries that I have never been to. I am 9 right now and I will be here until I am 13, but sometimes I will visit my home in Pennsylvania. Just because I moved, this does not mean I can't see my family again because I can visit them anytime. When I am older and have kids then I can tell them what it was like to be a military child. I can tell them stories about all the adventures I went on. I do enjoy being a military child.

- Violet

There are some good and bad things about my life as a military child. The first good thing is that you are in a very safe place, while the bad thing is that your mom or dad leaves to do work. The second good thing is we have good schools, but the schools can be challenging. The third is that you go to new place, but you must leave your friends when you move.
 We work hard in school but we have fun too. Sometimes our parents can come to school with us. My dad and mom help me with my homework even when they have work. School is the best on base or out. School is tough but we can beat it and make it super fun. We will try our best because they are working hard for us.
 The life of a military child can be hard, but it is exciting and my life is fun too. It is hard moving and leaving your friends, but we do it for our family. We love them and they love us. That is why I am proud to be a military child.
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- Carmen



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Seeing new places
Moving around leaving friends
Retire safe and strong
- Erika

My dad fights for rights,
I know why, so we don't die,
He thinks with a blink,
I'm pleased like a breeze.
- Kenton

New places
Different cultures
Being strong
Thinking hard
Trying to make a difference

Moving like a sunflower
Here we go
All around the world
This is our destiny
To be so broad
To be so bright
To glow all night
Under the bright, bright light
- Liam

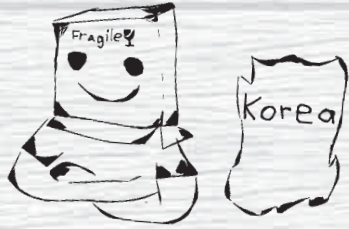
It's fun because you get to see different cultures.
But you have to leave your friends behind.
It's hard to say goodbye to the people that you care about.
I had to leave my home that I have been in for 8 years.
All my family that I have are in Puerto Rico.
But it's been fun to explore places that you've never explored.
But where my mom and dad are will always be my true home.
No matter where you are, you will always find new friends.
I had to switch schools 5 times and it's going to be 6 in 2 to 4 months.
I have many friends, but you can never have too many.
- Victor

Being military is strange
Going in going out of the town you live in.
But I am not worried
There is something I will believe in.
There are no other people
Who sacrifice themselves for the greater good.
Not letting things get to you,
A massive encouragement is to go out,
And meet new people and make friends,
Wherever you are, whenever you want,
For me, I had to switch.
--For 12 years, I had to say goodbye to all my friends.
And that sounds sad, but I always meet many new friends
- David

Follow our parents
Move to places, leave behind
Until we grow up
- Noella

Being a military child
Is like being a part of something great
You feel like you are a part of society
You know you can accomplish amazing things
You will push all challenges that stand before you
You can't win every battle, but you can win the war
You won't care if people say that you can't do it
And you don't let anyone stand in your way
Even against impossible odds
I think that is what it is to be a military child
- Joshua

Whether in uniform or out
Our soldiers are there to protect us
Whether on base or not
Our soldiers are there to protect us
Whether in battle or not
Our soldiers are there to protect us
Our soldiers have joined the military
To protect the land from enemies that won't back down
Here's my thanks to the soldiers that fight for our country's freedom
- Gabryelle



- Diego

What things do we get to do as military children? As military children, we get to explore new countries. We get to make lots of friends and we try to stay in contact. We get to live in different countries that have different cultures.

The places I have been to are Kwajalein Atoll, Camp Humphreys, Hawaii, and Japan. Before I became a military child, I only lived in Idaho for most of my life. The farthest I have traveled before becoming a military child is Florida. The places I really want to go to is London (because that is where one of my favorite movies was filmed), and Greece because I love all the Greek myths.

We have many stories we want to tell people. For example, one time my best friend, Rebekah, told me a story about when she was little. She saw a tornado and didn't know that until she told her parents and the phones started to go off.

Living overseas, we learn many things. The people of the Marshall Islands use the palm trees to make things out of it. Korean people have different holidays than we do in America. We get to also learn different languages. The Marshall Islands and the Koreans have different languages. For example, in Marshallese, hello is lakwe. In Korean, hello is annyeong haseyo. Every country has their own food culture. For example, in the Marshall Islands, I have tasted coconut, rice balls (they are really sweet), and fish. In Korea, I have tried squid, octopus, bulgogi, and kimchi (it's really spicy).

- Aryannah

Ms. Debreczeni

6th grade

This is great to be in the military
The schools, the food, the clothing, the people
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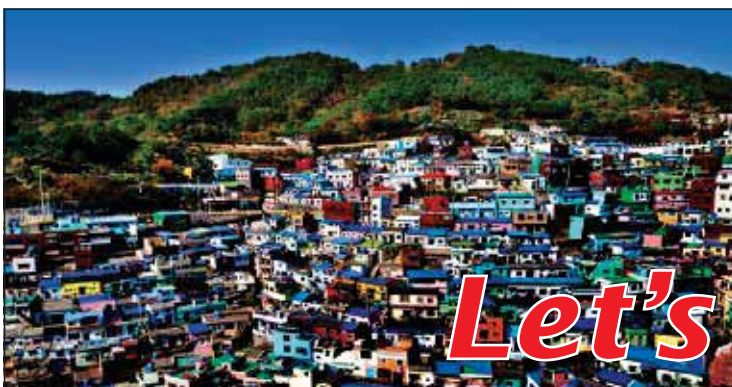
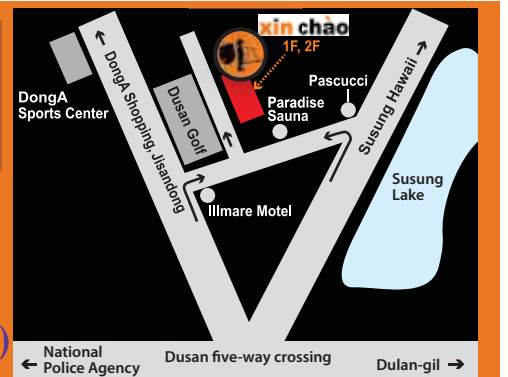
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Incheon, South Korea's third-largest city, may be known for its colorful Chinatown and close proximity to amazing Wolmido Island, but its port is also well known for bottom-line fishing and amazing fish markets.

In the spring, fishing becomes one of the area's most popular activities and the tackle shops at Incheon Port offer excursions to try it for yourself. According to the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, bottom-line fishing is done with one or more baited hooks on or very close to the seafloor. The technique is common amongst fishermen here because the Yellow Sea is shallow.

Each season brings different types of tasty sea dwellers - like sea bass and flat fish from May to December and web-foot octopus starting in April - to Korea's coastal waters. But rockfish and spotty belly greenling are caught year-round. Wanting to challenge myself and see if I could catch some dinner, I set off on one of these tours. I'd never tried deep-sea

fishing before, so this seemed like a good opportunity to try with the help of professionals.

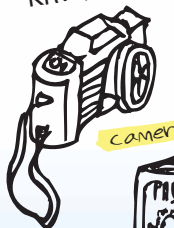
On the tour, the captain took us to the best fishing spots, including Incheon Bridge and some tiny islands around the coast. With the help of an experienced fisherman, I set the hook, dropped the line and learned how to wind and unwind it. The leader line at the bottom is connected by a snap swivel, which has a hook and bait (maybe a lugworm) on it. The iron boom at the top of the rig will have a second leader line and hook containing cut squid or a live roach. Like other fishing techniques, the aim is to lure fish to the hook.

The type of rig we used and the technicalities of setting it up sound complicated, but it was easy because I had the help of an experienced fisherman. As soon as we dropped our line in the water, we sat back and enjoyed the glittering water and cool spring breeze as the boat cruised Incheon port.

This relaxed vibe continued through most of the fishing trip for me, because even though there were a lot of bites on

What to I

Identification card (CAC, ID or passport). Warm clothing, 10 degrees cooler on the water. Some kind of rain gear just in case. Sunscreen, medicine for seasickness, camera, snacks. Hot Curry (KRW) are available on the boat.



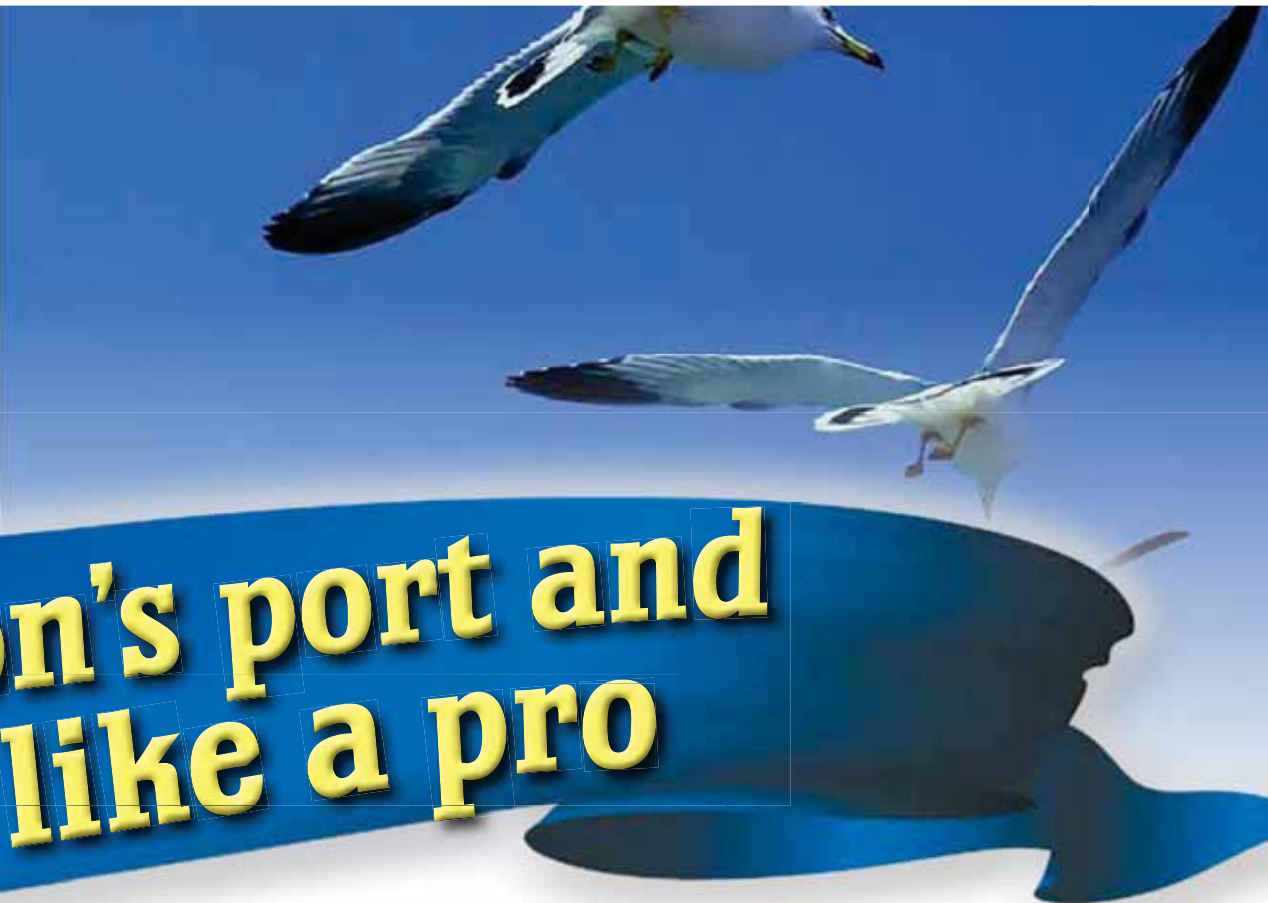
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Identification card

my line, it wasn't until the moment that I finally hooked the fish. Suddenly, my line started to vibrate and the rod trembled. I set the hook and the battle was on. What an exciting moment! The excitement and anticipation of catching what big, tasty fish I was keeping me in the fight.

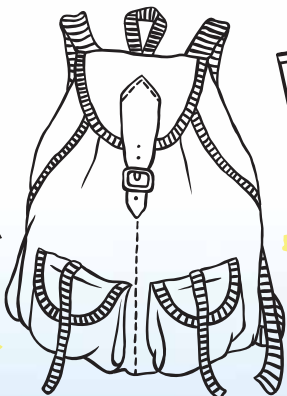
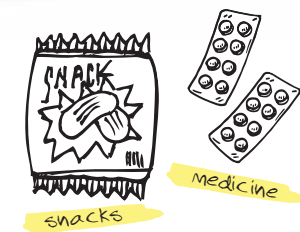




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As I released my first catch back into his habitat and wondered what I would have for dinner, I promised that I would return for him when he was bigger.

Soon our five-hour tour came to a close and we headed back to the tackle shop. I went home empty-handed but with a better understanding of how I might be more successful next time. It was so nice spending time on the water with only the worry being whether something from below was nibbling on my line.

Visit Incheon's port for a unique opportunity to try your hand at the fishing techniques of the locals. You just might be luckier than me and take home a nice seabass for dinner. Whether you do or not, the tour is a great way to spend a few hours connecting with nature and enjoying the great views the port has to offer.

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And there it was, shining below the surface and fighting with all its might. But this was dinner and I had the upper hand, so I pulled the deep-sea creature from its watery home. I had won!

As I gazed at the tiny rockfish dangling from my line, a sense of accomplishment washed over my body.

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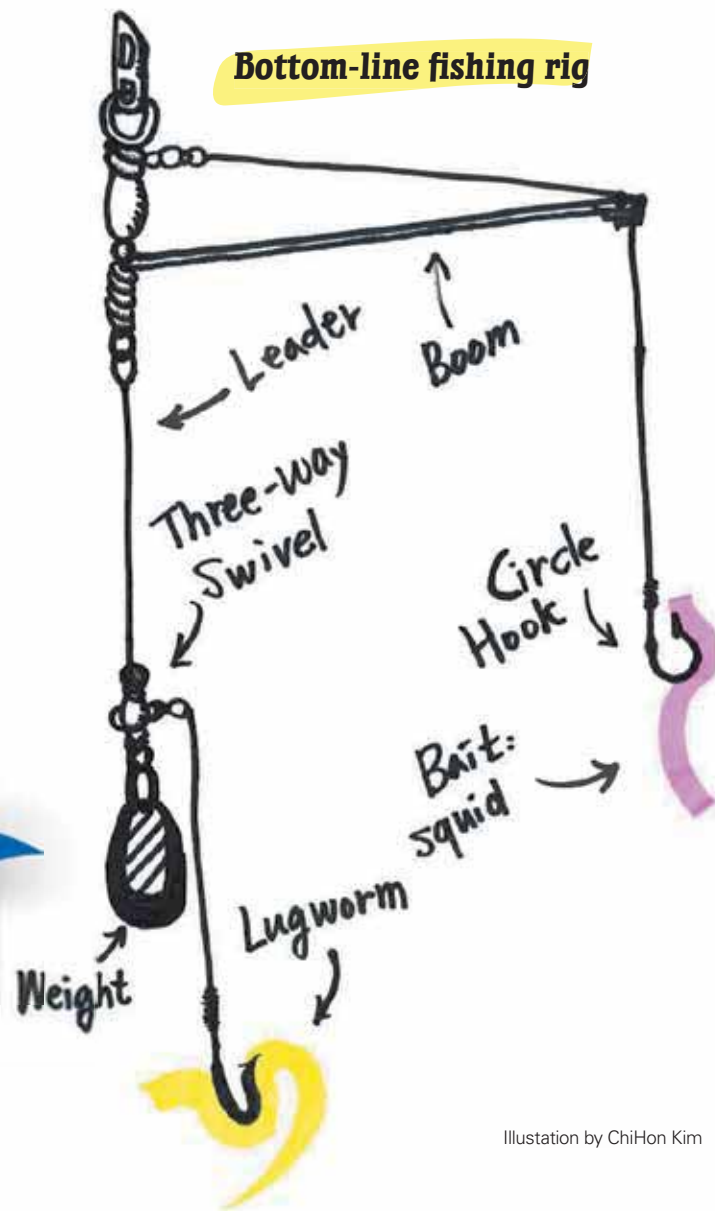


Illustration by ChiHon Kim

Departure Point

Though Woorinaksi, the fishing tour company, doesn't have a website in English, the staff members speak basic English. The company asks English-speakers to reserve in advance by sending names and desired travel dates and times via text to 010-5759-0013 or KakaoTalk ID: longkimsh.

The company requires participants to arrive at the tackle store at least 30 minutes before scheduled departure time.

What to know

- **5-hour fishing trip (40,000 KRW, appx \$34.99)**
DEPARTURE & RETURN: 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., or 1-6 p.m.
WHAT'S INCLUDED: Life jacket, gloves, fishing hand line and bait, fishing rig, sinker
WHAT TO RENT: You can rent a fishing rod at an additional cost (\$8.75 or 10000KRW) bait (lugworm, 4.37\$ or 5000KRW).
 Note: I recommend you rent a rod because using a fishing hand line can make fishing difficult.
- **9-hour fishing trip (70,000-120,000KRW, appx \$60-\$110)**
DEPARTURE & RETURN: From 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., or from 4 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Departure time varies throughout the year.)
INCLUSION: Life jacket, gloves, fishing hand line and bait, fishing rig, sinker, breakfast, lunch, coffee. (Note: Your catch will be served up in a spicy fish stew to share with your fellow fishermen.)
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TIP: Bring your cash to buy an extra rig (\$1), the big fish can break your line, and when they do, you have to buy a new rig.

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INCHEON: HOOKED ON FUN



Raw Fish Bibimbap with Spicy large-eyed herrings

Raw Fish Bibimbap with Spicy large-eyed herrings

After a long fishing trip, you don't have to walk far to get a good meal. Baendaengi-golmok District is close to Incheon Port and has many restaurants specializing in what the name suggests: Large-eyed herring, but more specifically, raw fish bibimbap. At Geumgangsae Maeun-tang, I was served a large bowl of rice topped with large-eyed herring, sesame oil, lettuce and gochujang (sweet and spicy pepper sauce), at a good

price (about \$7.70). The ingredients were a great mix of spice and herring and it brings a heat sure to reinvigorate you for some more exploration around Incheon. This district has other delicacies to try and is famous for its seafood so make it a stop if you find yourself at Incheon Port.

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Sorea Pogu Fish Market

Didn't catch a fish to impress your family and friends? Sorea Pogu Fish Market is the place for you! The market is famous for selling fresh crab and fish every morning. Recently remodeled, the market is modern and well-organized. Pick your "catch" up here along with other crustaceans or enjoy really fresh raw fish dishes outside the market.

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Songdo Central Park

Another stop near Incheon Port is this green space in the center of Songdo skyscrapers inspired by New York City's Central Park. The seawater park is the first of its kind and features various water activities including canoeing and boating. Enjoy the skyline and waterway on a water taxi (\$3.46) or take a stroll with loved ones and take in the beautiful scenery of the park.

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CAMP HUMPHREYS – For six straight years, teams have tried to solve the puzzle that is American School In Japan's Far East Division I Baseball Tournament dynasty.

They've failed as many times. Friday was no exception, as Ian Donahue pitched four innings of shutout ball and Ken Hemmer and Taiyo Ueda combined for three doubles and five RBIs as the Mustangs beat Kubasaki for the second straight season 13-3 in the D-I finals.

It was the sixth straight D-I title for the Mustangs and their seventh overall in the 10 years of Far East baseball tournaments. And it was the last one for coach Aaron Rogers, who retires after two decades with the Tokyo school; Greg Garrison is in line to replace Rogers.

"The bats were smacking the balls everywhere," Rogers said of his Mustangs, who banged out 13 hits off Kubasaki's Isaac Workman and Nick Patton, who took the loss. "My No. 9 batter (Kota Soda, 2-for-3) was batting just as well as our top four batters."

Hemmer went 2-for-3 with

three RBIs and Ueda was 2-for-2 and drove in two Mustangs runs.

Donahue, named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, struck out four and walked four. Former MVP Sho Flores got touched for Kubasaki's only three runs on three hits and a walk in the fifth inning.

Patton came on in relief in the second inning and allowed nine hits and a walk and hit a batter while giving up six earned runs. Starter Isaac Workman worked the first 1 2/3 innings, giving up four hits, two walks and five earned runs.

Despite the one-sided defeat, coach Randy Toor was happy that his Dragons even got to the final.

"Nobody expected us to get here," Toor said of Kubasaki team with two juniors, six sophomores and five freshmen.

"To get here was an accomplishment for us. But they (Mustangs) hit everybody we threw at them. It was too much to deal with for our young team."

ASIJ finished 19-1 on the season, while the Dragons went 13-21.



ASIJ right-hander Ian Donahue was named the Far East Division I baseball tournament MVP. Photos by Kathleen Paclipan, Special To Stripes

Division I

Yokota cruises to repeat on the diamond

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Riley DeMarco's pitching and the bats of Nick Yingling, Luke

Wiedie and Jeff Mullarky helped Yokota continue its Far East Division II baseball tournament dynasty.

DeMarco tossed a one-hit shutout and Yingling, Wiedie and Mullarky combined to bat 6-for-9 with three RBIs as the Panthers blanked E.J. King 10-0 for their second straight D-II title and fourth in the last five seasons.

With the win, the Panthers finished the campaign 19-7, including the D-II title and the championship in the DODEA-Japan tournament, which Yokota hosted last month.

"It feels great," said first-year coach LeSean Thomas, who the last three years assisted former head coach Steven Ferch, who now coaches Kadena.

"The kids worked hard all season, they never backed down," Thomas said. "It's great that they got this experience and take it (title) home with them."

Defense, Thomas said, was key in the Panthers' Far East title drive. In their four games, Yokota outscored its opponents 78-1, but more importantly

committed just one error in the tournament.

"We cut down on our mistakes; that was one of the things we stressed, being fundamentally sound, aware, and playing our best ball at all times," Thomas said.

DeMarco allowed no walks and struck out six in the victory. Leo Schinker had the lone Cobras' hit and took the loss, allowing seven hits and three walks while striking out four in 3 2/3 innings.

It was the Cobras' first D-II title-game appearance, coming two years after King was unable to field a team.



Division 2

Leo Schinker took the loss in the Division II baseball final; he had the lone hit for the Cobras against Yokota.

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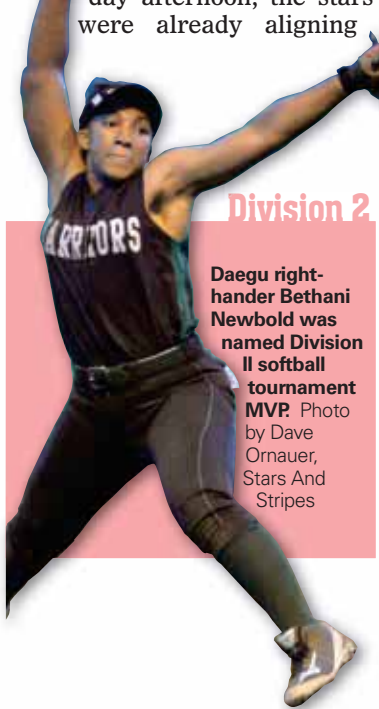
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Daegu, Humphreys complete first Korea sweep

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– As the sun slowly set in the west on a cloudless, pastel-blue Friday afternoon, the stars were already aligning



Division 2

Daegu right-hander Bethani Newbold was named Division II softball tournament MVP. Photo by Dave Ornauer, Stars And Stripes

as far as DODEA-Korea softball teams were concerned.

Never before had Korea teams swept both titles in the same day at a Far East softball tournament ... until Friday, when Humphreys shut out American School In Japan 10-0 to claim

the Division I title and Daegu outslugged Yokota 9-2 for the Division II crown.

“This was for Korea,” Blackhawks coach Sheri Smith said after the Warriors got the final out to complete the title sweep.

Daegu 9, Yokota 2

On the same field where the Warriors had been vanquished 5-2 by Robert D. Edgren in last year’s final, Daegu achieved redemption behind the right arm of MVP Bethani Newbold and the bat of Reyann Belford, who knocked in four runs with a pair of doubles.

“It feels so good,” said Newbold, who scattered eight hits

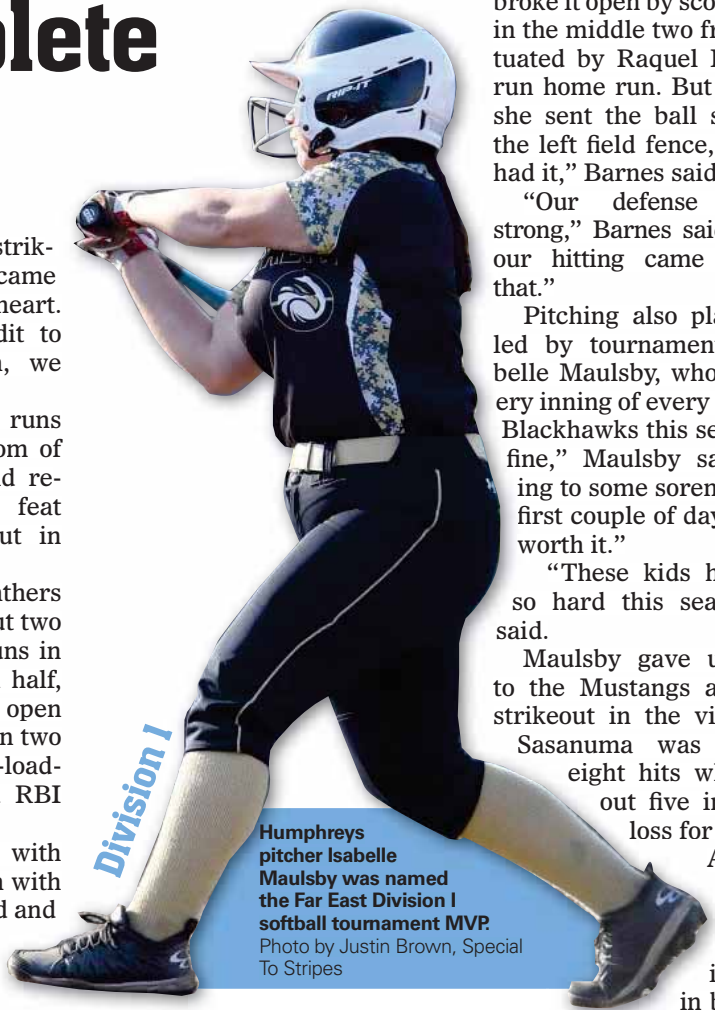
and walked three while striking out six Panthers. “We came out here and played with heart. We had grit. I give credit to my team. Without them, we wouldn’t have won this.”

Belford doubled in two runs with two outs in the bottom of the first, and repeated the feat with one out in the third.

The Panthers scratched out two unearned runs in the fifth to cut the gap in half, but the Warriors broke it open in their half of the frame on two unearned runs, two bases-loaded walks and a Newbold RBI single.

Newbold helped seal it with a strikeout to end the sixth with Panthers runners at second and third.

Belford finished with three hits and Nea Lizama two for the Warriors. Analise Rodriguez, Becca Bauman and Elena Haas each had two hits for Yokota. Adrianna Diaz took the loss, allowing nine



Division 1

Humphreys pitcher Isabelle Mulsby was named the Far East Division I softball tournament MVP. Photo by Justin Brown, Special To Stripes

broke it open by scoring six runs in the middle two frames, punctuated by Raquel Barnes’ two-run home run. But even before she sent the ball soaring over the left field fence, “I knew we had it,” Barnes said.

“Our defense was very strong,” Barnes said, “and then our hitting came along after that.”

Pitching also played a role, led by tournament MVP Isabelle Mulsby, who pitched every inning of every game for the Blackhawks this season. “I feel fine,” Mulsby said, confessing to some soreness after the first couple of days’ play. “It’s worth it.”

“These kids have worked so hard this season,” Smith said.

Mulsby gave up four hits to the Mustangs and had one strikeout in the victory. Sasha Sasanuma was tagged for eight hits while striking out five in taking the loss for ASIJ.

Aaliyah Rchengal doubled and drove in two runs in batting 3-for-4 and Lily Austinson went 2-for-3 for the Blackhawks, who made the most of eight hits and seven walks.

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Humphreys runs past the competition

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YOKOTA AIR BASE – Led by Tevijon Williams and Jaela Higgs, Pacific High School’s unofficial “Fastest Human” and “Fastest Female,” Humphreys’ track and field team soared like no Blackhawk has before.

Humphreys became the first DODEA Pacific school to sweep the boys, girls and overall titles in Division II one year and in Division I the next, outdistancing four-time defending champion Kinnick for top large-schools honors on May 23.

Along the way, Williams, a freshman, and Higgs, a junior, each swept their sprint races, the 100, 200 and 400, with Williams erasing the three-year-old meet and Pacific record in the 100, clocking 10.77, a hundredth-of-a-second faster than the old mark.

“It felt good,” said Williams, adding that he didn’t think he’d do better than 10.9 but was trying for the 10.8 range. “I came here just wanting to break 11 and hit somewhere around 10.9.”

His coach, Ron Merriwether, said “I knew he could do it” after Williams hit 10.92 in Wednesday’s preliminaries. “I don’t want to put undue pressure on my



Flanked by Kadena’s Eric McCarter and Kinnick’s Chris Watson, Humphreys’ Tevijon Williams blazes toward the finish in a Pacific record 10.77 seconds during May 23’s 100-meter dash in the Far East track and field meet. Photo by Akemi Ogata, Special to Stripes

athletes, but once he hit 10.9, I knew it was within reach. I’m glad to be a part of it.”

It was the only meet and Pacific record broken on Thursday, but both Williams and Higgs earned top Division I athlete honors, scoring the most points for their team during the two-day meet.

“I feel accomplished,” Higgs said. “I was very anxious about coming here, I had never raced here before and never against these people and I didn’t know what to expect.”

“I always want to put my kids in position to do special things,” Merriwether said. “We performed. Our kids stepped up to the challenge.”

On the Division II side, Yokota rose to the top after a seven-year absence. Prior to Humphreys sweeping all the D-II banners last year, Zama had won the previous four small-school banners and two other schools split the pot in 2012.

“It’s nice to win both,” Panthers coach Dan Galvin said, adding that he felt his girls had a good shot, “but we had some heroic efforts by our boys. He noted his Panthers winning the 1,600-meter relay in which his boys “ran the race of their lives.”

Galvin’s daughter, Aiko, a freshman, earned Division II top scoring girls athlete honors. Junior Owen Young of Perry, which finished second to Yokota in the team standings, won D-II top scoring boys athlete honors.

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Everland Rose Festival

DATE: Until June 16
LOCATION: Everland
INTRODUCTION:
 Started in 1985, a long running Rose Festival opens every year in May. With 20,000 m² size rose garden, visitors can see various kind of flowers while enjoying the amusement park.
TRANSPORTATION:
Subway
 Jeondae-Everland Station (Yongin EverLine), Exit 3.
 - Take the shuttle bus to Everland (Operating hours 05:30-23:30).
Bus
 1) Sinnohcheon, Gangnam, Yangjae Stations: Bus 5002
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 4) Gangbyeon, Gangdong Stations (via Gwangju): Bus 1113
HOMEPAGE: everland.com (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Daejeon Craft Beer & Music Festival



DATE: Until June 2
LOCATION: Expo Park's Hanbit Tower Park
INTRODUCTION:
 Daejeon Craft Beer & Music Festival, which first started in 2016, is co-hosted by Weizen Haus and Daejon MBC. Visitors can enjoy up to 100 varieties of craft beer, delicious local cuisines, and performances by popular music artists.
TRANSPORTATION:
 Daejeon Government Complex (Daejeon Subway, Line 1), Exit 3.
 From Dunsan Police Station Bus Stop, take Bus No. 705 and get off at KOTRA Exhibition Center.
 Walk to Hanbit Tower Plaza at Expo Park for approx. 330 m.
HOMEPAGE: www.weizenhaus.com (Korean only)

Korean Folk Village Variety Festival "Welcome to Joseon"



DATE: Until June 23
LOCATION: Korean Folk Village

INTRODUCTION:
 Korean Folk Village hosts the "Welcome to Joseon" Variety Festival each spring. Programs include parades and performances as well as hands-on activities and cast members wandering freely throughout the park to interact with visitors. Travel in time back to the Joseon Dynasty with the characters in a interesting and real comedy act.
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 From Sanggal Station (Bundang Line), Exit 2. Take Bus No. 37 or 10-5.
 From Jukjeon Station (Bundang Line), take Bus No. 30 in front of Shinsegae Department Store.
HOMEPAGE:
 www.koreanfolk.co.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Busan International Dance Festival



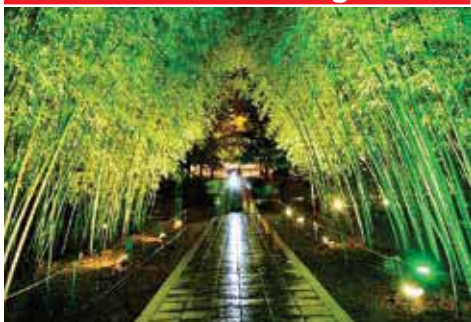
DATE: Until July 8
LOCATION: Busan Cultural Center, Haeundae Beach (stage), Busan Cinema Center
INTRODUCTION:
 The Busan International Dance Festival (BIDF) is one of the largest dance festivals in Korea. Dancers taking the stage in Haeundae hail from all over the world. Since 2009, BIDF opens AK21 (Arts Korea) international choreographer competitions to open up a way for amateur choreographers to show their talents.
 Visitors can be assured to experience an eclectic mix of dancing that showcases a variety of excellent dance styles: classical ballet, modern dance, and more.
TRANSPORTATION:
Subway
 Haeundae Station (Busan Subway Line 2), Exit 3 or 5.
 Walk about 500m to arrive at Haeundae Beach.
Bus
 From Busan Station, take Bus 1001 or 1003 to Haeundae.
HOMEPAGE: www.bidf.kr (Korean only)

Daejeon Saturday Festival



DATE: Until Oct. 5
LOCATION: In the areas of Daejeon Sky Road and Daejeon Jungang Market
INTRODUCTION:
 Daejeon Saturday Festival guarantees five different fun including things to eat, things to see, things to enjoy, things to buy, and things to play. Held every Saturdays from 18:00-23:00, visitors can enjoy a night out at the market.
TRANSPORTATION:
Subway
 Daejeon Station (Daejeon Subway Line 1), Exit 1.

Walk with a King



DATE: Until Oct. 26
LOCATION: Gyeonggijeon Shrine in Jeonju Hanok Village
INTRODUCTION:
 Walk with a King is held every Saturday from May 4 to October 26 with exception of August 3 and August 8. 100 person tour include special view of Gyeonggijeon Shrine with music and tea. A special tour guide will take you around the beautiful city of Jeonju.
TRANSPORTATION:
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DMZ Peace Train Music Festival



DATE: June 5 - June 9
LOCATION: Seoul Platform Changdong 61, Cheorwon Goseokjeong National Tourist

Area, Cheorwon Korean Workers' Party Headquarters, Woljeong-ri Station, Soisan Mountain
INTRODUCTION:
 DMZ Peace Train Music Festival aims to promote freedom and peace through music. The festival is held at Seoul and Cheorwon, Gangwon-do providing conferences, showcase, main concert and special programs.
TRANSPORTATION:
Express/Intercity Bus
 Take a bus from Dong Seoul Bus Terminal to Sincheorwon Bus Terminal or Munhyeri Bus Stop.
Bus
 Take a Nongeocheon Bus bound for Dongsong/Jipo-ri and get off at Goseokjeong Bus Stop.
HOMEPAGE: dmzpeacetrain.com (Korean, English)

Ulsan Whale Festival



DATE: June 7 - June 9
LOCATION: Area of Jangsaengpo, Nam-gu, Ulsan
INTRODUCTION:
 Ulsan Whale Festival is held in the area of Jangsaengpo Whale Culture Special Zone. The area is equipped with many things for visitors to see, such as the whale museum, Jangsaengpo Whale Watching Cruise, and Jangsaengpo Whale Life Experience Museum. The variety of sites at the festival will give visitors an extra level of fun and discovery.
TRANSPORTATION:
Train
 Take a train(KTX) from Seoul Station to Ulsan.
Express/Intercity Bus
 From Seoul Express Bus Terminal, take a bus to Ulsan Terminal.

Bus
 - From Ulsan Station, take bus 317, 327, 337 or 807.
 - Get off at Taehwa Rotary Bus Stop.
 - Across from Ulsan Express/Intercity Bus Terminal, take bus 337, 708, 722, 728, 732 or 807.
 - Get off at Taehwa Rotary Bus Stop.
HOMEPAGE: www.whalekorea.com (Korean only)

Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival



DATE: June 27 - July 7
LOCATION: Bucheon City Hall Grass Plaza, Eoulmadang & Fantastic Cube; Korea Cartoon Museum; Songnae Eoulmadang Solan Art Hall; CGV Bucheon, CGV Sopung
INTRODUCTION:
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TRANSPORTATION:

Bucheon City Hall
Subway

Songnae Station (Subway Line 1), Exit 2. Take Bus 23, 70, 80 or 700, and get off at Bucheon Sicheong (City Hall).

HOMEPAGE:www.bifan.kr (Korean, English)

take a taxi to Gunnamji (궁남지, 1.5km).

HOMEPAGE: www.lotusfestival.kr (Korean only)

Hangang Summer Festival



DATE: July 19 - Aug. 18

LOCATION: Hangang River and Parks

INTRODUCTION:

Hangang Summer Festival, also called Hangang Mongttang Festival, is a large-scale riverside culture festival, and the representative summer festival of Seoul. It consists of about 80 programs including camping, water leisure sports, circus, music concert, movie concert, street performances, bike-riding, paper-boat sailing, fire art, traditional performances, night market, and others, organized by the Hangang Project Headquarters, and various civic organizations. Every type of visitor can enjoy the festival in Hangang Park with the multitude of programs.

TRANSPORTATION:

Subway
 Yeouinaru Station (Seoul Subway Line 5), Exit 2, 3

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HOMEPAGE:

hangang.seoul.go.kr (Korean only)

LOCATION: Samnak Ecological Park

INTRODUCTION:

Busan International Rock Festival is a leading music festival in Korea, representing the openness and youth of the coastal city of Busan. The festival is organized with the goals of discovering new musical talent, revitalizing the music industry, and celebrating indie bands. Along with the international film festival in October, the Busan International Rock Festival has played a vital role in promoting the artistic affluence of Busan, the largest port city in South Korea. The festival is widely recognized as strengthening ties between renowned musicians worldwide. It is a fun and widely attended event that is a must-see for any rock music fan in Korea.

TRANSPORTATION:

Subway

Gwebeop Renicite Station (Busan Subway Busan-Gimhae Light Rail Transit Line), Exit 1. Walk for approx. 17 min.

Bus

Take Green Bus No. 123 or 126. Get off at Samnak Ecological Park Bus Stop.

HOMEPAGE: www.bfo.or.kr (Korean, English)

ceremony, cultural performances, and other special events. With a total of 5 beaches holding the event, each beach has different programs and performances for all ages.

TRANSPORTATION:

Subway

Haeundae Station (Busan Subway Line 2), Exit 3 or 5.

- Walk straight from the exit about 500 m to arrive at Haeundae Beach.

Bus

- From Busan Station, take bus 139, 140, 239, 240 or 302 to Haeundae.

- From Busan Aiport, take Airport Bus (KAL Limousine Bus) to Haeundae.

- From Sasang Terminal, take City Bus 31 or 31-1 bus to Haeundae.

HOMEPAGE: www.bfo.or.kr

(Korean, English)



Buyeo Seodong Lotus Festival



DATE: July 5 - July 7

LOCATION: Area of Seodong Park (Gunnamji)

INTRODUCTION:

This festival celebrates the beautiful lotus flowers and highlights the importance of preserving wild flowers. The festival programs contain many events related to lotus flowers, such as making paper lotus flowers and making lotus flower soap, which are the two particularly popular programs with international visitors. Various other popular tourist destinations are located nearby the festival grounds including several Baekje (18 BC-660 AD) cultural historic sites such as the Baekje Wangneungwon (royal mausoleum), Nakhwaam, and the Baekje Historical Museum.

TRANSPORTATION:

Express/Intercity Bus

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Busan Sea Festival



DATE: Aug. 2 - Aug. 6

LOCATION: Haeundae Beach, Gwangalli Beach, Dadaepo Beach, Songdo Beach, Songjeong Beach, etc.

INTRODUCTION:

The Busan Sea Festival was first held in 1996 to promote Busan as a beautiful harbor city. The festival takes place at Haeundae Beach, Gwangalli Beach, Songdo Beach, Dadaepo Beach, Songjeong Beach, and at other places in Busan. The festival offers various cultural events and unique hands-on programs. As Korea's first general ocean festival, it puts on many exciting programs including a great opening

Suwon Culture Night



DATE: Aug. 9 - Aug. 11

LOCATION: Areas of Suwon Hwaseong Fortress

INTRODUCTION:

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HOMEPAGE: culturenight.swcf.or.kr

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In early March, after my family of five and I settled in for another two-year tour in Korea, I was invited out to a welcome dinner with coworkers. Since I was still unfamiliar with the area, I elected to ride with a colleague to the lively locale, something I hadn't seen yet in my short time in Pyeongtaek.

The lights, sounds, mass amounts of people and pumping nightlife energy in this vibrant district instantly took me back to my early 20s, and I could only hope to return another day. Unfortunately, I had not a hint of a clue where I was or how to return.

Recently, I got a craving for a taste of Mexican food, so I asked Alexa to find me options within Pyeongtaek. The first English result — Go Boogie Mexican Pub and Grill — caught my attention, and why wouldn't it?

Not knowing exactly where this pub was, I set the destination in my phone, loaded the family into the car and rolled out for a local 7-mile adventure. I got

excited as we approached our destination. I had found it! Pyeongtaek's newest, hippest, happening entertainment district, Sosabeol, is an Instagrammer's dream.

Inside this bubble of entertainment is Go Boogie, a warm and cozy Mexican pub and grill that is well-suited to the taste of Koreans.

The menu couldn't be any simpler. Three taco styles, four quesadillas and two fajitas cover your primary options with a few sides to fill any remaining void in your appetite. Sodas, cocktails and Korean beers are available, with the average mixed drink costing about 7,000 won (about \$6).

My personal selection was the Cajun Shrimp Tacos (two tacos for 8,000 won) served with a soft tortilla, seasoned shrimp, lettuce, sour cream and shredded cheese on a hot stone plate. Even though this dish was not spicy, it was very balanced and a great option to start a fun evening.

My wife ordered the Hot



Chicken Tacos (two for 7,000 won) and nearly burned a hole through her mouth. Served with a soft tortilla, seasoned chicken, sour cream, pico de gallo and shredded cheese, this dish is great for fans of the local spicy Korean chicken.

The kids each got a different quesadilla — Triple Mushroom (15,000 won), Red Chicken and Sweet Potato (16,000 won each).

Each order is served with a four-piece quesadilla, a small salad and salsa to top the main entree with.

The mushroom quesadilla was a cheesy pleasure to taste. The red chicken is not a description,

it's a warning. This spicy quesadilla nearly had my teenage daughter in tears. I had to try it for myself, and the thought of it while writing this review makes me want it again.

Each order is suitable for an individual, though we left with very few leftovers. Although we did not order any of the available fajitas (38,000 won), the couple next to us shared an order. Its portions were enough to serve 2-3 people.

A side order of french fries (6,000 won) is worth the price. They are perfectly seasoned and served in a large basket with ketchup. Place this in the center for everyone to share; there will be plenty to go around.

If your evening calls for it, be

LOCATION: Gyeonggi-do, Pyeongtaek-si, Bijeondong, 1107-1 KR or GPS 36.999857, 127.114339
HOURS: Open 5:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; closed Sundays
PRICES: Tacos are about 7,000 won; quesadillas, 15,000 won; fajitas, 38,000 won for 2-3 servings
DRESS: Casual
DIRECTIONS: A 2 ¼-mile taxi ride from Pyeongtaek Train Station, or AK Plaza. Taxi is recommended since finding a parking spot can be complicated and costly.
INFORMATION: 010-8802-3648

The Hot Chicken Tacos from Go Boogie Mexican Pub and Grill in Pyeongtaek.

sure to enjoy one of the many cold cocktails available. There are no diet beverage options offered besides water.

The family and I really enjoyed this experience. The second-floor windows remained open while we ate, reminding us of how much was going on just outside. The street scene seeping into the restaurant, however, did not overpower the selection of American music being softly played in Go Boogie.

If you are looking for a place to have fun, Sosabeol is where you want to go. It has something for everyone in a very compact area. Families, friends, singles and couples can all find something brilliant to do together.

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Be part of a network of those who served in Korea.




DID YOU KNOW?

Want to dine in? No problem. South Korea has multiple restaurants that offer delivery, including McDonalds. Most delivery drivers drive a motorcycle when delivering food. Even better, many places even will retrieve the dishes when you're done. Now that's service!

Hangul of the week

모래
morae (sand)

Language Lesson

Are you hungry.
Baegopayo?

Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- Pendulum paths
- Knitter's purchase
- Builder's map
- Kind of package
- Upright, e.g.
- "___ Las Vegas"
- Knee-slapper
- Teacher
- Credit card provider, e.g.
- Cousin of a gull
- Woolly mama
- Hopelessness
- Contract addition
- Flower part
- Angelic figure
- Place to buy a latte
- Race for four
- Milky stone
- Put off
- Fast pace
- Radio knob
- Newspaper section
- High regard
- ___-de-camp
- Rand McNally book
- Sully
- Towel inscription
- News piece
- Primitive shelter
- Look forward to
- Bird feeder block
- Recipe direction
- Zenith's opposite
- Grove growth
- Pitlike scar
- Winter hazard
- Billy Idol's "Rebel ___"

DOWN

- Bitter-tasting
- Poker play
- Religious symbol
- Frame job
- Full of energy
- Family
- "___ of Eden"
- Prefix with "state" or "act"
- Chuck of action films
- Pipe material
- Word for word
- Profess
- Anagram for "rate"
- Beneath
- Ill at ___
- Yankee's foe
- Put up
- Gotti's group
- Water carrier
- Big talk
- Sheep's shelter
- Creative work
- Better than good
- Admiral's command
- Ship renovation
- Serious warning
- Excavation find
- Like a desert
- Morning prayer
- Petal neighbor
- Offensive
- Become accus-tomed (to)
- Mill product
- Vacationer's quarters
- Gate closure
- Crazy about
- Fictitious, with "up"
- Exasperate
- Bit of business attire

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SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

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Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

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We promise you this: we will pay them back – the lessons you’ve taught us, the love you’ve given us, and the dedication you’ve made to cultivating us. And we will pay them forward – our unique talents, gifts, and character – to one day impact others the way you’ve impacted us. Once again, on behalf of the Senior Class, I extend my deepest gratitude to you all. We will make you proud.

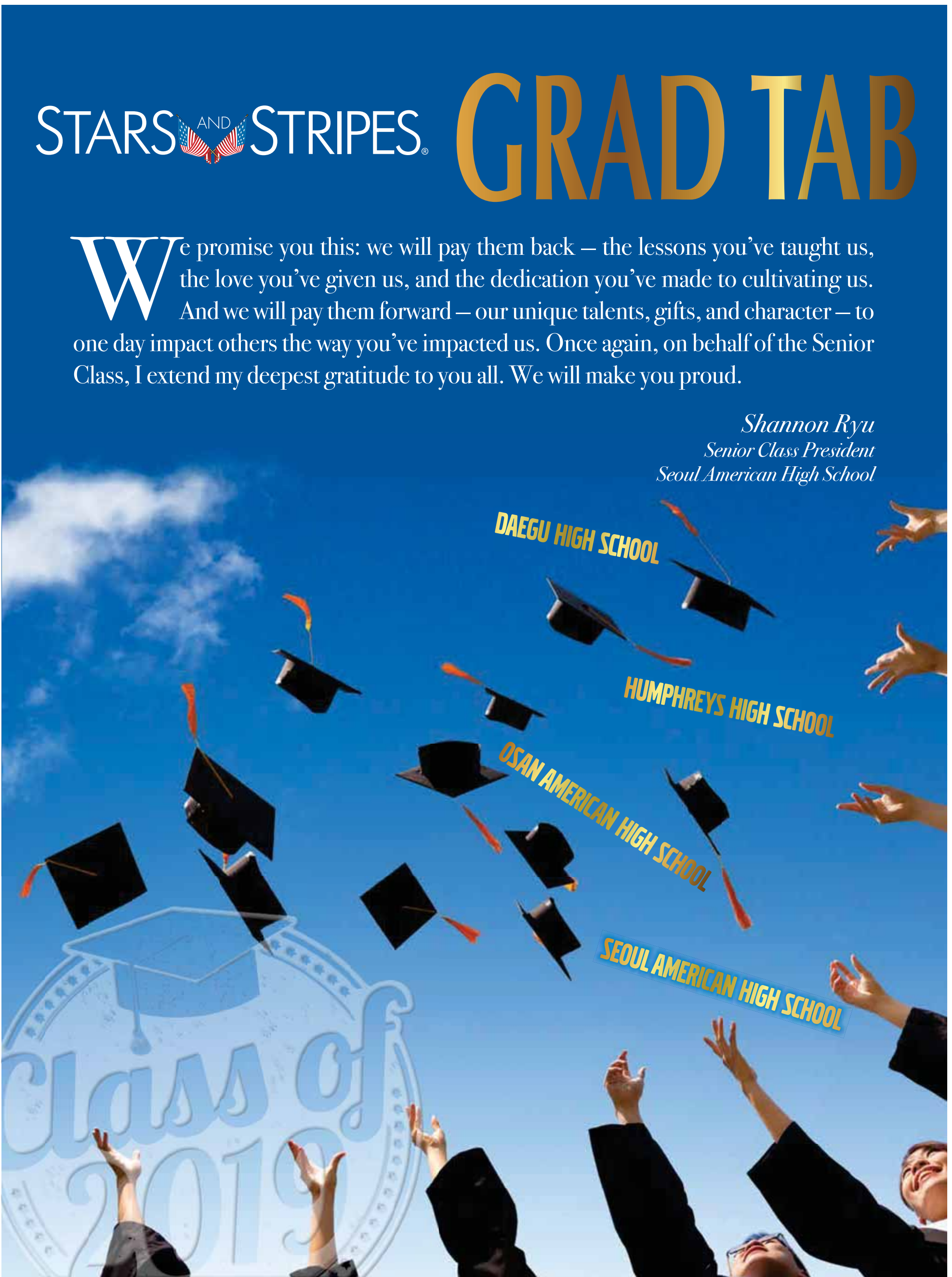
Shannon Ryu
Senior Class President
Seoul American High School

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Daegu High School



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| Almaraz, Elyzabeth | Jones, Timothy | Sarantakes, Mary |
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| Bereiter, Tamataua | Litton, Jasmine | Sitta, Margareth |
| Black, John | Mann, Grace | Stutts, Gabrielle |
| Charley, Rehanna | McQuait, Michaela | Teague, Kehealani |
| Clifton, Adrian | Melendez, Muhammad | Thomas, Donald |
| Garrido, Natalie | Moreno, Jasmin | Topcik, Aidan |
| Guilfoyle, Yasmin | Murphy, Samuel | Topcik, James |
| Gustavus, Kaleikamakaku'ualoha | Rodriguez, Ethan | Turner, Cedric |
| Jackson, Ed | Ruff, Miciah | Williamson, , Paul |

*Dear Daegu Parents,
School and Community,*

Senior year has taught us many things like patience as we wait for college decisions, strength as many seniors this year compete in at least one sport, and leadership as many of us take part in student council, JROTC, and lead as examples for younger students. All of these important life skills will be carried with us as we move towards our futures and head onto our different paths. One of the sour aspects of graduating overseas is that we will be dispersed to different corners of the country, spread out from our friends and family. However, an important trait that can be found in any one of our seniors is the ability to stick together. With a class size of less than 40 we are more of a family than anything else, and family always finds a way to stick together. We have learned this from watching you, our parents, our mentors, our

As the school year comes to a close the seniors of Daegu Middle High School prepare to take their next steps in life.

community. We have watched and learned our whole lives, and whether we admit it or not our knowledge comes from the way we see our parents and community work together. Not only do small schools produce families but so do small communities like the Area IV community. From Carroll to Walker we see how close knit and friendly everyone is towards each other. Unity is what builds relationships and unity is what we have observed from you for our entire lives and is the only thing we know. Through thick and thin, rough and smooth, good and bad we all end up right next to each other in the end. And come on, what kind of family doesn't fight every once and awhile. We thank you for the experiences and knowledge you have given us as we come to the end of our beginning, the cross roads where we all take our own paths. And as we look back all we see are the people who helped us get here, all we see is every one of you, cheering us on past the finish line. From the Daegu Middle High School Senior Class of 2019, Thank You.

Sincerely,

*Miciah Ruff
Senior Class President*

Mic Ruff & dad





The Seniors show their school spirit during a pep rally.



The Mummy Game is a blast.



A Homecoming reunion! James Sturn from Zama enjoys the dance with his old pals.



This one-act play place second at the Far East Drama Festival.

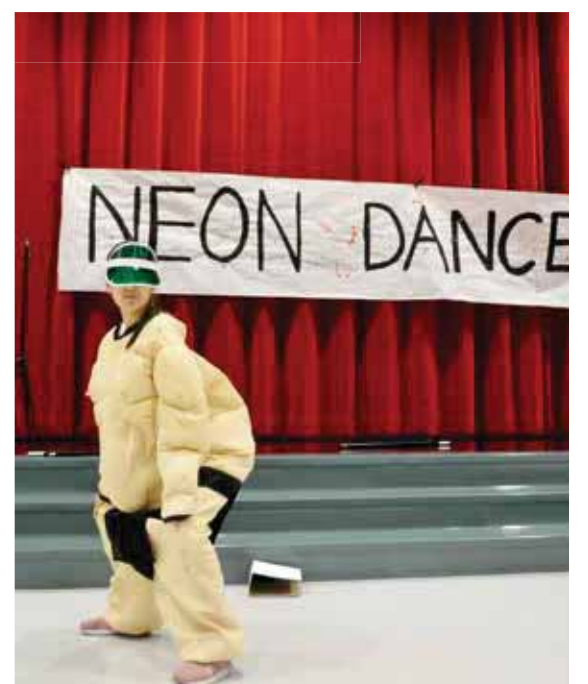
Cherish the moments



At the "fashion show," Ethan dresses as a woman and struts his stuff.



After a victorious win in their season opener against Dsan.



While setting up for the Neon Dance, Mary puts on a sumo suit and goofs around.

GRADUATES
2019

Humphreys High School



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| Allen, Jasmyin | Brice, Miles |
| Allmond, Joshua | Brown, Desiree |
| Angerman, Jacob | Brown, Sarah |
| Areniego, Cullen | Bruch, Maria |
| Arrington, Jayton | Brum, Sean |
| Austinson, Cole | Burslic, Chase |
| Bac, Nathan | Cagle, Megan |
| Banaag, Samuel | Calkins, Skylar |
| Barnes, Racquel | Charo, Noble |
| Blessing, Kierden | Chippis, Abigail |
| Bourne, Egypt | Chiu, Rachel |

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| Cho, Aimee |
| Chun, Jacqueline |
| Cochran, Tylar |
| Cody, Cleopatra |
| Corsaro, Jacob |
| Crosby, MacKenzie |
| Cruz, Kieli |
| Cruz, Teri |
| Dennie, Cierra |
| Donnell, Devin |
| Dykes, Ebony |
| Eckles, Liam |
| Fahey, Micayla |
| Fisher, Adam |
| Forbes, Rhayne |
| Franco, Christian |
| Garrido, Taylor |
| Gibson, Hana |
| Gooding, Daniel |
| Goodwater, Chakhira |
| Hampton, Christopher |

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| Han, Helen |
| Harris, Naomi |
| Harris, Precious |
| Hawthorne, Naya |
| Hayman, Hannah |
| Heo, Dongkyu |
| Hernandez Garcia, Jose |
| Hilburn, Brandon |
| Hill, Brandon J. |
| Hill, Jalen |
| Horne, Jayla |
| Horne, Jaylan |
| Hurey, Darius |
| Jackson, Brianna |
| Johnson, Tyler |
| Kwon, Sharon |
| Lampley, Holland |
| Laser, Kylee |
| Lor, Felicia |
| Martin, Ethan |
| McIntosh, Daniel |

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| McPeak, Chloe |
| Metcalf, Quintin |
| Miller, Maria |
| Morris, Logan |
| Mueller, Riley |
| Murphy, Zayva |
| Nededog, Jaileen |
| Newbegin, Sydney |
| Oh, Ryan |
| Ohara, Javin |
| Ortiz, Erick |
| Paclipan, Kathleen |
| Pedro, Fuente |
| Puskas, Jacqueline |
| Rainville, Daegeon |
| Razon, Xyra-Irish |
| Recheungel, Adaiyah |
| Riley, Taj |
| Roberts, Nehemiah |
| Rumph, Shania |
| Runio, Jennah |

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| Russell, Jasmine |
| Sieng, Annete |
| Son, Jun Su |
| Stanley, Aradia |
| Sul, Jacqueline |
| Sylvester, Brianna |
| Tampus, Rowe Terre Antoine |
| Thorps, Xavier |
| Timmins, Audrey |
| Toppin, Kyla |
| Van Vechten, David |
| Velooso Lopes, Maryaide |
| Victoriano, Hail |
| Villarreal, Miguel |
| Ward, Alana |
| Wilson, Rebecca |
| Young, Sarah |
| Yu, Jason |
| Yu, Ulises |

*Dear parents, educators,
and Senior Class supporters,*

Thank you for guiding us through our journey at Humphreys High School. We appreciate the time and effort in helping us grow not only into knowledgeable and determined students, but also into young adults capable of accomplishing great things. First, thank you to our counselors for providing us with the materials and advice we need to pursue our passions in life. Without their continuous support we would also not have the amount of successful scholarship opportunities. Counselors organize our class schedules regarding student's personal goals. An example is a student enrolling in a computer programming class because they may want to create their own video game one day. The next step to that goal is the education that comes from our teachers.

Our teachers and educators provide us the necessary information we need to explore our options for college, joining the workforce, and enlisting in the military. The class and life lessons that are taught in the classroom will guide us through this next chapter in our lives. Teachers at HHS

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don't just teach, they challenge. They challenge us to work harder, learn more efficiently, but most importantly, our teachers challenge us by holding us to a high moral standard. Thank you for always believing in us.

The Humphreys High School community is truly our second family - after spending eight hours together every day, you get pretty close. This special connection is oftentimes the motivation for students to do best for themselves in their education. When it boils down to it, family is the foundation of our lives.

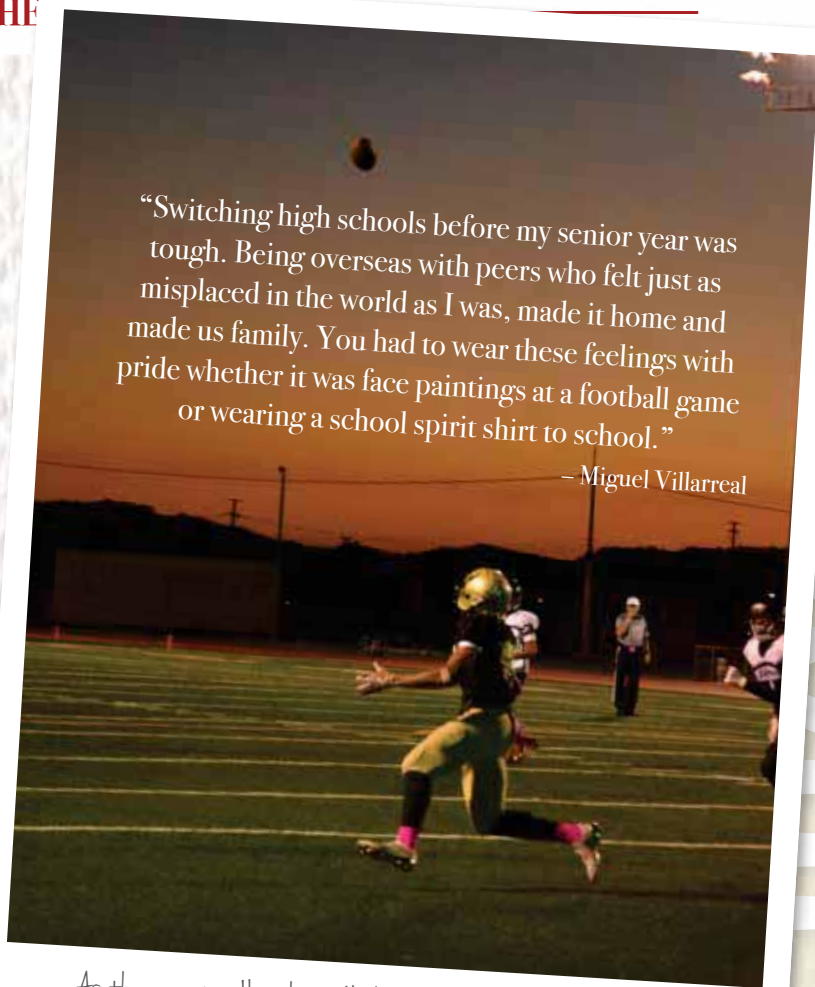
Lastly, thank you to our supportive and loving family members. They've watched our first baby steps and will now witness our steps across the graduation stage with a diploma in hand. They have encouraged us to stay grounded and to focus on our own personal development. The unwavering familial support always offered is instrumental in the completion of this high school journey. Moms, dads, brothers, sisters, grandparents, and more- we would've never made it this far without you. We love you so much.

Sincerely,

The Humphreys High School Class of 2019



Devin Donnell and Miguel Villarreal display their full school spirit at the Humphreys vs Kinnick game.



“Switching high schools before my senior year was tough. Being overseas with peers who felt just as misplaced in the world as I was, made it home and made us family. You had to wear these feelings with pride whether it was face paintings at a football game or wearing a school spirit shirt to school.”

– Miguel Villarreal

As the sun set on Humphreys High School's first year as a D1 school, Jaylan Horne gave his all to make the catch.

Humphreys

THE FUTURE IS OURS!

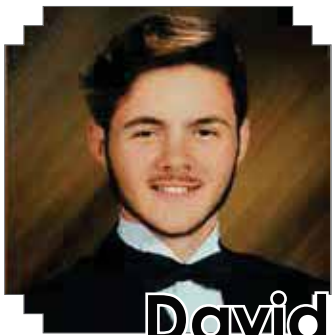


Mr. Humphreys contestants (left to right, back to front), Jacob Corsaro, Jack Heo, David Van Vechten, Erick Ortiz, Joshua Affmond, Daniel McIntosh, Jun Son, and Devin Donnell.



The Humphreys High School Senior Class Officers: Sharon Kwon, Felicia Lor, Abbie Chippis, Desiree Brown and Jasmyne Allen.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES 2019



David

Congratulations David! We are so very proud of you and cannot wait to see what your future holds. May God continue his blessings upon you! Love you always!

— Dad, Mom and Tori



Unlike stateside schools, it isn't too common to have many students attend the same high school all four years. At Humphreys High School, only 14 of the 103 seniors have been Blackhawks since day one!



The senior section always seems to have the most fun at pep rallies!

Deagu High School



Reyann Belford



At homecoming pep rally during the balloon pop game, seniors won!

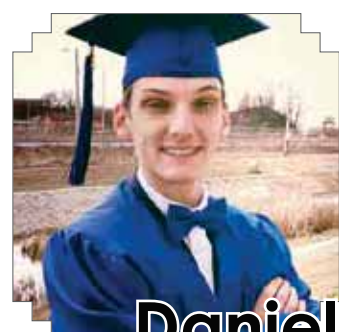
I am from nowhere
 To exist in a time
 Never a place
 I am from Jonathan and Mary
 From Jacqueline and Andrew
 Holding passports of nations no longer theirs
 I am from the intangible
 J'ouvert and scotch eggs
 Cadbury roses, colorful in their assortments
 Residing in moments evanescent
 Traversing the sands of time like a desert bedouin
 I am from the scattering of books,
 Precariously stacked
 The intentional absence of sound
 a haven for nyctophiles
 I am from places I cannot keep

Loved, but never fully unpacked
 Anchored, but never bound or trapped
 I am from petrichor and sun faded porches
 Lullabies concocted from the deep
 reverbs of distant thunder, imminent storms
 And the accompanying sounds of cicadas
 I am from the anachronistic
 From the softened edges of pictures
 Capturing days gone by
 To the grainy pixels of moments preserved
 I am from the void with its scattering
 of nebulas and asterisms
 Unveiling Venus and Mars to
 Wide, reflecting eyes
 I am from indifferent believers,
 Overthinking dreamers

Humphreys High School



The Class of 2019 knows that when they play your song, you've got to get up and dance!



Daniel

"As for you, never tire of
 doing what is good."
 2 Thessalonians 3:13
 We love you!
 — Dad, Mom & Ray



Being a senior sports captain is not just about being on top and in charge. Who else knew better than to show their teammates how to be fearless? Captains: Maria Bruch, Ebony Dykes and Desiree Brown.



Sarah Brown, Jasmine Russell, Jaylan Horne, Jayla Horne and Jasmyne Affen were proud to represent the Class of 2019 at the Spring Fever Reliever assembly.

Homes



Graduates (from left to right) - Gai Rancy, Zahry

I am
 Where freedom and restraint intertwine
 Defined by what I am not
 Rather than what I am
 I am from the immutable
 Murphy's law
 "Accepting the things I cannot change,
 And changing the things I cannot accept"
 I am from intersecting crossroads
 And a traffic light
 The last my father saw
 I am from the mosaic made of gnarled
 metal and glistening glass
 A folded flag and pictures turned vigil
 - Yasmine, Daegu High School

Osan High School

school



a Kearney, Jasmine Morris, Daniel McIntosh (below).



Marlon Davison and Chaylin Goban pretending to read for AP literature.



Maja Inthavixay and Elizabeth White having fun before class.



The seniors winning the spirit stick for the first time in SY 18-19.

We made it!

I am from my family
 From my little sister and brother
 I am from the beautiful island of the Sleeping Lady,
 Kosrae
 Tropical, sandy, sounds of ukuleles being played
 during the day and the pleasant singing of the people
 at night
 I am from the wild rainbow-like ixoras
 A genus of flowering plants in the Rubiaceae family
 I'm from my Lord and Savior's house, who I fear the
 most and a spitting image of my dad
 From Roseann Custer and Hanson Hanlin Charley
 I'm from my mother's formidable attitude and my
 father's modesty
 From "go to timeout" and "use your words"
 To "Treat others with respect, loyalty, and kindness the
 same you'd want to be treated"
 I'm from being welcomed into God's house every
 Sunday
 To always give thanks before eating meals
 I'm from Virginia Beach, Virginia
 Germany, Caucasian, Marshalllese, Kosraean, and
 Nauruan all run through my veins
 Sashimi with lime juice, cut onions, salt, and kimchi
 base
 To chicken soup with breadfruits
 Photographs from Italy, Prague, Spain, France,
 Germany, Luxemburg, Poland, and Austria
 My family talking, laughing, having a great time

- Rehanna, Daegu High School

Ashley Clifton



Seoul American High School

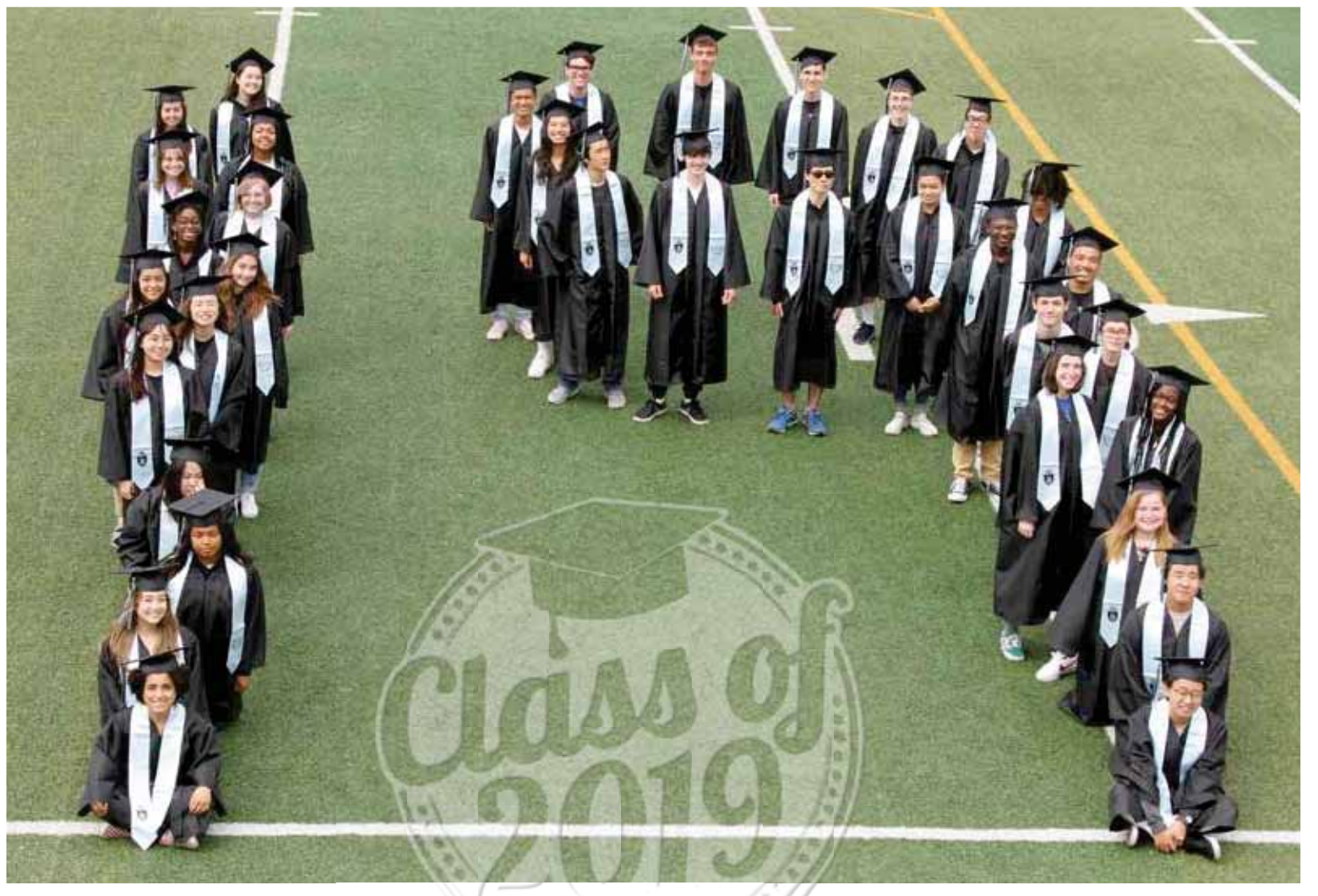


The last Seoul American Middle High School tennis team holds up their rackets during the fall pep rally.



Yongsan's multi-talented seniors show off their expertise at the Seoul American spring concert.

Osan High School



Andersson, Jaxon
 Armstrong, Madeline
 Bond, Kimber
 Cervantes, Skye
 Copia, Lean
 Eitland, Andrew
 Fazande, Tyler
 Garza, Gabriel
 George, Annabel
 Gokan, Chaylin
 Gonsalves, Stephanie

Gross, Landon
 Groves, Star
 Han, Noah
 Harrison, Angela
 Hibner-Hereford, Vianne
 Inthavixay, Maja
 Johnson, Akira
 Kearney, Zahrya
 Kim, Minsung
 Legaspi, Leandro
 Matias, Emily

Mayo, Andrew
 Mensah, Jaray
 Newell, Levi
 Ohler, Kara
 Park, Elizabeth
 Perez, Brevin
 Pettigrew, Imani
 Raspet, Isaiah
 Remal, Shania
 Seidler, Matthew
 Snelling, Trenton

Strauss, Johnathan
 Strommer, Destinee
 Swayne, Satomi
 Tolliver, Jady
 VanHoose, Kojiro
 Weaver, Leilani
 White, Elizabeth
 Wright, Jaden
 Yarborough, Chance
 Yun, Jaewoong

Thank you.

These four, seemingly endless years of high school have come to an end. We can finally celebrate the long nights filled with homework and studying that are paying off. Often times we forget that we are not the only ones who had to work for this. This is a thank you to all the parents, teachers, friends, family, faculty, and others who have got us here. This is just a reminder that we remember your hard work and dedication and truly appreciate it. You have worked just as hard, if not harder to push us to where we are today; alone we surely could not have accomplished it, even if we don't like to admit it.

To our parents. Thank you so much for dealing with the pain we've brought you... from pregnancy to birth... lasting to even today. And we love you guys so much that we will probably still be a pain for the next 50 years. But, we're here to say thank you for all that you've done and all that you will do in the future (hopefully not too much). We are more in debt to you than we could ever be to our colleges, and that says a lot. Despite how tough this year may have been, let's take a moment to congratulate the fact that none of us ended up on Dr. Phil. Jokes aside, we are thankful for the sacrifices you have made so that we can thrive at Osan High School. Most kids aren't lucky enough but because of your sacrifices, we are here.

To our teachers: Thank you for not failing us. Not only did you help us with the school work, but helped us grow as people. Taught us

lessons that we will use throughout the rest of our lives and hopefully pass down to others when it's our turn. You have been the people we confided in, talked to when we needed to rant, and have gotten advice from. You have become our friends, our role models, and most importantly, our family. Osan's great academic reputation all comes down to you and your dedication to us. When we think we can't do something, we could always count on you guys to motivate us or bug us until we would give in and do the work.

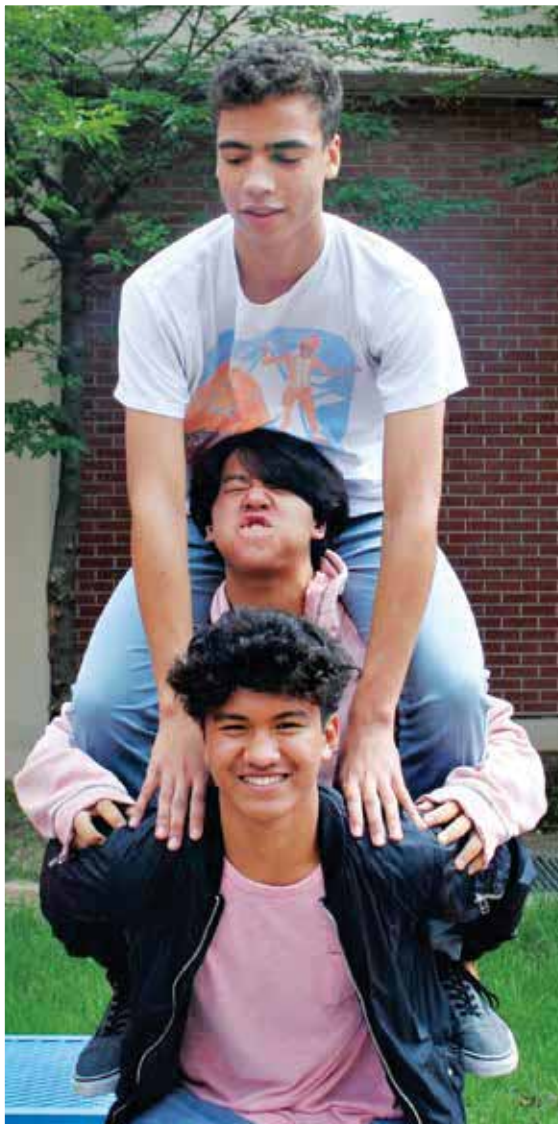
Seriously. Thank you all for lifting us up, cooking us dinner or buying us lunch, making us laugh, making high school just a little less tough. Thank you for supporting us as we try to figure ourselves out. Thank you for encouraging us to be the best we can be. Our words could never fully express how thankful we are that you have helped us become who we are today. This is just a reminder that we remember your hard work and dedication and truly appreciate it...we are forever grateful.

Sincerely,

Your Osan Senior Class of 2019

Madeline Armstrong





Lean Copia, Noah Han and Isaiah Raspet making a totem pole.

Memories of a Lifetime



The first senior photo of the year.



The Senior Class Officers - Minsung Kim, Elizabeth Park, Maja Inthavixay and Elizabeth White - get ready for their official photo.



Vianne Htibner-Hereford, Elizabeth Park, Elizabeth White, Maja Inthavixay and Leilani Weaver enjoy one last field day before graduation.



Lean Copia, Satomi Swayne, Andrew Eitland and Brevin Perez dressed for Opposites Homecoming Day.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES 2019



Levi

Congratulations Levi, you did it! We couldn't be more proud of you!

Mom and Josh



Levi

We're very proud of you. We know you'll accomplish great things in your future. We love you very much.

Grandma and Grandpa Cortassel



Levi

I'm so proud of you. I wish I could be there for you.

Uncle Kevin



Levi

Son, I have thought about this day for a long time. I am so proud of you.

Love, Dad



Levi

I am so proud to be your Grandma. I wish I could be there. I love you always.

Grandma



Levi

We are proud of you Levi! Best wishes for the future.

Uncle Steve and Dawson



Anna

Congratulations Graduate. You have made Your Mom and I very proud. We Love You. Congratulations.

Mom & Dad

Seoul American High School



*Parents, Teachers,
and All the Other Distinguished
Adults in Our Lives,*

The next few months will be riddled with good-byes—goodbyes to our school, goodbyes to our mentors and teachers, and goodbyes to the people and places that constituted our homes for the last thirteen years. However, I speak on behalf of the entire senior class when I say these goodbyes cannot be uttered without a supplementary “thank you,” and this I extend to all of you.

Thank you, parents. Thank you for the countless car rides, the lessons, the pep talks, and the unconditional love and support you’ve given us since we first were brought into existence. Thank you for celebrating our milestones, crying with us in setbacks, and running every inch of the race of life alongside us. You have taught us that there is no obstacle that we cannot overcome, and we will forever strive to emulate the perseverance and drive that you have shown us during our lives. Perhaps we don’t express this enough, but we love you. Out of all the adults in the world, we couldn’t be more fortunate to have you to worry about us, take care of us, and hold our hand through every walk of life. It pains us to depart from the comfort of the homes you have provided for us for our entire lives, but we know that you have given us copious preparation for the future. And though, generationally, you are a hard act to follow, we will do our best to exhibit even a fraction of the greatness you have shown us.

Thank you, teachers. Thank you for putting in the hours to grade our



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error-riddled essays, tests, and assignments. Thank you for having the patience to deal with our frustration, our lethargy, and, of course, the growing epidemic of senioritis. Thank you for your raw, unadulterated feedback that motivated us to improve our work, one music note, one paint stroke, one word, and one number at a time. Thank you for being an ever-present source of encouragement and guidance, especially as we explored the countless possibilities of the future. Time and time again you stayed up late into the night writing lesson plans and letters of recommendation for the banes of your existence (us), and we cannot thank you enough for that. You took us under your wings and treated us as your own. You are the catalysts of our lives, propelling us into the misty unknown that lies before us. The reasons for our gratitude are innumerable, so I leave you with an insufficient proclamation: thank you.

From here, we will all go our separate ways. It is possible that we will never be convened under the same roof ever again. However, the time that we spent together at SAHS, however fleeting, will be moments treasured by each and every one of us, and years from now, in times of reminiscence, we will recall fondly the friendships and memories that we forged on this campus. We promise you this: we will pay them back—the lessons you’ve taught us, the love you’ve given us, and the dedication you’ve made to cultivating us. And we will pay them forward—our unique talents, gifts, and character—to one day impact others the way you’ve impacted us.

Once again, on behalf of the senior class, I extend my deepest gratitude to you all. We will make you proud.

Sincerely,

*Shannon Ryu, Senior Class President
and the Senior Class*



Even as many classes and programs are cut, these students explore possible career options by participating in one of the final JROTC battalions.



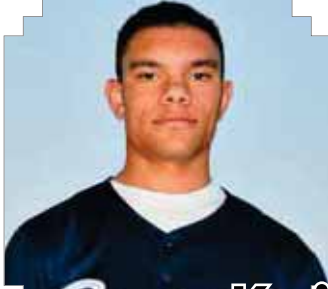
The Class of 2019, the final class to graduate at Yongsan, forms the shape of this eventful year.



For those who are more academically-inclined and aim to help in the community, the National Honor Society presents itself as an option.



Seoul American's soccer team stands in front of the school at the beginning of the spring sports season.



Kai

Congratulations.
We are so proud of you.
Go be a shining light
to the world.

— Mom, Dad, and Sis

What a journey!

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE 2019

End of an Era

The Class of 2019 is the final one to graduate from Seoul American High School. After 60 years, all schools on Yongsan are closing their doors. But, for the students who walked the halls of SAHS, the memories will live forever.



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Quinn Borders

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My name is Quinn and growing up I lived mostly in America. I was thankful to not have to move very often because my dad was already close to serving 20 years in the military, at which point he retired. When I was 16 we moved to Australia, but I

had always been really interested in going to Japan. It started with meeting our neighbors, whose father was also in the military. They had just moved back from Japan and I became really good friends with their son, a half Japanese-American. Eventually, I went to Japan by myself when I was 18 because I really wanted to learn the language. I started at a language school and then was having trouble finding a university that even knew what the GI Bill was. That was when I found Lakeland University and talked with the Dean and was interviewed by staff. Once I was accepted after the interview, the school was very quick with starting me on the GI Bill from my father's service. I really do appreciate my father giving the GI Bill to his two kids. If it weren't for him, I wouldn't be able to attend this great school.