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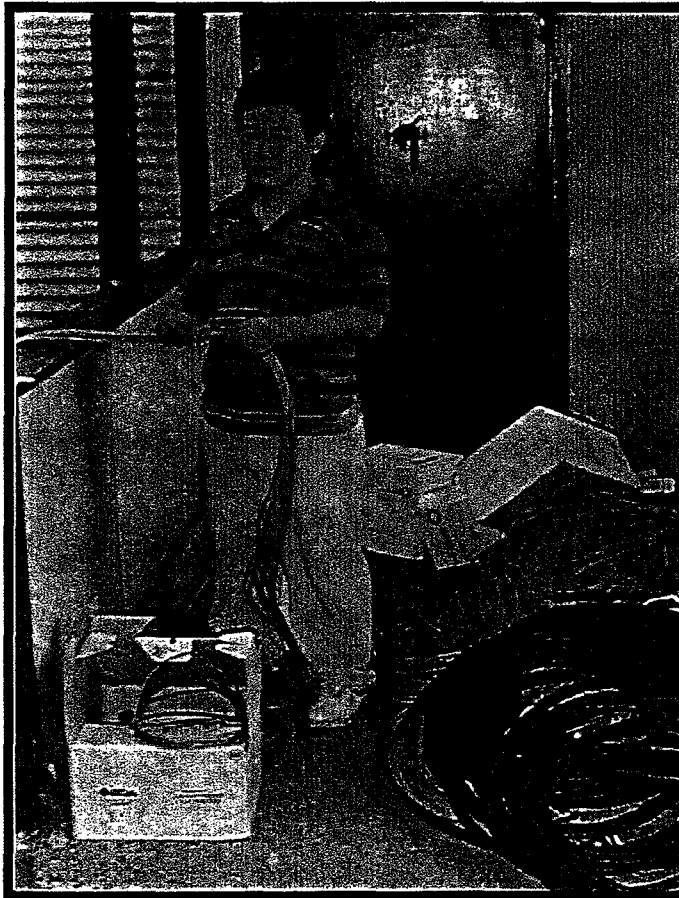
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## FED Receives Telecommunications Infrastructure Upgrade

By Stacey Gima

During the past month, employees at the Far East District have been putting up with the noise from drilling, holes in the wall and chipped paint while contractors have been busy installing the cables for the Telecommunication Infrastructure Upgrade. The \$160,000 Telecommunications Infrastructure Upgrade Project involves the installation of a cable system in six buildings: S-62 (FED Headquarters), S-68 (Logistics Management Office and Supply Branch), S-67 (Contracting Division Building), S-56 (Foundation & Materials Building), S-15 (Construction Division Building), and S-20 (Engineering Division Building). Among the benefits to be derived from the upgrade are improved communication processing, fewer disruptions due to disconnects, and a more decentralized communications office.

Phase I of the project included the installation of cables, support ducts and PC outlets in all user areas and the installation of cabinets and cable termination's User Cutovers in the decentralized Communications areas. Each building will have its own sub-communication center area upon completion of the project.



Project completion also involves connecting all User PCs to the new CAT-5 cable. The CAD users (Design Branch and Foundation & Materials Branch) will see the greatest improvement in communication performance upon installation completion, which is scheduled for September 13.

Phase II of the project will involve the upgrade in the remaining FED compound structures, the Architect-Engineer offices, and the resident and field offices. Phase II is scheduled for the 1st Quarter of FY98.

*Above: Yours Construction Company employee grouping cables for the Telecommunications Infrastructure Upgrade Project*

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Col. James L. Hickey

## Commander's Labor Day Message

*Our traditional Labor Day marks the end of the summer season. The Labor Day weekend will see many of our soldiers and civilians take advantage of the long weekend. This holiday, like most long weekends, is characterized by increased travel, recreation, and social and family activities. Unfortunately, it is also characterized by an increase in injuries and accidents.*

*This will be a great time to picnic and party with our friends, families and neighbors. To relax from the rigors and stress of work. But let us not forget our safety pledge and goals.*

*Personal safety is an open-ended command responsibility which, when properly executed, rewards everyone. My goal for this period is that each soldier, civilian, and family member enjoy a festive Labor Day weekend. To achieve this goal, let us join together in the spirit of the holiday and make safety a primary requirement for enjoying the Labor Day weekend. Have a great weekend!*

COL James L. Hickey

## Commander's Comments

One of the Far East District's highlights during the past two months was the visit of the new Pacific Ocean Division Commander, Colonel (P) Carl Strock, to Korea to observe our annual exercise Ulchi Focus Lens and to visit with personnel at our compound in Seoul. Colonel Strock is a long-time friend of mine and it was all the more exciting for me to witness the assumption of his command during the Change of Command ceremony on August 13 at the Pacific Ocean Division at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. After a short but memorable detour en route to Korea, Colonel Strock and I safely landed in Seoul. Shortly after his arrival here, Colonel Strock and I flew to Taegu to observe Ulchi Focus Lens 97. This was a momentous occasion as it was the first time that COL(P) Strock had been to Korea as well as the first time that a Division Commander attended the UFL exercise! On August 19, COL(P) Strock began with a tour and briefing on the Regional Contingency Engineer Management cell at the U.S. Forces Korea/8th U.S. Army Forces Engineer. He then traveled to Taegu for 3 days to meet our customers, visit our Operations Center and tour the Southern Resident Office. COL(P) Strock also had the opportunity to meet with Second Republic of Korea Army Engineer Brigadier General Lee, the 19th Theater Army Area Command Commanding General Brigadier General Jackson and the 19th TAACOM Deputy Commander for Base Operations, Colonel Bailey. In a working breakfast to discuss theater-wide engineering issues, COL(P) Strock and I also met with Brigadier General Jun, the Combined Forces Command Engineer, COL Skrypczuk, the U.S. Air Force Deputy CFC Engineer and COL David Spaulding, the U.S. Forces Korea Engineer.

COL(P) Strock toured ongoing projects of the Southern Resident Office, including the Camp Walker Commissary and the Apsan Overpass, one of the shining success stories of Korean-American cooperation.

On Thursday, COL(P) Strock traveled to Camp Carroll to meet with Major General Hobgood, Commanding General of the 412th Engineer Command (ENCOM). After a busy day at Camp Carroll, COL(P) Strock joined the SRO staff for the farewell send-off for Project Engineer Captain Deb Daniels.

He concluded his visit to Korea with a tour of our compound on August 23 to meet with Division Chiefs and their staff in a "round robin" tour and lunch. COL(P) Strock was impressed with the tremendous growth of the Far East District over the past couple of years and expressed support for personnel growth proportionate with the District's growth.

Overall, COL(P) Strock enjoyed his first visit to Korea and he appreciated the opportunity to see the Far East District in action during an exercise. He will be our guest again in October to discuss real world engineering and construction activities during armistice with the entire Far East District staff.

Building for peace on the frontiers of freedom!

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# SAFETY

## FY97 USACE EMPLOYEE/ CONTRACTOR FATALITIES STRESS IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY

The following list of FY97 fatalities stresses the priority that safety should take in our daily routines.

On October 23, a Corps employee and two co-workers returned from a site inspection off a lake and got out of their boat when the wind blew the boat back into the lake. The fully clothed victim tried to swim out to get the boat. Each of the three employees had removed his personal flotation device (PFD) only minutes before this occurrence. The victim tried to retrieve the boat and suffered the effects of hypothermia from the cold water. The employee drowned and his body was recovered approximately one hour later. (MRD/Omaha District/Chamberlin, SD, Lake Sharpe)

On November 5, a contractoremployee was fatally injured when he was struck by a dozer while working in a barrow pit area leveling excess mud. The sub-contractor employee was pronounced dead at the site (Note: The victim had only been hired two days prior to the accident). (LMVD/New Orleans District/Verrett, LA)

On November 11, an ironworker for some unknown reason unfastened his fall protection device and climbed a column. He fell to a lower steel level approximately 80 feet below. He was seriously injured and died later at a nearby hospital. (SAD/Savannah District/Fort Bragg, NC)

On January 24, a contractor employee was working on a 6th floor cable scaffold suspended by a tower crane. The Ukrainian Local National was fatally injured while attempting to unfasten scaffold wall

anchor bolts and move the scaffolding with the tower crane. The contractor employee was fatally injured as he fell from the unsecured scaffolding. (TAC/Ukraine Housing Project)

On April 29, a contractor employee was operating a front end loader on a sand barge, shaping sand to be picked up with a clam-shell and off-loaded to the bank. The employee backed the front end loader over the end of the barge, causing the machine to immediately tip into the 43 foot river. (MVD/Vicksburg/Delta Mat Casting Field/ Delta, LA)

On June 13, a worker was disassembling a crane boom. As he removed the pins, the boom fell on him resulting in fatal injuries. (SAD/Savannah District/Pope Air Force Base, NC)

On July 3, a 91 ft contractor owned and operated tug capsized and sunk while towing material in turbulent water. Four of the five crewmen were rescued by the Coast Guard. The remaining crewman's body was later found in the galley of the sunken vessel. (Northwestern/Seattle District/Grays Harbor).

## BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Unsafe practices of bicyclists have been creating hazardous traffic conditions on and off Army compounds. These practices lead to accidents resulting in personal injuries and/or property damage. Cooperation of cyclists and motorists is urgently solicited so that such hazardous conditions are eliminated or reduced to the minimum. The following basic safety precautions should be closely followed-

1. All personnel riding or operating a bicycle on EUSA installations must

wear the following protective equipment- Helmet and reflective vest or reflective material at all times, to include the wearing of the reflective vest over backpacks so that cyclists may be seen by other vehicles and personnel.

2. Obey all applicable traffic regulations, signs, signals and markings, and local ordinances. Use hand signals for turns and stops.

3. The wearing of headphones and earphones while biking is strictly prohibited.

4. Keep right; drive with traffic, not against it. Drive single file.

5. Bicycles used during hours of darkness or limited visibility will be equipped with front and rear operational lights.

## YOU AS A MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER:

Motorists must be conditioned to react rationally and maturely. With the great difference between the speed of cars and bicycles, the cyclist frequently gets in the driver's way. Cyclists can maneuver so easily that they surprise the motorist. A cyclist can swing from lane to lane in an instant or cut completely across the street without any warning. All vehicle drivers are encouraged to exercise common sense when passing or approaching cyclists and don't try to second-guess cyclists, as they will do just the opposite.

Percy L. Owens  
Command Safety Director  
Submitted by FED Safety Officer,  
Sam Barnes

## FED NEWS

### Customer Recognizes FED Employee For A-1 Service

*Paul(Bong) Yoo*

Olson Okada received a note of appreciation with a coupon for a 16" pizza from Ms. Patricia Kuehn, A/E On-Site Project Manager for the Expand Main Exchange, Seoul, Korea, project. The note of appreciation cites Olson's quick and efficient testing services. This is another example of our customer care service in action.

Keep up the good work, Olson!

### QAR Kim U-Kon Passes the Fundamentals of En- gineering Examination

*By Fred Davis*

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Kim, U-Kon on his recent notification by the State of Oregon that he passed the Fundamentals of Engineering examination. Fundamentals of Engineering is the new name for the Engineer-in-Training (EIT) examination which is one of the critical steps toward obtaining registration as a Professional Engineer. Mr. Kim states that he is now preparing to take the Professional Engineering examination in Civil Engineering next spring. This is a great accomplishment as few of the District's Korean employees have attempted and passed a stateside engineering examinations.

Mr. Kim is a Civil Engineer assigned as a Quality Assurance Representa-

tive (QAR) in the Kunsan Project Office, Central Resident Office, Construction Division. He has worked as a QAR for the Central Resident Office since November 1994. Initially assigned to Camp Humphreys, he transferred to the Kunsan Project Office in February 1996. Mr. Kim is currently providing quality assurance on the Collocated (Loring) Club, the Kunsan Project Office's largest project. The club is on schedule and within budget thanks to Mr. Kim's diligent efforts to anticipate and quickly resolve numerous issues and concerns. The project's numerous visitors and inspectors have all commented on the professional appearance and quality of the work, much to the credit of Mr. Kim and the partnership with the contractor and local Air Force personnel he has fostered.

Mr. Kim worked for various organizations within USFK for more than 9 years prior to joining the Far East District. Holding a bachelors degree in civil engineering and a masters degree in structural engineering, Mr. Kim is currently working on his doctorate studies. Mr. Kim resides in Kunsan with his wife, his son and his daughter.

The Far East District extends its heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Kim and his family on his accomplishment and wishes him success on the upcoming Professional Engineer examination.

### District Meets Air Condi- tioning Challenge

The Far East District was again the design/construction agent of choice for a difficult tasking from our customer, the 19th TAACOM. The project was for the replacement of corroded HVAC chilled/hot water piping in three barracks at Camp Greaves. The difficulty was completion of the design and construction within 90 days to provide the prom-

ised air-conditioning to the soldiers by July 4. An additional difficulty arose from the fact that the bar-

racks had to remain occupied during the construction.

An FED in-house design team began the design for the project on April 1, 1997, and completed it in only 12 days using the Simplified Design Method. As-built drawings were scanned, field verified and modified to develop the design. This saved our team a tremendous amount of drafting time. Two mechanical engineers worked on the design full-time.

The construction contract was advertised on April 15 and awarded four days later to Dongbu Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., for \$698,764. All contractor submittals were expedited

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## MILITARY CORNER



by LTC. Dale Knieriemen



### IMAs Mobilize for Ulchi-Focus Lens '97

On August 11, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Individual Mobilization Augmentees (IMA) began deploying to the Far East District in Seoul, Korea, to participate in Ulchi Focus Lens '97 (UFL). UFL is an annual Combined Forces Command exercise for the defense of the Korean peninsula drawing participants from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines from the Republic of Korea and the United States.

Participants for the Far East District's deployment included LTC Christopher Prinslow, MAJ Michael Alexander, Major Chuck Basham, CPT Tom FitsPatrick, 1LT Richard Munsch, 1LT John Wagner and SFC Rudy San Agustin.

The Far East District also benefitted from the deployment of four additional IMAs from three different USACE offices, including LTC Hans Albinus (Sacramento District), MAJ

Dean Cerny (Rock Island District), MAJ Paul Zent (Omaha District) and CPT Erik Gabele (Sacramento District).

After arriving in Korea, IMAs began in-processing at the Far East District Office. In-processing included height and weight screening, taking the APFT, military pay processing at finance, issuing of ration cards, pre-

tions during the exercise, IMAs deploying to Korea for the first time attended driver training presented by Mr. Ken Pickler of the FED Logistics Management Office. Upon completion of the training, all IMAs passed the driver's examination.

After completing several days of in-processing, the IMAs began deploying to their various exercise locations. The FED Operational Center (FEDOC) moved to be collocated with the Southern Resident Office in Taegu, Korea. It consisted of the Executive Officer, S-1, S-2, S-3, Liaison Operations Officer, and S-4. Liaison Officer teams were sent to U.S. Forces Korea/8th Army Regional Contingency Engineer Management (RCEM) cell in Seoul, 412th Engineer Command (ENCOM) at Camp Carroll, and the 1st Ma-



COL(P) Strock and COL Hickey Receive a briefing at the FEDOC

rine Expeditionary Force (MEF) at Pohang. Active military officers, NCOs and Department of the Army civilians assigned to the Far East District also served at the FEDOC and on LNO teams. CPT Lee Snodgrass and SFC Michael St. Onge served as the LNO team to 7th Air Force at Osan Air Base; SFC Craig Ridgle served with the LNO team at 1st MEF, Pohang, and Ron Castanaga served with the LNO team at 412th ENCOM. Pat Crays (EM), Ken Pickler (LM), Stacey Gima (IM), Bill Bergeron (IM),

paring of OER and NCOER support forms, receiving District Command and unit operational plan (OPLAN) briefings and attending UFL startex briefings. FED's civilians provided outstanding support during in-processing. The Far East District's IMAs averaged 253 points in the Army Physical Fitness Test. Since personnel arriving in Korea must take a Korean driving test before being issued a military license, in-processing also included driver testing. Based on the requirement to move to various loca-

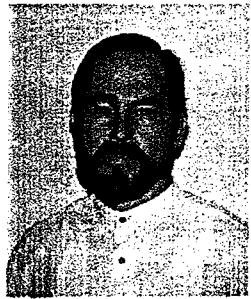
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# Personnel News

## New Employees

**Sam Barnes** joined the Far East District from the Installation Safety



Office at the U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii. Sam is our new Safety Officer. He is accompanied by his wife Raquel. Sam

holds a degree in Computer Science from Roosevelt University. He is a retired Army Major, Aviation. His hobbies are sailing and fitness. Sam Barnes wants to let you all know that the safety office is once again open for business.

The Safety Office is expecting a new Industrial Hygienist (IH) around the end of the month and is presently recruiting for a new secretary. Sam asks to please bear with the office's growing pains and sluggish response to your safety needs. It will get better.

Sam is presently looking for quarters and may be out of the office, but the answering machine is always on and you can count on him checking ccmail daily. Thanks for your patience (not to mention the excellent reception and help they have received thus far). Sam is looking forward to serving you. He can be reached at 721-7385.

**Howard Blood** rejoined FED as Chief of the Engineering Support Section, Engineering Services Branch, Engineering Division after several years of working in both the private sector and in government.

Old hands here may recall that Howard was in the FE Support Section in the early '80s, joining FED from AFE Camp Giant in October of 1982. He became chief of the Section (renamed the Installation Support Section) in late 1984, then became Deputy Chief, Military Branch in 1986. He left for Huntsville Division in October of 1986, but soon returned to Korea as an employee of Thomas J. Davis/Jung II. He worked there from the summer of 1987 until the summer of 1990, when the severe decline in workload for the District and the AEs resulted in the elimination of his position as General Manager.

After leaving Korea in 1990, Howard spent about a year as a project manager for a construction company in Kansas City, and then moved to the Seattle, Washington area where he has spent the past six years as a Superfund project manager for region 10 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. There he worked on Department of Defense and Department of Energy sites for four years, then spent the last two years managing the design and implementation of cleanup at the Bunker Hill Mining and Metallurgical Site, the largest non-Federal Superfund site in Region 10.

Howard has a B.S. in Civil Engineering and is a registered professional engineer in the State of Minnesota. He is accompanied by his wife Unhee, and three daughters, Jenny, Heather and Elizabeth.

**Carlos D. Glover** joined the Far East District in the Finance



and Accounting Section on June 18. Carlos is no stranger to FED having previously been here TDY to assist with the

deployment of CEFMS. He joins us from the Mobile District in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Carlos holds a degree in Accounting from the University of Alabama and has studied Finance at the London School of Economics.

His hobbies include running, swimming and hiking. He is looking forward to learning about Korean culture and the Korean language.

**John McSweeney** joined the Far East District as

a computer specialist with IMO. He is married with one child. His previous assignment was at Fort Rucker, Ala-

bama, where he was the chief of the Data System Branch in the DPW. He was responsible for the software and hardware support of the DPW. John's first contact with FED was in 1982 when he was the System Administrator of the Harris 500 until 1984. From 1984 to 1988, John worked at FED as a Project Manager in the Army Section managing MCA projects during the design



phase. After FED, he worked in Italy for two years in the SETAF office as the proponent for MCA projects in Italy. During his last tour in Korea, John worked at the Taegu DEH as the Chief of the Engineer Resource Management Division for four years.

**David Newcomer** joined the FED family as a program analyst in Programs and Project Management on August 21. He joined the Fort Worth, Texas District Office as an Accounting Technician in the Resource Management Office. In 1982, he moved to the Construction Division as a Civil Engineering Technician. While in Construction, Mr. Newcomer dealt with military programs all over Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico dealing with all kinds of funds from MCA to OMA. In 1992, David lateraled into PPM, continuing his military construction role. He has been instrumental in the instructing of CEFMS in the Tulsa District and in FED.

**Sunny Sea** arrived at FED on 2 July



as a TM forenvironmental projects. This is his first time to serve for the Corps of Engineers. He previously worked for the

FEAK, USFK/8th US Army in 1986-88 as a USFK Environmental Coordinator. Then, he went to work for Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa for 4 years as the Chief of Environmental Planning. In 1992, he was transferred to work for US Forces, Japan (USFJ), in Tokyo as a USFJ environmental coordinator for another five years until now. The main responsibilities in USFJ were to deal

with Japanese governmental officials on installation environmental issues, and to establish and implement the Japan Environmental Governing Standards (JEGS) for the Overseas Environmental Baseline Guidance Document (OEBGD). Returning to Seoul after approximately 10 years, Sunny Sea finds Seoul has become cleaner but more expensive to live.

**Aaron Tashiro**, the new Chief of the Cost Engineering Branch,



and his wife Arlene joined the Far East District on August 25. His previous assignment was in the Japan

Engineering District with PPM working for the Air Force/Army section. Prior to that, Aaron worked in the Cost Engineering Division at POD. He holds a degree in Engineering from the University of Hawaii. Aaron is looking forward to meeting you and to working with all of you.

**Robert E. Williams** came aboard PPM-D as a Civil Engineer. Prior to joining the Far East District, Mr. Williams was the Project Manager for all Air Force projects at Kunsan and the COBs at Kimhae, Wonju, Suwon and Taegu for USAEDFE, COE, PP-M. Prior to that assignment, he was an Engineering Manager in the A-E Contracts Management Branch, Fort Worth, Texas

A native Oklahoman, he began his Federal Government career after graduating from the University of Oklahoma in June 1972 with a position as civil engineer at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City. In October 1973, he became a Structural

Engineer for Star Buildings, a pre-engineered metal building manufacturer.

Mr. Williams is married to the former Jean Stolhand. Jean is an accountant. They have two sons, Anthony, a college graduate of East Central Oklahoma University in Environmental Science and Marc, a sophomore in Computer Science at Oklahoma University. They also have one grandson, Michael. The Williamses enjoy fishing, travel, movies, and their mixed breed dog, Pokey.

**David Wilson** joined the Executive



Office of the Far East District on 14 Jul 97 after completing a 22-year career in the Army. He was born in

England while his father was stationed there. David has lived near Air Force Bases in Maryland, Washington, D.C., California, and Texas. David's stateside residence is in San Antonio, TX, but now he calls Seoul, Korea home. David and his wife have been married 19 years and have one son (Andrew) who is 7 this Friday. David would like to change one of those dates but doesn't know which one. JUST JOKING. He will graduate from the University of Maryland in May 98 with a BA in Asian Studies and plans ongoing to Graduate School in two years. Location has not been determined.

If he tells you anymore about his life history, three things will happen: 1) he will have to kill you, 2) it would become too boring, 3) he is working on publishing his autobiography and doesn't want to lose any revenues.



*Personnel, continued from page 7*

## Departing Personnel

**Sandra Burley**, Program Analyst in the Programs and Projects Management Branch, is leaving the Far East District to return to Hawaii.

**Al Leaf**, FED's former Safety Officer, decided to retire after 45 years of federal service. The Leafs are planning to settle in the Seattle area.

**Marion Ram**, FED Historian, is transferring to the Judge Advocate General's Office where she was offered a position as an attorney. She enjoyed her work at the Far East District and hopes that everyone will continue to support the history project.

*Strock, continued from page 10*  
in 1972 and was commissioned a second lieutenant. A graduate of the Virginia Military Institute (B.A. in Civil Engineering) and the Mississippi State University (M.A. in Civil Engineering), Colonel Strock is registered in Missouri as a professional engineer.

Colonel Strock's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal, and Southwest Asia Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, Ranger and Special Forces Tabs. He holds badges for Master Parachutist, Expert Infantry, Pathfinder, Diver, and Army Staff.

COL Strock is married to the former Juliana Moore. The Strocks' sons, Christopher and John, are cadets at the Virginia Military Institute.

*Military Corner, continued from page 5*  
John McSweeney (IM), Sheila Bergeron (ED), Mike Burke (PM), Yong Kim (PM), Kais Shahi (Japan District), Simon Rosa (Japan District) and John Daneker (Transatlantic Program Center, Europe) served with the FEDOC in Taegu.

The exercise kicked off on August 18, with the FEDOC and LNO team taking their respective positions. Daily operation of the FEDOC improved significantly from previous UFL exercises. The 5-ton Expando Van served as the base facility for the FEDOC with some additional administrative services coming from the adjacent Southern Resident Office.

FED personnel interacted daily with the USFK Engineer (RCEM cell), 19th Theater Army Area Command (TAACOM) Engineer, 412th ENCOM, 7th Air Force Base Engineers and 1st MEF Seabees/engineers. The FEDOC conducted the Daily Commander's Brief at 1430 hours.

The highlight of the first week was the visit of COL (P) Carl Strock, Pacific Ocean Division Commander, to the FEDOC. COL Strock received the FED operational plan brief and the FED UFL Daily Commander's brief. The visit was capped off with an evening group outing for a traditional Korean meal at a local restaurant.

The LNO team, which had been deployed throughout the week returned to Taegu on Saturday for the interim exercise after action review.

The day concluded with a barbecue adjacent to the FEDOC.

On Sunday, August 25, the IMAs took advantage of the mid-exercise break by traveling to Polgansan National Park located north of Taegu. The park visit provided hiking and temple sightseeing and was a welcome relief from the close quarters in the FEDOC.

Exercise action started back up on Monday, with several of the civilians from the first week rotating with a new crew for the second week. The transition of personnel went smoothly with the FEDOC opening on Monday morning with little difficulty.

Phase II of the exercise went well. Colonel Hickey devoted time to work with the FEDOC staff in between the opening ceremonies of the Taegu Commissary and the Apsan Overpass projects. FED engineers hosted a "Call to the Castle," a social gathering allowing FED personnel to mingle with officers from throughout the engineer community. The exercise continued until Friday morning when the FEDOC demobilized and returned to Seoul later that afternoon.

At the conclusion of the exercise, the IMAs agreed that the FEDOC's daily operation had advanced to a new level over previous UFL and RSO&I exercises. While some problems arose during UFL, the FEDOC was still able to maintain sustained operations in support of our various customers. A special thanks goes to all of the people who supported the exercise to make it a big success!

## Central Resident Office Set To Go On Osan's First 1+1 Dorm

By Frank Davis

CRO Assistant Resident Engineer Greg Reiff and Mr. Cho Kang-muk of Pumyang Construction Company recently joined Brigadier General Paul Dordal, the 51st Fighter Wing Commander at Osan Air Base, in a groundbreaking ceremony for Osan's first 1+1 dormitory. The new four-story dorm will consist of 78 two-person modules. Each 500ft<sup>2</sup> module will have two private rooms with sinks and vanities, and a kitchen area with a sink, stove, refrigerator, microwave, table and chairs. Each private room will be 118ft<sup>2</sup> in size.

The design is called a 1+1 dorm because it consists of a suite with 2 bedrooms and a shared bathroom and kitchen area.

Pum yang, the contractor on the project, has recently completed another dormitory (ROKFC funded) at Osan. The design for the new dorm was completed by one of FED's invited (SOFA) Architect-Engineering firms, AMKOR A&E Inc.

The Central Resident Office (CRO) is surveilling the construction of the \$8.8 million project.

Completion of the 1+1 dorm is scheduled for 30 March 1999. However, allowing for normal weather impacts, user desired changes and other delays, the Beneficial Occupancy Date is likely to be late May or early June 1999.

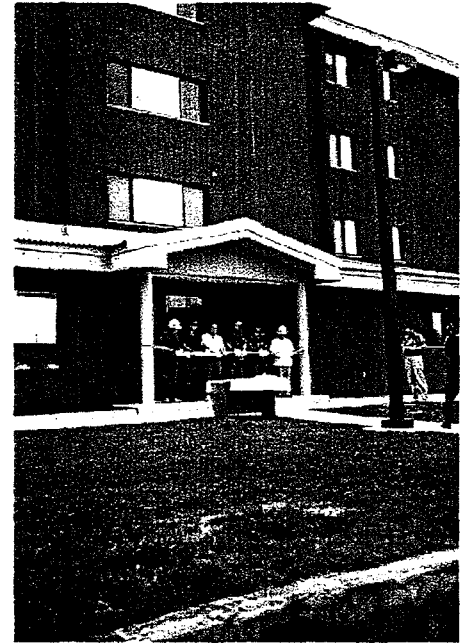
The dorm is designed for unaccompanied enlisted airmen. The base has not published which squadron will

gain this facility. The new dorm will have many quality of life benefits, including laundry facilities, study and meeting rooms, a large game room and TV lounges on each floor.

## New Generation of MCA Barracks Completed

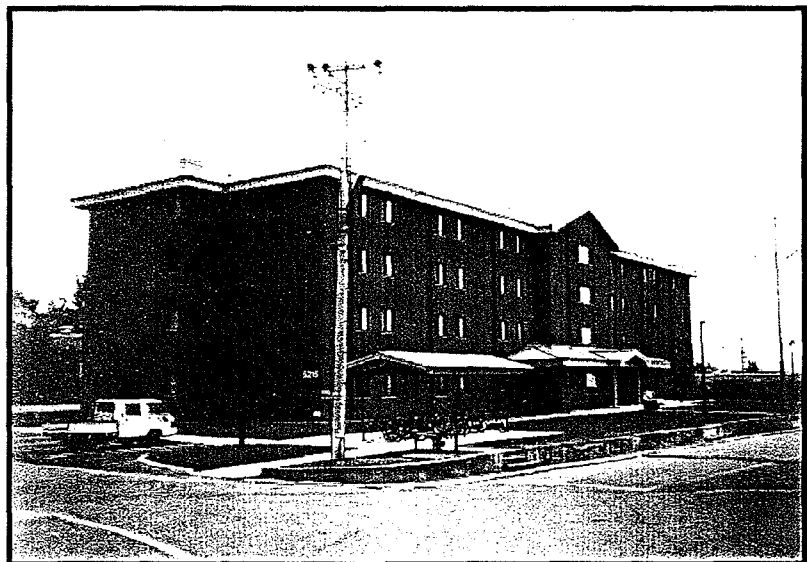
On June 27, after a hiatus of nearly six years, the Far East District turned over the first of a new generation of MCA barracks to Camp Red Cloud. The new generation barrack is a new standard design the Architect-Engineer firm AMKOR developed for Korea.

It includes first floor exercise, laundry and mud rooms, a second floor kitchen, a third-floor lounge and a fourth floor tv room. Shinil Engineering Company, Ltd. constructed the barracks at a contract cost of \$5,260,271. The project was completed in 638 days. Soldiers occupy-



Above: View of the Entrance to the first of the new barracks completed at Camp Red Cloud.

Below: Full view of the new generation MCA barracks designed by AMKOR.



ing the new barracks are very pleased with their new home. Many other soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division will be pleased during the next four years as

18 more of these new generation barracks are constructed and turned.

## Pacific Ocean Division News

### **Farewell to Colonel Cababa**

Colonel Robin Cababa, the 20<sup>th</sup> Commander and Division Engineer of the Pacific Ocean Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has left Hawaii to begin his new assignment as the Commander of the Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

For well over twenty-seven years now, Colonel Cababa has provided dedicated and exemplary services to this country. He began his military career with the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado. Serving as an engineer platoon leader and a company commander in Vietnam, he rose quickly to become the Assistant Resident Engineer of the Khamis Mushayt Resident Office in Saudi Arabia. His next assignments in the Office of the Chief of Engineers led to a position as the executive officer for a special OCE team that planned the Israeli Air Base construction to support the Camp David Accords, and then to the position of Executive Officer for the Assistant Chief of Engineers.

Colonel Cababa then ventured into the Far East to become the Operations Officer for the 44<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (1981-1983), battalion commander for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion ((1987-1989) and the Chief of the Plans Division at the Republic of Korea/U.S. Combined Forces Command (1991-1993). From 1983 to 1986, Colonel Cababa was the Engineer Representative at

the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the Military Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Installations at the Pentagon. He was also the Chief of Unit and Individual training at Fort Leonard Wood's Engineer School. In June 1993, Colonel Cababa joined the Pacific Ocean Division.

On August 14, 1995, when Colonel Cababa assumed command of the Pacific Ocean Division, he had already served as the Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff for two years. Colonel Cababa's tenure as the Acting POD Commander has been marked by tremendous changes and challenges. Perhaps the greatest challenge was the plan to turn the Pacific Ocean Division into a component of the South Pacific Division headquartered in San Francisco. With the winds of change blowing, the Pacific Ocean Division next suddenly found itself faced with the challenge of integrating the Pacific region's entire engineering and construction program under the umbrella of the Pacific Ocean Division. Unfazed by the complexity of these diametrically opposed challenges, Colonel Cababa worked toward the successful accomplishment of either of these reorganizations.

Colonel Cababa was also instrumental in developing a strategic plan for POD's future, the "Strategic Plan for 2010," and showed uncanny foresight in his predictions for the geopolitical changes in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The strategic

plan will place the Pacific Ocean Division at the helm of these changes to provide a key role in the military planning, design and construction that will be needed to support American activities in the Pacific region.

These are just a few of Colonel Cababa's accomplishments. His record speaks for itself. He is the recipient of numerous decorations and awards including the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Commendation Medal with Six Oak Leaf Clusters.

The Far East District has had a long and fruitful relationship with Colonel Cababa. We wish him and his wife Claudia a fond farewell and lots of success in his next assignment.

### **Colonel Strock Assumes Command of Pacific Ocean Division**

In a change of Command ceremony on August 13, Colonel (P) Carl A. Strock became the 21<sup>st</sup> Commander and Division Engineer of the Pacific Ocean Division. Colonel Strock was selected for promotion to Brigadier General. He is coming to the Pacific Ocean Division from the U.S. Army Engineer Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Colonel's Strock's illustrious Army career began in 1971 as an enlisted soldier. He graduated from the Infantry Officer Candidate School

# Historian's Corner

By Marion H. Ram

## Do You Remember . . .

### FED's Energy Conservation Program?

The year was 1979 and OPEC's crude oil prices were on the rise. Fuel allocations were rationed and controlled. The Far East District's fuel oil allocation for FY79 was cut by 41 percent.

By March of 1979, the District had already consumed 87 percent of its allocation for electricity and 101 percent of its allocation for fuel oil. It became increasingly important to implement an effective energy conservation program for the FED Compound.

To address the energy crisis, former Colonel Robert Bunker composed an energy conservation task group. All bulk fuel had to be accounted for and was secured and monitored by security guards.

Room temperatures were controlled with the maximum permissible temperature settings during operational hours being 65 degrees Fahrenheit for living quarters, offices, and other areas where people worked with little or no exercise involved and 55 degrees Fahrenheit in shops and other buildings in which people exerted themselves.

Colonel Bunker appointed building monitors to ensure that energy conservation measures were being followed. Monitors had to conduct periodic inspections, adjust room temperature controls, and stress the importance of energy conservation to all building occupants.



### Far East District Pilots?

In December 1980, the Far East District's Aviation Section was recognized for six years of accident-free flying in a ceremony during which General John A. Wickham Jr., U.S. Forces Korea Commander, presented the Department of the Army Aviation Accident Prevention Award of Excellence plaque to the section.

The award, presented during ceremonies at an airfield near Seoul, represented more than 4,000 hours of safe flying time logged by the section from September 1, 1974 to December 31, 1980.

Composed of two UH-1H Bell helicopters, four pilots and five enlisted people, the section was responsible for providing aviation support to the Far East District at construction sites and project offices throughout Korea.

Can you name any of the Aviation section's employees?

## Quote of the Month

**"There are no problems we cannot solve together, and very few that we can solve by ourselves."**

*-Lyndon B. Johnson  
36th U.S. President*

*A heartfelt thank you to all employees of the Far East District who generously contributed their time to talk or write to me about things that happened 20 years ago and who helped me along in getting the history off the ground. Your help is greatly appreciated!*

*Marion Ram*

## NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

### New Definition of Repair

*Kisuk Cheung*

The new definition of "repair" is very important for us in working with installations. Years ago, due to the improper definition/classification of Repair and New Work, many of our district and installation people got into deep troubles with auditors, CID, and other investigative agencies.

According to Ed Watling, we can now do as "repair" anything that needs to be done within the footprint of a facility in need of repair to bring it to current standards or codes (except moving load bearing walls).

Following are the two enclosures that went out with the ACSIM memo implementing the new definition. Bill Allen of CPW was a major author.

Enclosure 1:

#### **Criteria for a Repair Project** (DEFINITION)

1. Repair means "to restore a real property facility, system or component to such a condition that it may effectively be used for its designated functional purpose."
2. When repairing a facility, the components of the facility may be repaired by replacement, and the replacement can be up to current standards or codes. For example, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) equipment can be repaired by replacement, can be state-of-the-art, and provide for more capacity than the original unit due to increased demand/standards. Interior rearrangements (except for load-bearing walls) and restoration of an

existing facility to allow for effective use of existing space or to meet current building code requirements (for example, accessibility, health, safety, or environmental) may be included as repair.

3. Additions, new facilities and functional conversions must be done as construction. Construction projects may be done concurrent with repair projects as long as the projects are complete and usable.

Enclosure 2:

#### **Basic Guidance for the New Definition of Repair**

1. A facility must exist and be in a failed or failing condition in order to be considered for a repair project.
2. When repairing a facility you may now bring the facility (or a component of a facility) up to applicable codes or standards as repair. An example would be adding a sprinkler system as part of a barracks repair project. Another example would be adding air conditioning to meet a current standard when repairing a facility. Pursuant to the new definition, moving load-bearing walls, additions, new facilities and functional conversions must be done as construction.
3. Bringing a facility (or component thereof) up to applicable codes or standards for compliance purposes only, when a component or facility is not in need of repair, is construction.

### Keep Up the Good News!

*By Kisuk Cheung*

Our national leaders consider the Corps as the premier engineering, environmental and construction organization. Many of them personally told us frequently that we not only have excellent knowledgeable and experienced in-house engineers, scientists, contract, real estate, IM and legal specialists, but we also know how to partner and network with the best private sector consultants, engineers and scientists, manufacturers, and construction contractors. Thus we provide the best service the nation can buy.

Recently, we have compiled some of our good news examples to support this perception and claim by our national leaders. I have personally sent out these good news stories to the field. I suggest all of you read these example stories and let me know if you have any comments or suggestions.

We need to maintain and update our good news stories and we need your help. Please send us your good news. Regrettably, we have been criticized severely by some of our important customers for excessive cost of doing business, lack of response, poor quality of work, etc. Often, however, these criticisms are not factual. We need to convey our side of the story in a courteous, professional and timely manner to our critics.

In order to keep the record straight and also to present an overall perspective of our service, we must keep the good news stories updated and convey them to our customers, to ourselves, to our bosses and to the decision makers.

# IMA Web Page is Up!!

By Major Robert Davenport

The next time you are checking out the FED Web Site, go to the "Organization" page, and you'll find that there's a new button in town! It's labeled "IMA," and when you click on it, you're going to finally find out about those mysterious soldiers who appear on the FED compound for a couple of weeks, always seem to be in a hurry to get their job done, need everything done yesterday, and then just as mysteriously disappear.

IMA stands for Individual Mobilization Augmentees, and they're members of the Army Reserve who are permanently assigned to the Far East District. From two weeks to a month each year, they leave their civilian jobs to come to Korea to work with FED, after which they return to their regular lives in the states. In case of emergency, they are standing by to be called up to active duty, ready to perform their jobs like any other regular Army soldier.

During their annual training, they are actively involved in analyzing and writing war plans, preparing personnel and equipment for operations, and providing command and control through the FEDOC. As part of this mission, they actively participate in all facets of FED, including active support of all exercises.

The IMA Web Page, if you click down to the link to "IMA Personnel," gives you the biographies of these soldiers, both civilian and military. Once we receive Privacy Act clearance on a soldier, we then add additional personal information, including contact information, so that you can call or e-mail one of the IMA's before or after their annual tour, either to help them in preparing to come, or to follow up with a question on something which occurred during their tour. The web site will be continually updated as IMA's come and go, so you can always go there to find out the latest information about this part of FED.

We're up and running, stop by and check us out!

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and the construction was completed on July 3, ahead of schedule.

Yes, the soldiers did have air-conditioning for the 4th of July thanks to the Far East District's committed design/construction team.

## Reminder

If you have personnel departing or arriving, please remember to contact the PAO's office at 721-7501 or to cc:mail Marion Ram. We need to conduct interviews with departing employees to document their activities here for our history files.

Also, we would like to receive biographies on incoming employees for future editions of the East Gate Edition.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Remediation of Malathion Contaminated Soil at Camp Carroll Nears Completion

By Seung C. Baek  
Technical Manager/CEPOF-ED-ES

On July 12, 1997, the Engineering Division neared completion of the first phase of the remediation work at Camp Carroll. The field work was performed under the direct supervision of only one Engineering Division personnel.

The project was initiated by Camp Carroll's DPW to accommodate the installation of a water line for the ongoing CDIP project and 19th TAACOM-funded ECAP money. The existing Remove/Replace Underground Storage Tanks (UST) Requirements Contract was used to remediate the site. The scope of work was prepared by DPW and consists of the removal of approximately 1000 cubic yards of malathion-contaminated soils from the site and its transportation to a temporary storage yard until the existing landfarm gets fixed. The work also includes the removal of existing asphalt concrete paving. The contaminated soil is to be temporarily stored at the lined site of a nearby landfarm. The excavation pits will be backfilled with clean soils after the site is determined clean. The contractor's temporary security fencing was installed on 7 July 1997.

In a July 8 preconstruction meeting at Camp Carroll, representatives from DPW, MSC-K, Engineering

Division, and Contractor personnel discussed site security and safety issues. Field representatives from the Southern Resident Office did not attend the meeting. It was decided that MSC-K would provide the security guard personnel to escort contractor vehicles from 0600 hours to 2200 hours, including weekends. The Contractor Safety Officer will monitor the site until project completion. It was determined that there was neither the capability to perform real time site monitoring nor was there time. Therefore, it was decided to depend on head-space analyses and visual inspections. FED also was responsible for taking soil samples.

Contractor and Government personnel, including backhoe operators and dump truck drivers, who entered contaminant zones were required to wear level C protective gear with respirator protection. In addition to organic vapor cartridges, the pesticide prefilter cartridges were also used. The excavation work started on July 9 and was completed to the far-end sides of Building #644.

Due to the contractors equipment problems, the contractor didn't mobilize their crew and stopped work on July 10. The crew were mobilized back on July 11 but didn't have a proper license for the special wastes hauling. The Government official told the contractor that only licensed special wastes haulers could transport malathion-contaminated soils to the landfarm.

The contractor substituted the crew with new licensed special wastes transporters. The excavation work resumed on Saturday, July 12. The removal and transportation of approximately 1100 cubic yards of contaminated soils were completed around 2200 hours. All excavation pits and stockpiled areas were covered with vinyl sheet coverings. All Contractor's equipment and vehicles were washed and cleaned by the Camp Carroll Fire Department after completion of the work at the Landfarm site prior to departing the post.

Four asphalt chips and eighteen soil samples were taken and sent to ADRL Laboratory in Mt. Vernon, IL for testing and analysis. The samples were tested and analyzed for the TPH, VOCs, and Malathion. Two of the three samples were determined to be clean. It was determined that further excavation was required for one of the sites. Work on the project continues and is making good progress. The clean pits are being backfilled with clean soils provided by the DPW.





# In the Community

## Donations For Silent Auction Wanted

The Far East District's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Committee is planning to hold a silent auction the week of August 24. We are looking for donations for the auction.

If you have books, CDs, tapes, jewelry, scarves, pictures, crafts, art objects, vases, small porcellan boxes or painted wooden gift boxes, and any other small items that you do not need anymore, please consider donating them to the Silent Auction. Quilts, embroidered items, origami, any type of Korean craft item, and similar items are also welcome.

Please bring your donations to the PAO office in Building S-62. We will create an inventory of donors and donated items. If your item does not find any bidders at the auction, we will return it to you.

All proceeds from the auction will benefit the December Holiday Party, so please be generous.

## Hometown News Service Holiday Greetings Program

The Army and Air Force News Service is deploying a video team to Korea for the Holiday Greetings Program. The team will be in Seoul from Monday, September 15, to Friday, September 19. All military personnel and their families stationed overseas during the holiday season may participate in the program. For further

information, please contact Ms. Ann Brown at 723-6029 or MSgt. Tom Clements at 723-4669.

## Youth Curfew for Area II

Officials at Headquarters, 34th Support Group on Yongsan Army Garrison, announced that effective July 9, a youth curfew was established for Area II.

Youths in Korea under the Status of Forces Agreement who are 18 years of age and under are affected by this policy, whether they are on or off military installations. Guests of these youths are also affected by the policy while on post.

All military and civilian sponsors, whether living on or off post, will ensure that their youth are in quarters between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. daily, except for the following circumstances:

On Fridays, Saturdays, and the day prior to a U.S. holiday, curfew hours for youth 15 to 18 years of age are from midnight to 5 a.m.

On evenings when official youth activities (youth services, schools, scouts, or chapel activities) are scheduled past curfew, youth will have thirty minutes past the event's completion time for those youth attending the activity only. Normal curfew hours apply to all other youth.

When accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible adult (teacher, scout master, youth leader) designated by the parent or guardian.

Youth 16 years of age or older who are legitimately employed are authorized to travel directly to and from

their work without regard to curfew. Consistent with Korean entertainment district curfew restrictions, youth who enter Korean off-limits areas (e.g. Itaewon Bar District) between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. daily are also in violation of this policy.

The Deputy Commander of 34th Support Group has been designated to serve as the misconduct action authority for violations of this policy. Sanctions are administrative in nature and may include, but are not limited to, community service and early return of dependents.

The military police are responsible for enforcement and violations will be documented and violators issued written orders to show cause why they should not be sanctioned for their misconduct. Depending on the hour and conduct of the violators, military police have the discretion to detain youth detected on or entering the installation until sponsors report to the military police desk to obtain custody.

Military Police will not conduct police activities off the installation solely to enforce this policy. If Military Police become aware of a violation of this policy through legitimate off-post activities such as an investigation of traffic accidents, however, it is proper for violations to be officially documented and orders to show cause issued.

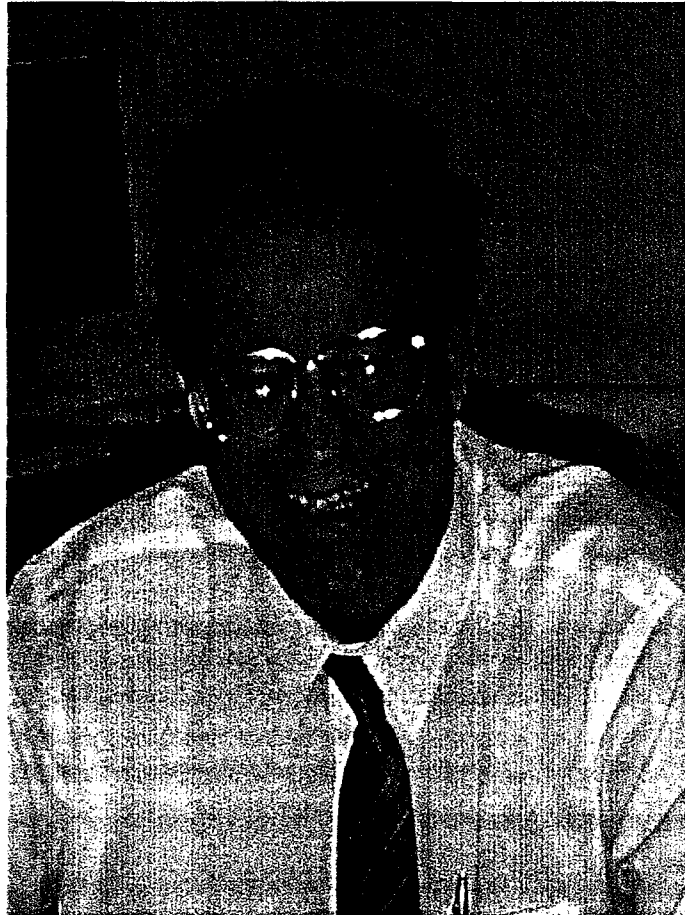
Sponsors have an obligation to ensure their youth follow this policy. Youth violations that result in community service sanction will result in sponsor participation in a supervisory capacity.

## The Star-Spangled Banner

*This is the text of the Star-Spangled Banner, the national anthem of the United States of America.*

Oh, say, can you see,  
 By the dawn's early light,  
 What so proudly we hailed,  
 At the twilight's last gleaming?  
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars,  
 Through the perilous fight  
 Over the ramparts we watched,  
 Were so gallantly streaming.  
 And the rockets' red glare,  
 The bombs bursting in air,  
 Gave proof through the night  
 That our flag was still there.  
 Oh, say, does that  
 Star-Spangled Banner yet wave,  
 Over the land of the free  
 And the home of the brave.

## Know-Your Colleague Quiz



*Construction Division Chief Jack Church.*

*Question: What is unusual about this picture?*

## LIKE TO WRITE? DO IT!

Yes, if you like to write, we need you. Stories by the people of FED make interesting reading for your fellow employees. Choose your own subject matter, send along your own pictures and become a stringer (part-time writer) for the East Gate Edition.

Whether you are a soldier, DAC, or a Korean National employee, we would like to publish your stories and pictures in our newspaper. Why not give journalism a try, send your articles and pictures to the District's Public Affairs Office (PAO), then watch for your story.