

# Welcome to the IRON TEAM!

The 1<sup>st</sup> Heavy Brigade Combat Team trains and maintains to always be ready to “fight tonight” to deter aggression on the Korean peninsula and if deterrence fails, to defeat any aggressor against the ROK-US alliance.

The Iron Brigade consists of six battalions: 2-9<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Manchus), 1-72 Armor (Crusader), 4<sup>th</sup> Squadron,



7<sup>th</sup> US Cavalry (Saber), 1-15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery (Guns), 302<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Support Battalion (Iron Horse), and 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Special Troops Battalion (Spartans).

1<sup>st</sup> HBCT is part of 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division (2ID), the major US ground combat unit in Korea. The Division’s headquarters is located at Camp Red Cloud, and its primary mission is to deter war on the Korean peninsula by maintaining a high state of combat readiness and vigilance. 2ID units are truly “Second to None.”



2-9<sup>th</sup> Infantry prepares for combat in order to conduct full spectrum operations, on order conducts alert sequence, executes noncombatant evacuation operations (NEO), offensive, defensive, and stability operations to destroy enemy forces and/or restore local civil security.



1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 72<sup>nd</sup> Armor Regiment, “First Tank” is located 20 kilometers from the Demilitarized Zone. As a result of its close proximity to threat forces, 1-72 AR is constantly focused on readiness and training. First Tank is located in Dragon Valley, apart from the rest of Camp Casey.



4<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry is the US Army’s most forwardly deployed Reconnaissance Squadron. 4<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry is responsible for accomplishing reconnaissance and security missions and engaging in offensive, defensive and retrograde operations as a part of 1<sup>st</sup> HBCT.



1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery stands ready, as the most forward deployed Direct Support Cannon Battalion in the United States Army, to conduct counter-fire and deep operations in defense of the Republic of Korea.



The 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Special Troops Battalion transitions to war and conducts military intelligence, network, chemical and decontamination operations, and rear area security for the Iron Brigade Combat Team.



The 302<sup>nd</sup> is a Forward Support Battalion, consisting of a Headquarters Company, Supply Company, Maintenance Company, Medical Company, and a Chemical Company. Each plays an integral role in supporting the 1<sup>st</sup> HBCT and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. The 302<sup>nd</sup> FSB is located at Camp Casey.



## Where will I be?

Camp Casey, home to 1<sup>st</sup> HBCT, is located in Dongducheon, South Korea approximately 40 miles north of Seoul. Camp Casey and Camp Red Cloud (CRC) are commonly referred to as Area I. For more information on Camp Casey, visit USAG-Casey at <http://ima.korea.army.mil/area1>

The Republic of Korea (ROK), or South Korea, is known as the “Land of the Morning Calm.” Located between China and Japan, South Korea is a modern country with a 5,000 year history. Seoul, the capital, is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest city in the world. The official language is Korean.

Korea has four distinct seasons: winter, spring, summer and fall. Winters are cold and snowy and summers are hot and humid. June brings “monsoon season,” a period of heavy rain and strong winds ending in September.

You will discover that South Korea is a beautiful, modern country with a rich and vibrant history. For more information on Korea, visit the Korean Tourism Organization at <http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/>



## Can I bring my family?

Yes! Korea is no longer a dependant restricted tour. Two year accompanied (Command Sponsored) tours are available. You may still chose to come to Korea for one year unaccompanied (without your family).

For more information on Command Sponsored Tours, visit <http://www-2id.korea.army.mil/commandsponsorship/>

	Non Command Sponsored	Command Sponsored
<b>Housing</b>	OHA Authorized.	OHA Authorized and furniture provided.
<b>Medical</b>	Dependents can be seen at the Casey Health Clinic and Brian Allgood Hospital (Yongsan) on a space available basis. Any off-post care or referrals are covered under Tricare Standard (20% out of pocket cost share).	Dependents can be seen at the Casey Health Clinic and Brian Allgood Hospital (Yongsan). Off-post referrals are covered by Tricare Prime.
<b>Dental</b>	Dependents can be seen at Yongsan Dental Clinic #2 on a space available basis. Off-post care or referrals are covered under Tricare Standard (20% out of pocket cost share).	Dependents can be seen at Yongsan Dental Clinic #2, or use off post care under Tricare Prime.
<b>Schools</b>	No assistance.	DoDDS pays tuition for off-post schools in Area I.
<b>Vehicle</b>	E7 and above may own/operate a vehicle. E6 and below can own/operate a POV with exception to policy by BDE CDR.	All ranks may own/operate vehicle. Authorized to ship POV from/to CONUS.
<b>Household Goods</b>	Entitled 25% of JFTR weight allowance.	Entitled 50% of JFTR weight allowance.
<b>PCS of Family Members</b>	Arriving to Korea: No assistance. Departing from Korea: Army pays for port of entry in US to next duty assignment (does not cover full ticket cost).	Army pays entire travel cost.
<b>NEO (Non Combatant Evacuation) Allowances</b>	Army pays for travel to safe haven only, no per diem or allowances, or return travel cost from CONUS.	Army pays travel, per diem, and allowances at safe haven, and return travel cost.

### Currency

South Korean money is called Won (₩). Won notes (bills) and coins come in various denominations. The average exchange rate is \$1 = ₩1,100.

For current conversion rates, visit <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>



### Time Difference

To convert US to Korea time:

- Eastern Time (EST): add 13 hours
- Central Time (CST): add 14 hours
- Mountain Time (MST): add 15 hours
- Pacific Time (PST): add 16 hours

For example, if it is 8 a.m. in New York, it is 9 p.m. in Korea. For more information, visit <http://www.timeanddate.com>

### Phone Dialing Instructions

The country code for South Korea is 82.

To dial a Korean cell phone from the US: dial 011-82- plus the last 10 digits of the phone number. For example, the cell phone is 010-9999-1234, you would dial 011-82-10-9999-1234.

To dial a DSN in Korea from the US: 011-82-505 + DSN number.

To dial a DSN in Korea from Korea: 0505 + DSN number



## Housing

On-post Family housing is not available in Area I. Homes available off-post are modern high rise and low rise apartments (2 – 4 bedroom). Monthly rents range from \$1,000 - \$2,000 depending on apartment size, amenities and location. For more information on housing options in Area I, visit <http://ima.korea.army.mil/area1/pages.asp?ID=826200933953>

schools, reimbursement of expenses for home school programs, and virtual school programs.

2. Attend the DoDDS-Korea schools in Area II (Yongsan) <http://www.korea.pac.dodea.edu/> on a space available basis. Transportation to Yongsan is the responsibility of the sponsor.

For more information on school options, visit <http://www-2id.korea.army.mil/families/education/>

## Medical and Dental Care

Medical and dental services at MTFs (Military Treatment Facilities) in Korea are available to dependents on a space available basis.

### Medical services

Camp Casey Health Clinic (also called the TMC) <http://www.korea.amedd.army.mil/Medical/default.asp>

The Camp Casey Health Clinic offers routine appointments, walk in services and 24 hour after hours care. Pediatric, OB/GYN and X-ray services are offered. There are no emergency services available at the Clinic. Depending on the emergency, patients are stabilized and transported to Brian Allgood Hospital (in Yongsan) or to a host nation hospital.

Brian Allgood Community Hospital (121 Hospital) [http://www.korea.amedd.army.mil/staff/level2/default\\_2.asp?pages=main&types=121&from=2](http://www.korea.amedd.army.mil/staff/level2/default_2.asp?pages=main&types=121&from=2) Located on Yongsan Garrison, approximately 2 hours away from Camp Casey. The hospital offers routine appointments, emergency room care and specialty care.



While stationed in Korea with your family, you will receive Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) instead of Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). To calculate your OHA, visit <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/ohaform.html> and use "South Korea, Dongducheon" as the location.

## Schools

Area I does not have any Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS). Families in Area I have two options:

1. An education provided through the Non-DoD School Program. This program provides payment of tuition to international-type (private)

## Childcare

Currently, Area I does not have a Child Development Center (CDC). Military Childcare and Family Childcare Centers are not available. Childcare is available at Yongsan Garrison (2 hours from Camp Casey) at the Yongsan CDC.

Some childcare options for families in Area I:

- Hire a private individual to care for children (i.e. a nanny, babysitter)
- Use Korean daycare facilities (keep in mind Korean regulations and standards differ from those in the US)

## Dental Services

There are no services for dependants at the Camp Casey Dental Clinic. Dependants are seen at Yongsan Dental Clinic #2 on a space available basis. For more information on Dental Clinic #2, visit <http://www.korea.amedd.army.mil/Dental/Clinics/YongsanDC2.asp>

Dependants in Area I can chose to see a local provider instead of traveling to Yongsan. There are several English speaking dentists on the Tricare local providers list. For a list of Tricare Dental local providers, visit <http://www.korea.amedd.army.mil/Dental/providers/index.htm>



## ***In-Processing and Settling Families***

When you arrive at Incheon Airport, go to the 1<sup>st</sup> Replacement Center (1RC) desk located in the arrival terminal at the end of the west wing, through Exit 14, where Army Representatives will assist you.

You and your family will take the 1RC provided bus to USAG-Yongsan where you will begin in-processing and stay at the Dragon Hill Lodge, <http://www.dragonhilllodge.com>

You will spend one night in the Dragon Hill Lodge. The following morning you will report to 1RC for mandatory briefings. 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division Soldiers will then be identified, separated, and depending on your category, transported to the Warrior Readiness Center (WRC).

### **Accompanied with Family**

Soldiers arriving with families will be linked with either their sponsor or unit representative as the priority remains to ensure adequate housing and to settle families prior to the Soldier completing WRC in-processing.

Families assigned to live in Area I will be transported to WRC from 1RC. You will be released to your sponsor or unit representative to begin house-hunting. Temporary lodging is available at the Casey Lodge, <http://www.warriormwr.com/asp/view.asp?deps1=17&deps2=0> Rooms at the Casey Lodge fill quickly, call DSN 315-730-4247 or commercial 011-82-31-869-4247 to make a reservation.

Families assigned to live in Area II (Yongsan) will be released after in-processing 1RC to your sponsor or unit representative to secure housing. Temporary lodging is available at the Dragon Hill Lodge.

After housing is secured you will be transported to WRC to complete in-processing. In-processing WRC will take 6 - 14 days depending on your rank.

### **Unaccompanied**

Unaccompanied Soldiers will be transported to WRC to complete in-processing, after which they will be released to their units to secure permanent lodging.

For more information including a detailed schedule of in-processing at WRC, visit <http://www-2id.korea.army.mil/newcomers/>

## ***Ration Cards***

Information courtesy of USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

For Civilian employees and Family Members, the most important thing you may need in Korea, besides a great pair of walking shoes, is a Ration Control Card.

Your ration card is just as important as your military identification card. In short, it is a card that most on-post businesses, like Army and Air Force Exchange, Commissary and the Chosun Gift Shop, need to see before you can make purchases.

Officials want to make sure you are not purchasing huge quantities of any item in order to resell. Your sponsor should be able to help provide you with a temporary card when you arrive.

Following are some important points about this important card:

1. You will need a Ration Card for each authorized Family Member (children ages 10 and up).
2. Don't leave home without it.
3. During their first two weeks in Korea, Civilian employees and Family Members can shop in the Commissary and PX with a military identification card and a copy of their PCS orders.
4. Every purchase in the Commissary is recorded in a real-time system based on a shopper's identification number. The Commissary system sends information to a database which automatically generates a violation notice if you exceed your purchase limit.
5. At the PX, ration limits restrict purchasing a maximum of three of the same high-value item. Cosmetics, select health and beauty aids and select wines are some of the high-value, high-demand items.

The Camp Casey Ration Card issuing office is located in Maude Hall, Bldg 2440. For information, call DSN 730-3475. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursdays 1p.m. - 4 p.m.

Visit [http://www.usfk.mil/old/org/j1/dmgt/rc\\_faq.html](http://www.usfk.mil/old/org/j1/dmgt/rc_faq.html) for more information on ration control, Ration Cards, and purchase limits.



## **Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO)**

While Korea is a relatively safe location, it is important that all “noncombatants” be prepared to evacuate both quickly and safely. Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) are operations directed by the US Department of State to evacuate eligible personnel from foreign countries where their lives are endangered by war, natural disaster, or civil unrest to safe havens or to the US. People considered noncombatants are family members of US Department of Defense (DoD) military and civilian employees, non-emergency essential US civilian employees, and DoD invited contractors and their families. Both Command Sponsored and Non Command Sponsored families are eligible for evacuation assistance from Korea.

Military members and emergency essential civilian employees are NOT considered noncombatants and will remain in Korea until directed otherwise. All DoD affiliated noncombatants must register for NEO with their NEO Warden. To help noncombatants prepare for a possible evacuation, US Forces Korea (USFK) conducts a twice yearly Courageous Channel exercise. All DoD affiliated noncombatants are required to participate in these exercises, in order to rehearse evacuation procedures and to train personnel who support NEO execution. In addition to participating in Courageous Channel, each family is required to maintain a NEO kit which includes the following:

- Important documents (NEO packet) For a list of documents, visit <http://www.korea.pac.dodea.edu/neo-korea/info.html>
- Enough food and water to last three days
- Protective equipment issued by the military

For more information on NEO, visit <http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/NEO/Neo.asp>

## **What can I do in Korea?**

Whether you come to Korea with your family, or on your own, your options are unlimited.

### **Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR)**

Army FMWR is a comprehensive network of support and leisure services designed to enhance the lives of Soldiers, their families, civilian employees, military retirees and other eligible participants. FMWR services include Army Community Services (ACS), recreation, sports, entertainment, libraries, gyms, Indianhead Golf Course, bowling, movies, cultural trips

and much more. For more information, visit <http://www.mwrkorea.com/casey/index.html>

### **USO**

Make the most of your time here by exploring beautiful Korea! USO offers in-country tours, canteen, a lounge and internet cafe. For more information, visit <http://affiliates.uso.org/korea/>

### **BOSS**

Area I has a very active BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) Program. Recent activities include volunteer opportunities, cultural trips, talent contests, speed dating, and a trip to Caribbean Bay (the world’s largest water park). For more information, visit <http://warriormwr.com/asp/view.asp?deps1=8&deps2=0>

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## **Helpful links**

United States Forces Korea (USFK) <http://www.usfk.mil>

2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division <http://www-2id.korea.army.mil/>

Official Seoul City Tourism <http://english.visitseoul.net/visit2007en>

Army One Source, the online home of Army Community Services (ACS) <http://myarmyonesource.com>

Military One Source, a virtual extension of installation services <http://militaryonesource.com>

USAG-Red Cloud (Area I) <http://ima.korea.army.mil/area1/>

Tricare <http://www.tricare.mil>

ArmyFRG, your unit’s virtual Family Readiness Group <http://www.armyfrg.org>