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RECURRING EVENTS

Bible Study (Lunch Provided)	Bde Conf Room	Wednesday at 1200
Hyeshimon Orphanage (English Tutoring)	Gate 20	Wednesday at 1800
Upper Room (Dinner Provided)	South Post Chapel	Friday at 1900

UNIT EVENTS

BRIGADE PRAYER BREAKFAST this Friday at the Tower View Inn at 0630. COL Harris is the program speaker.



Special thanks to SGM Christie, SSG Stillwell, PFC Beck, PFC Arndt, PFC Santiago for the construction of this playground at the orphanage

Special thanks also to MAJ Downer and family, MAJ Keller, CPT Lesick and sister, and SGT Batiste-Johnson for celebrating Chusok with the orphans at Namsam Orphanage and for their donations to the orphanage. Also thanks to CW3 Margarita D. Pereira and her fellow logisticians for their donations.

Also, great work and support by CSM Martinez, CSM Berrios and wife, and Ms. Kim for the delicious chili at the USO Great Chili Cookoff on Saturday.

Please send me photos and results of events that involve the 8th PERSCOM family.

CURRENT EVENTS

1. Please pray for our soldiers who deployed to Iraq.

2. **Upper Room** – Every Friday there is a Christian alternative for Friday nights from 1900 – 2100 on the second floor of the South Post Chapel. A fast food dinner is provided. For more information, contact SPC Creasy, Cell: 010-2349-0493, Office: 724-7801 or the chaplain's office.
3. **Sporting Events:** Please send me any 8th PERSCOM sporting events and also any pictures, scores, etc. These can be posted in this newsletter for those of us who want to cheer.
4. I have several copies of the book **"The Purpose Driven Life"**. Please see someone in our section if you would like a free copy of this book.
5. Do you know about Army One Source? You can find it at www.armyonesource.com and the user ID is army and the password is onsource. Army One Source is designed to help you deal with life's issues, 24/7. You can call in and speak to a master's level consultant or you can go online to access information or email a consultant. It is a free service.
6. Anyone interested in **Officer's Christian Fellowship**, please contact LTC Don Howell at 724-4040.
7. Please check our **Virtual Family Readiness** link off of the 8th PERSCOM web page. It is at <http://www-8perscom.korea.army.mil/Keeping%20Strong%20and%20Ready%20Families.htm>
8. **MOMS IN TOUCH PRAYER GROUP** Mondays, 8:30-9:30 South Post Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Namsam Orphanage Construction Project – Please meet this Saturday for a small construction project at the Namsam Orphanage. We will meet at the Arts and Crafts building by O'Charley's restaurant.
2. On Saturday night, October 30, the Far East Broadcasting Company is conducting the 19th Gospel Song Festival, 7 p.m. at the Olympic Park Hall. Come see me if you are interested in getting tickets

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

There is a very extensive Chapel Schedule for Yongsan that will be posted at the Chaplain Board in the Unit Post Office and attached to this email. I will be serving as co-pastor for the ROCK Service which meets at the Multi-Purpose Training Facility (Theater #1) every Sunday at 1000. I will be preaching the next two Sundays at this service.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The Reverend Billy Graham tells of a time early in his ministry when he arrived in a small town to preach a sermon. Wanting to mail a letter, he asked a young boy where the post office was. When the boy had told him, Dr. Graham thanked him and said, "If you'll come to the Church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to Heaven." "I don't think I'll be there," the boy said. "You don't even know your way to the post office."

CHRISTIAN VERSE OF THE WEEK

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. 2 Timothy 3:16 NLT

THEOLOGICAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

May the fiery and sweet strength of Thy love, I pray Thee, O my Lord, absorb my soul, and make all things under heaven as nothing unto me, that for the love of Thy love I may die, as Thou didst deign to die for love of mine. Amen. ... St. Francis of Assisi

OTHER RELIGIOUS THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK

Buddhism: Ask yourself this; 'Are you a human being having a spiritual experience, or a spiritual being having a human experience?' - Wayne Dyer, PhD

Islam: The most excellent Jihad is that for the conquest of self. Bukhari

Judaism: (Three Proverbs) Don't make a toil of pleasure. Don't open a shop unless you know how to smile. Don't pick a wasp out of a cream-jug.

OUR SOLDIERS WHO WERE KILLED IN IRAQ THIS PAST WEEK –

Please pray for the families and soldiers who are in grief. Notice that there are two more 2ID deaths.

DATE	NAME	RK	Age	BR	UNIT	CAUSE	ST
10/01/04	NOT RELEASED			USA	TF Baghdad	Hostile fire	
10/01/04	NOT RELEASED			USA	1 ID	Hostile fire	
09/30/04	Nolan, Allen		38	USNG	88 th RRC	IED attack	OH
09/30/04	Cunningham, Darren	SSG	40	USA	89th MP Bde	mortar attack	MA
09/30/04	NOT RELEASED			USA	TF Baghdad	car bomb	
09/29/04	Titcomb, Joshua K.	PFC	20	USA	2 ID	IED attack	KY
09/28/04	Prewitt, Tyler D.	SGT	22	USA	1 ID	RPG attack	AZ
09/27/04	Sickels, Kenneth L.	PFC	20	USMC	1MEF	unspecified cause	CA
09/27/04	Villanueva, Joselito	SFC	36	USA	1 ID	sniper	CA
09/27/04	Cox, Gregory A.	SPC	21	USA	1 ID	vehicle accident	PA
09/26/04	Allton, Eric L.	CPT	34	USA	2 ID	mortar attack	TX
09/25/04	Unruh, Robert Oliver	SPC	25	USA	44th EN	Hostile fire	AZ
09/25/04	Moxley Jr., Clifford	SPC	51	USNG	103 rd AR Rgt	illness	PA
09/25/04	Johnson, David W.	SPC	37	USNG	162 nd IN Rgt	IED attack	OR

THIS WEEK IN THE KOREAN WAR

01-Oct-50	The ROK 3 rd Infantry Division crossed the 38 th Parallel in pursuit of the retreating In Mun Gun, the North Korean Army.
01-Oct-50	The US Army's Puerto Rican 65 th Infantry Regiment arrived in Korea and was assigned to the 3 rd Infantry Division.

01-Oct-50	The USS Magpie struck a mine while sweeping a channel two miles off Chuksan, becoming the first US Navy vessel to be sunk during the war. Twenty-one members of her thirty-three-man-crew were lost.
01-Oct-51	The all-African-American 24 th Infantry Regiment and 159 th Field Artillery Battalion, 25 th Infantry Division, were disbanded and the personnel reassigned to formerly all-white units. Other formerly all-African-American units were infused with white soldiers, thus bringing racial segregation to an end in Eighth Army.
02-Oct-50	The ROK Capital and 3 rd Divisions seized Yangyang on the east coast while in the southeast ROK Marines took the port of Mokpo.
02-Oct-50	Chinese Foreign Minister Chou En-lai warned the Indian Ambassador in Beijing that if the Americans cross the 38 th Parallel China will enter the war.
02-Oct-51	Future jet ace Colonel Francis S. "Gabby" Gabreski, Vice Commander of the 4 th Fighter-Interceptor Wing, downed his third MiG-15 of the war in an F-86 Sabre jet. Colonel Gabreski was a leading WWII ace with twenty-eight German aircraft kills while flying a P-47 Thunderbolt.
02-Oct-52	Private First Class, Jack William Kelso, I Company, 3 rd Battalion, 7 th Marines, 1 st Marine Division, earned the 112 th Medal of Honor of the Korean War. Already awarded a Silver Star for his heroism in the fighting on Bunker Hill in August, he took prompt action to reorganized his battered platoon when his platoon leader and platoon sergeant became casualties during a massive enemy night attack on Detroit Hill. Forced to take cover with four other marines in a bunker, he picked up an enemy grenade that landed in the bunker, rushed out into the open, and threw it back at the enemy. Wounded when the grenade exploded as it left his hand, he again left the bunker to return fire and permit the pinned down marines in the bunker to escape. PFC Kelso was mortally wounded while providing this covering fire.
03-Oct-51	Operation "Commando," one of the largest operations conducted after the commencement of truce negotiations, began. "Commando" was a full-scale offensive designed to establish a defensive line that would screen the Yonchon-Chorwon Valley from enemy observation and long-range artillery.
03-Oct-52	USAF Major Frederick C. "Boots" Blesse, 4 th Fighter Interceptor Wing, flying an F-86 Sabre jet, scored his tenth and final aerial victory and became the fifth double ace of the Korean War.
04-Oct-52	Flying an F-86 Sabre, future jet ace Captain Manuel J. Fernandez, Jr., 4 th Fighter-Interceptor Wing, scored his first aerial victory of the war.
05-Oct-50	Eighth Army issued its operations order for the movement across the 38 th Parallel. Eighth Army anticipated strong resistance at the Parallel and a stubborn defense of the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.
05-Oct-51	Having experienced heavy fighting to secure the central positions of Line Jamestown where no less than four 3 rd Infantry Division soldiers earned the Distinguished Service Cross in a three-day period, the key Hill 477 was taken without a shot fired. Battle weary troops of the 7 th Infantry Regiment were pleasantly surprised.
06-Oct-51	Hill 931, the highest peak at Heartbreak Ridge, was secured by troops of the 2 nd Infantry Division's 23 rd Infantry Regiment after bitter fighting.

06-Oct-52	The battle for White Horse Mountain in the Chorwon Valley took place. The defending ROK 9 th Infantry Division inflicted 10,000 casualties in the fierce combat on the attacking Chinese 38 th Army at a cost 3,500 ROK casualties. During the battle, the ROK forces launched nine separate attacks and the Communists twenty-eight.
07-Oct-50	The United Nations General Assembly authorized UN forces to cross the 38 th Parallel and defeat the North Korean People's Army in detail.
07-Oct-50	Eighth Army, including British, Australian, and Philippine units, relieved X Corps of tactical responsibility for the Seoul Area. This action freed X Corps for operations on the east coast.
07-Oct-52	Staff Sergeant Lewis Watkins, I Company, 3 rd Battalion, 7 th Marines, 1 st Marine Division, became the 113 th Korean War Medal of Honor recipient. Although painfully wounded, Sergeant Watkins skillfully led his platoon in an assault against a Communist-held outpost. When an enemy grenade landed among the group he was leading through a trench line on the crest of the hill, he immediately placed himself in a position to shield his buddies. He was mortally wounded when the grenade exploded as he attempted to throw it out of the trench.
08-Oct-50	The United Nations General Assembly authorized General MacArthur to cross the 38 th Parallel. ROK troops had already crossed on 1 October. Meanwhile, Premier Mao Tse-tung secretly ordered Chinese "volunteers" to "resist the attacks of US imperialism."
08-Oct-52	Operation "Red Cow," a joint Navy-Air Force mission against enemy positions near Kaesong, was conducted with Navy F2H2 Banshee fighter jets from Task Force 77 providing fighter escort for Air Force B-29 Super Fortress bombers. This was one of only two instances in the war in which Navy fighters escorted Air Force bombers.
09-Oct-50	Major Eighth Army units assembled along the 38 th Parallel. Tenth Corps' 1 st Marine Division began embarkation at Inchon for sea movement to Wonsan on the east coast. The 1 st Cavalry Division crossed the 38 th Parallel north of Kaesong and attacks northward towards Pyongyang.
09-Oct-50	Private First Class Robert H. Young, E Company, 2 nd Battalion, 8 th Cavalry Regiment, 1 st Cavalry Division, became the twenty-third Korean War Medal of Honor recipient. Repeatedly wounded during a fierce Communist counterattack against his unit, PFC Young's aggressive example in fighting the enemy with every means available exerted a profound influence on the conduct of E Company. The leadership and combative instinct he displayed affected the whole course of the action and was responsible for its success. PFC Young ultimately succumbed to his wounds after having insisted that others be evacuated first.
09-Oct-51	Sergeant First Class Tony K. Burris, L Company, 3 rd Battalion, 14 th Infantry Regiment, 24 th Infantry Division, became the ninetieth Korean War Medal of Honor recipient. In two days of intense combat during the battle for Heartbreak Ridge, Sergeant Burris ignored wounds to lead his men and conduct one-man assaults of Communist emplacements until mortally wounded by enemy fire. Inspired by his gallantry, his comrades renewed a spirited assault that secured the strategic Hill 605.
09-Oct-52	Navy Task Force 77 initiated "Cherokee Strike" operations, an abbreviated bombing campaign directed against Communist battlefield logistics facilities. Meanwhile, USAF B-29s hit the Pyongyang area and Taegumi as F-84s and F80s struck troop concentrations south of Uonan and southeast of Haejuu.

THIS WEEK IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY – Christians typically do not know their history. Please look over these heroes of the faith.

October 3, 1226: Francis of Assisi, preacher and mystic who created monastic communities for men and women devoted to poverty and serving the poor, dies



October 3, 1692: Puritan clergy in Salem, Massachusetts, agree there would be no more executions resulting from the witch trials. More than 150 suspected witches had been put on trial in the previous year, and 19 had been hanged



October 3, 1789: George Washington names November 26 as a day of national thanksgiving for the ratification of the Constitution. On the same date in 1863, Abraham Lincoln designates the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.



October 4, 1582: Spanish mystic and founder of a reformed Carmelite order Teresa of Avila dies. A model of spiritual discipline, she experienced visions of Jesus, wrote several mystical books (including her autobiography), and possessed a genius for administration.



October 4, 1669: Dutch painter Rembrandt Harmensz van Rijn, known as the "painter of the soul" for his unsurpassed Christian art (including "The Return of the Prodigal Son," c. 1668), dies.



October 4, 1890: Catherine Booth, English "mother of the Salvation Army," dies of cancer. Besides preaching as a Salvation Army minister, she persuaded her husband, William, to make women an integral part of Salvation Army leadership and work.



October 4, 1965: Paul VI becomes the first pope to visit the United States and to address the United Nations.



October 5, 869: The Fourth Constantinople Council opens. During its six sessions, the council condemned iconoclasm and anathematized Constantinople Patriarch Photius. (It's a story too complicated to go into here, but basically, there was a strong disagreement over who was the "real" patriarch, and whether Holy Spirit proceeded from the Son as well as the Father). It was the last ecumenical council held in the East, but Eastern Orthodox Christians don't consider it a true ecumenical council.



October 5, 1703: American evangelical preacher and Congregational theologian Jonathan Edwards is born in East Windsor, Connecticut. The leading theologian of his day, he is known most commonly for his Great Awakening sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," which he delivered in a quiet monotone. In fact, the content of the sermon is rather atypical for Edwards.



October 5, 1744: David Brainerd, kicked out of Yale for criticizing a tutor and attending a forbidden revival meeting, begins missionary work with Native Americans along New Jersey's Susquehanna River. Jonathan Edwards's biography of Brainerd was key in promoting Christian missions and was counted by William Carey as one of his most influential reads.



October 6, 1536: English reformer William Tyndale, who translated and published the first mechanically-printed New Testament in the English language (against the law at the time) is strangled to death. His body is then burned at the stake.



October 6, 1552: Matteo Ricci, the first Roman Catholic missionary to China, is born in Macerata, Italy. Other missionaries criticized his complete adoption of Chinese customs and alliance with Confucianism (which he believed merely a civil cult, unlike Buddhism and Taoism).



October 7, 1830: George Muller, a leader in the Plymouth Brethren movement and founder of Christian orphanages, weds Mary Groves, the sister of another Brethren leader. In lieu of a honeymoon, the couple set off the next day to, in George's words, "work for the Lord."



October 8, 451: The Council of Chalcedon opens to deal with the Eutychians, who believed Jesus could not have two natures. His divinity, they believed, swallowed up his humanity "like a drop of wine in the sea." The council condemned the teaching as heresy and created a confession of faith which has since been regarded as the highest word in Christology.



October 9, 1000: Leif "the Lucky" Eriksson, who later evangelized Greenland, is reported to have been the first European to reach North America on this date. But while he was certainly a member of an early Viking voyage to "Vinland" (probably Nova Scotia), it's doubtful he led the initial expedition.



October 9, 1747: David Brainerd, pioneer missionary to Native Americans in New England, dies of tuberculosis at age 29. His journal, published by Jonathan Edwards, inspired hundreds to become missionaries, including the "father of modern Protestant missions," William Carey.



October 9, 1890: Pentecostal evangelist and national sensation Aimee Semple McPherson is born in Ontario, Canada



October 9, 1958: Pope Pius XII, whose record of protecting Jews in 1940s Germany is hotly debated and who formally defined the dogma of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary (1950), dies.