



Korea Rotational Force 15

September 2024 - June 2025



2ND BATTALION, 3RD INFANTRY REGIMENT

PATRIOTS



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KRF 15 OVERVIEW



From September 2024 to June 2025, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, served as part of the Korea Rotational Force (KRF) in the Republic of Korea. This 9-month KRF deployment supported U.S. strategic commitments to the Republic of Korea (ROK), regional partners, and U.S. security obligations.

Upon arrival to the Korean Theater of Operations, the Patriot Battalion quickly assumed several critical real-world contingency missions, showcasing the Battalion's competence and professionalism.

The KRF deployment served as a readiness-building mission for 2-3 IN. The Battalion built a high state of readiness through an aggressive training plan, focus on personnel deployability, and equipment maintenance.

The purpose of this newsletter is to share some of the Patriot Battalion's experiences while forward-deployed to the Republic of Korea.





KRF 15 ACHIEVEMENTS



- The Battalion achieved a “T” on all six Mission Essential Tasks and completed live fire proficiency gates (through Table VI) for Squads, Platoons, and Companies.
- During marksmanship training and live fire exercises, we fired over 341,647 rounds, and our Fire Support Teams observed over 1,740 indirect fire rounds.
- Our culinary specialists, working in conjunction with their teammates in the 296th Brigade Support Battalion, served over 165,000 meals at the Pittman Warrior Restaurant at Camp Humphreys. Our team of culinary specialists won multiple competitions including the 8th Army Thanksgiving Meal Competition.
- The availability of lift and attack aviation assets in Korea is unparalleled. 2-3 IN conducted 2x full air assault planning iterations: 1x for PLT LFX with 3-2 GSAB & 5-17 ACS that enabled our BN to achieve a “T” in the Air Assault Mission Essential Task and 1x for Brigade Air Assault training mission with 1-2 SBCT staff and 2-2 AHB to enable the BDE to achieve a “T” for its Mission Essential Task.
- Over 114 Patriots raised their hands to continue their service by re-enlisting.
- When not engaged in training, 2-3 IN Soldiers participated in countless opportunities to contribute to the community and enjoy Korean culture. Over 70x Patriots earned their Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medals (MOVSMs) contributing over 1,400 service hours.



ARRIVE IN SILENCE

October 2024



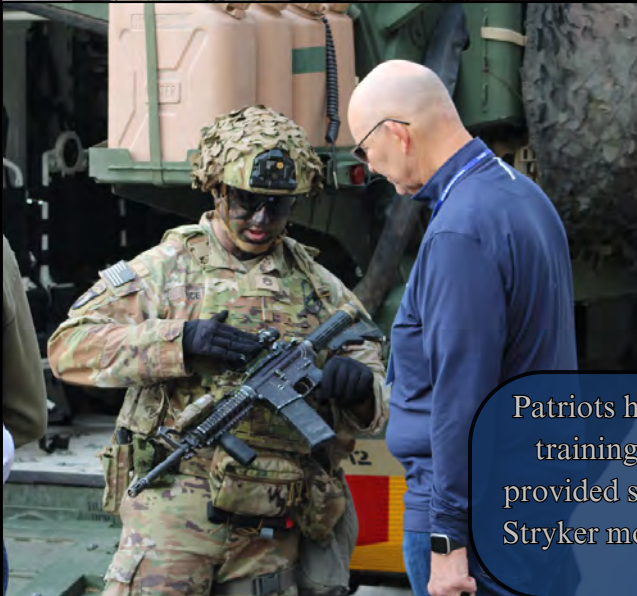
Patriot Battalion and Ghost Brigade assumed authority of the KRF 15 mission from 3CR in October 2024.





BUILDING READINESS & HONORING OUR LEGACY

November 2024



Patriots hit the ground running in November with Platoon collective training at Dagmar North Training Areas. Additionally, Patriots provided support to the Camp Humphreys community by showcasing Stryker mobility and Squad lethality through static displays and other community engagements.





EXPLORING KOREA

November - December 2024



Over the holidays, Patriots took advantage of their well earned time off to explore Korean culture, attend sporting events, and discover what Korea has to offer.





PLT Field Training Exercise

January 2025



To set conditions for live fire training, Platoons conducted collective training at Dagmar North, including clearing trenches.



PLT Live Fire Exercise

January 2025



Task Force Patriot executed a combined Platoon Live Fire Exercise with ROKA's 81st Tank Battalion and elements of from 3/4 Marines at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex (RFLC) from 21JAN-02FEB2025.





COMPANY CALFEX

February 2025



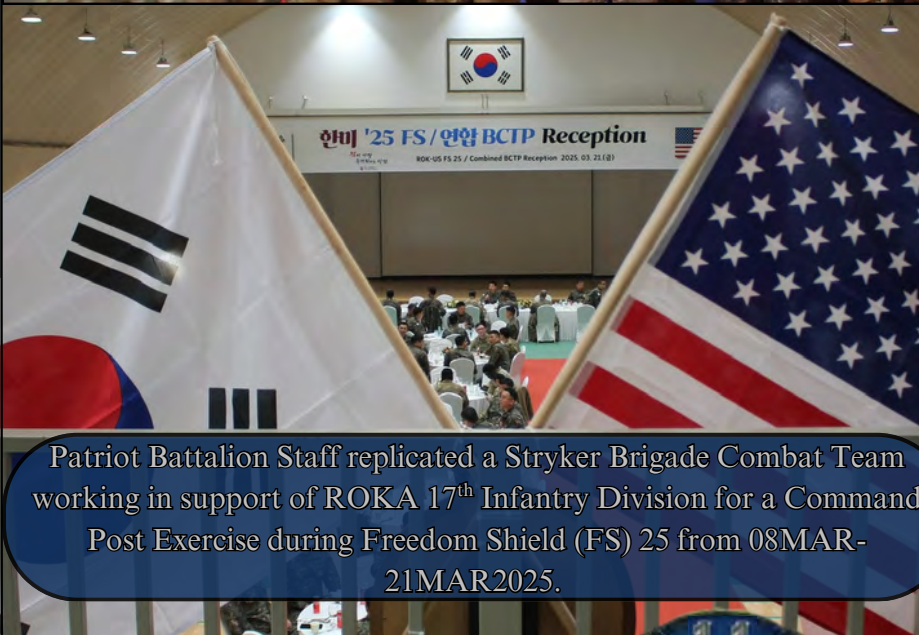
After qualifying all PLTs during PLT LFX, Patriots progressed to executing Company Combined Arms Live Fire at RFLC from, 03FEB-18FEB2025. In addition to the ROKA and USMC integration, 3-2 GSAB and 5-17 ACS provided world-class rotary wing support and close combat attack aviation.





FREEDOM SHIELD COMMAND POST EXERCISE

March 2025



Patriot Battalion Staff replicated a Stryker Brigade Combat Team working in support of ROKA 17th Infantry Division for a Command Post Exercise during Freedom Shield (FS) 25 from 08MAR-21MAR2025.

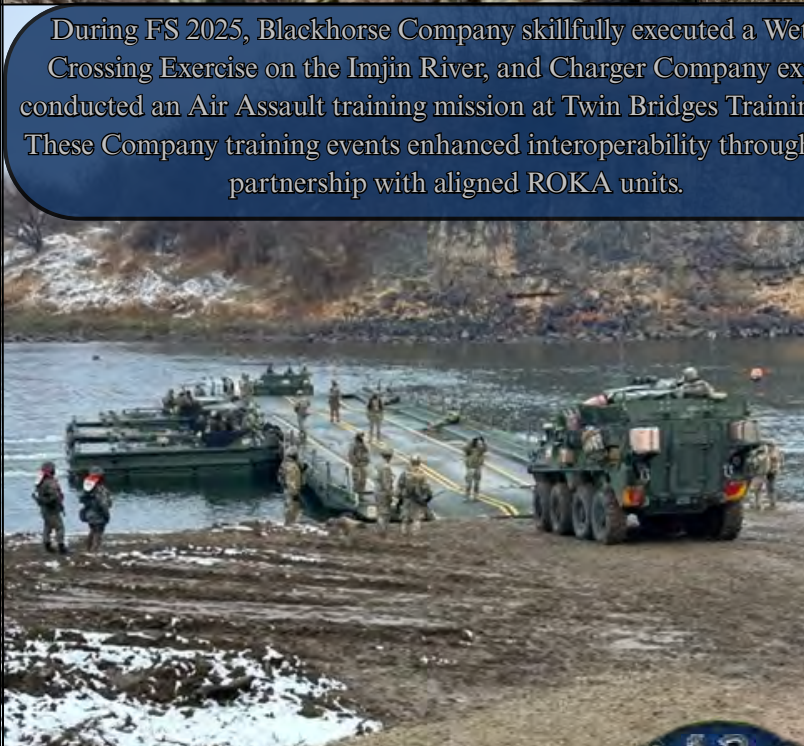


FREEDOM SHIELD COMPANY TRAINING

March 2025



During FS 2025, Blackhorse Company skillfully executed a Wet Gap Crossing Exercise on the Imjin River, and Charger Company expertly conducted an Air Assault training mission at Twin Bridges Training Area. These Company training events enhanced interoperability through strong partnership with aligned ROKA units.





KOREA COMBAT TRAINING CENTER



March 2025



Legion Company and Highlander's Recon Platoon participated in Korea Combat Training Center rotations, where they conducted demanding force-on-force training on challenging terrain while working in support of ROKA Brigades.





PATRIOT 6 CHANGE OF COMMAND

March 2025



During the 2-3 IN Battalion Change of Command Ceremony, Patriots bid farewell to LTC Ian B. MacGregor and his family and welcomed LTC Kevin W. Boldt as the incoming Patriot 6.



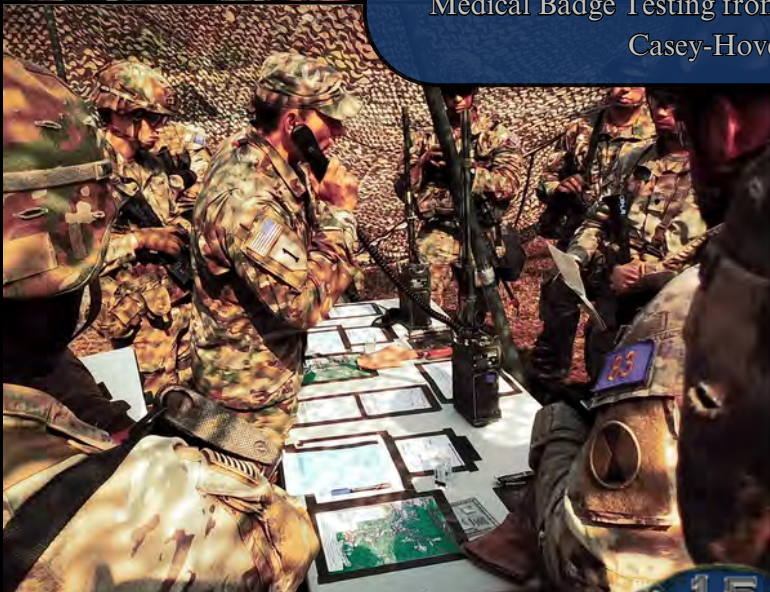


EXPERT BADGE TESTING

April 2025



Patriots demonstrated their expertise during Expert Infantry Badge, Expert Soldier Badge, and Expert Field Medical Badge Testing from 06-25APR2025 at Camp Casey-Hovey, Korea.





GHOST ASSAULT

May 2025



The Patriot Battalion served as the main effort for Ghost Brigade's air assault at Twin Bridges training area from 04-08MAY2025.





SELFLESS SERVICE

September 2024 - May 2025



Taking part in countless community events and cultural experiences while in Korea, Patriots remained actively engaged when not busy with training events. Collectively, Patriots dedicated over 1,400 volunteer hours, resulting in more than 70 Patriots earning the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM).





STRENGTHENING THE ALLIANCE

May 2025



Patriots strengthened bonds with Korea counterparts by “going together” (Katchi Kapshida) and conducting demanding training and exploring Korea through cultural events when able.



SUPPORTING 2nd INFANTRY DIVISION

June 2025



Patriot Battalion worked in support of 2 ID during KRF 15. Warrior 6, MG Lombardo, recognized Patriots for their excellent performance at CO CALFEX and other critical training events.



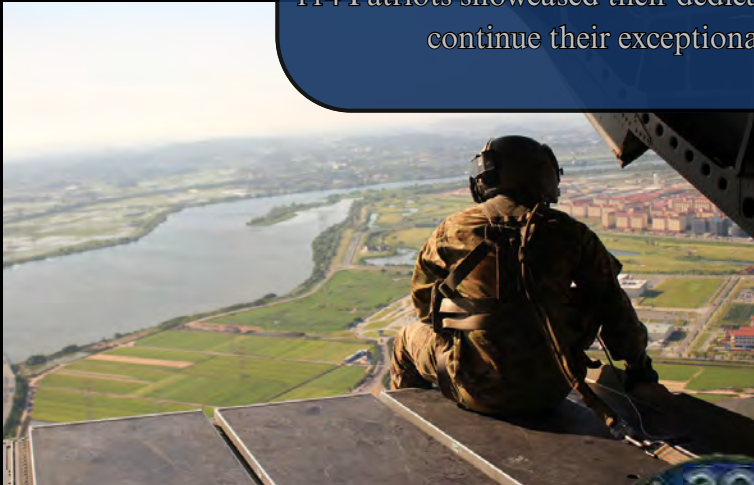


RETENTION

June 2025



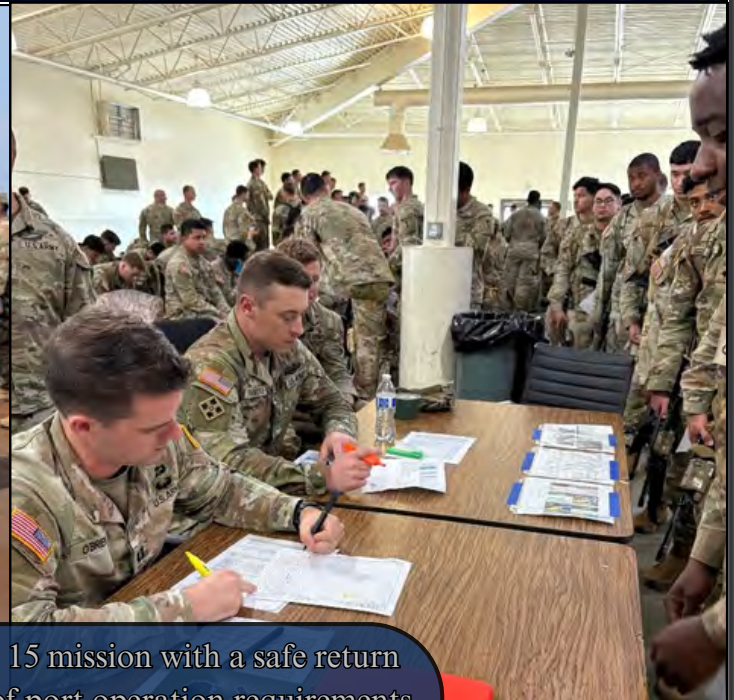
114 Patriots showcased their dedication to duty by re-enlisting to continue their exceptional service to country.





COMPLETING THE MISSION

June 2025



Patriots concluded the KRF 15 mission with a safe return home, successful completion of port operation requirements, and a smooth transition back to our family and friends.



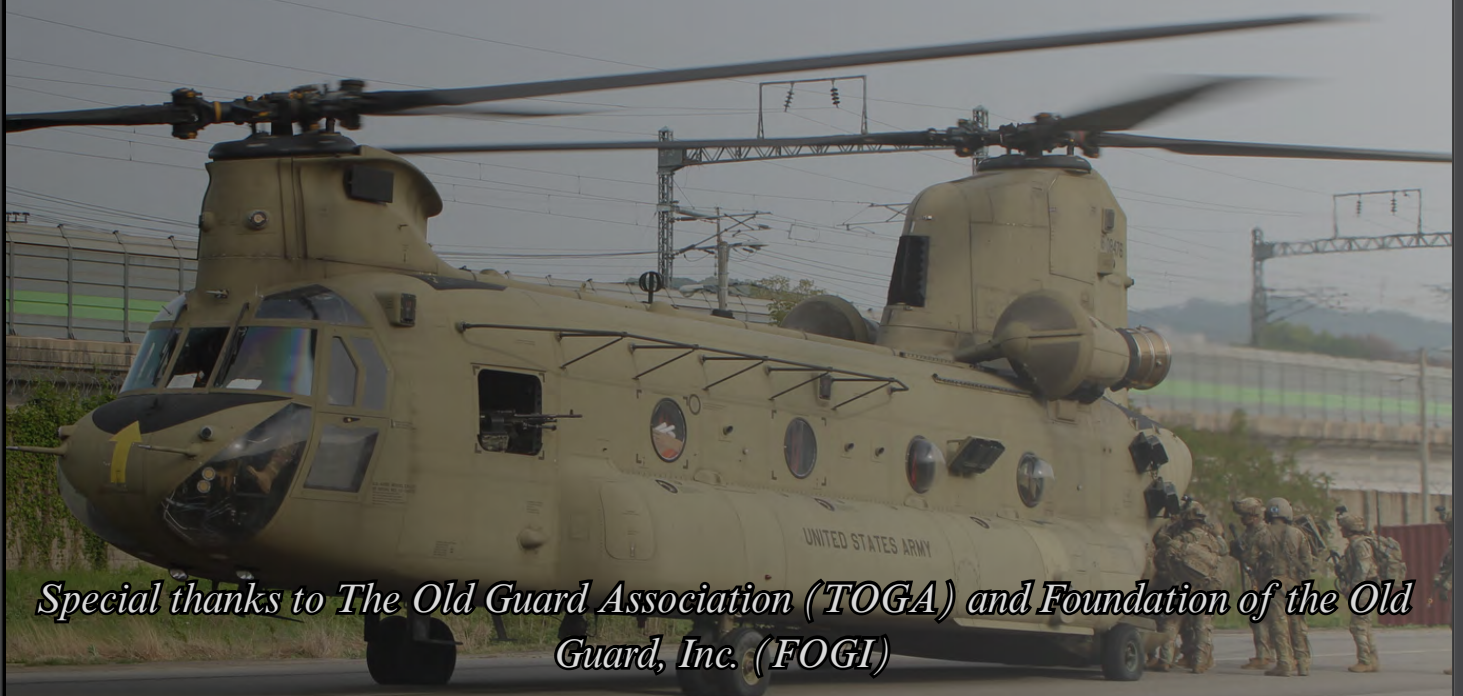


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