

## IRON HORSE AIR DEFENDERS TRAIN WITH ROK COUNTERPARTS

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*Lt. Col. Chu, Kyo-Jin, commander of the Republic of Korea (ROK) Air Force 157th Fighter Wing and Capt. Kendrick Vaughn, commander of A/6-52 ADA, exchange plaques as a sign of friendship between the two units who work together to defend the ROK air space. (US Army photo)*

**Suwon Air Base, Republic of Korea** – Soldiers from the 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery (6-52 ADA) Regiment, took to the field as part of the 35th ADA Brigade's annual field training exercise (FTX) beginning on 20th and running through 25 October 2013 at locations across the Republic of Korea (ROK).

The U.S./ROK alliance was highlighted as the "Iron Horse" battalion conducted several training events with their Korean counterparts.

A Battery, 6-52 ADA (A/6-52 ADA) worked hand in hand with the ROK Air Force's 20<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing on Seosan Air Base, while a ROK Air Force chemical unit practiced operational decontamination with D/6-52 ADA at Osan Air Base.

Command Sgt. Maj. Rodric Ellseberry, 6-52 ADA command sergeant major, shared a traditional Korean dinner with the leadership of the 157th Fighter Squadron of the ROK Air Force 20th Fighter Wing, he listened to Lt. Col. Chu, Kyo-Jin, commander of the 157th Fighter Squadron address the combined exercise.

"The purpose of this meeting and training is to create a tight cooperation system between U.S. and ROK forces," said Chu. "The combined U.S. and ROK training will continue, with various scenarios meant to maintain a solid preparedness," Chu continued.



The appreciation and understood value of the combined training was mutual.

“The solidarity between U.S. and ROK Soldiers is the most important factor for the protection of the Korea peninsula.” said Capt. Kendrick Vaughn, commander of A/6-52 ADA. “The field training exercise was a very good opportunity for both U.S. and ROK Soldiers to cooperate.”

The exercise was designed to enhance readiness through realistic scenarios, testing and training the Soldiers charged with the air and missile defense of the Korean peninsula.

The FTX focused on increasing readiness by synchronizing brigade and battalion battle staff operations, as well as Patriot crew drills and even individual warrior skills.



*Top left, tactical vehicles from A Battery, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 52 Air Defense Artillery (A/6-52 ADA) Regiment, roll out for the annual 35<sup>th</sup> ADA Brigade field training exercise at Suwon Air Base on 20 October 2013. Korean National Police escort the large military vehicles as they navigate the busy South Korean highway system. (US Army photo)*



*At left (second down), a Soldier assigned to A/6-52 ADA, stretches concertina wire around a Patriot missile site during the field training exercise that took place from 20 through 25 October 2013. (US Army photo)*

*At left (third down), an Republic of Korea (ROK) service member assists his U.S. counterpart assigned to D/6-52 ADA, practice changing out of his contaminated chemical gear during the annual 35<sup>th</sup> ADA Brigade field training exercise at Osan Air Base on 24 October 2013. (US Army photo)*



*Bottom left, an A/6-52 ADA Patriot missile system stands ready to defend the skies over Korea on Seosan Air Base during 35<sup>th</sup> ADA Brigade’s annual field training exercise. (US Army photo)*