



Sgt. Tiffany Peterson, E Battery, 2-1 ADA (E/2-1 ADA) sits patiently while waiting to be inducted into the NCO Corps on 28 June 2013.

2-1 ADA HOSTS AREA IV NCO INDUCTION CEREMONY

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CAMP CARROLL, Republic of Korea – The 2d Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery (2-1 ADA) Regiment “Guardians” hosted Area IV’s Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Induction Ceremony here at the post theater on 28 June 2013.

Six units from Area IV participated in the event by sponsoring a total of 53 junior U.S. Army and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army (KATUSA) NCOs.

The morning started with a group run led by Command Sgt. Maj. Robert F. Austin, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC). Following the run, each command sergeant major attending the event offered words of wisdom to the new NCOs.

Austin was the keynote speaker for the ceremony. He spoke on what it meant to be an NCO and the importance of leadership.

Using a phrase from the Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer, Austin emphasized the primary role NCOs must live up to — “My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind — accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers.”

The 2-1 ADA Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. John W. Foley, administered “The Charge of the Noncommissioned Officer” to the inductees. The *charge* is the final act in which the newly recognized NCOs acknowledge and accept the responsibilities inherent to their new role.

After closing the ceremony by reciting “The Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer,” there was a social hour for the inductees and their guests.

This year’s newly inducted will now become next year’s sponsors for tomorrow’s select group of Soldiers entering the corps.

Sgt. Maj. Keith Maxwell, the operations sergeant major for 2-1 ADA, led a team of more than 20 NCOs who ensured that preparations for the ceremony met the standards of this time-honored tradition.

The six units participating in the ceremony were 2-1 ADA, U.S. Army Garrison Daegu, 6th Ordnance, 25th Transportation Battalion, 25th Sustainment Brigade and 498th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.



Command Sgt. Maj. Robert F. Austin of the 19th ESC delivers his keynote speech during the NCO Induction Ceremony, at the Camp Carroll post theater on 28 June 2013.



At left, Command Sgt. Maj. John W. Foley from 2-1 ADA presents Command Sgt. Maj. Robert F. Austin of the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC) a token of gratitude for being the keynote speaker at Area IV’s Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony sponsored by the 2d Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery (2-1 ADA) Regiment “Guardians” at Camp Carroll on 28 June 2013.



At right, Command Sgt. Maj. Robert F. Austin and Command Sgt. Maj. John W. Foley, enjoy the cake cutting segment of the ceremony with newly inducted NCOs on 28 June 2013.