

Area IV hosts UFL exercise
20 SG stands 'ready to serve'

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In the Ulchi Focus Lens exercise, soldiers, airmen, sailors, marines, National Guards, Reserves, and civilians come together to take part in the exercise. While some soldiers are doing their best in UFL, others do their best to support the exercise as the host -- the soldiers of 20th Support Group Area IV.

During the exercise, they provide Life Support Area facilities for everyone who arrives in Area IV. There are four LSAs in Area IV, consisting of housing facilities, Morale Welfare and Recreation tents, latrine, shower and laundry facilities.

"We provide everything that soldiers want to have, from housing to telephone," said, one LSA mayor, Sgt. 1st class. Randy Chenault, HHC 20th SG.

"Satisfying 100 percent of the people is the most difficult part, but I believe we have satisfied probably 99.9 % of the people," he said.

The LSAs are not the only type of support they provide. They also run the Joint Reception Center in Camp Henry. In the JRC, augmentees from the United States and across the peninsula get information about new circumstances (Korea) and in-process to get their billets.

"We are ready to serve anyone who comes here -- soldier, airman, sailor, marine, and civilian. We give them the basic information they need here, from theater orientation to the buddy system. And we want to make sure nobody gets into sticky situations," said, Air Force Maj. Mark Gisi, officer-in-charge of the JRC. The JRC also provides transport service for those whose destination stop is not Daegu.

According to Col. Russell Bucy, Commander of 20th Support Group, exercise or not, the 20th SG's mission is to support the base operation in Area IV.

"It is truly challenging everyday," Bucy said. "Our support services includes everything from housing, water supply and electricity to stop lights, roadway and recreation. We have the exercise support mission too, which is a quite a challenge, but my soldiers are doing very well."