

Annyeonghaseyo 안녕하세요

Good Evening Winners and Everyone here is a Winner tonight! Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, BG Morrissey, BG Kang, Col Hinke, Thank you all for making the effort to recognize excellence in leadership of integrated air and missile defense across two nations that through their efforts together are helping to create peace, stability and prosperity to the Korean Peninsula. Each of you have made a difference, an impact in making Korea a safer place over the past year. We are commending you, your leadership that will cascade down and boil up, treating you as a World Champion, a Korean Peninsula Champion and the Champion that you are. Congratulations.

Humbled and Inspired by our visit this morning to the Task Force Smith Memorial of the first battle that brought forth the United States and the United Nations commitment to freedom, democracy of Korea that stands today.

Actions speak louder than words especially in rhetoric that comes from the North. Your warrior competition with each other and against each other that brought you here tonight made you better, your squad better, your platoon better, your battery better, your battalion better, your brigade better, your branch Better, your nation Better and the World is a better place because of you. Thank you for living the Dream, Being the Dream and sacrificing for the Dream. The Dream of Freedom and Democracy that we both nations cherish and enjoy.

Having the 2-1 compete against the 6-52, or the 2nd Brigade against the 35th Brigade to become the best to beat the best, that is the mindset we must have to win. For Leadership is defined by the decisions you make, for the right reasons, at the right time under extreme pressure. Mostly Anybody can make the right decisions with no pressure, very very few can make those right decisions under extreme pressure in games, battles and wars, they are the Winners. That Leadership is led by actions of leaders and winners that you are. We celebrate those leaders and winners tonight and we encourage you to lead those competitive cauldrons that make you win!

Today's dynamics on the Korean Peninsula with the Leader in the North trying to force reaction to the leadership here in the South and to the leadership of the President of the United States in an election year creates potential contingencies that could escalate into conflict and your mission is the readiness you have to lead the de-escalation and to be so ready together as one unified joint allied team that the North's reactions over the next year can never lead to escalation of conflict. Rather your high state of readiness provides the umbrella of fearless courage to continue to escalate prosperity, stability and peace on the Peninsula. Regardless of charm offensives, provocative missile tests, your excellence of leadership in readiness of this mission makes you a game changer. Defining you as a winner.

Your world, your mission, your branch of Integrated Missile Defense is making the world all over the world a safer place. You live with that and be proud of that, you own it. Missile Defense is evolving to space, to cruise UAV to Hyper Sonics to keep pace and to stay ahead of the missile threats coming. It's a Joint World and all those systems that are already deployed and operational by our different arms services have to be integrated together and across all the domains we will compete in. We need to leverage all of the strengths from the diversity of excellence in sensors and shooter your service brothers and sisters have and your fellow Koreans and Americans have developed and deployed. We have to have a C2 system with Artificial Intelligence that brings to power all of those sensors and shooters in milliseconds to be more efficient, more effective and we have to change the game, the

battle and the calculus of the opponent to mix and fuse our offense with our defense to win. Having very affordable numerous left of launch options in synchronism with our existing defenses makes missile defense systems 10 times more effective to change the calculus of the opponent.

You have a bright future, you are the bearers of peace and prosperity, let your light shine together to shed and take away the darkness of the North.

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