

36th

Signal Battalion



The 36th Signal Battalion Headquarters is located at Camp Walker, Taegu, and is composed of three companies and one detachment.

Its authorized strength of 650 includes United States Army, Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA), Department of the Army civilian and Korean National personnel.

The battalion operates and maintains Army strategic Defense Communications Systems (DCS), non-DCS, base communications and information systems from the DMZ to the

southern ports of Chinhae and Pusan in support of UNC/CFC/USFK/Eighth U.S. Army Forces.

The 36th Signal Battalion's subordinate units are the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 169th Signal Company, 293rd Signal Company and the 501st Signal Company.

These units manage isolated communications sites, fiber optic terminals, pulse code modulation and microwave terminals, technical control facilities, digital electronic switching centers, an AN/GSC-52 satellite

earth terminal, telecommunications centers, information centers, a consolidated information processing center, AM/FM TV transmission facilities and motor pools.

Additionally, the battalion has the Regional Director of Information Management (DOIM) responsibilities for the southern two thirds of Korea.

HHD

The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment is located at Camp Walker, Taegu. It is composed of U.S. Army soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, KATUSA soldiers and Korean Nationals.

Its mission is to provide administrative and logistical support for the command group and staff of the 36th Signal Battalion.

It is responsible for the training, combat readiness and welfare of all assigned personnel.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment operates a consolidated motor pool, serving three organic and four non-organic units.

It also operates a consolidated mailroom servicing three organic units.

169th Signal Company

The 169th Signal Company, located in Taegu, is composed of U.S. Army soldiers, DA Civilians, KATUSAs and Korean Nationals.

The company's mission is

to operate and maintain the Automatic Digital Network Switching Center (ASC) serving U.S. Forces Korea, A Telecommunications Center (TCC), the Consolidated Information Processing Center (CIPC), Information Center South, Korean Intelligence Support System Communications Element and the Yongsan Support Facility.

The Automatic Digital Switch has trunk interconnections to Hawaii, Japan, Guam and on the continental United States.

Ninety-five percent of all record traffic processed in Korea passes through this switch.

The Consolidated Information Processing Center, (CIPC), is a one-of-a-kind facility in Korea.

It houses the Electronic Mail Host and provides round-the-clock Standard Army Management Information Systems (STAMIS) and executive software support for major support commands.

All STAMIS processing is done at this facility with output via high speed printers located in Taegu and Yongsan.

The Information Center South provides integrated information, customer support and services with user training and displays.

It also demonstrates and performs software clearing house services.

Since its creation in February 1988, Information Center South personnel have trained more than 550 users on computers with the electronic mail class being the most popular.

Classes are taught in English and Hangul.





293rd Signal Company

The 293rd Signal Company is located at Waegwan and is composed of 75 U.S. Army soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, KATUSAs and Korean Nationals.

The company is an operational, fixed signal company deployed in its combat configuration over an area of 6,000 square miles in the southern portion of Korea.

Two of the microwave sites, located on remote mountain tops, are accessible only by extremely treacherous dirt and gravel roads. A third mountain

top signal site, Salem, is accessible only by helicopter or a two to three hour walk up a very steep mountain path.

Unique mission requirements include maintaining a portion of the Korean DCS Wideband Secure Voice system and operating a major satellite earth terminal facility in the Defense Communications Satellite System. Additionally, the company has area DOIM responsibility for the 20th Area Support Group.

The company also maintains and operates two FM radio stations in the Vanderbilt radio net, one of which has radio wire integration capability.

501st Signal Company

The 501st Signal Company is located in Pyongtaek. It's composed of U.S. Army soldiers, DA Civilians, KATUSAs and Korean Nationals.

The company's area of responsibility encompasses 7,500 square miles of territory.

The operational facilities are located as close as two miles to the nearest site on Camp Humphreys to 154 miles, the farthest site, at Kunsan Air Base.

The major elements of the 501st Signal Company are the Bucket Microwave Site, Camp Humphreys Defense Switching

Network, Camp Humphreys Fiber Optic Terminal, Highpoint Microwave Relay, Richmond Microwave Relay, Suwon Fiber Optic Terminal and four digital microwave sites; three of which are located along the DMZ.

They operate and maintain the central portions of the Defense Communications System and non-DCS facilities in Korea.

It also operates and maintains two telephone exchanges and one telecommunications center.

Additionally, the company has area Directorate of Information Management responsibility for the 23rd Area Support Group.



41st

Signal Battalion



The 41st Signal Battalion is headquartered at Camp Coiner in Yongsan. The battalion is composed of a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, the 201st Signal Support Company, the 275th Signal Company, the 362d Signal Company, the 552nd Signal Company.

The battalion is responsible for providing strategic communications and information management services throughout a 38,000 kilometer area covering the northern third of South Korea. It also operates and maintains all AFN television, FM and AM radio transmission facilities in the northern portion. The battalion is authorized 826 military personnel, Department of the Army Civilians, Korean Nationals and KATUSA soldiers.

Communications support is provided from remote mountain top microwave radio sites, an AN/TSC-86 Satellite Earth Terminal, an Automated Multimedia Exchange facility, 10 telecommunications centers, 21 electronic telephone switching systems, 17 technical control facilities, 15 AFN microwave transmission facilities, and two information centers.

The battalion also manages printing plant operations with the U.S. Army Printing and Publications Center, Korea.



HHD

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment provides command and control, operational guidance and administrative and logistical support to the 41st Signal Battalion. HHD also operates the consolidated motor pool for the battalion to include vehicles from HHC brigade, 14th and 251st Signal Detachments. HHD is located on Camp Coiner in Seoul.

201st Signal Support Company

The 201st Signal Support Company is headquartered in Yongsan. It operates and maintains the Automatic Gateway Message System, Sensitive Information Command Center Seoul and Information Center.

The AGMS operates and maintains a portion of the 41st Signal Battalion's telecommunications system in the ROK in support of the United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, U.S. Forces Korea, Eighth U.S. Army, Department of Defense and affiliated activities as directed by the 1st Signal Brigade commander.

The Yongsan Area Information Center provides consultant services for users and potential users of new automation technology, particularly in the areas of microcomputer terminals and local area networks.

The 201st also has responsibility for the Seoul Net Control/Pacific Gateway Military Affiliated Radio Station (MARS) where they process over 4,000 MARSgrams monthly.

It also provides user/training in Automatic Data Processing skills development and the use of specific commercial software packages.

275th Signal Company

The 275th Signal Company, headquartered at Camp Coiner and with sites throughout Area II, operates and maintains the Seoul Defense Communications System and telephone exchanges (including installation and maintenance of all military telephones) on Yongsan Main and South Post; the Far East District Engineer Compound; Camp Page; Camp Long and Camp Eagle.

Additionally, the 275th mans the Namsan Microwave Station which is not only responsible for microwave relay but also operates and maintains one of the primary Net Radio Interface (NRI) stations for the northern portion of Korea.

The company also operates and maintains AFN television and AM/FM transmission systems throughout their area of responsibility.

The 275th also has responsibility for all Defense Communications System facilities in the eastern corridor in support of Camps Page, Long and Eagle.

362nd Signal Company

The 362nd Signal Company is headquartered in Yongsan, and is the largest company in the 1st Signal Brigade. It operates and maintains all Army fixed Defense Communications Systems and base communications facilities in the greater Seoul area to include the U.S. Embassy Carrier Microwave System.

The 362nd also operates and maintains all Army fixed and tactical interface systems at the Wartime Command Post Tactical Air Naval Ground Operations (TANGO) Center in support of U.N. Command, USFK and Eighth U.S. Army.

There are three major facilities which make up the 362nd Signal Company: Command Post TANGO, Sensitive Information Command Center Seoul (SI/CCS) and the Emergency Action Console (EAC) in Command Center Seoul.

Another mission of the 362nd is to operate and maintain AGMS and telephone exchanges, including installation maintenance of all military telephones on Camp Market, Camp Colbern, Yongin, and K-16 Seoul Air Base. Additionally the 362nd mans the Madison microwave station, which is responsible for microwave relay, AFN transmission, and maintains one of the primary net radio interface (NRI) stations for the central portion of Korea.

552nd Signal Company

The 552nd Signal Company, headquartered at Camp Red Cloud, provides communications and information management services to a wide variety of customers from the demilitarized zone to the outskirts of Seoul.

The company provides strategic command and control communications in support of the United Nations Command, the Military Armistice Commission, the Joint Security Area, the 2nd ID services and many other tenant organizations within their geographical area.

This translates to 400 miles of cable, 11,000 telephone instruments, 2,000 personal computers and 1,400 messages transmitted or received on any given day.

The company also operates the Area I Information Center which provides a variety of office automation and information management services.



304th Signal Battalion



The 304th Signal Battalion is a theater-level, echelon above corps level tactical signal unit forward-deployed in the Republic of Korea.

The unit provides tactical command and control communications support using Digital Group Multiplexing Assemblages, Tropospheric Radio Systems, Digital Switch Systems and associated communications equipment.

Primary services offered by the battalion to its customers include tactical voice (telephone), data communications and message traffic support.

The 304th's mission is to provide tactical communications as part of the theater integrated strategic/tactical network in support of Eighth U.S. Army echelons above corps requirements, USFK Headquarters, U.S. elements of combined organizations and non-DoD U.S. government organizations in their area of responsibility.

The battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Company C are located at Camp Colbern in Hanam.

Company B is situated at Camp Long in Wonju and Company A is north at Camp Red Cloud and at Camp Humphreys.

The 304th Signal Battalion has been in Korea since the beginning of the Korean War in 1950.

The unit served in all 10 campaigns of the war and was awarded two Meritorious Unit Commendations.

Throughout the peninsula, the 304th stands "Ready, Always Ready!"

