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Corps of Engineers Division Commander Receives Korean Name

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(FORT SHAFTER, HI NR 34-09) SEOUL – Brig. Gen. Mark W. Yenter, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division, headquartered at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, was given a Korean name during a ceremony on Yongsan South Post, Korea, Dec.16.

Yenter was presented with a scroll denoting his Korean name by Suh Jin-sup, chairman of the Republic of Korea (ROK)–U.S. Alliance Friendship Society.

Suh said his organization picked the name “Yae Geon-tae” for Yenter. His new Korean last name reflects the pronunciation of his name Yenter. His first name “Geon” means “builds” and “tae” means “large”.

“The Korean naming of Brig. Gen. Yenter considers his title as a Commander of the Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division, symbolizing the strengthening of the ROK-US alliance and cooperation in the process of the planned relocation of U.S. Forces in Korea facilities to the Pyongtaek area,” said Suh.

Yenter, humbled by the honor, spoke of his deep appreciation for the Korean people and emphasized the importance of the continuous strong alliance between the two countries.

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Cutline:

Korean Naming: Suh Jin-sup, chairman of the ROK-US Alliance Friendship Society, presents Brig. Gen. Mark W. Yenter, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division, with a hanging scroll bearing the Commander's new Korean name written in Chinese characters during a naming ceremony in Yongsan, Dec. 16.