



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
106TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (VETERINARY SERVICE SUPPORT) & PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITY - KOREA
UNIT #15252
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MEMORANDUM FOR Incoming 106th Medical Detachment (VSS)/Public Health Activity- Korea (PHA-K) Personnel

SUBJECT: Commander's Welcome Letter

1. Congratulations on your assignment to the 106th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service Support) / PHA-K! The 106th /PHA-K is the best veterinary unit in the United States Army today and the only one assigned a dual MTOE & TDA mission. The 106th Medical Detachment (VSS) / PHA-K is a direct reporting Unit to the 65th Medical Brigade, located at Camp Humphreys. As part of Eighth Army and United States Forces Korea we are on the cutting edge of providing world-class combat health service support to America's finest Warriors. We are the assignment of choice. I am certain you will find this a challenging and rewarding assignment.
2. The following is a brief history of the 106th Medical Detachment (VSS). The 106th Medical Detachment (VSS) was first activated on 1 October 1944 in New Guinea and saw action in the Philippines Luzon Campaign from 17 October 1944 to 4 July 1945. The 106th Medical Detachment (VSS) again saw action in the Korean Conflict from 21 March 1951 to 27 July 1953 in support of the United Nations. The unit received two Meritorious Unit Citations and one Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.
3. The Detachment has 73 authorized personnel consisting of a headquarters element, 5 Veterinary Service Support (VSS) Teams, a Food Procurement and Laboratory Team (FPLT), a Veterinary Medical and Surgical Team (VMST) and Korean Augmentation To the United States Army (KATUSAs). The HQ, FPLT, VMST, Team 1, 2 and 3 are located at Camp Humphreys (Pyeongtaek), Korea. Team 4 is located at Camp Walker (Daegu) and Team 5 is located at Osan AB. Once you arrive and in-process, you will receive pin-point orders to your duty location.
4. Upon arrival you will be quarantined at Camp Humphreys barracks until your first negative PCR COVID and start in-processing installation. Once you are complete with installation in-processing you will be picked up by a member of the 106th Medical Detachment (VSS). Upon your arrival to the 106th Medical Detachment (VSS) you will receive your final destination and team assignment and will be given pin point orders. During your first week at the unit you will focus on in-processing. You must complete the entire in-processing checklist minus the mandatory training. You will have 30 days to complete all mandatory training.

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5. 1SG Olivo, Francisco is the Unit Sponsorship Coordinator. His email address is francisco.i.olivo.mil@mail.mil. However, if you need anything, or have any questions, feel free to contact at DSN 315-73-9748. Important internet links include:

- a. 8th Army website <https://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/site/>
- b. Camp Humphreys link: <https://home.army.mil/humphreys/index.php/my-usag-humphreys/newcomers>

6. I am confident you will thoroughly enjoy your assignment. Again, let me extend a warm welcome on behalf of all Soldiers of the 106th /PHA-K. DRAGON DOGS!!

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