



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND-KOREA
UNIT #15622
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Congratulations on your selection for assignment to Special Operation Command – Korea (SOCKOR)! On behalf of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and civilians of the SOCKOR team, I would like to welcome you and your family to the Republic of Korea – “The Land of the Morning Calm”. The Republic of Korea (ROK) is an exciting, culturally rich country and one of our nation’s most important and longest standing allies. Special Operations Command – Korea, or SOCKOR, is a sub-unified theater special operations command and component of United States Forces Korea. Our mission is significant, and we counter multifaceted, real-world threats to the peace and security we maintain under the armistice.

During your assignment you will have an opportunity to grow both professionally and personally by operating in this diverse and challenging environment. In addition to being a fully joint unit, we are also combined and operate with ROK and other multinational special operations forces. My command philosophy is based on dignity, respect, diversity, and opportunities, and our goal is to ensure every member is supported, respected, and given every opportunity to succeed.

We have selected a sponsor to assist you and your family with your reassignment to SOCKOR and relocation to Korea. Your sponsor will be your go-to resource for any information you may need during this process. He or she will be available to answer any questions you may have and, in the event your circumstances require additional assistance, will ensure you are provided with the appropriate points of contact to meet your individual needs. Situational awareness of the host nation environment here in Korea is very important for you and your family. Your sponsor will provide you with information about the organization and the area. He or She will also provide you with training requirements and the necessary information to begin your onboarding process.

SOCKOR is fully committed to the Preservation of the Force and Family initiative and has an active and caring Family Readiness Group (FRG). Our FRG is comprised of family and unit members who volunteer to support our families by providing family centric activities, fundraising opportunities, and transitional support services. They are also available to assist you and your family with your transition. I encourage you and your family to participate in our FRG program; doing so will allow you to truly experience Korea.

Welcome to the SOCKOR family! Please do not hesitate to contact my staff for assistance or additional information and have a safe trip. Our Personnel section is also available to assist with your relocation and can be reached by phone at DSN 315-723-/3772/7139. We look forward to your arrival.

Sincerely,

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