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ANDY DUNAWAY/Stars and Stripes

Army Pvt. Jason Rivas, a bridge crewmember on a bridge-erection boat, keeps in position the bays, which form the bridge, at the Army Training Evaluation Program on Saturday in South Korea. About 5,000 soldiers participated in the maneuvers. See story on Page 6

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