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Secretary of State Pompeo arrives in South Korea

By 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs



OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, center, arrives at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 13, 2018. During his visit, he will meet with senior South Korean and Japanese officials to discuss the U.S.-South Korea alliance, the U.S.-Japan alliance, shared priorities and the next steps in the ongoing, diplomatically-led efforts with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ilyana A. Escalona)



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KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Col. Scott Walker accepted command of the 8th Operations Group from Col. John Bosone during a change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 5, 2018.

Col. John Bosone, 8th Fighter Wing commander, presided over the ceremony, and took the opportunity to welcome Walker as the new "Viper" and underscore the accomplishments of the 8th OG Airmen under the previous commander, Col. Kristopher Struve.

"In the last year, Col. Struve has built upon our heritage during a turbulent time on the Peninsula," said Bosone. "[Struve] led this group to unprecedented levels of readiness."

Bosone presented Struve with the Legion of Merit, and afterwards, Struve expressed his gratitude toward the Wolf Pack for their dedication and commitment to the mission.

"It's been an honor to serve with you, for you, and by your side at this historic wing," said Struve. "The heritage of this wing is unmatched, everyone before us has earned, and continues to earn, their place at the Wolf Pack and you certainly did not disappoint this past year."

The 8th OG is responsible for conducting airfield and air operations

in support of the Korean theater of operations, flight scheduling, and ensuring the operational readiness of two F-16 Fighting Falcon squadrons stationed at Kunsan. The OG is comprised of the 35th Fighter Squadron, 80th FS and the 8th Operations Support Squadron.

"The men and women here are at the tip of the spear, your effort is invaluable in putting combat power into the air," said Walker. "I look forward to working with each and

every one of you during this historic time."

Walker comes to the 8th FW from the Inspector General team at Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces in Hawaii, where he was Chief of the Inspections Division.

"[Walker] is a supremely capable and combat tested leader," said Bosone. "I challenge you to build upon Col. Struve's successes as you take the 8th Operations Group to new heights."



U.S. Air Force Col. Scott Walker, 8th Operations Group commander, speaks during a change of command ceremony June 5, 2018, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Walker took command of the 8th OG and received the title of "Viper." (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor)

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PACANGEL 18-1 kicks off in Timor-Leste



A 910th Air Wing C-130H Hercules from Youngstown, Ohio, flying more than 40 U.S. service members, equipment and supplies from Anderson Air Force Base, Guam, to Suai, Timor-Leste for Pacific Angel 18-1, sits on the flight line at Dili International Airport, June 6, 2018. The U.S. military members consisting of medical, engineers and support staff joined multinational partners from Timor-Leste, Australia, United Kingdom, Indonesia and the Philippines for Pacific Angel 18-1. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin W. Stratton)

**By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin W. Stratton
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs**

SUAI, Timor-Leste -- Service members from the United States, Timor-Leste, Australia, the United Kingdom, Indonesia and the Philippines joined forces in Suai, Timor-Leste, for Pacific Angel (PAC ANGEL) 18-1, June 11, 2018.

Now entering its 11th year, PAC ANGEL ensures that regional allies and partners are prepared to work together in a humanitarian crises. During the exercise, military personnel and local non-governmental organizations will provide humanitarian assistance to the residents of Suai, Cova Lima Municipality, southwest Timor-Leste.

"I'm so grateful to be a part of this mission, and right away we've noticed just how appreciative the Timorese are for our presence here—it's truly humbling," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Damian Sharpe, the 18th Medical Operations Squadron (MDOS) family health noncommissioned officer in-charge, Kadena Air Base (AB), Japan. "This PAC ANGEL is a once in a lifetime experience for me, and I look forward to the cultural exchanges with the Timorese as well as the Australians and other participating partner nations. I'm learning and absorbing as much as I can from everyone I meet on this mission, and I can't wait to start seeing patients."

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U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Damon Weigl, the Pacific Angel 18-1 engineer team lead, explains what his team can expect in the next couple weeks during a site visit in Suai, Timor-Leste, June 7, 2018. The U.S. military members consisting of medical, engineers and support staff joined multinational partners from Timor-Leste, Australia, United Kingdom, Indonesia and the Philippines for Pacific Angel 18-1. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin W. Stratton)

8th Mission Support Group welcomes new Falcon



U.S. Air Force Col. Terrence Walter, 8th Mission Support Group commander, receives the guidon from Col. John Bosone, 8th Fighter Wing commander, during a change of commander ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 8, 2018. Bosone presided over the ceremony in which Col. Michael Zuhlsdorf relinquished command of the 8th MSG to Walter. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor)

By Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor, 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Col. Terrence Walter accepted command of the 8th Mission Support Group from Col. John Bosone, 8th Fighter Wing commander during a change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 8, 2018.

Bosone, presided over the event and provided his guidance to the new "Falcon" to continue the successes that the outgoing commander, Col. Michael Zuhlsdorf, accomplished for the group during his leadership.

"Everyone at the Wolf Pack have a hand in this mission, but the Mission Support Group and it's team of teams serves as the foundation for everything that we do," said Bosone. "Future Wolf Pack members will benefit from all your hard work this year, we are proud of you and congratulations on a successful command."

Bosone presented Zuhlsdorf with the Legion of Merit, and afterwards, Zuhlsdorf expressed his gratitude toward the Wolf Pack for their dedication and commitment to the mission.

"To the men and women of the 8th Mission Support Group, I could not be more proud," said



8th Mission Support Group Airmen stand in formation during a change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 8, 2018. U.S. Air Force Col. Terrence Walter took command of the 8th MSG from Col. Michael Zuhlsdorf during which he received the title of "Falcon". (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor)

Zuhlendorf. "We as a Wolf Pack have achieved greatness this year, thank you for allowing me to be your group commander."

The 8th MSG consists of the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, 8th Communication Squadron, 8th Force Support Squadron, 8th Security Forces Squadron and 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron. The group is comprised of both military and civilian service members who are leaders in combat and service support.

"Thank you for leaving me with a high-performing organization, it's a true testament to [Zuhlendorf's] leadership," said Walter. "I'm here today for three reasons; to defend the base, accept follow-on forces, and to take the fight north, and I look forward to serving with you."

Prior to the 8th FW, Walter served at the Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force in Washington, D.C., where he was the Director of Installation Planning Policy. As the commander of the 8th MSG, Walter is responsible for the leadership and management of the base's civil engineering, communications/computer systems support systems support, security and law enforcement, transportation, supply, personnel, logistics readiness, education, food services, housing and recreation activities.



U.S. Air Force Col. Terrence Walter, 8th Mission Support Group commander, talks to the 8th Fighter Wing during a change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 8, 2018. Walter received command of the 8th MSG from Col. Michael Zuhlendorf during the ceremony and received the title of "Falcon". (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor)

Air Force Band, Honor Guard perform in Memorial Day events across country

JOINT BASE ANDREWS, Md. (AFNS) -- "On Memorial Day," President Donald J. Trump said in his 2018 proclamation, "we pause in solemn gratitude to pay tribute to the brave patriots who laid down their lives defending peace and freedom while in service to our great nation."

Paying tribute and honoring fallen service members is what the 11th Operations Group is all about. That's why they were in high demand over Memorial Day weekend.

More than 80 U.S. Air Force Honor Guard parade element members traveled west; about half

went to Illinois for the 2018 Chicago Memorial Day Parade on May 26, while the other half went to Indiana for the Indianapolis Power and Light 500 Festival Parade, also on May 26, and then continued to Pittsburgh for the Lawrenceville Memorial Day parade May 27.

"Every time we do a parade, and I hear the support of the crowd, it always reinvigorates me and reminds me of why we do this," said Senior Airman Amanda Skidmore, U.S. Air Force honor guardsman.

Meanwhile, the honor guard's drill team, along with Air Force Band's rock band "Max Impact,"

traveled to Miami for the two-day National Salute to America's Heroes Air and Sea Show.

And, much closer to home in Washington, D.C., the Air Force Symphony Orchestra performed in the National Memorial Day Choral Festival at the Kennedy Center, and the Air Force Band's Singing Sergeants performed at the National Memorial Day Concert on the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol. The latter event aired live on PBS, and it's annually one of the highest-rated programs on public television.

Although the Miami shows were canceled due to weather -- and not

counting the television audience -- 11th OG assets performed live for a total of nearly 500,000 people.

"As flight sergeant I'm extremely proud of the men and women of the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard who marched with pride while performing over 200 weapon manuals during the Memorial Day weekend parades," said Tech. Sgt. Clark Twiss, 11th OG pallbearers non commissioned officer in charge. "They went out there and did what they do best which is represent all Airmen to the American public. We are all humbled to have had the opportunity to honor our fallen heroes."



U.S. Air Force Honor Guardsmen march toward the Soldiers and Sailors Monument during the Indianapolis Power and Light 500 Festival Parade in Indianapolis, Ind., May 26, 2018. More than 300,000 people attended the IPL 500 to see floats, giant helium balloons, celebrities, award winning bands and racers competing in the 102nd Indy 500.



PACAF hosts ROKAF Academy cadets

**By Staff Sgt. Daniel Robles
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs**

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) hosted 165 Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF) Academy cadets here, June 6, 2018.

The visit was an effort to educate future ROKAF leaders on PACAF priorities in the Indo-Pacific region by immersing them in the command's history and present-day goals.

"These cadets will grow up as young officers in a potentially different scenario than we grew up in on the Korean Peninsula," said Brig. Gen. Stephen Williams, PACAF director of air and cyberspace operations. "I think it's important for them to understand where we came from so they can help shape where we go."

The visit included briefings to highlight the United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) and PACAF roles and missions in the Indo-Pacific region.

The cadets also visited historical sites on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, received a static display tour of a KC-135 Stratotanker, and interacted with a variety of USAF officers during a knowledge and cultural exchange.

Brig. Gen Seung Bae Kong, ROKAF Academy deputy superintendent, spoke highly of the opportunity for the cadets

"I believe that through the presentations today and the briefings, the cadets will have a much broader and complete understanding of USINDOPACOM and PACAF," said Kong.

ROKAF Academy Senior Cadet Jaeoo Shin

said a highlight of the visit was seeing a U.S. Air Force base for the first time and learning about the history of PACAF and the Indo-Pacific region.

"It's interesting to see our allies' historic role in the Pacific," Shin said. "Seeing the battle damage and the memorials during our tour of the headquarters building gave a sense of the combat experience of the U.S. Air Force."

This is the 6th visit of ROKAFA cadets to PACAF since 2015.

Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF) Brig. Gen Seung Bae Kong (center right), ROKAF Academy deputy superintendent and U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen Stephen Williams (right), Pacific Air Forces director of air and cyberspace operations, pose for group photo with ROKAF Academy senior cadets at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, June 5, 2018. The visit is an opportunity for the cadets to see how PACAF operates and gain a better understanding of the Indo-Pacific region and the importance of the U.S.-ROK alliance. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daniel Robles)



Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF) and U.S. Air Force Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) leaders discuss goals of a ROKAF Academy cadet visit to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, June 5, 2018. The visit is an opportunity for the cadets to learn how PACAF operates and gain a better understanding of the Indo-Pacific region and the importance of the U.S.-ROK alliance. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daniel Robles)

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Sharpe joins a team of specialists from the Indo-Pacific region including general health practitioners, dentists, optometrists, pediatricians and engineers.

“The most rewarding part of this experience is the relationships I’ve built with the military members and the health care workers who are doing the ground work here,” said U.S. Air Force Capt. Benjamin Weir, 18th MDOS public health operations chief.

Nazario Dos Santos, the Suai Referral Hospital general medicine director, said the information he learned from the PAC ANGEL team will help his staff treat those living in Suai even after the event concludes.

“We’ve learned how the U.S. treats diseases like obesity, diabetes and heart conditions, which as our country progresses are becoming real issues,” Santos said. “It was great talking with the U.S. medical officer as we shared what works for us here and they shared what they’re doing in the states. I think we can learn a lot from each other and help each other be healthier as a whole.”

Santos explained that diabetes laboratory results take two to three weeks to arrive from Dili, the capital of Timor Leste. Due to the delay, some patients die before treatment. Now the training and materials to diagnose, conduct laboratory work and treat a patient are readily available.

“PAC ANGEL helps us sustain the relationships we’ve built with the people of Timor-Leste and other multinational partners in the Indo-Pacific region,” said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Catherine Grush, the PAC ANGEL 18-1 mission commander. “We do this through exercises, civil military operations, and military and medical exchanges, which help preserve peace and stability in the region.”

This is the first of four humanitarian assistance PAC ANGEL 18 engagements. Later this summer, PACAF will conduct three additional Pacific Angels in Vietnam, Vanuatu and Sri Lanka.

U.S. Air Force Capt. Elizabeth Persico, 35th Medical Operations Squadron health services provider, Misawa Air Base, Japan, talks with Timorese medical providers during a non-communicable diseases class and subject matter expert exchange during Pacific Angel 18-1 in Suai, Timor-Leste, June 8, 2018. Persico joins a team of specialists from all over the Indo-Pacific region including general health practitioners, dentists, optometrists, pediatricians and engineers. This multinational team from Timor-Leste, Australia, United Kingdom, Indonesia, Philippines and the United States joined forces for Pacific Angel 18-1. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin W. Stratton)



U.S. service members unload medical, engineering and multimedia support equipment from a 910th Air Wing C-130H Hercules at Suai Airport, June 6, 2018. The U.S. military members consisting of medical, engineers and support staff joined multinational partners from Timor-Leste, Australia, United Kingdom, Indonesia and the Philippines for Pacific Angel 18-1. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin W. Stratton)





U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Thomas Bergeson, 7th Air Force commander, presents the 8th Fighter Wing guidon to Col. John W. Bosone, 8th Fighter Wing commander, during a change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 1, 2018. During the ceremony, Bosone assumed command of the 8th Fighter Wing, stepping into the position of his predecessor, Col. David G. Shoemaker. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor)

Wolf Pack welcomes new Wolf to Kunsan

By Staff Sgt. Victoria Taylor
8th Fighter Wing

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Wolf Pack welcomed U.S. Air Force Col. John W. Bosone as the new 8th Fighter Wing commander during a change of command ceremony on June 1, 2018, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

Lt. Gen. Thomas Bergeson, 7th Air Force commander, presided over the ceremony and took the opportunity to provide his vision for Bosone as the newest leader of the Wolf Pack, while thanking his family via live feed. He also extended his gratitude to Col. David Shoemaker, the outgoing commander, for his leadership during the past year.

"The Wolf Pack has stood guard and continues to ensure the security of this great nation under brilliant leadership of Wolf 57, Col. David Shoemaker," said Bergeson. "And now, thanks in large part to our military readiness, we stand at the precipice of the possibility of



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Karl Hughes, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon crew chief, reveals the name of Col. John W. Bosone, 8th Fighter Wing commander, on the wing's flagship F-16 Fighting Falcon during a change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 1, 2018. Kunsan hosted a change of command ceremony, in which Col. David G. Shoemaker relinquished command of the 8th Fighter Wing to Bosone. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor)

peace on the Korean Peninsula.”

Bergeson presented Shoemaker with the Legion of Merit, and afterwards, Shoemaker expressed his gratitude toward the Wolf Pack for their dedication and commitment to the 8th FW mission.

“Since this campaign began, the Wolf Pack has continued the mission to defend the base, accept follow on forces, and to take the fight north,” said Shoemaker. “The Wolf Pack kept our [F-16] Vipers roaring into the night and into the nightmares of our enemies.”

Shoemaker gave his final salute to the Wolf Pack and relinquished command to Bosone, who comes to Kunsan from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., where he was the vice wing commander of the 20th Fighter Wing; the “Shaw Weasels”.

As Wolf 58, Bosone begins his second tour at Kunsan following his first stint from 2003 - 2004 as the 35th Fighter Squadron Weapons and Tactics chief. Bosone, is a command pilot who has flown 100 combat missions and accumulated more than 2,700 flying hours in the T-37, T-38 and F-16A, B, C and D. As the 8th FW commander, Bosone is responsible for more than 2,700 active-duty personnel, four groups and 13 squadrons, including two F-16 fighter squadrons tasked with supporting 7th AF operational readiness.

“We can all agree that there is no other place, there is no other wing, like the Wolf Pack,” said Bosone. “Decades ago our nation made an ironclad commitment to our South Korean hosts, today we uphold the same commitment that our grandparents made. Together we will ensure that the war fighting legacy of the Wolf Pack remains unmatched.”

U.S. Air Force Col. John W. Bosone, 8th Fighter Wing commander, speaks during the wing’s change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 1, 2018. The ceremony highlighted the relinquishment of command from one commander to the next, and the continuation of the Wolf Pack’s mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor)



Air Force implements new parental leave policy, secondary caregivers given 21 days

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- In accordance with the Department of Defense Military Parental Leave Program, the Air Force announced an expansion to its parental leave policy on non-chargeable leave entitlements following the birth or adoption of a child.

Previously, Air Force policy authorized 12 consecutive weeks of maternity convalescent leave to female Airmen who gave birth. Additionally, 10 days of non-chargeable leave were given to an Airman whose spouse gave birth.

Effective immediately, the new policy applies to Total Force Airmen who are birth mothers and fathers, same-sex couples, as well as adoptive and surrogate parents. Reserve Component Airmen should refer to Air Force Instruction 36-3003 for specific eligibility requirements.

Under the new policy, AFI 36-3003, Military Leave Program, outlines three forms of non-chargeable leave following a qualifying birth

event or adoption: maternity convalescent leave, primary caregiver leave and secondary caregiver leave.

Now maternity convalescent leave is six weeks (42 days), primary caregiver leave is six weeks, and secondary caregiver leave is three weeks (21 days). Every birth mother will have convalescent leave. Caregiver leave is given in addition to the convalescent leave.

Covered service members having a child by birth, adoption or surrogacy will determine which parent is the primary and secondary caregiver. Designations for caregiver status should be made as early as possible and follow Department of Defense guidance. Each parent can only hold one caregiver status per birth event or adoption; for example, a secondary cannot transfer their leave to the primary caregiver.

Airmen should submit their caregiver leave as determined by their local unit commanders. Until LeaveWeb is altered to allow for a caregiver leave category, members will request the non-chargeable caregiver leave by selecting (T)

Permissive on the type dropdown menu, and then choosing rule 18 for primary and rule 19 for secondary. Until the AF Form 988 is altered, Airmen who cannot use LeaveWeb, should check “Other” in block 8 and specify primary or secondary in the remarks.

For all three types of parental leave, the allotted time off must be taken all at once and cannot be split up. Primary and secondary caregiver leave can be taken any time within the first year after a child’s birth or adoption.

The Air Force policy, authorized by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, is effective immediately and retroactive to December 23, 2016.

The Air Force Personnel Center will send out guidance via MyPers on the process for requesting restoration of qualifying non-chargeable leave.

Frequently Asked Questions can be found here. For additional information regarding the Military Leave Program, please visit AFI 36-3003 or contact Air Force Total Force Service Center at 1-800-565-0102.



The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds practice their aerial performance over Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., May 25, 2018. The Thunderbirds practiced to perform twice over the Memorial Day weekend for the 2018 Cannon Air Show, Space and Tech Fest. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Luke Kitterman) ▲

US. Army paratroopers joined paratroopers from several nations during a paratroop as part of the commemoration of the D-Day invasion of June 6, 1944, during World War II, in Normandy, France. Aircraft from the U.S. Air Force's 86th Airlift Wing and multiple other countries and units participated in the event. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Lt. Col. Misty Hitchcock) ►

Kristen Morris, Department of Defense Warrior Games athlete on Team Air Force, practices her backstroke during a swimming training session in Colorado Springs, Colo., June 5, 2018. Morris will compete against athletes from the other U.S. military services, as well as athletes representing the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dennis Hoffman) ▼





Team Air Force veteran Senior Airman Brett Campfield competes in the visually impaired category for archery during the 2018 DoD Warrior Games at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., June 7, 2018. (DoD photo by EJ Hersom) ◀

Maj. Tait W. Stamp, a KC-10 Extender pilot with the 76th Air Refueling Squadron, 514th Air Mobility Wing, gets soaked by a crew member after his final flight at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., May 20, 2018. The final flight, or finiflight, is a tradition among pilots and air crew to celebrate one's last flight with their unit or on a certain airframe. The 514th AMW is an Air Force Reserve Command unit. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen) ▼



Staff Sgt. Cody Howey, 380th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler and his K-9 partner, Eros, navigate an obstacle during a warm-up exercise to prepare Eros for patrol duty on Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates, May 14, 2018. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Nieko Carzis) ▲

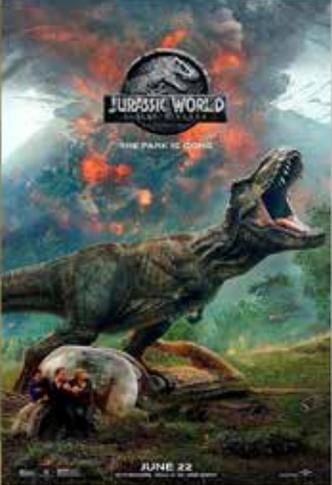
Two CV-22 Osprey aircraft fly close together during the Cannon Air Show, Space and Tech Fest at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., May 26, 2018. The Osprey aircraft participated in the air show by demonstrating their full capabilities in a rescue-scenario exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Luke Kitterman) ►



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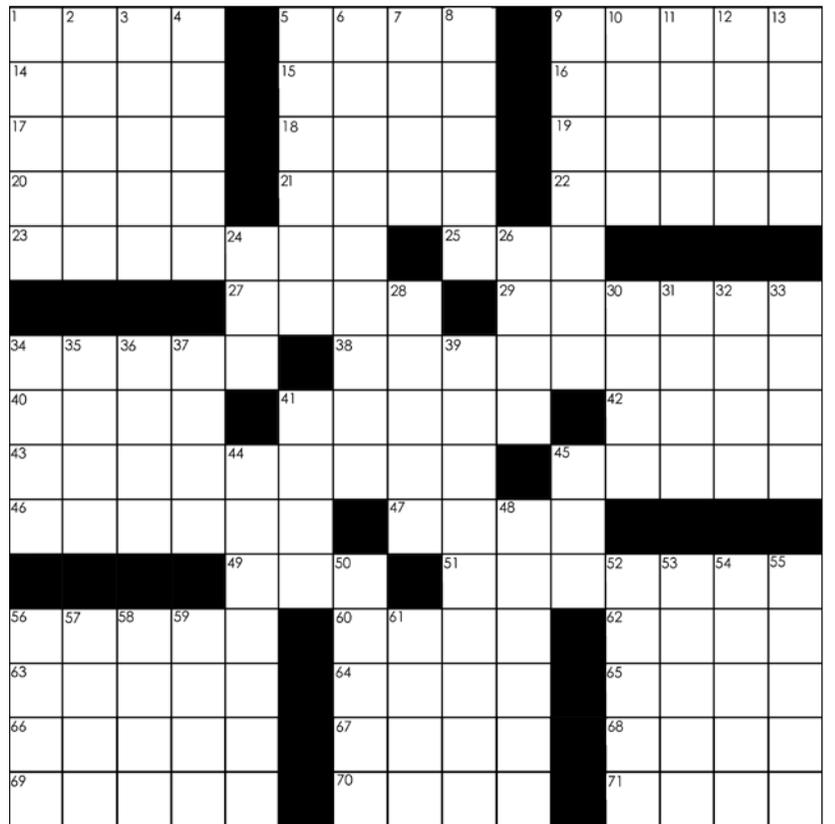
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- 38 Practical arrangements
- 40 "Banana Boat Song"

- 41 Director Arkush
- 42 Chestplate armor
- 43 Goes with Paul Bunyan or Desert Storm
- 45 Delete
- 46 Spherical antenna protector
- 47 Drill, desk, and staff
- 49 Type of officer
- 51 Goes with family or bomb
- 56 Andong village
- 60 Baldwin or Guinness
- 62 Simpsons bus driver
- 63 Hyundai luxury car
- 64 Second-in-command chef
- 65 Actor Rossi
- 66 Goes with brat or liver
- 67 We'll be there _____ time
- 68 Goes with dream or tag
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- 8 Flatulent
- 9 Naval infantry
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- 24 Sony's record label
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- 28 Han and Napoleon
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- 31 Latvian capital
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Kunsan DFAC reopens, BAS rates affected

By Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The O'Malley dining facility at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea reopens June 1, 2018, after contractors conducted hood and duct renovations throughout the building. The opening will result in a pay change for all enlisted member currently on meal card status. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The O'Malley dining facility at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea reopens June 1, 2018, after contractors conducted hood and duct renovations throughout the building. The opening will result in a pay change for all enlisted member currently on meal card status.

Originally impacted Airmen will see a full breakout of their entitlement changes in the July 1, 2018, Leave and Earnings statement. The initial Basic Allowance for Subsistence pay increase will return to normal due to meals again being provided by the DFAC. Airmen will also notice the reduced Cost of Living Allowance rate return to the 63 percent of the full rate what they were receiving before the closure.

The 8th Fighter Wing Comptroller Squadron financial operations flight spent countless hours coordinating with different agencies to ensure a smooth transition for all the Airmen affected, and the reopening will be no different.

"Our military pay processing team worked behind the scenes, synchronizing with the Civil Engineering squadron, First Sergeants and Supervisors across the base to

capture every airman affected by the DFAC closure," said Master Sgt. Brandy Cotton, 8th CPTS/FOF flight chief. "To overcome the unique challenges due to the high turnover rate, the team leads continuously worked with dormitory leaders to track weekly dormitory occupancy reports, and after processing and auditing more than 3,000 military pay transactions, the team continued to work with dorm leaders to ensure incoming members would receive the correct entitlements as well."

The finance office ensured that they will treat the next transition just as seriously.

"The final part of the task to ensure correct and timely payment of entitlements will include a labor intensive operation to process another 3K transaction to reduce the COLA and BAS for members who will be placed back on the meal card effective 1 June," said Cotton. "To prepare for this, the financial operations flight is currently prepping occupancy listings and tracking reports with a goal of ensuring no one is overpaid."

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact CPTS at DSN 315-782-6636.



Kunsan

Kunsan Photo Club

Interested in sharing your photography experience with others and exploring Korea along the way? Have a camera, but want to learn how to use it more completely? Then join the Kunsan Photo Club as they delve into the finer qualities of photography where the key concept is: "It's not the camera that makes a great photo, but the photographer." If interested in joining, the group can be found on Facebook, just search for "Kunsan Photo Club."

Wolf Pack Lodge

Lodging Space A Policy
Need a break? Got family visiting and no room to house them? You can book lodging rooms on a space available basis up to 120 days in advance for a maximum of 30 days depending on availability. You can also book reservations for the holiday season (November and December) up to 30 days in advance for a maximum of 15 days. (Depending on availability) Book now for all of those relatives coming for the holiday!

Reservations – Front Desk-DSN 782-1844 or Commercial (82)63-470-1844 FAX: DSN 315-782-0633 Commercial (82)63-470-0633

Sunday Sonlight dinner

Every Sunday, volunteers from a specific unit cook dinner for their fellow Wolf Pack members at the Sonlight Inn. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. following grace led by a chaplain. Meals range from "breakfast for dinner" to "Italian cooking" to

"Southern style." For more information or to volunteer, contact the chapel at 782-HOPE.

Sponsor training
Learn creative ways to assist newcomers reporting to Kunsan AB. Registration required. Class is held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Call 782-5644 for more information, dates or to sign up.

ROKAF English Class

Team 5/6 is looking for volunteers to support the ROKAF English class every Saturday, at the Sonlight Inn. You will be talking to ROKAF Airmen (enlisted) for approximately one hour. This event is open to all ranks! Civilian attire is preferred, however, UOD is allowed.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Charles Nelson.

Ping Pong tournament

Free to all. Prizes for first and second places. Prizes include Wolf Pack Won. To sign up, dates or for more information, call the CAC at 782-5213 or 4679.

Osan

Airman and Family Readiness Center programs

***Bundles for Babies** - A workshop for expectant parents who want to learn more about parenting and support programs here at Osan. The class also offers you a finance piece that focuses on budgeting for your new baby from conception to college years and a chance to meet other new parents. Additionally, you'll receive a free "bundle" from the Air Force Aid Society.

***Separation & Retirement Benefits** - This is an optional workshop where separating and retiring members can learn about their benefits- includes briefings by MFLC, TMO, CPO, Finance, Tricare and SBP.

***Spouse Orientation** - This is a great opportunity for spouses to learn about the 51st Fighter Wing Mission, Non-combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) process, and receive a protective (gas) mask demonstration. Spouses will also have an opportunity to meet key base representatives and learn about Korean Culture. As a bonus, a community information fair will end the day.

Anthem Singers
Sopranos, altos, tenors and bass vocalists are needed to sing the US and ROK National Anthems at various events on base. Practice is held at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at the Chapel Annex. For more information, send an e-mail to: nicholas.smith.21@us.af.mil or ric.rebulanan.1@us.af.mil

***Volunteers' Training** - The goal is to ensure all our volunteers are registered and they receive all tools and information to keep them informed of volunteer opportunities. For more information, call [784-0119](tel:784-0119).

Open Continuous Vacancy Announcement for Pacific West Educational Aide positions

Applicants who previously applied under the Open Continuous Vacancies will need to update their application and required documents under the new announcement numbers if they wish to be considered for the SY 17/18

PLEASE re-iterate to these interested applicants to have a complete resume attached. This includes but not limited to total employment period, i.e., starting and ending dates (month and year) and number of hours per week for each work experience, paid and unpaid. A description of duties and accomplishments for each experience, including volunteer. If a current or former Federal employee, highest Federal civilian grade held, job series, and dates of employment. Here is the direct link to the 2017 school support positions.
Job Title: Educational Aide (GS-1702-04)
Job Announcement Number: 17-042-KO-LG-1981388
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/473464800>

Emergency Services	911	Commander's Hotline	782-5224
Off Base/Cell Emergency	063-470-0911	After-hours medical advice	782-4333
Crime Stop: (to report a crime)	782-5444	IG Complaints FWA Reporting:	782-4850 (duty hours) 782-4942 (anytime)
Base Locator: (after duty hours)	782-4743	Chaplain (After duty hours)	782-6000
Law Enforcement desk	782-4944	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)	782-7272
Emergency Leave / Red Cross		782-4601 (on base) 1-800-733-2761 (anytime)	

Emergency Services (Fire, Medical, Security Police)	911	Commander's Hotline	784-4811
Off Base/Cell Emergency	031-661-9111	Crime Stop: (to report a crime)	784-5757
Emergency Room:	784-2500	IG Complaints FWA Reporting:	784-1144
Base Locator: (after duty hours)	784-4597	Emergency Leave	784-7000
Force Protection Information Hotline:	115	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)	784-7272
Chaplain (After duty hours)	784-7000	Security Forces Control Center	784-5515

SPIRITUAL CHARGE

The Message & The Messenger

A military recruiter found a young man who met all of the requirements and was ready to enlist. Once the recruiter explained the importance of being truthful on the document, the applicant began filling out his paperwork. But when he came to the question “Do you own any foreign property or have any foreign financial interest?” he looked up at the recruiter and sighed with a worried expression. “Well,” he confessed, “I do own a Hyundai.” The young man was enlisted the next day.

“Integrity First” is the foundation of the Air Force core values, and is also reflected in the principles of every other branch of service, but is it our life? It was for Abraham Lincoln. After all, how do you suppose he acquired the title “Honest Abe?” At age twenty-three, when a business venture imploded causing him incredible debt, in time, Lincoln paid back every penny. When the political environment was fierce, Lincoln rightfully authorized no bargains at the 1860 Republican Convention and advised his constituents to “never add the weight of your character to a charge against a person without knowing it to be true.” When his first secretary of war was caught for improprieties in awarding defense contracts and other shady dealings, Lincoln fired him.

President Lincoln fully understood that honesty is fundamental to a leader’s credibility because he knew that if you don’t believe in the messenger, you won’t believe the message. It



Ch, Lt Col Chad Bellamy
Wing Chaplain, 8 FW

follows then, whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. The public can only stomach mistakes made in poor judgment, though is less forgiving for mistakes in motive. Lincoln was much more than a manager of political and tactical affairs,

he was a leader. After all, he set the example for the words of Peter Drucker, “Managers do things right. Leaders do the right thing.”

For all intent and purposes, Lincoln always did the right thing. When there was a person who he knew to be dishonest, Lincoln would simply not deal with him. He would stand with people when they were right, but part with them when they would do wrong. Consequently, his honesty was formed in telling the truth, even when the news was bad. What was the result? Did people then turn on him? The opposite happened! Lincoln gained more respect and support for ideas than those who chose to conceal the truth.

Although President Lincoln did have his flaws, the sixteenth president attained success, approbation, and a positive image by upholding his integrity and honesty. As Airmen, we can learn from this great Commander in Chief who modeled for us a sense of honesty even in the smallest things like refraining from stealing office supplies or not embellishing on performance reports. The true mark of a person’s integrity is what he or she does behind closed doors when no one is looking. And when confronted with a poignant question, though you may sigh with a worried expression, do tell the truth even if it means you drive a foreign vehicle.

Should your paycheck be stolen, your position eliminated, or your power weakened, there is one thing that can never be taken from you ... your integrity.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN AIR BASE

Protestant Services

Gospel Service

Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Main Chapel, Bldg. 501

Contemporary Service

Sunday 5 p.m.

Main Chapel, Bldg. 501

Catholic Services

Sunday Catholic Mass

Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

Main Chapel, Bldg. 501

Daily Mass and Reconciliation

Please call the Chapel

Other Worship Opportunities

LDS Service

Sunday, 1:00 p.m.

SonLight Inn, Bldg. 510

Point of Contact:

Kunsan Chapel, 782-HOPE

Visit us on SharePoint:

<https://kunsan.eis.pacaf.af.mil/8FW/HC>

OSAN AIR BASE

Protestant Services

-Community Service @ 1030

-Gospel Service @ 1230

Regular Occuring Ministries:

PYOC: (Middle School & High School Students)

- Mondays—1830-2000 @ Chapel Spiritual Fitness Center.

PCOC: (AWANA)

- Wednesdays @ Chapel. Age 3 to 6th grade meet 1800 -1930 & grades 7th-12th meet 1700-1800 .

PMOC: (Men)

- Tuesdays - 1830 @ Chapel Annex.

PSOC: (Singles & Unaccompanied)

“Osan Hospitality House”

- Bible Studies:

*Saturdays - 1900 @ Hospitality House.

Dinner is provided.

Sundays - 1700 @ Community Center, Classroom #3.

- Game Night:

*Fridays - 1900 @ Hospitality House. Dinner is provided.

*Van pickup: Fridays: Chapel @ 1730,

Mustang CTR @ 1735.

Saturdays: Chapel @ 1830, Mustang CTR @ 1835.

PWOC: (Women) “PWOC Osan AB”

- Mondays 1800-2000, Tuesdays 0845-

1100 @ Chapel Annex (Child Watchcare provided) & Sunday 1600-1730 @ Posco Apartments .

MOPS: Join us for OSAN MOPS!

- Meet twice a month on Wednesday @

the Chapel Annex

Contact: osanmops@gmail.com

<mail to: osanmops@gmail.com>

Catholic Mass

Weekend Masses

Saturday Mass (Sunday obligation), 5 p.m.

Saturday, Also Confessions, 4 p.m.

Sunday Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday -Thursday Mass, 11:30 a.m.

Friday Mass, 5 p.m.

Catholic Ministries

Catholic Religious Education

Sunday, 10-11 a.m., Chapel annex

Korean Prayer group

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.,

Blessed Sacra Chapel

Faith formation class/bible study

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Chapel annex

Catholic Men of the Chapel (CMOC)

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Chapel annex

Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)

Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Chapel annex hall

Catholic Family social meal (Free)

Friday, 6-7:30 p.m., Chapel annex hall

Catholic Family social meal (Free)

Saturday, 6-7:30 p.m., Chapel annex hall

Knights of Columbus & Baptism classes

Meet monthly, Pls call 784-5000

Other Faith Groups

Earth-Based (Contact the Chapel)

Jewish (Contact the Chapel)

Muslim (Contact the Chapel)

Buddhist (Contact the Chapel)

LDS Sunday, 1 p.m., Contact the Chapel

Point of Contact:

Osan Chapel, 784-5000

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Visit us on Facebook (OSAN AB CHAPEL)

<https://www.facebook.com/OsanABChapel>

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Protestant Services

Traditional Service

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel

Contemporary Service

Sunday, 9 a.m.

South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

K-16 Chapel

Nondenominational Service

Sunday, 11 a.m.

South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702

Gospel Service

Sunday, 1 p.m.

South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702

Pentecostal

Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

Latter Day Saints (LDS)

Sunday, 4 p.m.

South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702

Seventh-Day Adventist

Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel

KATUSA

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Memorial Chapel , Bldg 1597

Catholic Mass

Sunday, 8 a.m.

Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

Saturday, 5 p.m.

Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

1st Saturday, 9 a.m.

Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

M/W/T/F, 11:45 a.m.

Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

Tuesday, 11:45 p.m.

Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel

General Service

Episcopal Service

Sunday, 11 a.m.

Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel

Jewish

Friday, 7 p.m.

South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702



Point of Contact:

USAG Yongsan Religious Support Office, 738-3011

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Retired Airman meets biological sister at DoD Warrior Games

By Shannon Collins, DoD News, Defense Media Activity

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AFNS) -- She's competing in track and field and indoor rowing, but retired Senior Airman Karah Behrend couldn't concentrate on training yesterday for the 2018 Department of Defense Warrior Games at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

For the first time, Behrend was going to meet her 19-year-old biological sister, Crystal Boyd, who lives in Puyallup, Washington.

After training, Behrend anxiously waited until she was whisked off to the hotel for the meeting, which she said was surreal.

"I have been picturing this moment for a long time and for it to finally happen, I couldn't be happier," Behrend said. "We keep in touch through social media, but we're trying to make plans for me to meet our dad and have them meet my family."

"I've been extremely excited but I knew it would happen sometime. I just didn't know when," Boyd said. "Throughout the time I've known her, she's gone through so much and watching her overcome everything right in front of my eyes, in person here at the DoD Warrior Games, is an honor. She's always had the strength and now she's going out and doing what we all knew she could do. I couldn't

be more proud of her."

Boyd said she also can't wait to meet Behrend's family.

"We've already talked about me visiting her and her family in Texas," she said. "I'm excited to meet my nieces."

Claiming Gilford, Connecticut, and Bradenton, Florida, as her hometowns, Behrend, 24, said she grew up moving around as a kid. She was adopted when she was four years old by an Army Ranger.

"My brother and I were adopted because when my biological dad got back from Desert Shield/Desert Storm, he wasn't really the same person. So my mom spilt with him pretty rapidly to get us out of the situation," she said. "As my mom told me about him, I was like, 'I need to meet him. This is half of me. I don't know who he is.' We somehow got in contact with him. I think through his sister, randomly. I talked to him for two hours that night and found out I had a sister."

"Our dad told me about her and our brother while growing up, so I always knew about her. I just didn't know her. She actually got in contact with me. I never knew how to find her so I just waited," Boyd said.

Behrend said she's tried to meet up with her sister a few times throughout the years, but it's been difficult since she has been in the Air Force for the past six years.

Behrend joined the Air Force as a communications signals analyst because of her family's military legacy.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," she said. "My grandfather served during the Vietnam era. My biological father was in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. My adopted dad was a ranger down in Panama for the Panama crisis. It's just something our family does."

When Behrend reconnected with her biological dad, she said they had that military bond.

"It was an immediate, talk about everything bond," she said. "I can call him and say, 'This is going on, what do I do?' He tries, we've been working on rebuilding that relationship. He said he will always be thankful that someone was able to come in and step into our lives to make sure we're OK."

In 2015, Behrend had a surgical complication resulting in reflex sympathetic dystrophy. She said the neurological disorder impacts her involuntary functions such as temperature control, blood pressure, heart rate, pain, inflammation, swelling and other functions that a person doesn't actively control. When she runs, she said she feels like her leg will go out from under her.

"It causes a lot of pain, instability and weakness in my right leg," she said. "I also had a spinal injury from a car accident so it messes with my left one too."



Retired Senior Airman Karah Behrend, right, and her sister Crystal Boyd, pose for a photo at the 2018 Department of Defense Warrior Games at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., June 2, 2018. The sisters met for the first time in person at the games. (DoD photo by EJ Hersom)

Her sister has epilepsy. Behrend said her disability is rare but since both of their disabilities are neurological, it's an extra bond they can share and talk about.

Behrend has two children as well as her sister to keep her motivated.

"I don't want my kids growing up thinking that if something happens, you just stop your entire life," she said. "It's not what life is about. Life is experiences. I don't even see them as positive or negative anymore. Just experience it. It pushes me in one way or another but I grow."

She encourages others to push themselves as well.

"It doesn't matter how early or late something happens or what the magnitude is. As long as you do it with all of your heart and you put everything you have into it, no matter what, it's going to work," she said.

"Just because you have some kind of disability doesn't mean you can't overcome it," Boyd said. "You can't allow it to stop you from doing the things you want to do. Even with obstacles, you can overcome whatever you truly put your mind to. Neither Karah nor I let our disorders define us. It's a part of us, but it is not us."

So far at these Warrior Games, Behrend has earned gold medals in her disability category in the women's discus and shot put competitions, breaking a record during the shot put event.

"Even though you have a disability, it doesn't define you," Boyd said. "With a good support system, anything is possible. As long as you put your mind to it, give some effort and trust those around you, things will start moving. Don't forget things take time. Don't stress if things don't happen as fast as you want them to."



etired Senior Airman Karah Behrend prepares to throw a discus during the 2018 Department of Defense Warrior Games at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., June 2, 2018. Behrend met her sister for the first time in person at the games. (DoD photo by EJ Hersom)

Airmen trust training, save child

**By Senior Airman Janiqua P. Robinson
23rd Wing Public Affairs**

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.(AFNS) -- It was chaotic. People were screaming. There was smoke coming out of the large sports utility vehicle that was smashed against a tree at the in front of a forest. A frantic woman clutching a child panics and cries for help near the vehicle.

Miraculously, three Moody Air Force Base Airmen with life-saving medical knowledge were in the traffic caused by the accident and rushed in to help.

"I ran into the woods and on the ground was this young two-year-old, just laying in the wooded area, struggling to breathe," said Capt. Lakeatta Tonge, 23d Medical Group education and training flight commander. "As a mother it was gut-wrenching. We are in the middle of nowhere and his injuries were very significant ... there is very little I can do in a field with no equipment."

Tonge immediately began assessing the child's injuries.

"I went down to him and at that time all I could see was me and this baby," said Tonge, a labor and delivery nurse by trade. "I realized his left leg was amputated and as I'm taking off my belt to stop the bleeding, another NCO shows up."

Tech. Sgt. Jose Obregon, 347th Operations Support Squadron independent medical technician, saw the uncontrolled bleeding and told Tonge he had a tourniquet in his car.

As an IDMT and Tactical Combat Casualty Care instructor, Obregon is knowledgeable about combat casualty training; designed to prevent him from getting 'tunnel vision', which could inhibit him from noticing other wounds.

"We have a method to assess and treat the most life-threatening injury first and that's what made me do a quick body sweep," Obregon said. "I quickly put a tourniquet on and began taking care of the breathing."

At that time Staff Sgt. Rickey Usinger, 23rd Maintenance Operations Flight auxiliary instructor, who teaches basic, life-support courses like self aid buddy care and CPR, arrived on scene.

"As I got into the woods I announced 'I'm here and CPR qualified what do you need me to do,'" Usinger said. "They were fitting the tourniquet on his limb and I performed the jaw-thrust technique to open his airway."

Usinger also provided a one-way mouth barrier so Obregon could begin respirations, while Tonge assisted by making sure the air was entering the child's lungs.

"At the time I honestly couldn't tell if my breathing was good because the baby was so small that I couldn't see the chest rising and falling," Obregon added. "So, she gave me clarification as to whether my breaths were good or not."

They all suspected the child had a traumatic brain injury because of the mechanism of injury. After removing the clothing, they found the child also had a fractured clavicle with internal

bleeding and a shattered humerus.

"One of the first responders was on his radio trying to get the nearest hospital to respond," Tonge added. "They came across the radio saying they wouldn't be able to get to us within the next 15 minutes because they were on another call."

"At that time we cared for the baby for about 20 minutes," Obregon said. "Just us, in the forest, waiting on emergency services to arrive. During my second deployment I was exposed to a lot of mass casualties, but nothing like in a forest it's you with this patient and you're sitting there 20 minutes with what you got."

As they continued treatment, the child began to respond and was soon airlifted to the University of Florida Shands Hospital in Gainesville. Obregon credits the fundamentals of his training for giving him the ability to help.

"Simple things helped save that child's life, like knowing how to correctly use a tourniquet, opening an airway and knowing that this patient is going to be in a better situation as opposed to me not being there," Obregon added. "I'm just glad I was there. I know there was nowhere else in the world that I needed to be except right there."

Usinger expressed his pride in being able to help someone in need.

"I did it because it was the right thing to do," Usinger added. "If I was in (those) woods I would hope and pray that someone would come and help me. If I can't do it for someone else, how can I expect that for me or my family."

A 'simple fix' will save the Air Force a lot of money



U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Wayne Troxell, senior enlisted advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, takes questions from Airmen during an enlisted all-call at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, May 29, 2018. Troxell spent time speaking to Airmen about building relationships with other services and our international partners, total force fitness and the importance of the enlisted force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Taylor Worley)

**By Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz,
386th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs**

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS) -- In early May, Tech. Sgt. Chance Cole, 386th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flight line expediter, came up with an idea – and it’s going to save the Air Force a lot of money.

“We were wrapping up a twelve-hour shift, and two of my guys just spent nearly an entire day replacing a single part on the MQ-9 Reaper,” Cole said. “It was frustrating, because we knew there had to be a more efficient way of doing this job.”

Cole described the issue, saying the part they were replacing actually didn’t need to be replaced at all. The real culprit was just a \$53 sub-component held within,

named the “spline insert.”

According to Cole, each time maintenance personnel were unable to replace the insert, they actually had to remove and replace a much larger and more complex assembly, the Permanent Magnetic Alternator. This process had been accomplished multiple times in the past due to an inability to remove a damaged insert and it added unnecessary time and expense.

Cole asked co-worker Staff Sgt. Hermann Nunez, 386 EAMXS crew chief, to stay after his shift to help him create a solution. Mere hours later, they brought their idea to life and fabricated what they described as a crude prototype designed to remove the damaged insert.

Although the prototype was functional, Cole and Nunez concluded they needed assistance in creating a more-refined product to be used the next time the need

arose. The next morning, they decided to bring the tool to the 386th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron Combat Metals Flight. There, Senior Airman Alex Young and Senior Airman Elio Esqueda, aircraft metals technicians, decided to take action.

“They brought their prototype to us and asked for some advice,” Young said. “One look at the tool and we knew exactly what to do – so we got to work.”

According to Young, the tool initially provided was simply a long bolt that matched the insert threads, which the crew chiefs used to extract the insert. However, use of the tool required a decent amount of strength – as the user had to physically pull the crude tool to remove the insert from the PMA.

Young and Esqueda fabricated something called a slide hammer,

which provides the user a counter-weight to slide along the tool’s shaft in order to hammer the piece out with ease.

The device, which the four Airmen named the “Spline Insert Extractor,” was completed May 5, 2018. The four Airmen then routed the product through their chain of command before implementing its use. After passing multiple inspections and approval from their leadership, the tool was put into service locally.

According to the maintainers, the finished product prevents at least four hours of maintenance each time they use the tool to replace the insert instead of replacing the PMA. Use of the tool is projected to save more than \$123,000 annually – and that’s just at the 386th EAMXS.

According to Cole, the tool is currently in the process to be

Senior Airman Elio Esqueda, 386th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron aircraft metals technician, uses a lathe to create a “Spline Insert Extractor,” May 16, 2018, at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia. The prototype tool, originally created by Tech. Sgt. Chance Cole and Staff Sgt. Hermann Nunez, 386th Air Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, will save the Air Force a lot of money. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz)



approved for use throughout the Air Force on all MQ-9 Block 5 Reapers. Once adopted by the enterprise, he expects the tool will be modified and adapted for usage on the MQ-9 Block 1, as well.

“When we first started the process to create the tool, we only had the intention of fixing a problem we were having here locally,” Cole said. “Thanks to Airmen like Staff Sgt. Nunez, Senior Airman Young and Senior Airman Esqueda helping me with this simple fix, we now have the opportunity to make a lasting impact for our peers across the globe.”

51st Munitions Squadron Change of Command



U.S. Air Force Maj. Timothy Liebold receives the 51st Munitions Squadron (MUNS) guidon from Col. Michael Hammond, 51st Maintenance Group commander, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 8, 2018. Prior to taking leadership of 51st MUNS, Liebold served as commander of the 509th MUNS at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kelsey Tucker)

SEAC holds enlisted all-call at JBPH-H

**By Master Sgt. Taylor Worley
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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Wayne Troxell, senior enlisted advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, visited with Airmen stationed here during an enlisted all-call, May 29.

Troxell, as the designated senior noncommissioned officer in the U.S. armed forces, serves as an advisor to the Chairman and the Secretary of Defense on all matters involving joint and combined total force integration, utilization, health of the force, and joint development for enlisted personnel.

“In order to gain the pulse of the

force I spend about two to three weeks out of the month visiting troops for [Gen. Joseph Dunford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Secretary of Defense James Mattis],” Troxell said. “I let them know how the troops are doing. The message I deliver [to the forces] is the ‘why’ of what we are doing”

Another focus of the visit was to highlight the importance of diversity of the U.S. military and how it gives strength to our service components.

“We represent the unity and diversity of the American people, everything our nation hopes to be and wants to be can be found in our United States military and our Department of Defense,” Troxell said. “This is because [leaders]



U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Wayne Troxell, senior enlisted advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, takes questions from Airmen during an enlisted all-call at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, May 29, 2018. Troxell spent time speaking to Airmen about building relationships with other services and our international partners, total force fitness and the importance of the enlisted force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Taylor Worley)

promote diversity, whether its gender, racial or religion.”

Troxell concluded his all-call by emphasizing that the joint force success depends upon Air Force capabilities and the Airmen that make this possible.

His parting words left Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Airmen with the knowledge that Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) is leading the way in the Indo-Pacific region.

“I’m so impressed with the Airmen of the Pacific Air Force.” Troxell said, “We have the greatest Air Force in the world and the Pacific Air Forces is on the cutting edge of protecting our homeland with what they do in the air.”

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Daniel Robles (left) and Master Sgt. George Maddon (right), Pacific Air Forces broadcast journalists, interview U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Wayne Troxell, senior enlisted advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during an enlisted all-call at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, May 29, 2018. Troxell is the designated senior noncommissioned officer in the U.S. armed forces and advises the Chairman and the Secretary of Defense on all matters involving joint and combined total force integration, utilization, health of the force, and joint development for enlisted personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Taylor Worley)



According to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), an estimated average of 4,440 structure fires per year involving equipment associated with hot work. These fire caused an average of 12 civilian deaths, 208 civilian injuries and \$287 million in direct property damage per year.

The heat produced by welding, cutting, or brazing can create a fire or explosion hazard. Because of this increased risk, safe practices must be observed at all times.

Prior to beginning any welding, cutting or brazing operation, welders and supervisors shall ensure to obtain a hot work permit from OSAN AB Fire Department. (51 CES/CEF)

Safety Precautions as follows;

- * Combustible material and vegetation within 35 feet of the operation has been removed or separated using flame resistant/rated material (i.e. welding blanket, sheet metal, etc.).
- * Flammable materials within 50 feet of the operation have been removed and all flammable vapors in the immediate vicinity have been eliminated.
- * All potential hazards are eliminated from the immediate vicinity.
- * The proper type/class of a serviceable fire extinguisher is readily accessible.
- * All welding equipment is serviceable and in good repair.

Welders and supervisors also must follow on AF Form 592 safety checklist issued by OSAN AB Fire Department. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Fire Prevention Office at 784-4835/4710.





New kid in school: USAF Airman 1st to attend SLAF PME

U.S. Air Force Maj. Jeffery Dallas, 5th Air Force foreign affairs officer, right, talks with Maj. Gen. James O. Eifert, Air National Guard assistant to the commander of Pacific Air Forces, and Sri Lanka Air Force Group Capt. Deshapriya Silva, Junior Command and Staff College (JCSC) commanding officer, mid-May, 2018, at the JCSC, Sri Lanka. Dallas is the first USAF Airman to attend the JCSC course. The course is 14 weeks long and teaches students general and defense management. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Micaiah Anthony)

**By Staff Sgt. Micaiah Anthony
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs**

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka -- An important part of Airmen development is attending professional military education (PME), whether Airman Leadership School or Air War College, each tier enables Airmen to learn new skills and management styles. One Airman got the PME opportunity of a lifetime.

Maj. Jeffery Dallas, 5th Air Force foreign affairs officer, was selected to attend the Sri Lanka Junior Command and Staff College this spring.

"This was the first year that the U.S. Air Force

(USAF) received an invitation from the [Sri Lanka Air Force] to attend their Junior Command Staff College," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Mark Lesar, Pacific Air Forces international affairs division country director for South Asia. "The USAF doesn't have an exact equivalent to this course, it is kind of somewhere between our Squadron Officer School and our Air Command and Staff College."

The 14 week course focuses on teaching its students general and defense management, but this form of PME can be a two-way street.

"Dallas brings a different perspective and the expertise of being in a staff position and as a foreign area officer," Lesar added. "So to send

someone with his depth of knowledge to represent the USAF is a valuable addition to the course. It's really an honor for us to be invited."

Dallas wasn't the only foreign officer to attend the course, also military members from Bangladesh, Pakistan and India attended.

"South Asia is an integral part of the Indo-Pacific region when it comes to our strategy and defense," Dallas said. "Anything we can do to demonstrate our partnership with every nation in South Asia is important."

After graduation all attendees will return to their assigned units with the knowledge and expertise to help them step into the role as the next generation of Air Force leaders.

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITY



Osan City's English Program for Middle School Students

As part of the Good Neighbor Program, 7 AF Public Affairs has been supporting the conversational English program organized by the Osan City Mayor for middle school children in Osan city. The program is in need of American volunteers who will assist and teach conversational English to the students for the first semester of 2018.

The program occurs every Thursday from 29 March to 26 July 2018 (TBD).

Transportation is provided; two mini buses depart from Checkertails at 1530 and return to Checkertails at approximately 1800 each Thursday.

The program's goal is to improve Korean children's English language skills by allowing them to spend time with our service members in their Korean school classrooms. Spouses are welcome to volunteer. If you are interested in this "Adopt-A-School English Tutoring Program", please contact 7 AF/PA Ms. Yom, Kyong Suk via email kyong_suk.yom.kr@us.af.mil or DSN 784-4724, cell: 010-4736-7979.

A Korean student and her American sponsor answer questions together during the annual Osan English Camp at Osan Middle High School, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 30, 2018. The program began in 2005 as part of the U.S. Forces Korea Good Neighbor Program, to help Korean middle school students from the Pyeongtaek area study English. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kelsey Tucker)



Korean, American students come together at Osan



**By Senior Airman Kelsey Tucker
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs office and Osan Middle High School hosted the 13th annual Osan English Camp as part of the U.S. Forces Korea Good Neighbor Program at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 29-31.

The English Camp gave 19 Korean students from the Pyeongtaek area the unique opportunity to immerse themselves into an English-speaking environment to help them

study the language and American culture by staying with American families for three days while attending classes at Osan Middle High School.

“We have been hosting young Korean students at OMHS for the past 13 years,” said Yi, Chong Kun, 51st FW Public Affairs Community Engagements Chief. “The program is very successful and it’s rewarding to see Korean and American students build friendships at such a young age. These students represent our future leaders and this experience will leave a positive impression on both cultures.”

Participants of the 2018 Osan English Camp gather for a photo during the program’s graduation ceremony at Osan Middle High School, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 31, 2018. Nineteen Korean students were chosen from the Pyeongtaek area to take part in the program, staying with American sponsors for three days and attending OMHS to help them learn English. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kelsey Tucker)

Each Korean student was paired with a student of their own grade from OMHS, whose families took them into their homes for the duration of the camp, allowing all

Morgan Nugent, Osan Middle High School principal, speaks to gathered families during the Osan English Camp graduation ceremony at OMHS, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 31, 2018. Participants from the Pyeongtaek area were sponsored by American families for three days to be immersed in an English-speaking environment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kelsey Tucker)



participants the chance to experience firsthand a new and different culture.

“It was good spending time with people that have a different culture than me,” said Hwang, Eun Jung, a participant of this year’s English Camp. “I think it was a great opportunity to grow my communication skills with other people.”

Hwang, also known as Della to her American classmates, was partnered with Andrea Leon Guerrero and her family for the English Camp. In that time, Hwang was able to participate in

activities she had never done before, like bowling.

“She was only with us for two nights, but I felt like we fit in a lot of great experiences during that time,” said Valene Leon Guerrero, Hwang’s sponsor for the program. “We even have plans to go bowling again together. I look forward to keeping in touch with them, and I hope to participate in the camp again next year, and for as long as we’re here.”

At the completion of the camp, a graduation ceremony was held for the students and their

families – American and Korean – where each child was recognized and given a certificate. During the following reception, the families shared their favorite experiences and hopes for a continuing friendship in the future.

“The last day of the camp, I was sad,” wrote Kim, Ga Ryeong, a participant of this year’s English Camp, in her feedback. “I really want to go to OMHS after this. I’ll miss my sponsor and her parents, and the little puppy named Cookie too!”

New enlistees swear in at Osan

**By Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Five U.S. Air Force recruits participate in a swearing-in ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 8, 2018. For the first time, U.S. citizens living in Korea were able to proceed through the Military Entrance Processing Station process in one day instead of a three-part process used in the past. The oath of enlistment used in a swearing-in ceremony is a military oath made on the occasion of joining or reenlisting in the United States armed forces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kelsey Tucker)

