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PACAF commander visits Team Osan



51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Pacific Air Forces Commander Gen. Lori J. Robinson visited Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 17-19, 2014, her first visit to the base since becoming the PACAF commander.

During her visit, Robinson hosted an all call at the base theater, toured the 607th Air Operations Center, met with 7th Air Force and 51st Fighter Wing leadership and presided over two ceremonies -- the new 7th AF Commander Lt. Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy's promotion and the 7th AF change of command.

Robinson, who took command of PACAF in October, talked about her priorities during her visit. Foremost of her concerns is taking care of Airmen and families. Her next essential priority is accomplishing the mission.

"For me taking care of Airmen and their families means making sure, to the best of my ability, that all Airmen and their families can get the things they need to take care of the mission," said Robinson. "When it comes to mission accomplishment, what I've discovered is an Airman's success is the command's success, which leads to mission success."

On top of ensuring and encouraging Airmen to take care of themselves, their families and the mission, Robinson said it's important for her to help people understand that service is about being part of something bigger than oneself.

Having seen the Republic of Korea before as a captain, Robinson said it was exciting to see how far Osan Air Base has evolved in time.

"To come here all these years later and see how (Korea) has changed and grown, and how Airmen, their families and our relationship with our Korean counterparts are thriving, that's been amazing for me to watch," said Robinson.

Due to the short length of the visit, Robinson was unable to get a comprehensive tour of Osan AB, but praised the Airmen she met as hard-working, dedicated to the mission and extremely impressive. She intends to return to the base at a later date for a more thorough and close look at the daily operations of Team Osan, a mission that plays an important role in maintaining stability in Korea.

"Our ability to do things to produce combat airpower is one of the great things I saw here," said Robinson. "I also got to see two Airmen make below the zone and a staff sergeant STEP promoted. That was so exciting."

Robinson concluded her visit with well wishes for Team Osan over the holidays, encouraging the men and women of Osan AB to explore Korea and continue their work to preserve stability on the ROK.

"Enjoy every single day," said Robinson. "Take advantage of living outside of the U.S. Explore, because it helps you understand and appreciate separate cultures around the world ... I'm incredibly proud of the Airmen here at Osan and in the Republic of Korea. The way you handle yourselves and embrace the things you're asked to do by your leadership, I'm proud of that every day. I encourage you all to take time over the holidays to be with your families and take care of each other."

Gen. Lori Robinson, Pacific Air Forces commander, speaks during the 7th Air Force Change of Command Ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 19, 2014. Robinson is visiting Osan to provide Airmen a senior leader perspective about the importance of the 51st Fighter Wing and the mission Team Osan plays in keeping the ROK safe and secure, as well as their importance in the Pacific area of responsibility. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Matthew Lancaster)



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'Tis the season to drink responsibly

By Col. Maureen Harback
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KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AFNS) -- It's that time of year when holiday parties and late night celebrations begin to fill our calendars and we look forward to spending time with family and friends to celebrate our own special reasons for the season.

Every Christmas Eve, I celebrate my life and I give thanks for being able to share the holiday with my family. Nearly 30 years ago on Christmas Eve, my father, brother and I were hit by a drunk driver.

After a busy day of last-minute shoppers, my family and I closed our business at the mall for the evening. We were one of the last cars to leave the parking lot and I remember being the only one on the road. We sat patiently at a red light waiting to cross an intersection legally, even though there was no cross traffic for as far as the eye could see. Most travelers and shoppers had returned home in preparation for the holiday.

Meanwhile earlier that evening, a 19-year-old male left a Christmas Eve party after drinking. He was traveling on the divided highway that ran perpen-

dicular to the access road we were exiting. The highway patrol later estimated his speed at more than 80 mph in a 45 mph zone.

He never remembered what happened that night so the sequence of events from his point of view is speculation. I expect he was too impaired to realize that the traffic light turned red as he couldn't have slowed much to approach us so quickly.

As we proceeded through the intersection, turning left on the green signal, his vehicle suddenly appeared on the right traveling toward us. Fortunately, his driver's side front bumper only clipped the right front panel of our car, spinning us 180 degrees and into the grassy median. Our seat belts, fortunate timing, and the solid steel framework of our 1978 Chevrolet station wagon saved us from tragedy.

Unfortunately, more than 30 years later, this is still a fairly predictable scenario.

Holiday drinking often leads to buzzed and drunk driving. Mothers Against Drunk Driving reports that approximately 1,000 people die between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day each year in drunk driving crashes. Hundreds more are injured or impacted, as we were that night.

As an Airman, I have the responsibility to lead by example; to drink responsibly, designate a driver and be a good wingman; however, regardless of my actions, it is not enough to ensure my fellow citizens are following suit. As a result, I've adopted some defensive driving principles, and I am especially mindful of them at this time of year.

First, all riders wear a seat belt. Seat belts are the best defense against drunk drivers. The safest place to be in an accident is in your vehicle and safety belts assure you stay there.

Second, avoid roadways late in the evening and very early mornings, especially on holidays and weekends. More crashes occur at these times.

Finally, when I have to travel, I pay attention. Impaired drivers often show clear signs of danger. Swerving, traveling too fast or slow for the flow of traffic, and excessive braking, put me on alert.

Thirty years ago, timing was on my side. If the drunk driver had met us in the intersection a second later, the outcome may have been grim. So, I pay it forward and ask that everyone to think before they drink, designate a driver, have a plan and drive defensively. With a concerted effort, we can all enjoy a happy and healthy holiday and return safely in 2015.

Strengthening Your Holiday Spirit

By Tech. Sgt. Paul Robert R. Bersabe
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- An elderly man in Miami calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing. Forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old man says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her." And he hangs up.

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone, "They're absolutely NOT getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this." She calls her father immediately and yells, "You are NOT getting divorced! Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing. DO YOU HEAR ME?" And she hangs up.

The old man chuckles, hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "They're both coming for Christmas and paying their own airfares."

I have read the story written in different ways to represent other holiday celebrations like Hanukah, birthdays, and anniversaries. The moral of the story, aside from a good laugh, is to inspire the holiday spirit with thoughts of family. This is where the spiritual aspect meets the social aspect of our self-being. It cheerfully emphasizes the importance of the holidays to the family. However,

for those of us who wear the uniform, this joke might tug on our heartstrings, bring to mind some thoughts of home, or it might dampen our spirits this holiday season. To us, the holidays may pose as a spiritual challenge especially when our nation asks us to be hundreds and thousands of miles away from our loved ones in order to defend our way of life. We do not always know how badly our beliefs and values can get shaken until we take that mile or thousand-mile walk while wearing the uniform of the valiant. But we wouldn't be the world's greatest Air Force without the world's greatest Airmen.

As a Master Resiliency Trainer, I am well-versed in the Air Force's weapons to arm our very best and elite Airmen with a few tools to turn the holiday blues around. First, perform a self-reflection and identify these emotions. The sooner you acknowledge this spiritual trial, the easier we can find ways to cope and strengthen our resolve. Acceptance is a powerful skill that leads to enlightenment. Understand that this emotion is not a sign of weakness but a natural and innate human attribute. As social beings, we are at our best when we are with others.

Second, seek out your brothers and sisters-in-arms. You might not realize it yet but we, as a collective whole, will rally behind each other because we are a family and we protect our own. Many of our members have also walked down that lonely path that you are trudging on. Take heart, shed that burden, and walk alongside them. And the company makes a good conversation as well.

Next, close that distance in another

way. Technology stitches continents together in a patchwork of interconnectedness. Human innovation gave way to strengthen communication. Facetime, Skype, Facebook, and other social media networks were engineered to keep us connected with each other. Keep in touch with the people who are important to you. To hear their voices, see their faces, and even read their posts can provide that much needed relief from the solitude.

Finally, look within yourself and have a little chat. There is no need to be completely outwardly vocal. The purpose of this skill is to give yourself a pep talk and appreciate who you are. Ask yourself a few analytical questions. What drives you forward? What motivates you? Who believes in you and smiles whenever you talk to them? Who depends on you to be at your very best? Who can you depend on when you are at your not-so-best?

This is the rally cry for the steadfast but weary warrior; the sentry and the vigilant; the proud and intrepid; the hero, the human. Get home safe because your loved ones are waiting. They want to hear your stories. If the burden of loneliness becomes too exhausting for the spirit, remember you are not alone. Your family in uniform is always here for you and technology is here to help keep you connected. Lastly, remember that you know yourself the best. You know what keeps you going, determined, and motivated. Use these tools to turn that frown upside down. And if you need a little cheering up, read the joke again for a second laugh...it could still put a smile on your face. Happy Holidays!

Mustangs maximize readiness during Beverly Bulldog 15-01



An A10 Thunderbolt II sits in a hangar prior to being prepped for launch Dec. 5, 2014, during Exercise Beverly Bulldog 15-01 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The exercise focuses on readiness, testing Osan's wartime procedures and realistically looking at our ability to defend the base, execute operations and receive follow-on forces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman David Owsianka)

**By Senior Airman
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The men and women of Team Osan tested their combined strength and readiness during Operational Readiness Exercise Beverly Bulldog 15-01 Dec. 3 to Dec. 10, 2014, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

BB 15-01 was a large scale, eight-day, joint and combined exercise focused on realistic pre-Air Tasking Order execution and robust readiness. The magnitude of BB 15-01 set it apart from all previous exercises and included coordination between U.S. forces throughout the whole peninsula of Korea and across the Pacific area of responsibility.

"Beverly Bulldog 15-01 was truly historic and showcased a multitude of firsts," said Col. Brook Leonard, 51st Fighter Wing commander. "This was the first time we have exercised for this length of time, and in such a realistic way. We proved that Team Osan has the capability to defend the base, execute operations and receive forces in order to reinforce stability in the Republic of Korea."

BB 15-01 was unique in a number of ways, starting with the types of follow-on forces. Service members from 5th Air Force, Misawa Air Base, Japan, Yokota Air Base, Japan, ROK air force, 35th Air Defense Artillery, and U.S. Naval assets participated in the exercise, making this iteration one of the largest exercises of its type at Osan.

"The sheer number of forces we received was an outstanding achievement,"

said Leonard. "It was an amazing exercise to be a part of and a testament to our joint and combined strength. Over 120 U.S. aircraft, both Air Force and Navy, were at Osan in an effort to test our operational capabilities and readiness. Integrating our forces and training alongside the ROK air force, we were able to gain a significant understanding of how the U.S. and ROK can operate and integrate together to achieve specific goals."

To help receive forces, the 731st Air Mobility Squadron executed cargo recovery operations using multiple C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft while the engines were operating. Osan proved the capability to receive actual forces from other PACAF bases, including the cargo necessary to support those forces. Additionally, the 731st AMS demonstrated reception operations in a very challenging chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear simulated environment.

The integration of sister services and ROKAF units and operations was another first. The 35th ADA deployed a Patriot battery to Yenchon AB and provided a unique ability to integrate air defense into live-flying scenarios. Deployed U.S. Navy forces provided post-mission reports to the 607th Air and Operations Center to build a joint operational picture on evolving threats to air operations. BB 15-01 also integrated ROKAF aircraft into the training sorties flown during the 24-hour a day flying operations.

The 51st Medical Group received follow-on forces from Yokota in the form of a Mobile Field Surgical Team. The MSFT integrated into the Osan team immediately and enabled 24-hour surgical capability, even performing live, real-



Staff Sgt. Quentin Tubbs, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal, inspects a simulated IED during a scenario for Beverly Bulldog 15-01 Dec. 9, 2014, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Beverly Bulldog 15-01 is a peninsula-wide ORE designed to test American forces mission readiness in the event of an emergency or wartime environment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jake Barreiro)

world surgeries during the exercise.

BB 15-01 focused on four priorities.

The first priority was to effectively coordinate between the 607th AOC, 8th Fighter Wing from Kunsan AB and the 35th FW from Misawa AB, Japan. The second priority was to generate 100 percent of tasked pre-ATO combat capability within allotted time constraints, and to execute operations in accordance with pre-ATO guidelines. The third priority was to effectively recover and employ follow-on forces. The last priority was to maximize joint and combined command and control of base operations.

"Beverly Bulldog 15-01 was truly a joint and combined effort," said Leon-

ard. "Although the actual forces we receive during a real contingency may be different, this exercise enabled us to test our capabilities and see where we can improve. We were able to receive follow-on forces from other Pacific units, execute operations, and defend the base in a simulated contingency environment. We were also able to further increase our interoperability with the ROK air forces, as well as other U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy units. Overall, I think Beverly Bulldog was a touchdown and I am truly proud of our Osan team. The Airpower Team in and supporting the Republic of Korea is definitely ready to fight tonight or sooner if necessary!"

Wolf all call: We are a family

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 8th Fighter Wing commander conducted six all calls at the base theater on Kunsan AB, ROK, Dec. 24, 2014, stressing airminded resiliency, moral courage, and how the Wolf Pack succeeds as a family unit.

“As we celebrate this holiday season and prepare for the long Christmas weekend, I wanted to spend today reminding the Wolf Pack of the impact you have on the mission and each other,” said Col. Ken “Wolf” Ekman, 8th FW commander. “We are a unique base where it’s not enough being ready to fight tonight—we must be ready to fight right now.”

Wolf stressed how mission readiness is each Airman’s task and emphasized how the wingman concept enables the Pack to succeed, both on and off duty.

“When I am flying a mission, I know I am more successful because I have people to my left and to my right who have my back,” Wolf said. “This same contract for action applies to a social outing. Before you go out, you should be thinking, ‘Who is the designated driver tonight?’ ‘Which part of the game plan do I own?’”

Using anecdotes from recent and historic air battles, Wolf expressed that mission success involves more than expending ordnance—it is about the personal moral courage of each individual in the fight.

“I flew with an individual on a deployment who came back from her first combat mission without expending any ordnance because the potential targets did not match up to the designated criteria for expenditure,” Wolf said. “She knew the ROE [rules of engagement] and refused to break them even if it meant



Col. Ken “Wolf” Ekman, 8th Fighter Wing commander addresses Wolf Pack Airmen in the base theater during a commander’s call at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 24, 2014. Wolf stressed the importance of always having a wingman present when it comes to being on and off duty, especially during the holiday season. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)

returning with all of her bombs. She did the right thing, and for that, she’s one of my heroes.”

While the wingman concept and moral courage set the foundation for mission success, Wolf expressed how proud he was of the Wolf Pack for its

success in the year 2014.

“This year, you have weathered the storms during multiple OREs [operational readiness exercises], led two iterations of Exercise Max Thunder—the largest flying training exercise on this peninsula, and you still made time to serve the Gun-

san City community through orphanage and elderly home visits,” he said. “These are but a few examples of how you demonstrated your commitment to this base and to the ROK-U.S. Alliance. I am so proud of you, and I look forward to continue serving with you in 2015.”



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Weapons standardizations keep Airmen trained

By Senior Airman
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Whether it's loading bullets or bombs on a plane, weapons load crew members are required to continuously train to safely and properly load the munitions onto an aircraft.

The load crew members are required to be recertified by the 51st Maintenance Operation Flight weapons standardization section on the 15 different munitions every 30-days at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

"The inherent danger of working with live munitions is a great risk," said Master Sgt. Matthew Andrews, 51st Maintenance Group weapons standardization superintendent. "Having Airmen proficiently handle munitions is inherent to safety and reliability, which is a priority in our career field."

During the recertification inspection process, the Airmen will have to meet certain criteria in order to pass.

Some of the criteria the Airmen have to complete to pass the inspection are loading the munitions in a certain amount of time, maintain proficiency, ensure they have checked off the required steps and safely complete the job.

"I think that it's very important that each load crew is able to come in every month to stay current on our loading capabilities because that is the main mission when we go down range," said Senior Airman Anthony Cicchino, 51st MOF load crew member. "Being recertified every month helps us continue to be capable and ready to load munitions at a moment's notice. It helps us stay knowledgeable, safe and able to do our job the right way and efficiently."

Going through the monthly recertification process has enabled the Airmen to continuously be qualified to handle the munitions.



Senior Airman Dylan Logsdon, 51st Maintenance Operations Flight load crew member, cuts an arming wire to approximately one inch during the arming process during a weapons standardization inspection Dec. 16, 2014, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The load crew members are required to be recertified on the 15 different munitions every 30-days. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman David Owsianka)

"During the last operational readiness exercise we had to load a plethora of munitions that we don't see on a typical basis," said Senior Airman Dylan Logsdon, 51st MOF load crew member. "Ensuring that we can successfully load different munitions every 30-days impacts

the mission immensely because if and when the time comes to fight, we are going to need to know what we are doing."

Constantly training on the different types of munitions helps the Airmen prepare for the mission.

"Putting bombs on and bullets in the

aircraft is paramount because without those the mission does not get done," Andrews said. "Without those munitions getting on the aircraft, the pilots are not going to fly combat sorties. With munitions on the aircraft, we are able to take the fight to the enemy."



Weapons standardization members inspect the completed work of the 51st Maintenance Operations Flight load crew members Dec. 16, 2014, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The load crew members are required to be recertified on the 15 different munitions every 30-days.



Senior Airman Dylan Logsdon, 51st Maintenance Operations Flight load crew member, ensures the bomb is lined up with the bomb rack during a weapons standardization inspection Dec. 16, 2014, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Some of the criteria the Airmen have to complete to pass the inspection are loading the munitions in a certain amount of time, maintaining proficiency, ensuring they have checked off the required steps and safely completed the job.

Dragon brigade hosts second annual air defense artillery symposium



U.S. Army Col. Thomas Nguyen, commander of the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, welcomes attendees to the ADA Korean Theater of Operations Symposium held at Osan Air Base Dec. 12, 2014. (Photos by: U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Heather A. Denby, 35th ADA Public Affairs)

By Staff Sgt. Heather A. Denby
35th ADA Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea – *Editor's Note: The 35th ADA is the only forward-deployed Army air and missile defense brigade. Permanently stationed in South Korea in 2004, the 35th ADA is responsible for the defense of critical assets within the ROK.*

Dozens of Air Defense Artillery Soldiers and Airmen gathered for the second annual ADA Korean Theater of Operations Symposium held here Dec. 12.

Air defenders from the 35th Air Defense Artillery "Dragon" Brigade, 7th Air Force, 2nd Infantry Division, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command (Forward), 3rd Battlefield Coordination Detachment, 2502nd Support Detachment and Joint Tactical Ground Station – Korea discussed a wide range of air and missile defense topics for the region and anticipated potential challenges to air defense operations in the future.

"The objective of this symposium is to ensure that we have one unified vision of what capabilities air and missile defense provides to our joint and combined partners," said Col. Thomas Nguyen, commander of 35th ADA and host of the symposium. "This is also a great forum to identify the current issues and challenges that we must address in order to advance interoperability initiatives with our Republic of Korea Air Force missile defenders."

Attendees of the symposium provided their expertise during discussions on a myriad of topics ranging from de-conflicting fires with the Air Force to the mission and employment of Short-Range Air Defense batteries.

"It was an excellent opportunity to discuss air defense issues, concerns and objectives throughout the peninsula," said



U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Hector Medina, 2nd Infantry Division mission command systems integrator, speaks with air and missile defense Soldiers and Airmen during the Air Defense Artillery Korean Theater of Operations Symposium Dec. 12, 2014. The second annual ADA KTO symposium was hosted by the 35th ADA Brigade.

Chief Warrant Officer Hector Medina, 2nd ID mission command systems integrator. "Being able to crosstalk with your counterparts is important in learning what each unit's mission is, while working to resolve some of the issues we face."

One topic of discussion was the integration of U.S. and ROK SHORAD systems into the Korean theater architecture.

The air defenders agreed that codifying their procedures will maximize SHORAD capabilities

within the ROK and enable leaders to make timely decisions for employing air defense combat power.

"These types of joint discussions are great for understanding complex problems and identifying solutions that meet the commander's vision," said Capt. Gabe Jimenez, 35th ADA fire control officer.

"The next step is to take these combined discussions to our ROK counterparts so that we truly have an effective plan everyone understands and can put into action fast," he said.

“OK, Wolf Pack, go get ‘em” Operation BOLO – January 2, 1967



Colonel Daniel “Chappie” James Jr. and Colonel Robin Olds – Date Unknown (Air Force Photo)

By Robert Vanderpool
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On Jan. 2, 1967, as pilots from the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing hurried from their briefing rooms to their squadron equipment rooms to gear up for flight operations, wing commander Col. Robin Olds spontaneously hollered: “OK, Wolf Pack, go get ‘em!” Several hours later, the 8th would engage the enemy over North Vietnam during a mission dubbed Operation BOLO. Operation BOLO would be remembered as the greatest aerial fighter battle of the Vietnam War and from that day forward the 8th TFW would be known as the Wolf Pack.

The previous day, weapons load crews began arriving on the flight line to begin their first 12-hour shift of the new year just before 8 a.m., surprised to learn that the previous night’s shifts had all been called in early on New Year’s Eve 1966. Perhaps most unexpected was the fact that all normal flying activities had ceased and that all personnel had been restricted to base. The Airmen all knew something important was about to happen but at the time none was sure exactly just what that might be.

Ordered to download all weapons from the wing’s aircraft, maintainers loaded the full complement of AIM-7 and AIM-9 air-to-air missiles onto weapons trailers for transport to the missile shop where each weapon received a complete operational test and systems check-out. Aircraft were inspected from tail to nose to ensure that each was in first-rate flying condition. Once all equipment and aircraft were checked out, the task of reloading weapons began. Under a veil of secrecy, a special Electronic Countermeasures or ECM pod was also fitted to the aircraft. This was the first time most Airmen had seen an ECM loaded onto an aircraft as typically at the time these particular pieces of equipment were reserved for special weapons missions such as nuclear weapons or surveillance flights. After more than 28 hours of effort and preparation on the ground, the aircraft were ready for combat and Operation BOLO was about to begin.

Operational orders during the early years of the Vietnam War restricted the bombing of North Vietnamese airfields

to include those installations that based fighter aircraft. As a result, the North Vietnamese employed tactics which avoided direct confrontation with the Air Force’s primary air-to-air fighter, the F-4 Phantom II. The North Vietnamese would keep their aircraft on the ground when F-4s were in the air, instead preferring to engage bomb heavy F-105 Thunderchief fighter bombers. As enemy fighters approached, the F-105s would be forced to dump their bomb loads early in order to be able to engage with the enemy MiG-17, MiG-19, and beginning in late 1966, MiG-21 fighters on a more equal footing. With the F-105 bomb loads ejected before reaching their intended target, the North Vietnamese were able to achieve tactical victory without direct engagement because the intended targets on the ground would be left untouched by the F-105s. The MiGs would then return to the safety of their airfields without engaging the American fighters and thus risking their own aircraft in direct combat. Operation BOLO was conceived to deliberately counter this North Vietnamese strategy.

Designed by Olds and 8th TFW tactics officer Capt. J.B. Stone, operation BOLO used innovative deception tactics that lured the North Vietnamese MiG-21 fighter force into the air. Disguising themselves as a flight of F-105s using the same formations, call signs, flight speeds, refueling checkpoints, and electronic signatures (provided by the ECM pods) as the Thunderchief pilots, the goal was to convince the North Vietnamese that they would be engaging F-105s instead of F-4s who would then spring the trap.

After a few weeks of planning, Olds conducted a briefing with Seventh Air Force Commander Lt. Gen. William Momyer. During the Vietnam War, Seventh Air Force held command responsibility and operational control over the vast majority of Air Force operations in Vietnam. After quick deliberation, Momyer approved the plan for Operation BOLO with the simple order, “Go!”

On January 2 the final instruction came from the combat operations center: “You’re on! Execute!” A few hours later, as the pilots of the 8th TFW readied for the mission, Olds provided his now legendary encouragement and the Wolf Pack was about to be reborn. A combat

veteran and double ace of World War II, Olds had first heard the encouragement while serving with Col. Hubert “Hub” Zemke’s 479th Fighter Group in Europe during 1944-45. Prior to assuming command of the 479th in August 1944, Zemke had spent two years in command of the 56th Fighter Group which itself had earned the nickname “Zemke’s Wolfpack.” Zemke brought his

familiar send off with him to the 479th making an impression on then Capt. Robin Olds who would more than 20 years later spontaneously utter the phrase during the Vietnam War reintroducing it into Air Force history.

In the morning hours of Jan. 2, 1967, 8th TFW pilots arrived on the flight line to assume control of their aircraft and one by one the engines roared to life. Despite working continuously for more than two days readying the aircraft, the weary and tired weapons load and maintenance crews remained at their stations as the F-4s pulled out of their parking re-tirements and taxied towards the runway. Now and again as the aircraft slowly rolled by Airmen would move forward and offer a salute or thumbs up gesture to the pilots and weapons systems officers commanding them. Within minutes, all that remained on the ground was the smell of exhaust and a nearly empty flight line where just a few moments earlier sat three squadrons of F-4s with hundreds of Airmen all over them getting them ready for battle. The ground crews remained exhausted and silent with contemplation.

Dubbed as “West Force,” 44 F-4s from the 8th TFW headed towards the North Vietnamese capital city of Hanoi ‘disguised’ as F-105s. The intended target was the MiG base at Phuc Yen Airfield, located approximately 18 miles northwest of Hanoi. The 8th was divided up into 11 four-ship flights spaced at five-minute intervals. This would allow them coverage over the enemy MiG bases for nearly an hour.

The first 8th TFW flight to reach the target, led by Olds and designated as “Olds Flight,” arrived over Phuc Yen Airfield at approximately 3 p.m. Responding to what they believed was an attack of F-105s, the enemy took the bait. Heavy cloud cover over the target area which nearly initially cancelled the mission proved fortuitous for the 8th as it further camouflaged the true identity of the F-4s. When the North Vietnamese MiG-21s broke through the cloud cover the 8th pounced and “Olds Flight” earned the first three aerial victories of the melee. Olds earned his first aerial victory of the Vietnam War during this engagement. He would finish the war with four total aerial victories over Vietnam bringing his career total spanning World War II and Vietnam to 16 aerial victories making him a triple ace.

Olds later described his Operation BOLO victory: “I reared up my aircraft in a 45-degree angle, inside his turn. He was turning to the left, so I pulled the stick and barrel-rolled to the right. Thanks to this maneuver, I found myself above him, half upside down. I held it un-

til the MiG finished his turn, calculating the time so that, if I could keep on turning behind him, I would get on his tail, with a deflection angle of 20 degrees, at a distance of 1,500 yards. That was exactly what happened. He never saw me. Behind and lower than him, I could clearly see his silhouette against the sun when I launched two Sidewinders. One of them impacted and tore apart his right wing.”

Roughly five minutes after the “Olds Flight” engaged the “Ford Flight” arrived on scene, led by 8th TFW Deputy Commander Col. Daniel “Chappie” James. James, a combat veteran of the Korean War who would later go on to become the first African-American four-star general in American military history, entered the fray and during the battle one of his wingmen downed another enemy MiG. Again, roughly five minutes after that, “Rambler Flight,” led by Captain Stone, arrived and shot down three more North Vietnamese aircraft, Stone being credited with earning one of those victories. By the time the follow-on flights arrived the skies were clear of MIGs as the enemy aircraft used the heavy cloud cover to flee the engagement.

Operation BOLO was an astounding success. In a little more than 10 minutes of combat, the 8th TFW recorded seven confirmed and two possible MiG-21 kills without suffering a single loss. One F-4 was slightly damaged; however, as a result of flying through and impacting debris from an exploding MiG-21.

Four days later, 8th TFW pilots shot down two more MiG-21s destroying nearly half of North Vietnam’s most advanced fighter jets within a span of only five days. As a result of these losses, the North Vietnamese were forced to temporarily ground their entire fighter fleet. The success of Operation BOLO led directly to the establishment of American air superiority over North Vietnam.

Following Operation BOLO, the 8th TFW began referring to itself as the Wolf Pack. As the reputation of the 8th continued to grow with their continuing success in air-to-air missions during the Vietnam War, other units in the Air Force began to refer to the wing as the Wolf Pack. By the end of the war, the 8th TFW finished as the leading wing for aerial victories in the Air Force with 38.5 confirmed air-to-air kills. The 8th TFW’s legacy as the Wolf Pack was solidified.

During the Vietnam War, the 8th TFW was assigned to Seventh Air Force from April 1, 1966 to September 15, 1974, when the 8th moved operations from Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Redesignated as the 8th Fighter Wing on Feb. 2, 1992, the wing had previously reunited with Seventh Air Force 5 ½ years earlier on Sept. 8, 1986 when Seventh Air Force was reactivated in Korea.

Recommended Reading: “Fighter Pilot: The Memoirs of Legendary Ace Robin Olds,” by Robin Olds with Christina Olds and Ed Rasimus available at both the Kunsan Air Base and Osan Air Base libraries.

Senior Airman Elizabeth Heaton

51st Comptroller Squadron

Job title: Customer Service Technician

Job description and its impact on the overall mission: The Face of Finance! Provides financial services to over 8K active duty military and civilians including geographically separated units within the Korean Peninsula. Assists an average of 30-40 customers per day to resolve various complex issues that includes travel and military pay problems. Helps members to stay mission-focused by ensuring she takes care of their financial worries. By providing outstanding financial services support, Senior Airman Heaton guarantees that every member of Team Osan is 'Ready to Fight Tonight.'

Time in the military: 5 years 6 months

Time at Osan: 4 months

DEROS: August 2015

Hometown: Olympia, Washington / Chicago

Hobbies: Dancing, singing, video games (Call of Duty and Mind Craft)

Why did you join the military? I joined the military to make a change in my life for the better. To strengthen myself and grow into whom I know I could be.

Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years?

I see myself as a chief and have a master's degree in broadcast journalism.

What do you do for fun here? I enjoy lots of trips, exploring Korea, and immersing myself in the local community. I enjoy trying new food and new things here.

What's your favorite Air Force memory or story? I was a coach for youth soccer at my last duty station (Edwards AFB) and we went 1-13. Although the team only won one game that season, it gave me a great deal of satisfaction to have coached them to victory and their appreciation for that one win was awesome.



Senior Airman Elizabeth Heaton, 51st Comptroller Squadron customer service technician, out-processes Master Sgt. Marvin Wallace, 51st Fighter Wing Command Post NCO in charge, from finance Dec. 19, 2014 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Heaton is this week's Airman Spotlight winner. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman David Owsianka)

What accomplishment are you most proud of? Joining the Air Force and just having the opportunity to continue a military career. Also proud to have started taking college courses to pursue my goals.

Who are your role models? I look up to Ronald Reagan for what he did for our country. He was a

strong and charismatic speaker. His speeches still make a difference and very much resonate today. My favorite quote by Ronald Reagan: "My philosophy of life is that if we make up our mind what we are going to make of our lives, then work hard toward that goal, we never lose - somehow we win out."

Wolf Pack at Work: SrA George Garcia



Col. Ken "Wolf" Ekman, 8th Fighter Wing commander, wears the K-9 training bite suit during an immersion with the 8th Security Forces Squadron military working dog section at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 14, 2014. Garcia got a chance to show Wolf how he contributes to the Wolf Pack mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)

8th Security Forces Squadron

Job Title: Military Working Dog Handler

Job Description: Provide enhanced detection capabilities utilizing my military working dog.

Time in Military: 8 years 10 months

Family: 3 daughters: Jayden, 9 years old; Jhordynn, 6 years old; Brielle, 3 years old

Hometown: San Antonio, Texas

Why did you join the U.S. Air Force? To defend my country.

What do you do for fun? I like fishing, working out and K9 training.

What is your proudest accomplishment? Becoming a father.

Who are your role models? My brother Army SSgt Christopher Reyes who is currently deployed to Afghanistan.

What do you like most about your job? The bond we build with our military working dog.

What is your favorite quote? "Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength." -Arnold Schwarzenegger

Wolf Pack spreads holiday cheer



Wolf Pack Airmen volunteered countless hours ensuring the Kunsan family and local Gunsan community have a happy holiday. Season's greetings Wolf Pack!



Osan Base Chapel Contracts

1. OSAN AB Chaplain Fund is accepting applications for a CTOF non-personal service contract for the position of **CHAPEL TITHES AND OFFERING FUND ACCOUNT MANAGER** with a “best value” selection process. Individual must have knowledge and understanding of general accounting practices and bookkeeping. Individual is responsible for maintaining, administering, and accounting for non-appropriated assets and obligations of the Osan CTOF. If awarded the contract, the contractor may be requested to submit an application for a background check. Individual can pick up the Statement of Work (SOW), Basis for Award, and a bidding schedule from the OSAN AIR BASE CHAPEL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA. Submit a resume and a separate sealed bid to MSGT NICK CATALDI no later than 1630 on FRI, 16 JAN 15. Interviews/demonstrations are scheduled for TUE, 20 JAN 15 at OSAN CHAPEL at 1300.

2. OSAN AB Chaplain Fund is accepting applications for a CTOF non-personal service contract for the position of **PROTESTANT SINGLES COORDINATOR** with a “best value” selection process. Individual must have experience working with young adults and experience in Protestant Young Adult development, leader recruitment, and employment of volunteers. Individual also must have a minimum of two years’ experience in Protestant church-based leadership, working with small group ministry and singles ministry in a United States military community setting. A minimum of a two-year college degree in humanities is required or four years work experience in a Christian ministry or education field. If awarded the contract, the contractor will be required to complete a favorable background check as directed by DoDI 1402, Criminal History Background Checks on Individuals in Child Care Services. Individual can pick up the Statement of Work (SOW), Basis for Award, and a bidding schedule from the OSAN AIR BASE CHAPEL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA. Submit a resume and a separate sealed bid to CH, CAPT ROBERT BOHNSACK no later than 1630 on FRI, 30 JAN 15. Interviews/demonstrations are scheduled for TUES, 3 FEB 15 at OSAN CHAPEL at 1300.

3. OSAN AB Chaplain Fund is accepting applications for a CTOF non-personal service contract for the position of **PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL (PWOC) WATCH-CARE PROVIDER FOR AGES 6 TO 36 MONTHS** with a “lowest bidder” selection process. The PWOC Watch-Care Provider will care for the children, ages 6 to 36 months, of the women who attend the weekday PWOC Bible Studies, and will work with the PWOC Children’s Ministry Coordinator as well as the PWOC Watch-Care appointed board member for Osan Air Base Chapel, Republic of Korea. Individual must have at least one year experience working with children in a church, religious ministry setting, in military chapel children ministry, or in a non-profit children ministry organization. If awarded the contract, the contractor will be required to complete a favorable background check as directed by DoDI 1402, Criminal History Background Checks on Individuals in Child Care Services. Individual can pick up the Statement of Work (SOW), Basis for Award, and a bidding schedule from the OSAN AIR BASE CHAPEL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA. Submit resume to CH, CAPT ROBERT BOHNSACK by 1630 on FRI, 16 JAN 2015. Interviews are scheduled for TUE, 20 JAN 2015 at the Chapel during duty hours (0730-1630).

Space Heater Safety

The U.S Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that more than 25,000 residential fires every year are associated with the use of space heaters, causing more than 300 deaths.

Space heaters carry a much greater risk of causing a fire than central heating, such as furnaces. Space heaters present a greater potential for human error such as leaving them too close to combustible materials or failing to install, fuel, operate and maintain them properly. Safety must be a top consideration when using space heaters.

Safety Precautions

1. **Space heaters must be tested by the Underwriter’s Laboratories (UL) or other qualified agencies. This will be identified by a clearly visible label somewhere on the unit.**
2. **Use of portable kerosene space heaters is prohibited in all Osan Air Base facilities.**
3. **Space heaters must be equipped to shut off electric power to the unit when tilted or turned over.**
4. **Space heaters will be kept at least 18 inches away from combustible materials such as papers, furniture, or curtains.**
5. **The space heater must be plugged directly into an outlet. Do not use a light-duty extension cord or a multi outlet strip/surge protector; it can start a fire with a high-wattage appliance.**



If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Fire Prevention Office at 784-4835.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN AIR BASE

Protestant Services

Gospel Service
 Sunday, 1300
 Main Chapel, Bldg. 501
Contemporary Service
 Sunday, 1700
 Main Chapel, Bldg. 501

Catholic Mass

Catholic Mass
 Sunday, 1030
 Main Chapel, Bldg. 501
Daily Mass & Reconciliation
 Please call the chapel

General Services

Church of Christ
 Sunday, 1100
 SonLight Inn, Bldg. 510
LDS Service
 Sunday, 1430
 SonLight Inn, Bldg. 510
Earth-Based Religions
 Thursday, 1930
 SonLight Inn, Bldg. 510

Point of Contact:
 Kunsan Chapel, 782-4300

Visit us on Share Point:
<https://kunsan.eim.pacaf.af.mil/8FW/HC/default.aspx>

OSAN AIR BASE

Protestant Services

Praise Joy Night (Gospel)
 Friday, 1930
Traditional Service
 Sunday, 1000
Gospel Service
 Sunday, 1200
Contemporary Service
 Sunday, 1700
Church of Christ
 Sunday, 1000, Elementary School Cafeteria

Catholic Mass

Daily Mass
 Wednesday – Friday, 1130
 Saturday, 1700
 Sunday, 0830
Reconciliation
 Saturday, 1600s

General Services

Earth-Based Service
 Contact the Chapel
Jewish Service
 2nd/4th Friday, 1800
Muslim Service
 Friday, 1230, Chapel Annex

Point of Contact:
 Osan Chapel, 784-5000

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<https://osan.eim.pacaf.af.mil/51FW/51FW-HC/default.aspx>
Visit us on Facebook (OSAN AB CHAPEL)
<https://www.facebook.com/OsanABChapel>

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Protestant Services

Traditional Service
 Sunday, 0930
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 Sunday, 0930
 Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel
Contemporary Service
 Sunday, 0900
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
 Sunday, 1030
 K-16 Chapel, Bldg S-302
 Sunday, 1100
 Hannam Village Chapel, Bldg 6108
Nondenominational Service
 Sunday, 1100
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
Gospel Service
 Sunday, 1300
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
United Pentecostal (UPCI)
 Sunday, 1300
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
KATUSA
 Tuesday, 0630
 Memorial Chapel
Seventh-Day Adventist
 Sunday, 1300
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
Korean Christian Fellowship
 3rd Tuesday, 1145
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

Catholic Mass

Saturday, 1700
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 Sunday, 0800
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 Sunday, 1130
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 M.W.T.F, 1145
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 1st Saturday, 0900
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 3rd Thursday, 1730
 Memorial Chapel (ROK Officers)

General Service

Episcopal Daily Mass
 Sunday, 1100
 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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Spiritual Charge

Forgetting what is behind: Straining toward what is ahead



By Chaplain (Maj.) Ladislao Hernandez
 Brigade Chaplain,
 35th Air Defense Artillery BDE

We are now in a season that brings up a lot of different feelings. For some it brings happiness, to others it brings homesick-

ness. For some it is nostalgia, and for others it is loneliness.

Many memories pop up in our minds during the holiday season and it is a tendency of ours to do an inventory of our life along with the many feelings that we are experiencing at this time. As a human being, when we go through this emotional inventory of life, we find in some situations that we regret some of the decisions we have made and in other decisions we are reaffirmed.

A year has gone and another has come and it is inevitable to look back as well as to look forward. M. T. Cicero once said, "I remember what I don't want to remember, and what I want to forget I cannot forget." St. Paul wrote, "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead."

One thing is true, that whatever feelings this season will bring us along with whatever has happened to us, we cannot go back in time to

change the past in order to do better or change any of the experiences we had.

Since I understood that I could not go back in my life, I made a deal with myself that I would like to share with you all. It is to create and put into practice a list containing three things that are good to forget, three things that are good to remember, and three things that are good to propose in my life.

Let's start with what things are good to forget:

1. I will try to forget pains and failures that can hold me in my past and obstruct my progress in all areas of my life.

2. I will try to forget all triumphs and successes, which can push me to be arrogant, self-righteous, or create an unhealthy pride.

3. I will try to forget the kind of human pleasures and possessions that could take the place of God in my life.

Three things, I will keep in mind:

1. I will keep in mind the love of God who was, is, and will always be with me.

2. I will keep in mind the forgiving power of God and His capacity to restore.

3. I will keep in mind the faithful promises from God.

Three things I will propose for my life this New Year:

1. I will bring all my business, both professional and personal, before God.

2. I will do my best to present myself approved before God.

3. I will keep improving my prayer and devotional life.

Thanks for the opportunity to share my personal deal with all you!



It is a Strike!



Above: Tech. Sgt. Larry Monk, 7th Air Force, shows a child from the Susana House Orphanage how to play pool during a party Dec. 20, 2014, at the base bowling alley. The party was thrown for the children of the orphanage and sponsored by members of 7th Air Force. About 17 volunteers came out to support and about 40 children from the orphanage participated, ranging in age from 4-16. (U.S. Air Force photos by Master Sgt. Marelise Wood)

Left: A child from the Susana House Orphanage sends the ball down the lane during a party Dec. 20, 2014, at the base bowling alley. Members of 7th Air Force look for various ways to provide support to the children at the local non-government-supported orphanage.

Unique Winter Festival, Hwacheon Sancheoneo (Mountain Trout) Festival



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When Hwacheoncheon Stream freezes in winter, locals and tourists alike flock to the stream, carve out a hole in the ice, and begin ice fishing for sancheoneo (mountain trout). The trout are known to live in the cold, fresh waters of the stream, located in Hwacheon-gun, Gangwon-do. Visitors fishing in the stream can be seen patiently waiting, and then jumping with excitement as they pull their catches from the water. Some even choose to jump into the icy waters of the pool built beside the stream for hand-fishing. The festival was recently selected as one of the Seven Wonders of Winter by travel site CNNGo (operated by U.S. news site CNN International). The festival's theme is "Unfrozen Hearts, Unforgettable Memories." In addition to ice fishing, the festival offers a plethora of fun activities on the frozen Hwacheoncheon Stream including ice skating, ice/snow sledding, snowmobile riding, and much more. The Hwacheon Sancheoneo Festival is the ultimate winter activity for the whole family.

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Sancheoneo Fishing



Sancheoneo fishing is the central activity at the Hwacheon Sancheoneo Festival. There are three ways for visitors to fish at the festival: ice fishing on the frozen stream, lure fishing in the flowing waters, and hand-fishing in a pool wearing only a t-shirt and shorts.

** Sancheoneo Ice Fishing

Ice fishing is the most popular fishing method at the festival. Upon purchasing an admission ticket, visitors will also receive a fishing zone pass, a plastic bag, and a 5,000-won Agricultural Specialties coupon for shopping on-site. Visitors can begin to enjoy ice fishing from the time they enter the fishing areas.

* A How-To for Ice Fishing

1. Cut a hole in the ice using a drill or a metal bar, or simply find an open hole.
2. Drop the bait down into the hole, and adjust the fishing line so that the bait is submerged approximately 30-40cm.
3. With the line attached to the fishing reel, move the reel up and down to lure the fish.
4. When you feel a tug, gently pull the fishing line up.
5. Unhook the fish, and place it in the plastic bag. You have your first catch! Once you have finished fishing, you may take your catch to a nearby restaurant to have it served raw or grilled over a wood fire.

Info
• Admission: 12,000 won (Fishing zone pass, plastic bag, and 5,000-won coupon included)

* Children & Seniors: 8,000 won

• Operating period & hours:

January 10-February 1, 2015 / 08:30-18:00

• On-site tickets are available during the festival. On weekends, tickets often sell out early in the morning.

• What to bring: Fishing pole/reel, bait, small chair, blanket, etc. (Also available for purchase on-site.)

• Cooking fees for sliced raw sancheoneo: 2,000 won per fish

• Cooking fees for grilled sancheoneo: 2,000 won per fish

• An exclusive fishing site for foreigners is operated upstream from the ice sledding ticket booth. It is planned to accommodate up to 6,000 visitors per day.

Ice fishing tips!

1. Come early to get good seats, a great view, and better chances of catching sancheoneo!
2. Stay closer to the edges of the stream, as the sancheoneo tend to like those places.
3. Make a large hole in the ice in order to get a wider view of the sancheoneo in the water.
4. If you aren't catching any fish, try moving to another hole

** Sancheoneo Hand Fishing

Hand fishing takes place at the festival's round fishing pool. Participants change into special outfits (festival t-shirt and shorts), and perform a simple warm up exercise. Following the "go" signal, they jump into the pool, and try to catch sancheoneo using their bare hands within three minutes. Each participant is allowed to catch up to three sancheoneo. When the time is up, they walk out of the pool, and warm themselves up with a warm foot bath.

Info

- Admission: 12,000 won for adults (5,000-won coupon included)
- Operating period: January 10-February 1, 2015
- Operating time: Weekdays (three times a day) 11:00, 13:00, 15:00 / Weekends (four times a day) 10:00, 12:00, 14:00, 16:00
- Location: Under the Baemeorigyo Bridge
- Convenience facilities: Changing room, lockers, foot-bathing facility, etc.
- On-site fishing ticket is available one hour before each fishing time (first-come, first-served)

* **The number of operations may differ based on outside conditions..**

Snow & Ice Rides

Snow and ice activities are other popular attractions at Hwacheon Sancheoneo Festival. The Ride Fun Park's Ice Sled Square has a large ice rink for sled rides which features Korean traditional sleds, divided into two types; standard sleds and family sleds. Ice sleds descending from a 40m-height thrill visitors, and ice bikes on the ice field, bobsleighs with a special tube, and ice soccer are also available for visitors to enjoy varied winter leisure sports.

More Info

* Period: January 10 – February 1, 2015

* Location: Hwacheoncheon Stream area, Hwacheon-gun, Gangwon-do

* Transportation

Dong Seoul Bus Terminal - Hwacheon Bus Terminal

- Schedule: 07:05-19:35 / 24 buses a day
- Travel time: About 2hr 40min
- Fare: Adults 13,900 won

• Hwacheoncheon Stream is located within a 15-min walking distance of Hwacheon Bus Terminal.

* Festival homepage: www.narafestival.com (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

* Hwacheon Tourism Homepage: <http://tour.ihc.go.kr> (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

* Inquiries: +82-1688-3005 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

*** Operated during the festival period



Kunsan

Volunteers needed

Volunteers needed for Airman Assisting Airman (A-Cubed), a volunteer organization that assists fellow Airmen get home safely on Friday and Saturday nights, from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. We meet at the Wolf's ACE-In-The Hole. We need at least 5 volunteers each night in order to operate, please email us at 8FW.ACUBED@us.af.mil and include your name, organization and what day you wish to help.

Illmagwon Orphanage

Join Airmen from across the base in a wing chapel-sponsored event as they travel down to the Illmagwon Orphanage in Gunsan City every Tuesday at 6 p.m. for an evening of playing games and learning more about the local culture. For more information, contact the chapel at 782-4300.

Single Airmen Game Night

Fridays at 7:30 p.m., SonLight Inn. Everyone's welcome, special invite for all Single Airmen! For more information contact, Senior Airman Jenfil Morillo-Burgos.

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

Children's English class

Team 5/6 is looking for volunteers to support the Children's English class weekly, for children 2-15 years of age. We will break you up into groups to read, talk, or play board games with the children. Civilian attire is preferred however, UOD is allowed. Classes are held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the SonLight Inn. For more information, contact TSgt. Justin Worthen.

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 782-4300.

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

Monthly PCS Briefings

Every first Thursday of the month at 0900 in the base theater Osan's Outbound Assignments Team hosts a PCS briefing that provides essential information to relocating members. They are joined with other wing agencies such as Passports, Travel Management Office, Tri-Care and Finance to make the process as smooth as possible. Don't miss this critical briefing to ensure YOU have all the tools necessary to out-process hassle-free!

E-mail security

There has been a rising trend of unencrypted e-mails containing FOUO, PII, or other sensitive/critical information due to recipients not being of the USAF GAL. Please exercise good information security and call the Help Desk if you are having problems sending an encrypted e-mail.

2014 Osan Air Base Chapel Survey

The Chapel is currently assessing the spiritual and religious needs of Osan Air Base. Would you please take a few minutes to better ensure we are meeting the needs of our community. Thank you for your time and input in this effort.

Anthem Singers

Sopranos, altos, tenors and bass vocalists are needed to sign the US and ROK National Anthems at various events on base. Practice is held at 1700 every Thursday at the Chapel Annex. Send an e-mail to abigail.boyd@us.af.mil or afryea.clark@us.af.mil for more information.

Sam's Garage Now Open

Sam's Garage is now open at the base service station for all service work including inspection of vehicles for base passes. Sam's Garage is open seven days week from 0900-1800.

Military Tuition Assistance Briefing

Presented by the 51 FSS Education & Training Center, this is mandatory for all First Time Users, Officer/Enlisted, for military TA. No Appointment Necessary! Held every Tuesday at 0800, Bldg 787, Rm. 10. For additional information or questions please contact the Education Center at 784-4220.

Preschool Playgroup

Family Advocacy hosts Preschool Play-

group at the Youth Center from 1000-1100. Ages are 0-5 years old. Come join the fun. It is good for YOU and your little one. Playgroup is every Monday when school is in session and runs thru 8 Jun 2015. We will not meet on no school days, holidays, spring and winter break, and during summer break. Call Family Advocacy for more information 784-5010.



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

Songtan Bus Terminal Time Table

서울 - 남부터미널 SEOUL W3800 NamBu Terminal	동서울 장지 가락 잠실	성남 SeongNam W3400	인천공항 InCheon Airport W11200	인천 InCheon W6200	의정부 (동두천) UJeongBu W8000
05:50	Dong Seoul				
06:10	W4400	06:40	04:45	06:30	07:45
06:30	JangJi	07:30	05:05	07:50 via CheongBu	
06:50	GaRak JamSil	08:10 via Dongtan	05:25	08:30	09:45(동두천)
07:05	06:20 via Dongtan	08:45	05:55	10:10	12:05
07:20	06:35	09:30	06:25	10:50	15:55
07:30	06:55 via Dongtan	10:10	06:55	11:30 via CheongBu	17:05
07:40	07:15 via Dongtan	10:40	07:25	13:40	20:05(동두천)
07:55	07:45	11:20 via Dongtan	08:05	15:30	
08:10	08:25	12:10	08:45	16:00 via CheongBu	
08:30	09:05	12:45 via Dongtan	09:25	17:30	
08:50	09:35	13:40	10:15	18:30	강릉
09:10	10:05	14:30	11:05	19:10	GangNeung W14800
09:30	10:35	15:20	11:55	20:30 via CheongBu	
09:40	11:05	16:10	12:45	22:00	07:20
09:50	11:35	16:45 via Dongtan	13:35	동탄	09:20
10:10	12:05	17:30	14:15	DongTan W2100	11:50
10:30	12:35	18:10	15:05		13:50
10:50	13:05	18:40	16:05	06:20 Bus for Dong Seoul	16:20
11:10	13:35	19:20	16:55	06:55 Bus for Dong Seoul	18:20
11:30	14:05	20:20	17:55	07:15 Bus for Dong Seoul	원주
11:50	14:35	20:55	18:45	08:10 Bus for SeongNam	WonJu
12:05	15:05	21:50	19:35	11:20 Bus for SeongNam	W9200
12:20	15:35	청북,포송,평택항		12:45 Bus for SeongNam	07:10
12:40	16:05	CheongBuk W1900	김포공항	16:45 Bus for SeongNam	08:50
13:00	16:35		KimPo Airport W7100		10:30
13:20	17:05	PoSeung		속초	12:10
13:40	17:35	PyeongTaek Port	05:45	SokCho	13:50
14:00	18:05	W3300	07:15	W20000	15:30
14:20	18:35	07:20	09:15		17:10
14:40	19:05	07:40	11:15	07:55	17:10
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15:20	20:25	11:00	15:25	12:55	20:30
15:40	21:05	12:20	17:25	15:45	재천
15:55	21:35	13:10	19:25	18:45	JeCheon W13300
16:20		17:00			15:10
16:40		17:20		춘천청평가평	19:10
17:00		19:30	대전	ChunCheon W14000	광주(전남)
17:20			DaeJeon W7200	W10400	KwangJu W16600
17:40		청북		CheongPyeong	
18:00	고양 백석 화정	CheongBuk W1900	07:00	GaPyeong	08:45
18:20	GoYang		08:30		10:25
18:35		07:50	10:30		12:25
18:50	백석 (W7800)	11:30	12:30		14:15
19:05	11:30	16:00	14:30		15:45
19:20	13:10	20:30	16:30		17:15
19:40	19:00		18:30	청주	14:30
20:10	20:50		20:00	CheongJu W6400	13:50
20:40	화정 (W7600)				13:10
21:10	13:10				13:10
21:40	19:00				22:20

Incheon Airport Shuttle Bus Schedule



Destination **Departure Time**
Osan to Incheon **0600 1130 1530**

- Bus will stop at Turumi Lodge 30 minutes before departure.
 - Bus will arrive at ITT 15 minutes prior to departure
Incheon to Osan **0900 1830 2230**

- Departures from USO Counter (Gate 1)
 - Bus may stop at Turumi Lodge, ITT, Hallasan Tower and Mustang Club (if this is one of your stops)

* During non-business hours, you may purchase bus tickets from the bus drivers. **Cash Only.**

Ticket Price
 • Leisure Travel : \$15
 • Official Travel(TDY/PCS): \$35
 - NOTE: Official traveler rates are completely reimbursable to member
 - If there are no delayed arrivals, bus will depart at 22:30
 **Effective 1 June 2013

For more information,
 call ITT at 784-4254



Kyung Dong bus schedule (Yongsan - Osan - Humphreys)

MONDAY-FRIDAY

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Lv. Yongsan	0550	0700	0830	1000	1100	1300	1430	1630	1720	1720	1900	2130	
Ar. 121st GH							1435						
Lv. Osan AB	0650	0810	0940	1119	1210	1410	1540	1740	1830	x	2010	2240	
Ar. Humph	0740	0850	1020	1150	1250	1450	1630	1820	1910	1850	2050	2320	
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Lv. Humph	x	0550	0700	0830	1000	1100	1230	1330	1530	1710	1910	2100	
Lv. Osan AB	0600	x	0750	0920	1050	1150	1320	1420	1620	1800	2000	2140	
Ar. 121st GH		0720	0850										
Ar. Yongsan	0710	0730	0900	1030	1200	1300	1430	1530	1730	1910	2110	2250	

* Bus stops at Humphreys main gate
 ** Bus stops at Yongsan Dragon Hill Lodge

“Price \$6.00 or W6,200 one way, For more info (DSN)784-6623”

WEEKEND & U.S HOLIDAYS

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Lv. Yongsan	0700	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1930
Lv. Osan AB	0810	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1610	1710	1810	1910	2040
Ar. Humph	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	x	1450	1550	x	1750	x	1950	2120
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Lv. Humph	0620	0800	0930	1030	1130	1230	x	1400	1530	x	1700	x	1900
Lv. Osan AB	0700	0840	1010	1120	1220	1320	1400	1450	1620	1700	1750	1850	1950
Ar. Yongsan	0820	0950	1130	1230	1330	1430	1510	1600	1730	1810	1900	2000	2100

* Bus stops at Humphreys main gate
 ** Bus stops at Yongsan DHL
 x Bus doesn't stop at this station

POC for the bus schedule - Osan: 784-6623, Yongsan: 723-4499, Humphreys: 753-7354

Namdaemun Market Daedo Floral Shop & Express Bus Terminal Flower Wholesaler

[Photo News] Feel the holiday warmth and shop for decorations here!



Regardless of one's religion, almost everyone anticipates Christmas and the end-of-year celebrations. If you are terribly late and need to go last minute Christmas shopping to decorate or to make presents, don't panic. We have picked out just the places for you: Daedo kksangga (floral shop) located at Namdaemun Market and Express Bus Terminal Wholesale Flower Market. These two locations house the largest varieties in Christmas trees, cute ornaments, beautiful and sophisticated artificial flower arrangements, candles and much more at reasonable prices.

Namdaemun Market Daedo kksangga operates until 17:30 and it is located close to Hoehyeon (Namdaemun Market) Station (Seoul Subway Line 4), Exit 5. A short 40m walk from the exit, the market will be seen in the first alley to the right. If you are still unsure of how to get there, find a nearby tourist information center where staff will give you a hand. There are a number of centers in Namdaemun Market area to help international visitors.

Warm colors, such as red and orange, are the main colors used to decorate this Christmas season in Korea, as well as ribbons and soft textiles like wools and felts for producing the decorations. The sellers in these markets even offer to make up a decorated Christmas tree for you when you are finished with ornament shopping. The price range of the trees ranges from 15,000 won to 100,000 won at the highest; however, this will also vary depending on the size of the tree and the materials used.

Airport Express Train extends discount fare service until next year



The Korea Railroad Corporation, or better known as KORAIL, announced a one-year extension until December 31, 2015 on its discount fare for the Airport Railroad Express (AREX) express train, which runs non-stop between Incheon International Airport and Seoul Station (total travel time: 43 min).

During the discount period, a one-way adult fare for the express train is 8,000 won instead of the standard 14,700 won.

As the amount of passengers riding AREX has gradually increased during the discount period, KORAIL decided to extend the discount service period for another year. Also, those using KTX in conjunction with AREX only need to pay 6,900 won for the AREX fare.



More info

* Where to ride AREX:

- Incheon International Airport in Jung-gu, Incheon
- Seoul Station in Jung-gu, Seoul

* Discount service period: ~ December 31, 2015

* Discounted fare: Adults 8,000 won / Children 6,900 won

* Website: www.arex.or.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

* 1330 Korea Travel Hotline: +82-2-1330 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Courtesy of KORAIL Airport Railroad CO., Ltd.

Time Travel to Gunsan



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Gunsan in Jeollabuk-do is the city with the richest modern cultural heritage in all of Korea. Following the opening of its port in 1899, the city became a hub of modern cultural heritage from the Japanese colonial era (1910–1945). Although the city is a symbol of the painful history of Japanese exploitation through its shipping of rice to Japan, it has now transformed into a fascinating cultural destination, offering a wide variety of things to see and do in addition to retaining traces of its colonial past. Moreover, Gunsan has become a popular walking tour destination, owing to the proximity of its historic downtown areas, which are located around Jangmi-dong, Wolmyeong-dong, and Sinheung-dong, with the city's inner port at the center. Gunsan will allow you to travel back in time while you enjoy its diversely themed excursions, such as the old downtown walking tour, the modern cultural heritage stamp tour, and the Gyeongam-dong Railroad.

Nearby Attractions



* Gunsan Modern History Museum, All About the Gunsan of 100 Years Ago

The Gunsan Modern History Museum, a symbolic space featuring a collection of modern cultural heritage items, is the starting point of a walking tour in Gunsan. In the areas surrounding the museum, you can explore the array of its heritage and the historic downtown one after another. The museum is divided basically into the Marine Logistics History Hall on the 1st floor and the Modern Life Hall on the 3rd floor. There is also the Special Exhibition Hall and the Children's Experience Hall.

The Marine Logistics History Hall features an easily accessible history of Gunsan as a coastal city. Meanwhile, the Modern Life Hall allows visitors to look around and experience the old Gunsan through recreating its streets, which are lined with 11 buildings that actually existed back in the 1930s. Visitors can

walk along these recreated streets and even go into any one of the buildings.

At the Modern Life Hall, a play titled "Time travel back to the 1930s" is held every Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The performance reenacts the life and times of the 1930s, and interacts with the audience while throwing in some humor and laughter. Visitors to the Gunsan Modern History Museum are recommended to try the audio guide service (English, Japanese, and Chinese), which is available for rent at the information desk on the first floor.

- Address: 240, Haemang-ro, Gunsan-si, Jeollabuk-do

- Tel: +82-63-454-7870 (Korean)

- Hours: 09:00 - 18:00 (09:00 - 17:00 in winter, Closed on Mondays)

- Admission: 2,000 won for adults



MIZ Coffee (top) / floating platform (bottom left) / Jangmi Theater (bottom right)

* Traces of Modern Cultural Heritage Around the Jangmi-dong Area

Modern cultural heritage can be found throughout the areas surrounding the Gunsan Modern History Museum, which is adjacent to the inner port of Gunsan, where rice had been shipped to Japan during the annexation by Japan. These heritage sites include Gunsan's old customs house, the former Bank of Joseon Gunsan Branch, the former Japanese MIZ Trading Company, and Jangmi Theater, which was once used as a warehouse for storing grains by the Joseon Granary Corporation. Preserved for their modern architectural values, the old buildings are presently used for other purposes.

The granary has been turned into a multi-purpose theater that hosts a diverse range of small performances, and the MIZ Trading

Company has been renovated into the MIZ Café, offering a place of rest for pedestrian travelers. It is operated as a book café, where customers can enjoy a cup of coffee or other selection of drinks while enjoying a good book.

Jangmi Gallery hosts a wide range of hands-on programs, such as wooden necklace making, incense pouch making, natural dyeing, and more. Participation fees range from 1,000 to 5,000 won and most of the programs take only about 10 minutes, so you can easily have a go at making a craft of your own. The modern cultural heritage sites around Jangmi-dong make for an enjoyable journey into the past that lets you see, experience, and taste the old Gunsan.



* Hirotsu House

The Hirotsu House is a major modern cultural heritage site of Gunsan. The two-story house is a traditional Japanese wooden mansion erected by a Japanese merchant named Hirotsu, who accumulated great wealth in the Gunsan region under Japanese imperialism. Upon entering the building gate, visitors can choose to go inside the house or out into the garden through the front entrance. There are six rooms, a kitchen, a dining room, and bathrooms lining the corridors. In particular, the building's first floor has been equipped with both the Korean-style under-floor heating system "ondol" and the Japanese-style "tatami" floor mats, making it impossible to compare the two countries' different heating methods. The long corridors on the first and second floors have large windows that look out over the garden. The Hirotsu House is also a well-known filming location for Korean movies, such as "The General's Son" (1990) and "The War of Flower" (2006).

Nearby Attractions

<Tourist Information Centers>

* Gunsan Tourist Information Center

* Jinpo Tourist Information Center

-Address: 32, Naehang 2-gil, Gunsan-si, Jeollabuk-do

-Hours: 10:00 - 18:00 (Closed on Mondays)

-Services: Sightseeing guidance, tourist information, and travel promotional materials available

-Inquiries: +82-63-445-4472 (Korean)

* Gunsan City Hall homepage: <http://www.gunsan.go.kr> (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

<Transportation>

Express Bus: Seoul Central City Bus Terminal - Gunsan Bus Terminal (first bus 06:00 / last bus 23:05)

Train: Yongsan Station - Gunsan Station (first train 05:35 / last train 20:35)

* Getting to Gunsan Modern History Museum

From in front of Gunsan Express Bus Terminal, take bus 1, 2, or 8 and get off in front of Gunsan Modern History Museum.

(Gunsan's modern cultural heritage, such as Gunsan Customs, Modern Art Museum, and Modern Architecture Exhibition Hall can be reached on foot from Gunsan Modern History Museum.)

* Getting to Eunpa Lake Park

From Naehang-sageori (inner port four-way intersection) bus stop in front of Gunsan Modern History Museum, take Bus 11, 12, or 71 (bus runs approximately every hour) and get off in front of Gungjeon Wedding Hall.

Seoul rejoices the winter with these ice skating rinks



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Every year end, the capital city of Seoul opens outdoor skating rinks to citizens at multiple locations, transforming itself into an attractive winter destination. That's no exception this year, as the city is busy gearing up for operation, and rinks all across town will be sprouting up starting on December 19. Here are two of the most popular rinks in town.

The Seoul Square Ice Skating Rink, which draws in more than 200,000 pro and novice ice-skaters, will be open from December 19, 2014, until next year on February 8. One of the reasons that make this place ideal to visit, besides its pivotal location, is its indisputably cheap admission fee. For just 1,000 won - approximately one dollar USD - you can skate for a whole hour. The only downside to that is the place becomes heavily crowded during peak times. Also, various food stalls that offer hot and tasty treats to boost your engines will be available near the rink.

The other popular option is the Olympic Park Ice Skating Rink, located inside of Olympic Park, which will be allowing visitors in from December 19, 2014 to February 8, 2015. The site's massive area of nearly 1800m² makes this another popular place to go ice skating as well as enjoy other tourist attractions like Mongchontoseong Fortress and Soma Museum of Art, which are both close to the park.

Please note that all ice skaters at the rink must wear gloves, and enter-



ing the rink will be prohibited during maintenance times.

More Info

<Seoul Square Ice Skating Rink>

• Venue: City Hall (Seoul Plaza) in Jung-gu, Seoul

* Nearest subway: City Hall Station (Seoul Subway Line 1, 2), Exit 5 & 6

• Period: December 19, 2014-February 8, 2015

• Operating hours: Sundays to

Thursdays 10:00-21:30 / Fridays to Saturdays, national holidays 10:00-23:00

• Admission: 1,000 won (maximum of 1 hr, the admission includes rental fees of skate shoes and helmet)

• Inquiries: Dasan Call Center +82-2-120 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese, Mongolian)

<Olympic Park Ice Skating Rink>

• Venue: World Peace Gate at Olympic Park in Songpa-gu, Seoul

* Nearest subway: Mongchon-

toseong Station (Seoul Subway Line 8), Exit 1

• Period: December 19, 2014-February 8, 2015 (TBA)

• Operating hours: 09:00-20:30

• Fees: Admission 1,500 won (1.5 hrs max.), skate shoes and helmet rentals 500 won

• 1330 Korea Travel Hotline: +82-2-1330 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Courtesy of Seoul Metropolitan Government



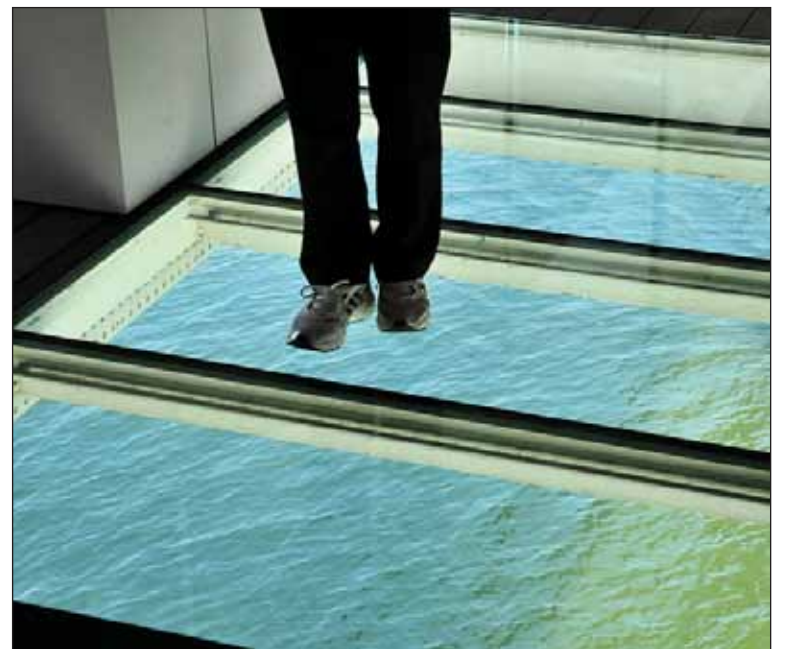
Romantic Night Trip to Gwangjingyo Bridge's Riverview 8th Avenue



By courtesy of Kim Bo Yeon
Visit Korea Journalist

traversing large cities are few in the world. Also, the Hangang River is often considered a river of the people, containing various elements of the life moments of Koreans and Korea's dramatic economic growth. Why don't you take a break with your family and friends to soak in the charisma of Korea near this remarkable river?

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Of the many bridges in Seoul, Gwanggyo Bridge, which was the first bridge built on the Hangang River, has a rest area on the east side of the bridge. It is also known for a comfortable walking path with landscaped facilities and various-shaped streetlights. Located between Cheonho Station and Gwangnaru Station of Seoul Subway Line 5, Gwanggyo Bridge is much more conducive to pedestrian traffic than vehicles, making it highly recommended for a leisurely walk where one can appreciate the scenery of Seoul.

People may walk towards Gwangnaru or Cheonho-dong over the bridge. While walking along the bridge and taking in the dazzling city lights of Seoul reflected off the river, people can drop by Riverview 8th Avenue, which is situated in the middle of the bridge. The 8th avenue reference was given as it sits right

next to the eighth pillar on the bridge. Once selected as one of the top 10 date spots in Seoul, many couples visit the bridge, and scenes from the well-known Korean TV show "Iris" were filmed there. Riverview 8th Avenue is architecturally regarded as the first Korean observation area under a bridge, and even more meaningful is the fact that it is one of only three sub-bridge deck observation areas in the world.

Once finding the sign to Riverview 8th Avenue, take the glowing glass staircase to get there. The location under the bridge deck combined with the many glass structures help deliver a surreal feeling of actually walking on the river itself. There are also small, charming performance and exhibition spaces available for which the purpose is to make Riverview 8th Avenue a cultural space for citizens. When the sun goes down, walk along the Hangang River to enjoy the romantic nightscapes of Seoul.

- Website: <http://riverview8.co.kr/> (Korean)
- Operating hours:
- Dec – Mar: 11:00 – 21:00
- Apr – Nov: 10:00 – 22:00
- *Closed on Mondays of the second and fourth week
- 1330 Korea Travel Hotline: +82-2-1330 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)



Sibijisin Story

Korean Traditional Culture



The New Year 2015 is referred to as 'Eulminyeon' group of twelve animal guardian deities collectively (sibi) Gods of the Earth (jisin)." The animals of the Sibihorse, sheep, monkey, chicken, dog and pig.

In ancient times, Koreans had referred to the twelve the hours between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. had been called 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. "Misi" (Time of the Sheep). The entire each represented by one of the twelve animals. Also, the animals had been thought to represent directions. As the animals have long been revered as guardians against evil spirits, their statues have been built around many royal tombs and sites.

Moreover, each year is marked by a jisin; since there are twelve jisins, the cycle repeats every 12 years. It is traditionally believed that people possess the personality of the animal that marks their birth year. Therefore, the year and the time of birth are often used to determine one's personality and fate.

or 'Year of the Sheep.' The sheep is the eighth in the known as the Sibijisin, which literally means "Twelve jisin are the mouse, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake,

animals to measure the hours of the day. For example, "Myosi" (Time of the Rabbit), and the hours between day had been divided into twelve different "times,"

Sibijisin and Times

Mouse: Jasi (23:00-01:00)	The mouse is the most active during Jasi.
Cow: Chuksi (01:00-03:00)	The cow chews cud during Chuksi in preparation for the next morning's work in the field.
Tiger: Insi (03:00-05:00)	The tiger is the most ferocious during Insi.
Rabbit: Myosi (05:00-07:00)	During Myosi, before the sunrise, the rabbit can be seen on the moon.
Dragon: Jinsi (07:00-09:00)	During Jinsi, the dragon gathers the clouds to bring rain.
Snake: Sasi (09:00-11:00)	The snake sleeps during Sasi, and will not harm anyone.
Horse: Osi (11:00-13:00)	During Osi, the "yang" (male) energy turns into the "yin" (female) energy. The horse that gallops across the earth, which is the 'yin', represents the time.
Sheep: Misi (13:00-15:00)	Misi is the ideal time for the sheep to graze without harming the grass.
Monkey: Sinsi (15:00-17:00)	The monkey cries the most during Sinsi.
Chicken: Yusi (17:00-19:00)	The chicken returns to its nest during Yusi.
Dog: Salsi (19:00-21:00)	As the sun sets during Salsi, the dog begins guarding its house.
Pig: Haesi (21:00-23:00)	The pig sleeps the most deeply during Haesi.

Meaning of the 12 Sibiji

	Animals	Time	Months	Directions
Ja	Mouse	23:00~01:00	Nov	N
Chuk	Cow	01:00~03:00	Dec	NN
In	Tiger	03:00~05:00	Jan	NEE
Myo	Rabbit	05:00~07:00	Feb	E
Jin	Dragon	07:00~09:00	Mar	SEE
Sa	Snake	09:00~11:00	Apr	SSE
O	Horse	11:00~13:00	May	S
Mi	Sheep	13:00~15:00	Jun	SSW
Sin	Monkey	15:00~17:00	Jul	SWW
Yu	Chicken	17:00~19:00	Aug	W
Sul	Dog	19:00~21:00	Sep	NWW
Hae	Pig	21:00~23:00	Oct	NNW

Just for Fun: Birth Year Personality Test (*This story is related to Korea's traditional ideology)

Mouse (1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008)
People born in the year of the mouse are frugal, honest, and hardworking. They are also witty and efficient. However, their soft hearts may make them become wary of others, and lead to conflicts.

Cow (1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009)
People born in the year of the cow honest, charismatic, patient and hardworking. They do not like to fail, either in career or love.

Tiger (1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010)
People born in the year of the tiger are passionate, honest, optimistic, and proactive. Honor and glory are their biggest motivations. However, their passion for success may lead to recklessness.

Rabbit (1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011)
People born in the year of the rabbit are sensitive, humorous, and talented. They are artists. In attaining success, they tend to put little effort in their endeav-

ors, relying too much on their talent instead.
Dragon (1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012)
People born in the year of the dragon are adventurous, emotional and efficient. However, they may get caught up in daydreaming of a romantic lifestyle, or become too arrogant.

Snake (1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013)
People born in the year of the snake are ambitious and hardworking. They are perfectionists. However, their overly perfectionist personality often results in self-doubt.

Horse (1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014)
People born in the year of the horse are cheerful, open-minded and consistent. However, they have a tendency to be arrogant and wasteful.

Sheep (1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015)
People born in the year of the sheep are compassionate and peaceful. However, they are also fearful and

indecisive.
Monkey (1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004)
People born in the year of the monkey are social, cheerful, and positive. However, they lack tenacity.

Chicken (1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005)
People born in the year of the chicken are intelligent and courageous. They are also meticulous and morally upright. However, they can also be self-centered and stubborn.

Dog (1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006)
People born in the year of the dog are honest, cheerful, sympathetic and responsible. However, they have a tendency to become reckless in maintaining relationships.

Pig (1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007)
People born in the year of the pig are honest, simple and tough-minded. Many are hardworking. However, their indecisiveness may hinder self-development.

