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## Simulated aircraft accident tests Wolf Pack response



First responders from the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department simulate hosing down an F-16 Fighting Falcon during an emergency management exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 12, 2015. The EME tested the Wolf Pack's ability to quickly respond to an aircraft accident on base and provided realistic training for those involved. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Divine Cox)

**By Senior Airman Divine Cox**  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Airmen here were tested by the wing inspection team during a simulated aircraft accident that occurred near the north end of the runway, Jan. 12.

The exercise kicked off at approximately 8:30 p.m. when a pilot called in a simulated engine failure to the air traffic control tower while 30 miles out.

As part of the exercise scenario, base leadership and responders were notified that the pilot attempted a flame-out landing 350 feet from the runway before successfully ejecting. The scenario continued with the jet crashing along the runway and traveling out of control before coming to a stop near the end of runway, where it then began to ignite.

When responders arrived on scene, they found clouds of smoke around a single parked jet. Further down the runway, 8th Medical Group Airmen responded to a role-player posing as the pilot who was injured when landing following ejection.

"The purpose of this emergency management exercise was to test the wing's ability to respond to an emergency situation," said Master Sgt. Justin Carlton, 8th Fighter Wing inspection manager. "We fly planes like these every day, and exercises like this ensure that in case of a real-world accident, the Wolf Pack will be able to respond quickly and proficiently."

Inspectors watched and waited as they evaluated the base's ability to take the necessary steps to safely and quickly respond to the incident.

"The members reacted phenomenally," said Carlton. "The first responders communicated well with one an-

other, and everyone moved with a sense of urgency."

Aside from alerting first responders, Airmen were also tested on their ability to care for the injured pilot and provide basic life-saving techniques learned from self-aid and buddy care.

"My job is to save lives and protect all structures on base, to include the airfield, at all times," said Staff Sgt. Cody Williams, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron lead firefighter. "All Airmen should be able to respond to any emergency situation, and assist victims before emergency personnel arrive--not just first responders."

From what he observed, Carlton believes the Wolf Pack is ready to tackle any situation that is thrown its way.

"It's through realistic training scenarios that the Wolf Pack is able to prepare for any contingency," added Carlton. "It's just another way we keep ourselves ready to fight tonight."



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# Former Airman sentenced to 18 years in drunken-driving death tells story



**Former Airman 1st Class Lane Wyatt recounts the night of June 30, 2013, when he killed Citari Townes-Sweatt in a drunken-driving accident. Wyatt was sentenced Dec. 19, 2014, to 18 years in prison. (U.S. Air Force photos/David Bedard)**

**By Chris McCann**

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Public Affairs

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska (AFNS) --** He was born into an Air Force family, moving around from Florida, to Okinawa, then to Oklahoma.

"My parents were strict," said Lane Wyatt, a former airman first class and client-systems technician stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

His father, a retired Air Force major, started off as an enlisted Airman before commissioning. His parents inculcated values, but for a while, Wyatt said, he slipped.

"I knew I was going wild when I got out of high school," Wyatt said. "I had to straighten up, and the military was the best option."

He enlisted in the Air Force and his parents came to the ceremony when he graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.

"They were happy -- they thought I was party-crazy, and I flipped the script on them," he said. "I was planning on going to college, and before I'd said I wasn't going to go. I wanted to be a scuba instructor, so I was figuring out what I had to do to get there."

For his first duty station, Wyatt was assigned to the 673rd Communications Squadron at Elmendorf where he took to his job immediately.

One senior NCO said Wyatt appeared to be on the fast track to achieve his dream of being a chief master sergeant. But that dream disappeared when Wyatt made the choice to drive drunk -- killing Citari Townes-Sweatt, a 20-year-old woman.

On June 29, 2013, former Airman 1st Class Lane Wyatt and a couple of his friends decided to hang out at the home of another friend who'd just returned from a deployment. They later decided to go out for the evening, so they dropped off their cars and called a taxi.

"We just had fun," he said. "It was a guy's night out. I left my car; I didn't plan on driving... The plan was to go home and crash out."

At some point later, the group decided to go dancing at a bar in the area where they ran into an Airman Wyatt knew from base.

As the evening was coming to a close, Wyatt and his compatriots called Joint Base Against Drunk Driving, an Elmendorf-based volunteer organization that offers free rides home to service members. Not wanting the fun to stop, they invited the newcomer, and the girl he was hanging out with, to join them. They returned safely to the house, where they listened to music and goofed off.

Sometime after 4 a.m., the new Airman and the girl he was hanging out with decided they wanted to head home, which was about a half-mile away.

"I decided I'd give them a ride," Wyatt said. "I thought I was good to drive. I thought I was fine."

His friends protested, but ultimately they all piled into his Chrysler 300 and were on their way, laughing and joking.

While on their journey, they stopped at a red light where Wyatt said someone pulled up beside them and revved their engine as if they wanted to race. He did it back, in jest, before they started through the intersection. Though he didn't actually race, the other car fell behind.

"I remember coming up to a green light," he said. "Then it turned yellow."

He wasn't sure whether to speed through the intersection or try to stop. According to prosecutors, Wyatt was doing 50 to 55 mph when he opted to go through the light.

"I didn't see anyone, I just saw lights," Wyatt said.

The next thing Wyatt remembered was waking up draped over the steering wheel, his nose bleeding. He got out of the car, as did his friends.

"I just stood there and looked, trying to take it in... I thought they hit us," he said.

One of the other Airman asked how he was doing.

"It was like after an explosion in a movie, when there's no sound, just the ringing," he said. "I had no idea what to do. The girl was in the back seat and there was blood on her face, so we tried to get her out and calm her down."

"I just remember standing there, not knowing what to do... People were yelling at me to stay where I was. I told my friend I was going to jail. I was terrified," he continued.

Shortly after the accident the police showed up.

"I didn't want my friends to get in trouble," he said. "I said they didn't know I had been drinking."

The police took him to the Anchorage Correctional Center where they asked about the evenings events. His blood alcohol concentration was 0.196.

When they were done, Wyatt asked for his phone and he called his father.

"He told me to stay calm," Wyatt recalled. "Neither of us realized how serious it was. I didn't know anyone was seriously injured or anything."

When the police officer returned, he placed Wyatt under arrest for one count of driving under the influence, three counts of assault in the third degree, four counts of assault in the first degree, and manslaughter.

He was shocked.

He later called his supervisor, Staff Sgt. Corina Arangure.

"I was pretty hysterical," he said. "I told her the charges and I asked her to call my parents. And then I sat. They let me walk around, but I didn't want to be seen. It was my first time in jail."

"I felt horrible. I spent the next few hours crying on the floor of the cell. A mental health provider came and asked me about it and all I could say was 'someone died, someone died.'"

Townes-Sweatt was killed almost instantly in the crash. Her four passengers sustained serious injuries, which led to the first-degree assault charges. Wyatt's own three passengers had superficial injuries, adding up to the three counts of third-degree assault.

"She was the designated driver," Wyatt said, tears spilling down his face. "And I feel like the trash of the earth. It's one of those things that's unforgiveable. A lowlife does that, and that's not me."

Master Sgt. Paul Kodiak was the communication squadron's acting first sergeant. He had known Wyatt as an Airman in another section, but didn't really meet him until that day in jail.

"The reality of the situation really hit me when that second door closed behind me," Kodiak said. "He couldn't answer a lot of things because of the investigation, but he said 'I'm not that kind of guy, sergeant Kodiak.' ... I sat and talked with him until they kicked me out. It was only about 45 minutes -- not long enough... I left there empty."

Wyatt was freed on bail after about six months, and was able to return to work. He had an ankle monitor and a third-party custodian -- a guardian who, outside of work, could never leave his side.

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# Sexual Assault Prevention Town Hall at Osan

By Staff Sgt. Jake Barreiro  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Team Osan opened the doors of the Enlisted Club ballroom Thursday, but not for hosting a meal or providing evening entertainment. Instead denizens of Osan Air Base were given the chance to voice their problems and share their ideas on making a change in culture, not just at Osan, but Air Force wide.

At the Sexual Assault Prevention town hall Jan. 8, 2015, the 51st Fighter Wing Commander and Command Chief hosted an open forum to get first-person input from audience members. The feedback is intended to assist the 51st FW Sexual Assault Response Coordinators, who are travelling to Washington D.C. next week for a week-long sexual assault prevention summit.

The town hall followed headquarters Air Force's release of information stating the force has made strides in combating sexual assault, with 800 fewer active-duty Airmen experiencing unwanted sexual contact and 500 more Airmen reporting the crime in fiscal year 2014 as compared to 2012.

Maj. Gen. Gina Grosso, director of Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, has said that the priority of a strong SAPR system has been vital to the results of fewer sexual assault incidents and more victims reporting the crime. Going forward, prevention will be the key to eliminating sexual assault from the ranks.

Col. Brook Leonard, 51st FW commander, said at the town hall that prevention has to be achieved by respect, at all levels of the scale.

"Preventing sexual assault means more than just taking care of yourself," said Leonard. "It means having respect for yourself and others, fostering a culture that's professional and valuing others as much as we value ourselves."

Attendees at the open forum were able to voice their concerns, either in person or through social media. The scheduled-for 60 minutes meeting lasted more than 90, giving the wing SARC a lot of first-hand information to take with them to Washington, and by using social media they were able to staff more than 30 questions the team was unable to address during the event.

Questions and comments at the forum ranged from topics of gender stereotyping, victim blaming, alcohol consumption, "bro culture," bystander intervention, profiling, and perceptions about false reports.



Col. Brook Leonard, 51st Fighter Wing commander, speaks at a Sexual Assault Prevention town hall Jan. 8, 2014, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The open-forum meeting was designed to give attendees the chance to voice their concerns and ideas to the 51st FW's Sexual Assault Response Coordinators, who are scheduled to attend a week-long sexual assault prevention summit in Washington D.C. next week. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jake Barreiro)

Because the event was an open-forum, a wide range of opinions and ideas surfaced, something the Command Chief encouraged.

"This is all very important feedback," said Chief Master Sgt. Terrence Greene at the event. "We all need to have an entire conversation about what's right and wrong."

Dialogue is the best way to build a culture of respect, said Leonard.

"This is an issue that you all know we'll continue to work through and do the best we can to create an environment where disrespect isn't tolerated," said Leonard. "What you're doing here today, raising your hands, voicing your ideas, that's what we need."

The goal of the forthcoming sexual assault prevention summit in Washington will be to make new prevention tools with designed training created to address the issue of sexual assault prevention head on, said Grosso in a previous report. The training will focus on communication and victim empathy.

"This needs to happen at all levels - from the peer group, to the first-line supervisors, with commanders taking the lead," she said.

And prevention isn't just a futuristic ideal, but an attainable goal.

"I believe we can absolutely create an Air Force free from sexual assault because there is no important task for the nation that Airmen cannot achieve," said Grosso.

## DeCA working to fix product shortages for overseas stores

DeCA Corporate Communications

**FORT LEE, Va.** -- The Defense Commissary Agency is working to overcome challenges that have impacted the timely delivery of products to stores in Europe and the Pacific, the agency director and CEO said.

In some instances commissary patrons experienced critical shortages in perishable products such as chilled juices, produce and dairy products.

"Several factors have caused our overseas stores to fall short of what's required to serve our patrons there," DeCA Director and CEO Joseph H. Jeu said. "We are doing everything possible - increasing our product re-orders, looking for additional approved local sources and examining alternative shipping methods - to find solutions to these problems and ensure that products are available for our customers wherever they shop."

DeCA's supply chain has many moving parts. U.S. products bound for commissaries in Europe and the Pacific are first transported from the United States by ocean vessels to overseas docks and then trucked to central distribution centers. From the CDCs, the products are further transported by truck to individ-

ual stores. This process is also supplemented by local purchase contracts for certain items such as bread and dairy products.

In the Pacific, shipments destined for commissaries in Hawaii, Guam, Korea, mainland Japan and Okinawa have been delayed up to 10 days due to ongoing West Coast port delays related to negotiations between the Pacific Maritime Association and labor unions representing West Coast dock workers. Mediators from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service recently joined these negotiations.

The West Coast port delays have impacted the ability of commissaries in the Pacific to keep shelves fully stocked with sensitive chill products, such as yogurts, luncheon meats, butter, fresh bone-in meat and fresh pork. Frozen and dry grocery products were not affected by the West Coast port delays because a 30-day supply of those products is maintained in DeCA's central distribution centers. DeCA cannot maintain a warehouse supply of sensitive chill items because of their shorter shelf life.

DeCA officials will continue to focus on finding solutions to work around ongoing West Coast port delays that continue to affect the transportation of products

to the Pacific. Commissary personnel there are standing ready to receive incoming shipments immediately upon arrival and stock them to the shelves.

With shipments scheduled to arrive weekly, management is keeping customers informed with signs in the stores. "However, if a customer doesn't see the product they want to purchase on the shelf, he or she can check with their local store management to find out when it will be received," said David Carey, DeCA's Pacific Area director. "We apologize for the inconvenience this has caused our shoppers during the holiday season."

At European ports, sea containers were unable to clear customs when a computer process failed, which stalled deliveries of perishable items from Dec. 18-24. During that same period, system failures between DeCA's Integrated Business System and its warehouse management system affected the delivery of about 40 percent of the frozen food items from DeCA's Cold Storage plant in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Non-perishable and produce items were not affected by the business system issues. DeCA anticipates improved stock availability in Europe by Jan. 14, depending on delivery location.

# Gen. Scaparrotti visits the Wolf Pack



Above: F-16 pilots talk to Gen. Scaparrotti about the Wolf Pack mission. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)

Right: (Right) U.S. Air Force Maj. Johnny West, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, briefs U.S. Army Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea commander, on maintenance operations at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 9, 2015. Gen. Scaparrotti had the opportunity to see firsthand how Kunsan Airmen contribute to deterring aggression on the Korean Peninsula during his first visit to Kunsan.

Left Below: Gen. Scaparrotti receives his official Wolf Pack jersey during his visit to Kunsan Air Base

Right below: (From left to right) The commanders and senior enlisted leaders of U.S. Forces Korea, 7th Air Force, 8th Fighter Wing, and Republic of Korea AF 38th Fighter Group pose for a photo in front of the 8 FW headquarters building at Kunsan Air Base, ROK, Jan. 9, 2015. This gathering marked the first visit of Gen. Scaparrotti with the Wolf Pack.



# USFK commander: The Wolf Pack is ready to Fight Tonight



Airman Michael Rowson, 8th Security Forces Squadron entry controller, briefs U.S. Army Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea commander, on security protocols during his first visit to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 9, 2015. Gen. Scaparrotti had an opportunity to see firsthand how Kunsan Airmen contribute to deterring aggression on the Korean Peninsula. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)

## By Senior Airman Taylor Curry 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- The commander of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea visited the 8th Fighter Wing for the first time and talked to its members about their importance here on the peninsula Jan. 9.

Throughout his visit, Army Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti had the opportunity to personally see how Kunsan Airmen contribute to deterring aggression on the Korean Peninsula, help maintain the ROK-U.S. Alliance and defend the ROK.

"The Airmen here at Kunsan are an essential part of sustaining and strengthening the Alliance," said Gen. Scaparrotti. "Their hard work and dedication is just one of the reasons why the ROK-U.S. Alliance has been so successful throughout the past 60 years."

After Gen. Scaparrotti coined Airmen for their outstanding contributions to the Wolf Pack mission, he briefed Airmen on the importance of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response.

The briefing served as an open dialogue to discuss what Gen. Scaparrotti stated is a culture problem, one that needs to be addressed on all levels. He iterated that everyone is responsible for

attacking the problem head-on, and that we don't need passive leaders and bystanders.

Following the brief, Gen. Scaparrotti watched the Kunsan Sexual Assault Theater Group perform a skit using scenario-based presentations. The SATG is comprised of volunteers whose goal is to educate Airmen on sexual assault prevention.

"It was a great experience having the chance to perform for the USFK commander, all the while getting the message out concerning SAPR," said Senior Airman Shelby May, 8th Maintenance Squadron avionics team member and Kunsan SATG actress. "By putting on these skits, we make these scenarios seem real to people, so it gives them a chance to see how things can really be. It really opens the audience's eyes and makes them feel sympathy for those affected. The general seemed impressed by what he saw, and I'm glad we had the opportunity to perform for him."

The next stop on his tour was to the base's first line of defense at the main gate with Wolf Pack defenders. While there, entry controllers briefed the general on security protocols, including the specific procedures for preventing unlawful entry onto the base.

His final stop was to a hardened air-



Gen. Scaparrotti watches a performance from the Kunsan Air Base Sexual Assault Theater Group. The SATG presents skits to educate Airmen on sexual assault prevention using scenario-based presentations.

craft shelter, where pilots and maintainers showcased how they keep Wolf Pack jets flying, ensuring protection over the peninsula and its people.

Overall, Gen. Scaparrotti stated he was pleased to see how the Wolf Pack is dedicated to fighting its mission while

taking care of its Airmen.

"I've been impressed with the Wolf Pack even before I arrived here," he said. "I'm even more impressed now that I've seen them in person. I'm very confident that each Airman here is ready to fight tonight."

**From front page, Simulated aircraft accident tests Wolf Pack response**



A member of the wing inspection team evaluates first responders during an emergency management exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 12, 2015. The EME tested the ability of Wolf Pack Airmen to quickly respond to an aircraft accident on base, while providing realistic training. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Divine Cox)



## Biomedical Sciences Corps celebrates 50th anniversary

### 8th Fighter Wing Medical Group

The Air Force recognizes the achievements of the men and women who comprise the Biomedical Sciences Corps (BSC) by designating 26 – 30 January, 2015, as BSC Appreciation Week. This year is noteworthy as it marks the 50th anniversary of the Biomedical Sciences Corps.

The BSC's roots date back to 1917, when the Sanitary Corps was established to combat infectious diseases. The Army Medical Administrative Corps followed three years later. In 1949, the Air Force Medical Service was officially established. The Air Force Medical Service continued to ex-

pand over the next two decades and in 1965, the Biomedical Sciences Corps was born. Over the past 50 years, the BSC continued to expand its range of personnel to include a wide variety of medically-trained professionals.

To date, the BSC's mission is to enhance Air Force combat capability and effectiveness by providing world-class customer service and scientific expertise, resulting in peak force performance, productivity, and quality healthcare to our beneficiary population. Comprised of 15 primary specialty codes, the BSC is the most diverse corps in the Air Force Medical Service. Capitalizing on their breadth of expertise, the BSC's motto is: United

in the Mission.

With 2,400 officers, supported by 5,800 enlisted members in parallel career fields, BSC members can be found at 81 locations around the world and also in multiple settings. The BSC encompasses physical therapy, optometry, podiatry, physician assistants, audiology, speech pathology, clinical psychology, clinical social work, occupational therapy, aerospace and operational physiology, dietetics, bioenvironmental engineers, public health, medical entomology, pharmacy, biomedical laboratory, healthcare facilities architects/engineers and health & medical physics. In addition to specialty roles within our medical treatment facilities,

BSC officers are embedded within operational units, serve at every level of medical command, and lead on staffs of the MAJCOMs, Forward Operating Agencies, and Headquarters Air Force. Additionally, the Biomedical Sciences Corps is heavily invested in research and a host of other vital roles to meet the demands of the Air Force mission.

Please join the Air Force in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Biomedical Sciences Corps and recognizing the contributions of these outstanding men and women who dedicate their lives to improving health, maximizing performance, and providing trusted medical care to support our most vital resource, our Airmen.

## Airman 1st Class Nikki Herrera

### 51st Communications Squadron

**Job title:** Client Systems Technician

**Job description:**

- Provides computer/phone support for 7 AF, 51 FW, 12 associate units & five geographically separated units
- Installs and maintains connectivity for C2 telephones, data, radios and secure telecommunications equipment
- Performs system hardware/software operations, installation, configuration & troubleshoots operating systems
- Interprets service orders and coordinates circuits installation/repair activities with appropriate base agencies

**Time in military:** 2 years

**Time in Osan:** 16 months

**DEROS:** Sept. 2015

**Hometown:** Las Vegas, Nev.

**Hobbies:** Art, drawing, reading, tennis and cooking

**Why did you join the military?** Tuition assistance, traveling, serving my country and experiencing new cultures.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years or 20 years?** Becoming a pharmacist.

**What do you do for fun here?** Community Service events (orphanage visits, Troops for Trash and Airmen Watch)

**What is your favorite Air Force memory or story?** Starting on the job training at Osan and being part of the operational Air Force. Living on my own and having real responsibilities for the first time in my life.



Airman 1st Class Nikki Herrera, 51st Communications Squadron client systems technician, prepares to add a computer to the network Dec. 18, 2014, on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Herrera is this week's Airman Spotlight winner. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman David Owsianka)

**What accomplishments are you most proud of?** I am the first person in my family to join the military.

**Who are your role models?** Amy Poehler and Tina Fey for their work on breaking stereotypes of women in the media. Abraham Lincoln for his leader-

ship abilities. The NCOs in my squadron who have taken me under their wing and mentored me.

## Mustang's mission, four principles

By Senior Airman David Owsianka  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --** *This is the first in a series of articles relating an overview of the mission at Osan Air Base. The major role Team Osan plays in the Republic of Korea and the extent of its mission will be showcased in several areas including: defending the base, executing operations, receiving forces and reinforcing stability in the ROK. Concluding the series will be a wrap-up article with a video showing the broad spectrum of the base's mission.*

Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, is home to the most forward, permanently deployed Airpower Team in the world and our collective mission is to reinforce stability in the ROK.

"The mission of not only the Mustangs, but all of Team Osan is incredibly important," said Col. Brook Leonard, 51st FW and Installation Commander. "The foundation of this mission is built on the strength of the U.S.-ROK alliance, a steadfast and unwavering commitment between our nations that has expanded into a deep, comprehensive partnership working together to combat regional and global threats. Simply put our mission is stability brought about by daily readiness."

Upon arriving at Osan, Airmen are quickly oriented, equipped and trained upon arrival.

"'Fight Tonight' or more appropriately 'Fight Right Now' is not merely a slogan to Team Osan," said Leonard. "As soon as an Airman, Soldier, Sailor or Marine steps off the plane, they quickly learn the importance of being trained and ready to fight at a moment's notice. Everything we do, from flying armistice training sorties to ensuring a member's pay is correct to maintaining our infrastructure and securing the base--everything hinges on being always ready, tonight--or sooner if necessary."

The first mission principle, defend the base, ensures all Team Osan members act as sensors to properly alert security forces response teams if something suspicious occurs. Defending the base isn't just about the people either, it also is ensuring that the base infrastructure is capable of withstanding a potential attack.

The second mission principle, execute operations, calls the men and women of the 51st FW to provide combat ready forces for close air support, air strike control, forward air control-airborne, combat search and rescue, counter air and fire and interdiction in the defense of the ROK.

The third mission principle, receive forces, covers the gamut of military operations to include receiving, bedding down, maintaining and employing follow-on forces. This takes an incredible amount of effort, but the effort is vital to ensure sustained combat operations.

"Receiving forces is a critical enabler in our collective ability to fight tonight," said Lt. Col. William Berck, 731st Air Mobility Squadron commander. "As one of a handful of tenant units on Osan, I know firsthand the importance of getting personnel, equipment and resources on the ground quickly and safely. This reception is the backbone of our operations."

The last mission principle, reinforce stability in the ROK, is the glue that binds all the other mission principles together.

"Supporting and defending the Republic of Korea is not only important here in Korea, but adds to stability in the entire Asia-Pacific region," said Leonard. "Everything we do here is built upon a mutual trust between the U.S. and the ROK, and the collective strength of our Airpower Team to deter and defeat aggression. This results in a realistic and robust readiness unmatched anywhere."

In order to be ready to reinforce stability in the ROK, the base holds multiple training exercises throughout the year to test Team Osan's combined strength and readiness. These exercises focus on robust readiness and test Osan's wartime procedures in order to look at our ability to defend the base, execute operations and receive follow-on forces in a realistic manner.

Stay tuned for an in-depth look at the first mission principle, defend the base.



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## The courage to serve: a day on, not a day off

**Chaplain, Maj. Dwayne A. Jones**  
8 Fighter Wing Chaplain

“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

Reverend Doctor Martin King Jr. was a great man, and his legacy continues to live on. He was a leading pillar that embraced justice, equality and nonviolence. Today, his words and teachings are still influential in people’s minds. Dr. King contributed much effort toward humanity and goodwill toward society; I surmise that he was a servant leader. What made him a profound man and electrifying leader? Was it his money? Was it his social status? Was it the color of his skin? Dr. King embodied tenacity, determination and exemplary courage to serve people who were oppressed and treaded the waters of despair and hopelessness. That is a symbol of greatness. Greatness possesses different shades of color, ethnicities, creeds, nationalities—I believe greatness evolves out of courage.

**Courage is the catalyst of greatness.**

Courage is having the ability to do that which is morally right and ethically robust. It is stepping out and doing what is needed to be done because no one else will do it. Courage is the heartbeat of a true leader. Can a leader be effective without courage? I say it is very difficult. But, I have discovered that courage does not discriminate ... it welcomes everyone! Courage comes from the fibers

of one’s soul, which goes and does the unthinkable--and the extraordinary. The United States military has had great war generals, but they did not become great without tenacious men and women enacting that power to engage with courage, to serve with commitment, and love for their wingman or battle buddy to their left and right in the heat of battle. Dr. King noted, “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” Dr. King radiated courage and strength to stand during difficult times. I want to underscore two key basic ingredients that electrified Dr. King’s courage to serve. 1) Love for humanity and 2) His destiny to serve equality.

First, John Donne highlights the essence of being connected to humanity by saying no man is an island. He says, “No man is an island entire of itself. Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main ... any man’s death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind...” Dr. King lived this quote. For him this was the oasis for courage and strength. Love causes a person to move with compassion to take care of the one who is hurting or grieving. I like to think of love as a platform for courage. Dr. King’s love for humanity looked beyond race, ethnicity, gender, and it saw and felt the injustice, inequality, and degradation that plagued people of color. Nevertheless, love for humanity strengthened his heart toward whites and a partial judicial system. Dr. King stated, “Hating people because of their color is wrong. And it

doesn’t matter which color does the hating. It’s just plain wrong.”

Spirituality is a divine common thread that is made with the elastic fibers of love and kindness and it glows with compassion and forgiveness. Spirituality connects with the essence of one’s soul, or the fibers of one’s existence. I have learned from life’s experiences that all of us can be spiritual and not religious. It is the spiritual that will look beyond our faults and see our need. Love is the canopy that covers a multitude of hate. Love for humanity causes us to be spiritually connected.

Second, equality is about creating an impartial and equal atmosphere that generates an opportunity for everyone to excel, build self-dignity, and create positive self-esteem. It appears that Dr. King’s destiny was tied to equality and justice. As leaders, we have the responsibility and obligation to help mentor all people. If we are going to embrace equality, we must be leaders of integrity because integrity summons self-accountability. Self-accountability warrants a certificate of equality for everyone. Dr. King advocated that equal opportunity gave people a fair chance to develop as decision makers. Someone asked General Eisenhower, “How does one develop as a decision maker?” He responded by saying that you have to be at the table. In order to embrace Dr. King’s dream, we have to invite people to the decision-making table who are of different races and genders. It is our destiny as leaders to mentor and cultivate young leaders...a general starts being a general as a second

lieutenant. Equality destroys walls of helplessness, hopelessness, and impossibility. Further, equality builds platforms of self-esteem, endless possibilities and future leaders. Sometimes it takes courage to embrace equality because equality is an intentional and conscious decision. Treating people fair is always the right thing to do.

A few days ago, I asked an Airman, “What does courage mean to you?” She stated, “Courage is the ability to make unpopular decisions ... and at times disagree with the popular decisions.” There were times when Dr. King made unpopular decisions and disagreed with popular decision. I asked another Airman what does the MLK theme “A Day On, Not A Day Off” mean to you? He stated, “I like it because we should always stand for what is right, we can’t afford to take a day off.” Dr. King never took a day off; he served until his untimely death. All of us can be great because we all can serve. Let us not forget that we serve every day ... In essence, YOU ARE GREAT! Remember, “A Day On, Not A Day Off.”





## 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).

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**MARTIN LUTHER KING’S DAY**, 19 Jan 2015, is an official U.S. holiday. The liberal leave policy will be in effect for Korean National (KN) non-essential civilian employees. Employees who wish to take this day off must request and be approved for the appropriate leave (i.e. annual leave, etc.). Supervisors should ensure the time and attendance card for KN civilian employees who wish to be off are properly coded to reflect the appropriate leave code.

Organizations with KN civilian employees scheduled to work should provide adequate supervision. If an office is going to be closed, KN civilian employees can be required to take annual leave but management must provide them with a 24-hour advance notice. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Kim, Min Kyo of the Civilian Personnel Office, 784-4434/8177.

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**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

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**OSAN AIR BASE**

**Protestant Services**

**Gospel (Praise Joy Night)**  
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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**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**



**By Chaplain, Capt. Robert D. Bohnsack**  
51st Fighter Wing Chapel

Recording and touring artist James Taylor retells one of the traditional stories of the recent holiday season with his song, "Home By Another Way." The first verse of the song goes:

*Those magic men the Magi, some people call them wise or Oriental, even kings.*

*Well anyway, those guys, they visited with Jesus, they sure enjoyed their stay.*

*Then warned in a dream of King Herod's scheme, they went home by another way.*

*Yes, they went home by another way, home by another way.*

**"The way home"**

*Maybe me and you can be wise guys too and go home by another way.*

*We can make it another way, safe home as they used to say.*

*Keep a weather eye to the chart on high and go home another way.*

This old story is a unique mix of politics, astronomy, and geography. The story tells of King Herod, the local king. Herod, a very insecure and paranoid man, fears that a baby will take away his throne and power. Additionally, scholars have debated for years about how the wise men could have followed a star to a small town in Palestine. Some say it was a star, others a comet, and others say it was an astronomical occurrence involving a couple of planets. Finally, it is a story of geography. The wise men are strangers from the East. At the end we encounter the geographical twist. After the wise men have traveled to Bethlehem and presented their gifts to the baby they are "warned in a dream not to return to Herod, and they went back home by another road."

The conclusion of this story offers some vital lessons as 2015 begins. First, we are reminded we really should not travel alone. The story does not tell us the ideal size of a traveling group, but it does emphasize traveling with others. Second, the wise men or magi trusted the warning they received in the dream. They did not return home the way they came instead they avoided King Herod and his treachery and went home by another road. As we move forward in 2015 we should all have people, organizations, and faith com-

munities whose advice and guidance we trust. Seek those people out and let them know you trust their advice, wisdom, and guidance. One of the best ways you can tell someone you trust their advice is by following it. You can also be a person of trust. Provide advice and wisdom to those who you know who may be thinking about returning home by a road that will put them on the path of peril.

The most important lesson this story offers is "get home." The magi returned home to their communities and families and so should we. Home for the time being may be your dorm room or apartment, but still get home. Sometimes the safest and best way to get home is to go home by another road. When we take the advice of others and go home by another road we avoid temptation, danger, and poor choices.

In 2015 travel with others. Associate yourself with those whose advice and warnings you trust. Let them know you trust their advice by following it. Be a person of trust. Finally, get home safely. If taking another road home gets you home safely take it. Get home tonight. Get home this weekend. Get home from your Korea assignment. Your friends need you, your family needs you, and your nation needs you.

In 2015 let us remember the words of James Taylor:  
*Maybe me and you can be wise guys too and go home by another way.*

*We can make it another way, safe home as they used to say.*

*Keep a weather eye to the chart on high and go home another way.*

# Panton and Juvat AMU crews battle out weapons load competition

By Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --** Weapons load crew members from the 8th Maintenance Group went head to head here in the fourth quarter weapons loading competition Jan. 9.

Weapons load crews from the 35th Aircraft Maintenance Unit and 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit raced against time as they hoped to take home the ultimate prize - bragging rights and their names on the Wolf Pack's weapons load crew trophy.

"This competition has been going on for many years - pretty much since the Air Force began," said Tech. Sgt. Thomas Anderson, 8th MXG weapons standardization crew member. "There's a lot of heritage in it; everyone knows about it and everyone wants to be a part of it. It definitely gives bragging rights to the winners and allows the two AMUs a chance to have a friendly competition for all of wing leadership to see."

With an 11-point lead comprising one discrepancy difference, Staff Sgt. Trumaine Cox, Senior Airman Gavin Moses and Senior Airman Benjamin Wilsey of crew 40 from the 80th AMU were named the winners.

"It feels great to win this competition in front of all our peers and leadership," Cox said.

Both weapons load crews included a crew chief, a two-man and a three-man, each with specific and varying responsibilities. Although both teams started out with 2,000 points at the start of the timed competition, evaluators deducted or added points in accordance with the crew's technical order accuracy. Scores taken from a multiple-choice written test, dress and appearance evaluation and a tool kit inspection were also judged and added to the final score.

"Both crews distinguished themselves and definitely 'pushed it up' and 'crushed it,'" said Col. Matthew "Phoenix" Sanford, 8th MXG commander. "This is the third load competition since I've been here and everyone gets better every time."



Staff Sgt. Colley Abston, 35th Aircraft Maintenance Unit weapons load crew chief, inspects a bomb prior to attaching it to an F-16 Fighting Falcon during the fourth quarter weapons loading competition Jan. 9, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. In addition to the bomb loading portion, the weapons load competition also included a multiple-choice written test, dress and appearance evaluation and a tool kit inspection. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen)

According to Anderson, the final score of both crews was the closest evaluators have ever recorded. Although the crews were tasked with simultaneously loading one AIM-9 L/M air-to-air missile and two GBU-38 bombs on a BRU-57 bomb rack in 30 minutes or less, both teams completed the task in approximately 14 minutes with only a seven-second difference.

"As a weapons loader our responsibility is to bring combat air power to the Air Force, and we have a say-

ing within weapons - without weapons it's just another airline," Anderson said. "We make sure when the order is given we can generate safe and reliable aircraft munitions. This job can be very dangerous, so Airmen in this career field must be very proficient and maintain technical knowledge. Without weapons loaders being proficient at their job, we would never be able to get aircraft in the air with weapons capable of striking targets."



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Senior Airman Gavin Moses (left), 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit weapons load crew member, and Staff Sgt. Trumaine Cox, 80th AMU weapons load crew chief, raise their hands as they prepare to load a GBU-38 bomb on a BRU-57 bomb rack during the fourth quarter weapons loading competition Jan. 9, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. With just an 11-point lead, Cox, Senior Airman Benjamin Wilsey, and Moses of crew 40 from the 80th AMU were named the winners.



## Congratulations to Crew 40 from the 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit for winning the 4th quarter weapons load competition! Crush 'em!

### From page 3, Former Airman sentenced to 18 years in drunken-driving death tells story

Going back was a relief, Wyatt said, especially compared to the stress of incarceration. His parents came to visit him, and even at work people didn't treat him any differently.

"The Airmen welcomed him back -- not exactly with open arms, but they liked him and respected him for the level of effort he put in," Kodiak said. "They wanted him back."

According to Aranguare, Wyatt was a stellar Airman.

"He was excellent; he was definitely on track," Aranguare said. "He'd ask for ways to improve himself, look for projects to do himself. He'd give anybody the shirt off his back -- and he always will. That's part of who he is."

"He definitely feels all the remorse, the regret, the devastation," Aranguare said. "All the conversations he's had with Ms. Townes-Sweatt's family, there's been nothing but forgiveness. But as much forgiveness as they've given him, and the love, he's still full of absolute regret and remorse."

Wyatt went online and looked up Citari Townes-Sweatt on Facebook. He ended up on her mother's page, looking at posts she'd made and videos she'd linked.

"It was my own personal hell," he said. "I haven't talked to her. I don't know what to say."

After a while, his custodian couldn't provide the around-the-clock presence the court required. Wyatt remanded himself back into custody while his Air Force discharge paperwork was nearing completion.

"He started losing hope," Kodiak said. "His demeanor started changing; I guess he felt the screws were tightening."

"Even as restricted as he was (with the custodian), on base or in his dorm room, he liked that a hell of

a lot better than jail," Kodiak said. "When the discharge was complete, the last thing he asked me was to get his story out. 'If it saves one Airman, it will be worth it,' he said."

Eventually he was moved to the Goose Creek Correctional Center, where he resides for the present. Even there, Wyatt said, he sees people who knew Townes-Sweatt.

"Every single day I run into people who were affected by it," he said. "They were dating someone who knew her, or they were friends, or people she knew in high school... They say they forgive me, but it doesn't feel right being around them. I try to avoid being around them. I don't deserve to be around them."

Wyatt said he heard the safety briefings and seen the videos about the dangers of drinking and driving. He'd even been at an Airman's Call where the guest speaker was an Airman who'd gotten a second chance after a DUI.

"I thought, 'I'm never going to be 'that guy,'" he said. "I never thought I'd do it. And then I became that guy."

If he'd given it any real thought, Wyatt said he knew a DUI could be devastating to his future.

"But hurting someone ... that's not what you think about," he said. "You don't think you're going to kill someone."

"Ninety-nine years is the maximum they could give me," he said Aug. 7, 2014 before his sentencing. "But it's not the years. That doesn't matter as much as I killed a young woman. Seeing people so affected, that's what matters."

"I brought shame on the military, I brought shame on my parents -- and those people (in Townes-Sweatt's car), they're still recovering from serious things

they'll have to live with for the rest of their lives. I'm just sorry."

Wyatt pled guilty to a count of murder in the second degree, one charge of assault in the first degree, and a DUI, condensing some of the assault charges in exchange for the upgrade from manslaughter to murder, and was sentenced to 18 years in prison.

"I hope to get out before I'm 35," he said. With good behavior, a chance at parole may give him that opportunity, but it's still a long way off.

"Until then, I take it a day at a time. There will be difficulties finding a job. I'll be a convicted felon, and I know how that looks on a resume. It will be hard to go back to normal."

He has three brothers, one in the Air Force, and his family has stood by him.

"I thought I'd be disowned," he said. "It makes it easier, having people -- it gives me hope for the future. I'm not going to be by myself."

Kodiak, now a first sergeant with the 673d Logistics Readiness Squadron, said the two years he has spent in contact with Wyatt have given him a new outlook on his role as an NCO.

"He's motivated things that had kind of died out in me," Kodiak said. "Being more alert, not taking things for granted, and especially to dig a little deeper, to not stop at the second layer; to know your Airmen -- and their friends. You maybe can't stop them from a bad decision, but you can mentor them, encourage them (and) inform them."

Though he is facing 18 years of incarceration, Wyatt said he feels it's a life sentence anyway.

"It's not something that will go away, ever. That seemed like a night that nothing could go wrong. I wasn't thinking straight."

"I don't blame anyone else."

# The seizure of the USS Pueblo - January 23, 1968



Seaman Duane Hodges – Killed in Action on January 23, 1968 (US Navy Photo)

By Robert Vanderpool  
7th Air Force – 8th Fighter Wing  
Historian

On January 23, 1968, the U.S. Navy intelligence gathering ship USS Pueblo was conducting operations in international waters approximately 16 miles off the coast of North Korea when it was approached by a North Korean naval vessel and challenged. At the time, the Pueblo was under orders to intercept and conduct surveillance of Soviet naval activity in the Tsushima Strait and also to gather signal and electronic intelligence from North Korea. When challenged by the North Koreans, the Pueblo responded by raising the American flag. The North Koreans responded by demanding that the Pueblo stand down or be fired upon. The North Korean vessel was joined by an additional three torpedo boats and two North Korean MiG-21 aircraft joined the confrontation patrolling the skies overhead.

Over the next few hours the Pueblo attempted to evade the North Koreans while at the same time trying to destroy sensitive equipment and documents on board while under hostile naval fire from the North Koreans. The Pueblo itself was lightly armored and largely unarmed having only a few mounts of .50 caliber machine guns. At the time of the attack the guns were covered in frozen tarps and the ammunition for them was being stored below deck. The outgunned Pueblo was also considerably slower than the attacking North Korean vessels. The Pueblo continued to maneuver as best it could in the hopes of preventing North Korean attempts to board the ship. The closest friendly air or naval assistance was more than a few hours away and offered no immediate help. During the attack one Pueblo crewman, Seaman Duane Hodges, was killed by enemy gunfire. Eventually the ship's commander was forced to relent to the North Korean attack or risk losing the entire ship and its crew along with it. The Pueblo surrendered and its crew was taken prisoner. The ship was seized and sailed to Wonsan Harbor, North Korea.

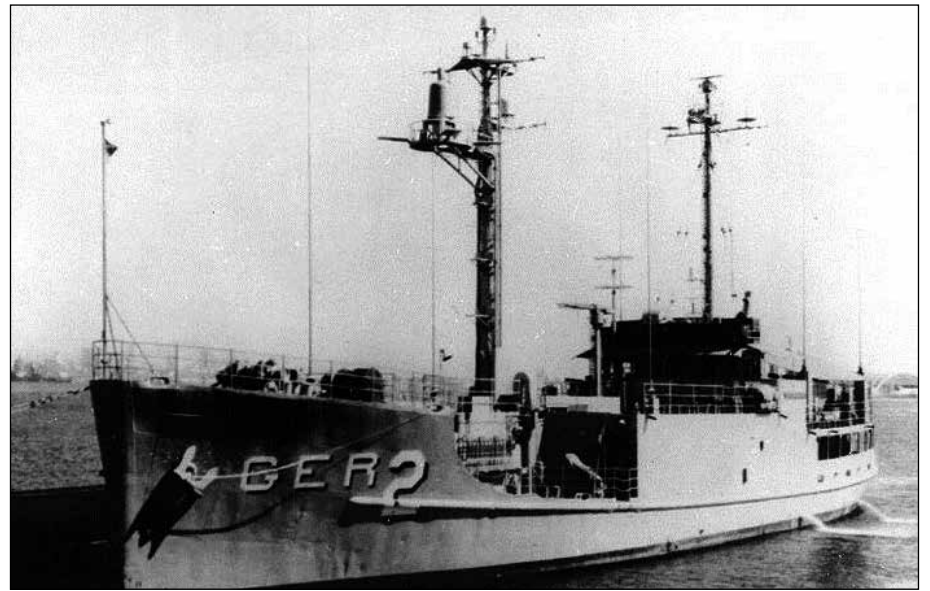
Two days prior to the attack on the Pueblo on Jan. 21, a North Korean commando team had infiltrated South Korea and had attempted to assassinate Republic of Korea President Park Chung Hee at the official Presidential residence known as the Blue House located in Seoul. The

attack on President Park, known as the Blue House Raid, failed as a result of security forces being alerted to the presence of the North Koreans by a group of South Korean wood cutters who had discovered their camp in the mountains outside the city. Initially captured by the team of 31 North Koreans, the wood cutters were released after receiving a lesson on the merits of communism and a stern warning not to alert authorities. Upon gaining their freedom the wood cutters immediately reported the presence of the North Koreans to the police. Security forces, which included several battalions from the South Korean military, immediately began a search for the North Korean commandos who had managed to sneak into Seoul in two and three man teams where they then regrouped and prepared for the final attack. As the North Koreans approached the Blue House on the night of Jan. 21 they made it to within 100 meters of the Blue House before they were confronted by police at a checkpoint. A firefight ensued forcing the North Koreans to abandon their attack and flee outside the city.

During the attempt on President Park's life and the subsequent attempts by the North Koreans to avoid security forces, 22 South Koreans were killed with another 66 wounded. Casualties included military and police, but also a number of South Korean civilians. Four American soldiers were also killed during attempts to prevent the North Koreans from escaping back across the DMZ. Within a week, security forces chasing the North Koreans managed to kill 29 of the commandos, capturing one, with the remaining commando assumed to have safely escaped back to North Korea.

The assassination attempt on President Park and the seizure of the USS Pueblo were two North Korean provocations which occurred during a series of incidents between 1965 and 1969 between the North Koreans and the allied South Koreans and Americans which are sometimes referred to as the 'Second Korean War.' The incidents consisted mainly of small scale armed confrontations between opposing military forces which resulted in the loss of several hundred lives. Prior to the January 1968, American response to North Korean provocations was measured. The response to the seizure of the Pueblo following so close to the attack on President Park, however; was more resolute. Within two hours of the seizure of the Pueblo, the Air Force ordered 34 F-105s to be deployed from Okinawa to Osan while another 14 F-4s were deployed from Misawa to Kunsan. The Navy also ordered an aircraft carrier, a guided missile cruiser, and three destroyers to proceed to the area from Japan. U.S. forces were ordered to remain on alert but no offensive military action was authorized unless directed by higher authorities.

Back in the United States civilian and military leadership met immediately to discuss a plan of action. Direct and instantaneous military intervention was considered but determined to be too risky of a response when faced with the likelihood of potentially large numbers of casualties in South Korea, especially when considering that the United States was already heavily involved in the con-



USS Pueblo in 1967 (US Navy Photo)

flict in Vietnam and it would take some time to muster proper forces in the region. U.S. President Lyndon Johnson ordered a buildup of forces in South Korea beginning on Jan. 26 which would continue over the following six month period. During the buildup more than 350 land based aircraft would be moved into the region including fighters, bombers, and reconnaissance planes; three Navy air craft carrier groups were dispatched to the East Sea; Army forces went on alert in South Korea and Japan as another 8,500 Soldiers were deployed to the Korean Peninsula; and a number of both Army and Air Force National Guard units in the United States were called up to active duty for potential deployment to the theater.

Initially transferred to a prison outside Pyongyang, the crew of the USS Pueblo was subsequently transferred to various prisons throughout North Korea. Treatment of the prisoners was varied. Living quarters, sanitation facilities, and medical care was considered unsatisfactory by western standards. In quality and quantity food was lacking. Physical mistreatment of the prisoners occurred throughout the detainment but was largely concentrated into two specific periods. During the initial three weeks after capture, the North Koreans heavily tortured prisoners until they were satisfied that they had received all of the "confessions" from crew members regarding their alleged crimes that they were likely to get. The second period was during the last few weeks of captivity when the North Koreans attempted to obtain the names of crew members who had attempted to communicate their lack of sincerity regarding their alleged crimes to the western world through defiant gestures in photographs that had been released for attempted propaganda purposes. Physical abuse typically consisted of fist assaults or kicks in the head or groin, with several crew members having been forced to squat with an inch square stick behind their knees until losing consciousness. One crewmember suffered a fractured jaw during the beatings. Psychological mistreatment included forcing the prisoners to listen to lectures, to read written materials, and to take field trips to various facilities across the country in order to attempt to convince the prisoners of the injustices which had been perpetrated by their "imperialist" government. Having undergone intense psychological tor-

ture such as being put before a mock firing squad and being threatened with the execution of his crew one by one before him, the Pueblo's captain Commander Lloyd Bucher eventually relented and wrote an insincere and deceptive 'confession' in order to gain better treatment for his crew.

Negotiations with the North Korean government began immediately after the incident occurred. As the U.S. continued to build up considerable air, sea, and ground forces on the Korean Peninsula it increasingly empowered its bargaining position while signifying to the North Korea that U.S. military forces would be ready to defend itself and South Korea against any further hostile actions. Negotiations continued into December 1968. Eventually, the U.S. government agreed to admit that the Pueblo was involved in spying on the North Koreans assuring that such activities would not take place again in the future. Buoyed by this admission, the North Korean government agreed to release the Pueblo's crew. The United States would later revoke this admission once the crew was returned.

On Dec. 23, 1968, the 82 crewman who had been taken prisoner during the seizure of the Pueblo were repatriated across the 'Bridge of No Return' at Panmunjom. The remains of Seaman Duane Hodges were also repatriated at this time. After eleven months in captivity, the crew of the Pueblo was free. The ship itself, however; remained a 'prisoner of war.'

Today, the USS Pueblo officially remains a commissioned vessel of the U.S. Navy. It is the second oldest commissioned ship in the U.S. Navy eclipsed only by the USS Constitution. Originally anchored in Wonsan Harbor following the seizure the Pueblo was moved to the North Korean capital city of Pyongyang during 1999. Since November 2012, the Pueblo has been on display on the Bontong River as a tourist attraction located adjacent to a North Korean war museum. The USS Pueblo remains the only commissioned U.S. Navy ship to currently be held in captivity by a hostile foreign power.

Recommended Reading: Bucher: My Story by USS Pueblo Captain Lloyd M. Bucher and The Last Voyage of the USS Pueblo by Ed Brandt; both available at the Kunsan Air Base Library.

## Kunsan

### Claims announcement

Disposition of effects  
Air Force 1st Lt. Jason Fontenot, 8th Operations Support Squadron, is authorized to make disposition of personal effects of Senior Airman Stephen C. Talley.

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of the deceased should contact Fontenot at DSN (315) 782-4501.

### 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 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 Playgroup 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.



### Kunsan's emergency phone numbers

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)	

### Osan's emergency phone numbers

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	동서울	성남	인천공항	인천	의정부
SEOUL W3800	장지 가락 잠실	SeongNam W3400	Incheon Airport W11200	Incheon W6200	UJeongBu (동두천)
05:50	Dong Seoul W4400	06:40	04:45	06:30	07:45
06:10	W4400	07:30	05:05	07:50 via Cheongbuk	09:45(동두천)
06:30	Jangji	08:10 via Dongtan	05:25	08:30	12:05
06:50	GaRak JamSil	08:45	05:55	10:10	15:55
07:05	06:20 via Dongtan	09:30	06:25	11:30 via Cheongbuk	17:05
07:20	06:35	10:10	06:55	13:40	20:05(동두천)
07:30	06:55 via Dongtan	11:20 via Dongtan	07:25	15:30	
07:40	07:15 via Dongtan	12:10	08:45	16:00 via Cheongbuk	
07:55	07:45	12:45 via Dongtan	09:25	17:30	
08:10	08:25	13:40	10:15	18:30	<b>강릉</b>
08:30	09:05	14:30	11:05	19:10	GangNeung W14800
08:50	09:35	15:20	11:55	20:30 via Cheongbuk	07:20
09:10	10:05	16:10	12:45	22:00	09:20
09:30	10:35	16:45 via Dongtan	13:35	<b>동탄</b>	11:50
09:40	11:05	17:30	14:15	DongTan W2100	13:50
09:50	11:35	18:10	15:05	06:20 Bus for Dong Seoul	16:20
10:10	12:05	18:40	16:05	06:55 Bus for Dong Seoul	18:20
10:30	12:35	19:20	16:55	07:15 Bus for Dong Seoul	<b>원주</b>
10:50	13:05	20:20	17:55	08:10 Bus for SeongNam	WonJu
11:10	13:35	20:55	18:45	11:20 Bus for SeongNam	W9200
11:30	14:05	21:50	19:35	12:45 Bus for SeongNam	07:10
11:50	14:35	<b>청북,포송,평택항</b>		16:45 Bus for SeongNam	08:50
12:05	15:05	Cheongbuk W1900	<b>김포공항</b>		10:30
12:20	15:35	W1900	KimPo Airport W7100	<b>속초</b>	12:10
12:40	16:05	PoSeung		SokCho	13:50
13:00	16:35	PyeongTaek Port	05:45	W20000	15:30
13:20	17:05	W3300	07:15	07:55	17:10
13:40	17:35	07:20	09:15	10:35	18:50
14:00	18:05	07:40	11:15	12:55	20:30
14:20	18:35	07:50	13:25	15:45	<b>재천</b>
14:40	19:05	11:00	15:25	18:45	JeCheon W13900
15:00	19:35	12:20	17:25		15:10
15:20	20:25	13:10	19:25	<b>춘천청평가평</b>	19:10
15:40	21:05	17:00		ChunCheon W14000	광주(전남)
15:55	21:35	17:20		CheongPyeong W16600	08:45
16:20		19:30	<b>대전</b>	GaPyeong	10:25
16:40			DaeJeon W7200		12:25
17:00			07:00		14:15
17:20			08:30		15:45
17:40			10:30		17:15
18:00	<b>고양 백석 화정</b>		12:30		18:45
18:20	GoYang		14:30		19:15
18:35			16:30		20:30
18:50	백석 (W7800)		18:30		21:15
19:05	11:30		20:00		22:00
19:20	13:10				
19:40	19:00				
20:10	20:50				
20:40	화정 (W7600)				
21:10	13:10				
21:40	19:00				

## 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 2130
Lv. Osan AB	0810	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1610	1710	1810	1910 2040 2240
Ar. Humph	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	x	1450	1550	x	1750	x	1950 2120 2320

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Lv. Humph	0620	0800	0930	1030	1130	1230	x	1400	1530	x	1700	x 1900 2100
Lv. Osan AB	0700	0840	1010	1120	1220	1320	1400	1450	1620	1700	1750	1850 1950 2140
Ar. Yongsan	0820	0950	1130	1230	1330	1430	1510	1600	1730	1810	1900	2000 2100 2250

- \* 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



## PREMIUM Travel Center now offers tour information and services



Premium Travel Center is all set to provide foreign travelers with many different services and information. The center aims to

offer the necessary information to solve common problems when traveling around Korea such as accommodations, restaurants, travel guides, IT and business. Friendly staff fluent in English, Chinese and Japanese will be stationed at the center for travelers to have access to prompt and accurate travel information.

Premium travel centers are located at Seoul Station, Myeong-dong and Gimhae International Airport.

All centers offer the same basic services; travel guidance, luggage services, business services, and IT services. However, making a phone call prior to visiting the branch in person is recommended, as other services provided at each branch will differ.

### More Info

<Premium Pass International>

- Address: Travel Center Seoul Station: 378, Cheongpa-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul
- Travel Center Gimhae International Airport Station: 1F International Terminal, Gimhae International Airport 108, Gonghangjin-imro, Gangseo-gu, Busan

Travel Center Myeongdong Station: 2F Prince Hotel, 130, Toegye-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul.

- Websites: Koresremiumtravelcenter.com/en/ Japanese www.premiumtravelcenter.com/jp/
- Inquiries: Travel Center Seoul Station: +82-2-392-3545 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)
- Travel Center Gimpo International Airport Station: +82-51-753-3545 (Korean, English, Japanese)
- Travel Center Myeongdong Station: +82-2-3789-0140 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)
- 1330 Travel Hotline: +82-2-1330 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Courtesy of Premium Pass International Co., Ltd.

## Grand opening of 2015 Korea Grand Sale with special themed weeks



Special shopping weeks are starting from January 9, marking the beginning of the largest shopping festival in Korea "Korea Grand Sale 2015".

Special Theme Weeks offers 3 different types of activities; Must-see (sightseeing) from Jan 9 to 23, Must-do (activities) from January 24 to Feb 7 and Must-buy (shopping) from Feb 8 to 22. Each activity is offering distinct benefits. During the Must-see sightseeing weeks, which begin on January 9, non-verbal performances such as Bibap, Drumcat Concert and Jump will be ready to entertain visitors. During the Must-do activities weeks, Everland, Dragon Hill Spa, Klive and others are offering double-discount benefits or giveaways.

Last but not least, during the Must-buy week, major Korean retailers such as department stores, duty free shops, big supermarkets and outlets are presenting a vast array of sales promotions.

In addition, just in time for special themed weeks, the event booth in Myeongdong which has been helping foreign travelers with various tourism information since December 2014, is now relocating to Dongdaemun. The event booth is now preparing make-up shows, Korea cuisine tasting and other fun activities to match the theme of the week, offering travelers various first-hand hallyu experiences.

### More Info

<2015 Korea Grand Sale>

- Period: December 1, 2014 ~ February 22, 2015
  - Places: Seoul, Busan, Gyeonggi-do, Gangwon-do, Chungcheongbuk-do, Jeju-do
  - \* Participating companies: www.koreagrand-sale.co.kr/ (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)
  - Website: www.koreagrandsale.co.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)
  - General Coupon: www.koreagrandsale.co.kr/ko/coupons/general (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)
  - SNS
  - Facebook: www.facebook.com/koreagrand-sale
  - 1330 Korea Travel Hotline: +82-2-1330 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)
  - \* The Visit Korea Committee Call Center is no longer being operated.
  - All inquiries will now be answered by the 1330 Korea Travel Hotline
- 3 months of mega shopping, Korea Grand Sale returns!

Courtesy of the Visit Korea Committee



# 'The Most Unique Tour' - Ride a bike along the DMZ



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Korea is home to an area unique and famous all over the world. That area is the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone), dividing the Korean peninsula into two nations along the ceasefire line, which has a 4km width, extending 2km into each country according to the truce agreement. After going through the Korean War and the following

national division, the DMZ became a symbol of this tragic conflict. However, this place offers hope and life as well. After the separation, people were prohibited from visiting the area, inadvertently making this zone an ecological preservation. How about riding a bike along this area on a special DMZ bike tour?



## • Unique security trip, 'DMZ Bike Tour'

The DMZ Bike Tour is a special DMZ experience program, operating on the fourth Sunday of each month from February to November. Both individuals and groups are eligible to participate in this program, which takes three hours to complete. A reservation must be made in advance, and only the first 300 people are accepted, making this tour a very special experience. All participants must get a background check before applying to the program. When the background check is accepted, the applicant will get a confirmation message and the reservation will be completed after payment of the 10,000 won participation fee, which is a low price for this unique bike trip only available in one location around the world. Participants can bring a personal bike or rent a bike and helmet for an additional 3,000 won, so there is no need to worry about not having a personal bike.

## • Security tourism site, 'Imjingak'

DMZ Bike Tour departs from Imjingak, located in Majeong-ri, Musan-eup, Paju-si, Gyeonggi-do. Imjingak's official name is 'Imjingak National Tourism Site', and is Korea's representative unification tourism site, comprised of Imjingak, North Korea Memorial Hall, various monuments, a unification park and more. The bike tour departs from the right-hand side of Gyeonggi Pyeonghwa Center.

To get to Imjingak, get off at Munsan Station (Seoul Metro, Gyeongui Line) and take Bus Paju 058, or take the "Pyeonghwa (peace) DMZ-train" from Seoul Station. Imjingak has an underground bunker that was really used during the war, a train riddled with bullet wounds, and other interesting things to see related to the history of the North-South Division. We recommend arriving at the site early to look around the area before the tour begins.

## • A 17.2 km bike ride along Imjingang River

DMZ Bike Tour is a 17.2 km course along Imjingang River. When looking at a map, the bike tour passes by Imjingak, crosses Tongildaegyo Bridge, and continues on to Gunnae Samgeori (three-way intersection), before crossing back over Tongildaegyo Bridge, and visiting Chopyeongdo Wetland and Imjingak 64 Tongmun, the last stop on the tour. The tour ends at the Imjingak bike information center, going on a straight path back from Imjingak 64 Tongmun. The course is divided into two sections for beginners or intermediate levels and higher. Beginners can opt to shorten the trip to a little over 14km, returning to Imjingak from the resting area near Chopyeongdo Island at Tongilchon Sageori (four-way intersection).

### \*Course\*

- Total Distance: 17.2km
- Imjingak Tongmun (Departure) ~ Tongildaegyo Bridge (South gate) ~ Gunnae Samgeori (turning point) ~ Tongildaegyo Bridge (North gate) ~ Near Chopyeongdo Island (break time) ~ 64T Tongmun (return point) ~ Tongildaegyo Bridge ~ Imjingak Tongmun ~ Imjingak Bike Information Center
- Beginners will return from Tongilcheon Sageori, near Chopyeongdo Island (resting area).

### \*Participation\*

- Two levels: Beginners / Intermediate and higher
  - Beginner (Shortened course): about 14km
  - Intermediate and higher (Full course): about 17.2km
- Since the DMZ Bike Tour runs through the Civilian Controlled Zone, it has a strict background check policy. All Korean participants must bring their driver's license or citizen card, and foreigner participants must bring their passport. After the ID card is checked, participants will receive an RFID (radio frequency



identification) card and green vest, and move to the bike storage area, located next to Gyeonggi Pyeonghwa Center, to get a bike as well as safety equipment, such as a helmet and gloves. The RFID card is very important, as bikers cannot pass the Civilian Control Line without it, and is required to be attached to the front of the bike.

Participants gather 10 minutes before departure for a short information meeting on the course and notices, followed by a simple warm-up exercise. Advanced riders enter the iron fence first, and proceed in order along the road lined in wire-entanglements. Bikers should be careful to note that photos are not allowed as they are riding through areas included in the Civilian Controlled Zone. Photos are only allowed in the two designated photo zones, located before Chopyeongdo Island and at Chopyeongdo Observatory. Tongildaegyo Bridge, seen while riding along the barbed-wire fence, has no iron fence, offering a broad view of the beautiful Imjingang River. Tourists can see the wide river with resting water birds, as well as a grassland. Across the river are rice paddies, showing the peaceful scene of golden fields waving in the breeze during autumn.



## • Chopyeongdo Island Observatory

The route connecting the halfway point at Gunnae Samgeori and Tongildaegyo Bridge to Chopyeongdo Wetland runs along an embankment road of Imjingang River. A photo zone allowing pictures is at the halfway point, with a telescope in the observatory to see Chopyeongdo Island. Chopyeongdo Island, located in the center of Imjingang River, appears quite peaceful, but no one can set foot on the island as it is covered in landmines and unexploded bombs, in addition to being past the Civilian Control Line. From the observatory, visitors can see Chopyeongdo Island and North Korea by telescope or binoculars. At the edge of the observatory, pictures related to the DMZ are displayed. There is also a small red post box and letter paper, where visitors can send letters that will actually be delivered.

## • Peaceful nature and a wish for unification

On the way to back to Imjingak, riders are presented with peaceful scenery beyond a wired fence, allowing people to release the tension they felt when starting out on the bike trip. Time has erased the signs of the hardships and aches of war that can be clearly seen in other parts of the DMZ, leaving behind an ambience of peace. The stained and rusty fences are decorated with written messages and prayers for peaceful unification. The site, overlooking the land of North Korea in the far distance, helps us to think about what happiness means to us. Filled with meaningful things, this bike trip will surely be remembered as a special time for all visitors.

# The largest outlet in Asia opened in Busan



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Asia's largest premium outlet, the multi-shopping complex Lotte Mall – Dong Busan Branch began operations on December 23, 2014.

Comprised of two basement levels and four above-ground floors, the Lotte Mall – Dong Busan Branch was

constructed with the concept of Santorini Island in Greece as a motivation. The mall consists of a total of 551 brands including 407 outlet stores and an additional 114 shops in the shopping mall, selling a variety of items such as electronic appliances, daily goods, and more at discounted prices. Entertainment facilities include not only a cinema comprised of 6 theaters, but also a lighthouse observatory overlooking the sea, fountain square and rose garden.

In addition, many delicious and famous restaurants around Busan have

opened branches in the food court on the third floor, allowing visitors to feel as if they are on a food tour around Busan.

More Info

- Lotte Mall – Dong Busan Branch
- Location: 147, Gijanghaean-ro, Gijang-eup, Gijang-gun, Busan-si
- From Songjeong Station (Donghaenambu Line), a 10-minute walking distance
- From Jangsan Station (Busan Subway Line 2), take Bus 100, 139, 182,

200, or 1001 and get off at Bravo Gas Station Bus Stop.

- Opening date: December 23, 2014
- Operating hours: Monday-Thursday 10:00-20:00 / Friday-Sunday 10:00-21:00
- Homepage: Lotte Department Store <http://store.lotteshopping.com> (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)
- 1330 Korea Travel Hotline: +82-2-1330 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Courtesy of Lotte Shopping



## A Winter Trip to a World of Snow: Daegwallyeong Snow Festival



When snow falls, everything turns shining silver and silence spreads across the city of Pyeongchang in Gangwon-do. Pyeongchang's snow-capped landscape is simply the most beautiful and peaceful. It is a time of reminiscing old winter memories and making new ones. It is also the time for Korea's top winter festival, the annual Daegwallyeong Snow Festival.

Daegwallyeong Snow Festival first began in 1993, and has since become the largest winter festival in Korea. Marking its 23rd anniversary this year, the festival is to be held from January 9 to 18, 2015, against a beautiful wintery backdrop in the famous Daegwallyeong Highlands area.

The Daegwallyeong Snow Festival has no shortage of activities for an entire family. Starting with the opening ceremony, the festival offers various programs, such as a half-nude marathon, a hunting game on Hwangbyeongsan Mountain originating in the Pyeongchang region, a hiking competition, art and literature events, and more. Additionally, there is snow rafting, sledding, and other exciting winter leisure sports on the snow-covered landscape.



The festival venue is divided into different areas, each one with its own range of winter events and activities. One area has a giant snow sculpture project, a snow sculpture exhibit showcasing original works of local artists, a snowman-making activity, and various performances and events. Other areas have recreational activities such as snow sledding, bobsledding, and Winter Olympic Games experience programs. Visitors can also sit and relax at the igloo zone, go ice sledding, play a top-spinning game, or build a bridge made of snow.

Another appeal of the Daegwallyeong Snow Festival is the accessibility to other popular tourist attractions and local food nearby. Famous ski resorts including Yongpyong Resort, Alpensia Resort, and Phoenix Park, as well as cultural tourist sites like Pyeongchang Trout Festival, Eco Green Campus (formerly Samyang Daegwallyeong Ranch), Daegwallyeong Sheep Ranch, Odaesan National Park, and Woljeongsa Temple are easily acces-

sible. Moreover, famous local specialties like sanchae jeongsik (set meal of various wild greens and vegetable dishes), memil makguksu (buckwheat noodles), hwangtae-gui (grilled dried pollack), and Daegwallyeong hana (Korean beef) are widely available.

### Regular Programs (Fees may apply for some hands-on programs)

- Period: January 9-18, 2015
- Hours: 09:00 – 17:00
- Exhibits: Snow and ice sculptures, "Snowflake Writing Contest" winning compositions

• Leisure & Recreation: Snow sledding, ice sledding, ice sliding, snow rafting, snow bobsleigh, snow ATV, hwangtae drying center, skiing, top spinning, mask making, herb soap making, chocolate and cookie making, etc.

(\*Special performances and events are showcased on the main stage throughout the duration of the festival.)

### Main Programs

- International Half-Nude Marathon
- Location: Daegwallyeong Highlands area
  - Date: January 11, 2015 at 10:00
  - Introduction: Marathon runners must complete a designated course wearing only a pair of pants. Each runner is given a small souvenir as a gift.

- Giant Snow Sculpture Project
- Location: Main festival venue
  - Introduction: The project showcases Korea's largest snow sculpture, which stands 70 meters high and depicts sports of the Winter Olympic Games as well as symbols of Pyeongchang, the host city of the 2018 Winter Olympic Games.

### Ice Slide:

- Fee: 5,000 won per person
- Snow Rafting
- Fee: 5,000 won per person
- Snow Sledding
- Fee: 5,000 won per person

### More info

- 2015 Daegwallyeong Snow Festival
- Period: January 9-18, 2015
  - Venue: Hoenggye-ri area (Daegwallyeong-myeon, Pyeongchang-gun, Gangwon-do)

### • Direction (by bus):

From Dong Seoul Bus Terminal, take an intercity bus bound for Gangneung.

Get off at Hoenggye Bus Terminal then walk for 10 minutes to arrive at the Snow Festival venue.

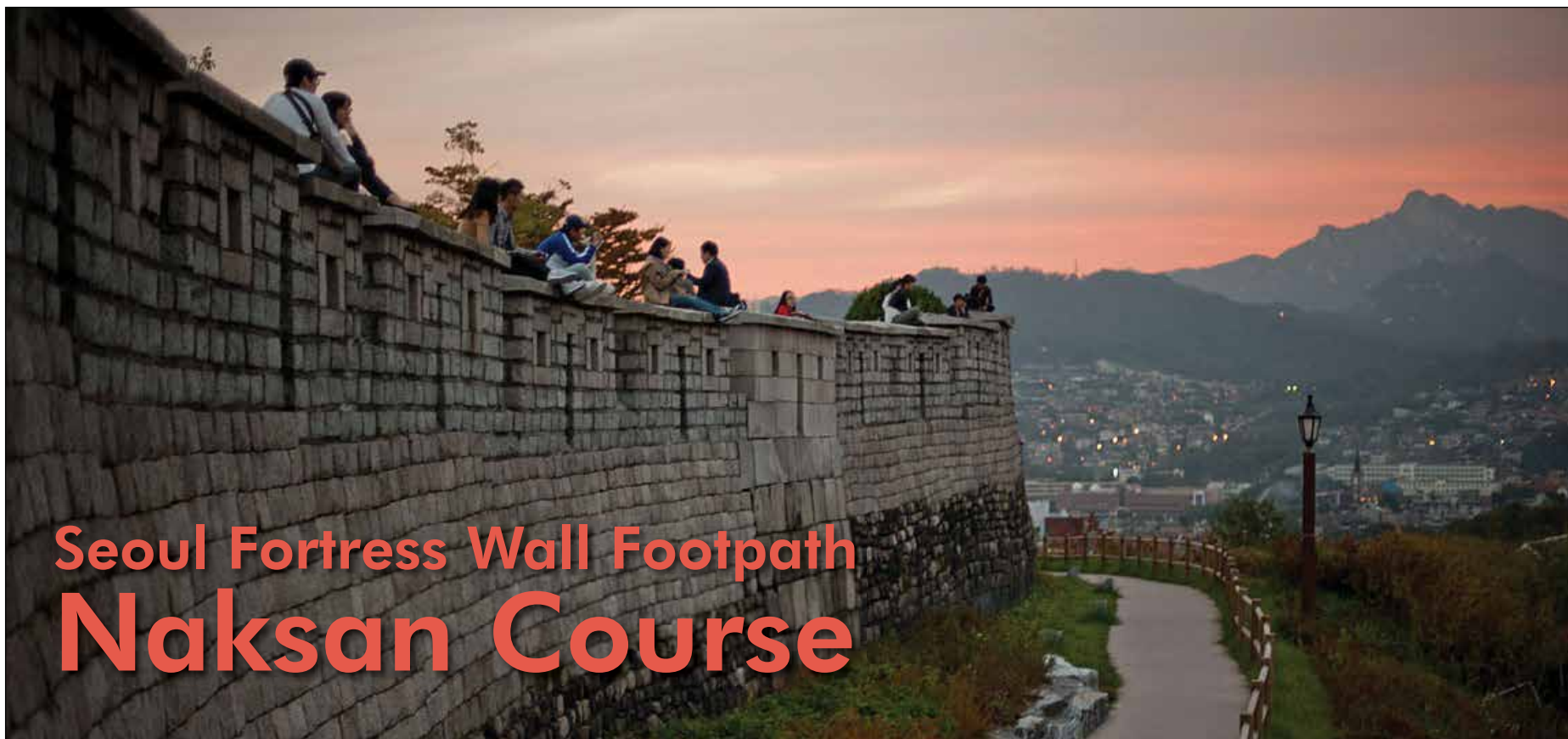
(First bus departs at 06:22 / last bus departs at 23:05 (late-night bus) / total travel time: approx. 2 hrs 50 minutes.)

\*The intercity bus running between Dong Seoul Bus Terminal and Gangneung is not an express bus but makes a short stop at Hoenggye.

- Admission: 3,000 won

(Fees may apply for some hands-on activities: 5,000-10,000 won, and vary depending on program / cards not accepted, cash payment only.)

- Homepage: [www.snowfestival.net](http://www.snowfestival.net) (Korean only)



## Seoul Fortress Wall Footpath Naksan Course



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The fortress wall surrounding the city of Seoul displays Seoul's past and present along with its urbanization and nature. It adds grandeur to the city and provides people with a chance to rest in nature. The Seoul Fortress Wall Footpath consists of four walking courses that include Course 1, the Baegaksan/Bugaksan course, Course 2, the Naksan course, Course 3, the Namsan course, and Course 4, the Inwangsan course. In an effort to vitalize the walkway, Jongno-gu District of Seoul provides a tour guide service. Tourist groups that consist of four or more people who make reservations three days in advance can walk along the pathway with trained tour guides. This program will help tourists who want to enjoy the relaxing side of Seoul and make a special memory while doing so. There is also a stamp map on which visitors to the courses can collect stamps at the end of each course and redeem them for special commemorative prizes.

Course 2 connects the vibrant Daehangno (University Street) and Dongdaemun, Seoul's shopping mecca. It takes approximately two hours to complete the course, and is the easier one of the four paths. From exit 1 of Hyeohwa Station, walk straight toward the four-way intersection and turn right, and then walk 200 meters toward Dongseoung Middle School.

You will see Hyeohwamun Gate and the starting point of Course 2. From Hanseongdaepgu Station (exit 5), you can walk for five minutes to get to Hyeohwamun Gate. At the gate, you will see maps of the Seoul Fortress Wall Footpath and the Naksan course. The whole wall consists of light hiking and is difficult to get lost on. However, the path branches off in many directions at Naksan Park, so it is recommended to refer to the map.

The Naksan course is especially beautiful at sunset and night. Since the course is on high ground, visitors can take in panoramic views of the surroundings below. Looking up, the sky is visible in all directions without interference. It also has with it Seoul's untouched nature. The walls along the trail look mysterious and beautiful. The awe that people feel when they see the walls is beyond description. Naksan Park is located in the middle of Seoul Fortress Wall Footpath. The park is a popular place to bring a date and also famous for its beautiful nightscape. With a stunning landscape and atmosphere that makes you feel like you are out of town, the park is able to provide a great amount of respite from the stresses of daily life. If you visit Course 2 at night, it's recommended that you enjoy the nightscape. There is an observatory just a five-minute distance from the park. It is frequented by people who want to enjoy the city lights. You can feel the grandeur and beauty of Seoul created by the

shining city lights as if they were stars in the sky.

After Naksan Park, the trail branches off in three directions. You should take the middle one. If you are confused, follow the signpost in the picture on the right. Signposts and maps are installed along the trail, helping hikers find the right path. Also, feel comfortable to ask a local resident or passerby for directions. After walking along the fortress trail for a while after Naksan Park, there will be a downwards incline and a street with many cars. Here, you will see Dongdaemun Gate, the endpoint of the Naksan course. If you walk slowly and enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of the Naksan course, you may feel it was short and wish you had more time to enjoy it. However, any regret will quickly be forgotten once you enter Dongdaemun. When you look at Dongdaemun Gate standing tall amidst the rush of cars flying past it, you will see the past and the present of Seoul overlapped. Given its juxtaposition of past, present, nature, and city, the Naksan course is arguably the best place to capture the full breadth of Seoul.

### More Info

- Address: Hyeohwa-dong, Jongno-gu, Seoul
  - Transportation: Hanseongdaepgu Station (Seoul Subway Line 4), Exit 5.
- Five minutes on foot, in front of Hyeohwamun Gate