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Members of the 51st Security Forces Squadron search a building during an active-shooter exercise Jan. 14, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The exercise was part of a multi-day combat readiness course that trains and tests SFS Airmen on their abilities to execute emergency operations.

## Air defense unit gets back to basics at Warrior Base

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**WARRIOR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Every January the sounds of battle can be heard echoing throughout the frigid hills near the demilitarized zone. But the explosions and gunfire aren't the clatter of actual combat, they're the signal of the semi-annual Iron Warrior exercise.

Soldiers of the 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment conducted the Iron Warrior exercise at Warrior Base, just a 10-minute drive from the DMZ, to sharpen their warrior tasks and battle drills and qualify on various weapons systems, Jan 5 - 12.

The Iron Horse Battalion makes the trip to Warrior Base twice a year, using its expansive live fire ranges for weapons training and qualifications.

As an air and missile defense unit, the 6-52 ADA's primary role is as a deterrent, and if deterrence fails, as a defense against hostile aerial ballistic missiles and warplanes.

Most training exercises focus on that primary mission, but Iron Warrior challenges Air Defenders on their more basic Soldiers tasks and overall combat readiness.

"Our air defense mission is very specialized, it requires a lot of training and it's what we do best," said Army 1st Lt. Peter Toberman, an operations officer with 6-52 ADA. "But it's important we don't lose focus of the basics, ensuring we're proficient with our weapons and developing well rounded Soldiers."

Soldiers demonstrated their marksmanship skills on a variety of weapon systems including the standard M16 rifle; light, medium and heavy machine guns; fragmentation grenades and grenades launchers.

Soldiers also conducted training responding to nuclear, biological and chemical contamination. They then tested the capabilities of their protective equipment against tear gas in a training event commonly referred to as the "gas chamber."

"It was my first time training on so many weapons since basic training," said Army Pvt. Aiden Bendele, a systems maintainer with Headquarters Battery. "And it was much more in depth. We packed a lot of hands on training in just one week."

Bendele, a native of Colorado Springs, Colorado, earned an expert rating on his individual weapon, the M203 grenade launcher, as well as qualifying with the M2 machine gun and M67 hand grenade.



Army Lt. Col. Ethan Hall, commander of 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, fires an M9 pistol at the qualification range at Warrior Base during the Iron Warrior exercise, Jan 5 - 12, 2015. The training exercise honed the air defenders' combat skills and marksmanship proficiencies as well as air and missile defense training. (U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Shin, YoungJae)

"It was challenging, but fun at the same time," he said. "After it all I'm a lot more confident in myself as a Soldier."



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# Sexual Assault Prevention Summit offers multiple tactics to prevent sexual assault

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WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Leaders in academia, government, and industry presented cutting-edge research related to sexual violence at the Sexual Assault Prevention Summit Jan. 13, 14, and 15 at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

Dr. Andra Tharp, Dr. Gilbert Botvin, and Dr. Dorothy Edwards spoke to 150 Airmen about sexual assault prevention models, as well as strategies to overcome prevention barriers and risk factors through life skills and effective bystander intervention and training.

The speakers represent the many leaders and experts who presented current research and perspectives to participants during the five-day summit designed to engage Airmen of varying ranks and career fields in a conversation about sexual assault in the Air Force.

"Sexual violence is a significant public health problem," said Tharp, a health scientist in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Violence Prevention. "It really does have a ripple effect through individual lives and through an entire community."

According to Tharp, a public health approach to sexual assault prevention includes defining the problem, identifying risk and protective factors, and devel-

oping effective strategies to stop sexual violence before it starts.

Sexual violence and related problem behaviors are the result of the complex interaction of risk factors, such as alcohol and drug use, poor decision making, peer pressure and media influence, said Botvin, a Ph.D. at Weill Cornell Medical College.

"There is no single cause of violence," Tharp emphasized. "It's the confluence of risk factors that causes violence."

Edwards, the executive director of Green Dot Etcetera said the external risk factors are compounded by individual barriers to taking action. Every person has their own personal barriers to overcome, such as shyness or fear.

Successful prevention strategies will leverage protective measures, such as emotional health, empathy and connectedness to offset risk factors, Tharp said. Comprehensive approaches will impact individuals to communities for a "surround sound effect."

Botvin expressed that each intervention designed to offset these external and internal risks should be developed to impact attitudes, knowledge and behaviors. The life skills approach decreases vulnerability to risks by bolstering social skills, teaching self-management, and increasing resilience.

"We do not assume that people know how to cope with stress and anxiety, and

we provide them with specific skills," Botvin said. "The skills I'm talking about are not taught in any systematic way. All of us kind of blunder through life, learning some of these things if we're lucky."

All the speakers agreed that an effective sexual violence prevention strategy will be multi-faceted. There is no single magic bullet that will work. Consequently, each of these strategies will only be effective if Airmen own the process.

"There is no policy, order or directive that can force an Airman to find some way to step in and do something," Edwards said. "Prevention only works, we're only going to get where we want to be, if we can engage intrinsic motivation."

Throughout the summit, Airmen took the information from each session and applied it in working groups designed to create tools to help the Air Force prevent sexual assault.

As they tackled the significant issue with lots of new information, Airmen were warned against falling into the trap of taking on too much at once.

"Don't sacrifice depth for breadth," Tharp said. "Choose a few key risk factors or a few key approaches and really invest in those to get things started."

*(Editor's Note: This is the final story in a series of three in recognition of the 2015 Sexual Assault Prevention Summit.)*

# Air Force BMT introduces innovative Capstone Week

By Tech. Sgt. Joshua Strang  
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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) -- Air Force basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph-Lackland will soon restructure its current eight-and-a-half-week course to make room for a new five-day program called Capstone Week, beginning Jan. 27 with trainees entering BMT.

"Our basic military training today does a tremendous job developing young men and women into Airmen," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody. "But as we looked at the current structure, we saw an opportunity to further enhance those Airmanship skills with a final week focused entirely on character development. These are core skills every Airman needs to be successful in our Air Force."

The first Capstone Week, which will culminate the BMT experience, begins March 23.

Capstone week's purpose is to give the Air Force one more critical tool to further develop professional, resilient Airmen who are inspired by heritage, committed to its core values, and motivated to deliver airpower. While BMT will still provide new Airmen the same high level of military and physical training, Capstone Week serves to specifically concentrate on character building.

"We developed Capstone Week to better prepare Airmen for their first assignments by reinforcing our core values of integrity, service and excellence through an interactive environment emphasizing character development, the profession of arms, and our Air Force heritage," said Gen. Robin Rand, the Air Education and Training Command commander. "The course focuses on the importance of every Airman treating each other with respect and dignity, better preparing them to

become skilled warriors ready to do our nation's business."

Capstone Week will provide instruction and promote discussion among Airmen in a more interactive forum than the highly-structured BMT curriculum, according to Kevin Adelsen, the AETC Capstone Week program manager. Some key areas that Capstone Week will cover, include wingmanship, resiliency, leadership and followership, sexual assault prevention and response, the warrior ethos, and how Airmen can balance their personal and professional lives.

Adelsen said BMT schedule adjustments allowed for condensing the current training to make room for the Capstone transition period.

"We'll retain all current BMT requirements in the first seven-and-a-half weeks and use the Capstone Week to reinforce and expand on previous training," Adelsen said.

Following the traditional Airman's parade at the end of BMT's first seven-and-a-half weeks, trainees will transition that weekend to a Capstone squadron. Airmen will move into a revamped training facility on Lackland and experience Capstone Week in an environment far different from that of the first part of BMT, according to Adelsen.

Capstone will be a BMT graduation requirement, Adelsen added. Immediately following Capstone, Airmen will travel to their designated technical training locations across the United States.

"BMT's Capstone Week will ensure Air Force basic training remains a center of excellence and our Airmen remain the best fighting force in the world," said Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia, the AETC command chief. "It's a fantastic and innovative way to ensure we prepare Airmen to become men and women of character - great wingmen, leaders, citizens and warriors. This is not going to be the 'last' week of BMT, but rather the first week of the rest of their Air Force careers."



## Wolf Pack honors MLK day: 'Make a stand, make a difference'



Tech. Sgt. Lavar Plummer, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron structural craftsman, echoed a portion of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day luncheon Jan. 16, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. More than 50 Wolf Pack Airmen attended the event to pay homage to the historical impact of American civil rights activist Dr. King. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen)

**By Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen**  
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**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Members of the 8th Fighter Wing honored Martin Luther King Jr. Day while attending a luncheon here, Jan. 16.

Spearheaded by Tech. Sgt. Portia Wyatt, 8th Security Forces Squadron physical security non commissioned officer in charge, the Wolf Pack paid homage to the historical impact of American civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the 86th anniversary of his birth.

"I'm grateful that President Ronald Reagan signed this holiday into law in 1983," said Col. Ken "Wolf" Ekman, 8th FW commander. "I'm grateful that you and I serve one of the most colorblind employers in the world, the United States Air Force--where we value individuals based on what they can do and their adherence to our core values."

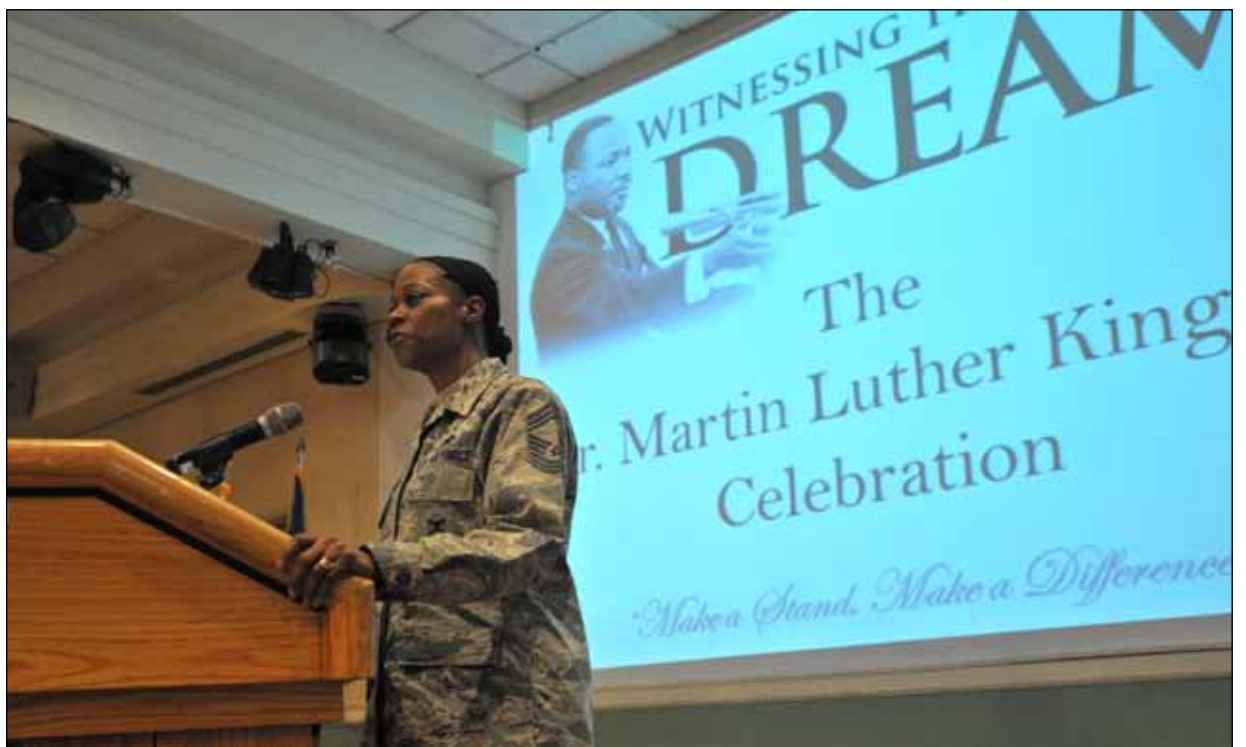
Following Wolf's opening remarks, Tech. Sgt. Lavar Plummer, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron structural craftsman, echoed a portion Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech from 1963.

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal,'" Plummer said. "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. I have a dream today."

Plummer said Martin Luther King Jr. Day has been an extremely important day to him ever since he was an elementary school student and President Reagan signed the holiday into effect on national television.

"At one point in history, the U.S. military was segregated," he said. "Now, no matter your race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, you can be a part of the military, and that's why I took on this task of speaking the words that Dr. King spoke."

Chief Master Sgt. Nanette Klingaman, 8th SFS



Chief Master Sgt. Nanette Klingaman, 8th Security Forces Squadron manager, speaks to Wolf Pack Airmen during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day luncheon Jan. 16, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Klingaman, Kunsan's first female security forces chief master sergeant, was the guest speaker at the event.

manager, delivered remarks as the guest speaker for the luncheon.

"Each year on the third Monday of January, we remember, we honor, we reflect and we reemphasize Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy," she said. "He may not have been the initial catalyst of integration within our armed forces, but without his determination and his impact on the civilian community, we may never have achieved our standing as the greatest Air Force the world has ever known."

The event served not only to honor the impact of Dr. King's courage and his ultimate sacrifice, but also as a reminder to Wolf Pack Airmen of the American

freedoms they protect every day alongside ROK allies.

Klingaman said Dr. King's actions more than four decades ago resemble the mission of the Air Force core values: integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. These three core values that are the common bond among all comrades in arms is a bond that enables the Wolf Pack to defend the base, and accept follow-on forces.

"Dr. King's powerful words live on today," she said. "For example, I, being the first recorded Wolf Pack female Cop Chief--these are our modern-day realizations. Now is the time for us to take his lessons, knock down our barriers and make a stand. Make a difference!"



## Defend the base: 51 CES Firefighters



Firefighters from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron prepare a ladder to rescue a simulated distressed victim during a fire scenario Sept. 16, 2014, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The exercise was designed to test the fire department's responsiveness to emergencies in a war-like environment. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Jake Barreiro)

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

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At Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, stability is the expectation and often the status quo. More than 10,000 people here, made up by 51st Fighter Wing, 7th Air Force, 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade and multiple ROK Airmen, soldiers, families, civilians and retirees, have helped make the base an important installation in South Korea. Located approximately 48 miles from the demilitarized zone, the base boasts an important airfield and even more important people.

Stability here is achieved through daily operations, but in times of emergency, there are numerous first responders who play a role in protecting the base. The Firefighters of the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron are one of Team Osan's prime first responder units, and they maintain a vital emergency response mission for the unexpected. On top of their daily individual and team training, the firefighters also conduct international joint training with their ROK counterparts. Always among the first to arrive to an emergency, from routine installation and infrastructure to calls about any of the base's A-10 and F-16 aircraft, the firefighters are pivotal to de-

fending the base.

The 51st CES firefighters work on a rotational basis, fielding two teams that work opposite 24-hour shifts.

"Our primary job on base is to protect people, aircraft and infrastructure," said Staff Sgt. David Pacheco, 51st CES firefighter crew chief. "Anything that deals with a life or safety hazard, we respond to as quickly as possible."

Among the jobs the firefighters train and respond to are things as diverse as malfunctioning engine oil or misfired weapons on an aircraft, egressing people from confined spaces, stuck elevators and lesser and greater fires. Helping secure the safety of aircraft ensures Team Osan's mission of perpetual readiness is unperturbed, while aiding and protecting people from natural and manmade disasters keep people safe and poised to accomplish the mission.

Pacheco and his shift have responded to calls as diverse as helping a youth retrieve a wallet off a roof to planes skidding off the runway.

In addition to dousing fires and excavating trapped people, firefighters are also trained to provide emergency medical assistance. Since they're among the first people to arrive on scene at an emergency, they may be required to stabilize patients to keep them alive for medics. Pacheco said the medical assistance is among the job's most important and rewarding challenges.

"Some of the emergencies and calls we get really make us work," said Pacheco. "But those important calls, where we help people during emergencies, that



51st Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters extinguish a fire during a training exercise May 20, 2014, at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea. Firefighters routinely train on a variety of techniques designed to prepared them for emergency duty.

makes the work meaningful."

In order to be effective firefighters have to train. A typical shift contains the usual number of details and reoccurrences such as the 8 a.m. roll call and truck inspections, but the malleable nature of emergency response means dedicating extra time to temper and accultuate skills.

"About 50 percent of what we do is training," said Pacheco. "We have to do a lot of it because we're always getting new people and on the scene we're always under a microscope so we need to keep our skills sharp."

But whether training or on site, the 51st CES firefighters are among the chief units helping defend the base.



# Defend the base: 51 SFS Combat Readiness Course

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The title is securely germane to protection and safety. Applicable not just nominally, there's a reason why the men and women of the 51st Security Forces Squadron, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, call themselves "defenders."

SFS Airmen are conspicuous at Team Osan. They can be seen manning any of the base's gates, the entry control points on the flight line, roaming the streets of the Songtan Entertainment District, and running patrols on the base days, nights, weekends and holidays. The men and women of the 51st SFS are responsible for an imperturbable mission of day-long, year-round mission execution which includes daily security operations along with emergency response procedures to ensure the safety of more than 10,000 U.S. and Korean service members and their families.

Defenders have diverse duties and jobs that include them working not just with weapons, armored vehicles, protective vests and military working dogs, but also with agencies across the base to accomplish security on a logistics level, as well as the usual paperwork that comes with doing emergency work.

Yet, as with all other professions, SFS Airmen have to continuously reload and refine their skills in order to provide the absolute best service they can. One way in which the 51st SFS ensures their newly assigned defenders keep prepared is by mandating all of them to complete the Combat Readiness Course after in-processing Osan AB.

The CRC is a five-day course de-



Airman 1st Class Nicholas Diamond, 51st Security Forces Squadron, holds the guidon as he leads Airmen during the ruck march on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 17, 2014. Airmen also performed dead body searches, ability to survive and operate, and mounted and dismounted training. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman David Owsianka)

signed to teach or re-teach SFS Airmen to perform tactical, administrative, communicative, combative, and emergency procedures in a practice environment to ensure they're prepared for real world emergencies. It's a course meant to benefit seasoned and new defenders alike.

Staff Sgt. Ezell Trammell III, 51st SFS training instructor and teacher for the active-shooter portion of the CRC, said the training helps SFS and ROK Airmen be better prepared for base defense.

"It's all critical because we never know when (emergencies) will arise," said Trammell. "We have to be prepared, we have to be ready."

The course prepares the participants through rigorous and realistic training,

said Trammell. By practicing emergency and high-stress scenarios like active-shooter exercises, the SFS Airmen are able to develop muscle memory and be better prepared to respond to real world scenarios.

"The training doesn't just teach us either," said Trammell. "We use it to teach the other military and civilian people on base how to respond and act too."

Many of the techniques and ideas taught during the CRC are cribbed from the SFS tech school, but each one is adapted and applied to an Osan-specific scenario. For the active-shooter exercise, the 51st SFS Airmen teamed up with the ROKAF to ingress buildings under attack and subdue the attackers. Additionally, the CRC uses a number of vol-

unteers from around the base to play opposition forces, helping the SFS further educate the base on what they're doing and why, said Trammell.

Ultimately, the CRC gives neophyte and veteran Airmen a chance to develop or buttress their skills, and that helps make Osan AB a safer place.

"All the training we do for the CRC is unique, Osan-specific," said Trammell. "It's a good way to test ourselves and push our abilities to the limit."

*That concludes our coverage of how different units and Airmen at Team Osan help defend the base. Next we'll show how Team Osan executes operations with features on the 51st LRS Vehicle Maintenance Flight and Aircrew Flight Equipment team.*



Above: Members of the 51st Security Forces Squadron move toward a building full of mock opposition forces during a field training exercise as part of a combat readiness course in an abandoned village in Pyeongtaek, Republic of Korea, June 20, 2014. The Airmen use the tactics learned during the first four days of training to successfully complete the FTX.

Left: A member of the 51st Security Forces Squadron searches a building during an active-shooter exercise Jan. 14, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The exercise was part of the Combat Readiness Course, which is a multi-day course designed to test their readiness and skills in defending the base.



## Execute Operations: Supplying flight, survival gear



Senior Airman Mark Peterson, 51st Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment journeyman, attaches a four line release lanyard onto a parachute at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 20, 2015. The four line lanyards are used to help steer the parachute as well as release air from the canopy. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Matthew Lancaster)

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Flying missions are an everyday occurrence here at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The pilots flying these missions rely on having working flight gear as well as all the proper survival gear needed if they were to ever eject from the aircraft. The Operations Support Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment ensures all the flight and survival gear is provided and is functioning properly.

AFE inspects, maintains, repairs, and issues the necessary equipment for aircrew members to be able to accomplish each mission safely. This includes the helmets, G-suits, oxygen masks, parachutes, and survival kits that contain life rafts, flashlights, compass, matches, fishing kit, and multipurpose utility knife.

Each flying squadron has AFE members in charge to inspecting the aircrew's flight gear before they fly. Flight gear is inspected three hours before the first flight to guarantee the equipment is ready for that day of missions.

"Everything that the pilots wear we have hands on it," said Staff Sgt. Billy Debord, 51st OSS aircrew flight equipment craftsman. "They rely on us to make sure the gear they use to fly is good to go and if they were to ever go down, then their survival gear is working right as well."

The main part of the shop takes care of pack-

ing the parachutes and survival kits. Each parachute takes a whole duty day to pack. After each step the parachute gets inspected by a seven level to confirm that it is on the right track to be packed properly. Every parachute being packed requires certain measurements on the various parts to make sure the chute deploys properly.

"They have a certain measurement because they have to operate a certain way," said Senior Airman Mark Peterson, 51st OSS aircrew flight equipment journeyman. "The parachute deploys so quickly and every measurement that we take is absolutely crucial to the operation of these parachutes."

Not only are they in charge of the normal flight and survival gear used for each flying mission, AFE also manages the special chemical flight gear pilots use when there is a chemical attack. After flight missions where chemical agents may be present, pilots process through a special chemical line called the Aircrew Contamination Control Area. The AFE members decontaminate the pilots and process them through the line safely.

It is vital that the flight gear the pilots use are in top order so it has the ability to save their lives when required. Peterson said AFE is an important part of the mission because of the effect the equipment has in protecting and safeguarding the pilots.

"We want them to be able to return to their friends and families safely," said Peterson. "I feel we put a lot of work and detail into each piece of equipment so the pilots go up there and know that they are safe just in case something were to happen to them."

The mission at Osan would not be executed the same without the equipment, safety, and insurance the 51st OSS AFE provides to the pilots.

## Execute Operations: 51 LRS Vehicle Maintenance

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Although Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, is primarily a walking base, many units require vehicles to execute their missions. The security forces squadron needs their police cars for patrols and to respond to a scene quickly, the fuel shop needs their trucks to fuel the aircraft, and the aircraft maintenance units need their vehicles to get to each of their aircraft on the flight line. All of those vehicles are maintained and repaired by the 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron Vehicle Maintenance shop.

The 51st LRS vehicle maintenance shop performs inspections and maintenance for the government vehicles on Osan. They deal with minor upkeeps that would involve changing out broken headlights or fixing a flat tire and also do major repairs that would consist of fixing an engine or repairing a seal in hard to

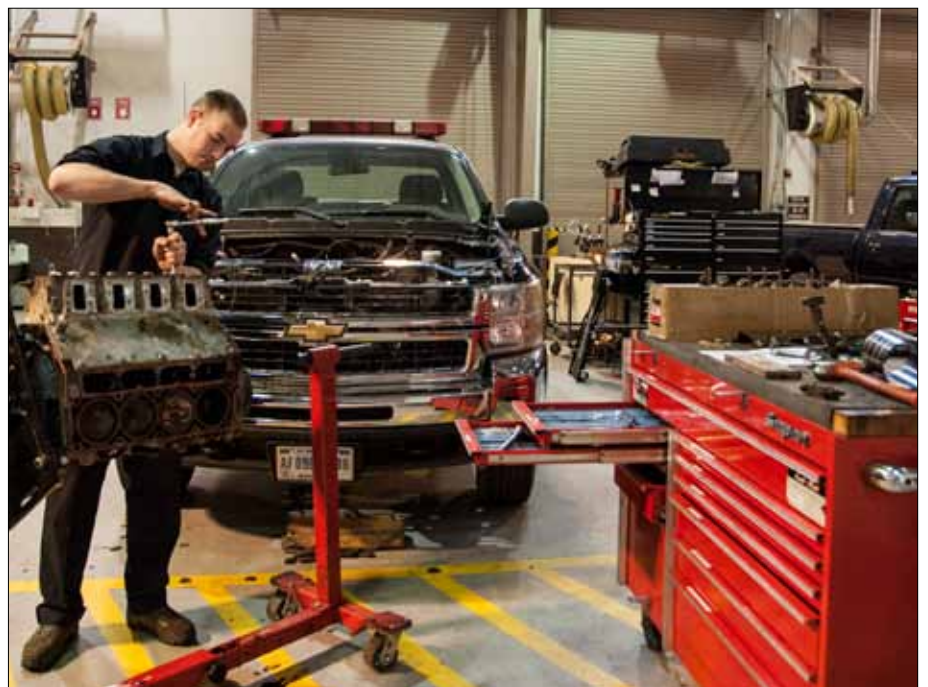
reach places of a vehicle.

The shop has five distinct sections for the type of job that needs to be done or the type of vehicle that needs to be fixed. The main part of the shop has the customer service section which does the minor repairs that would take no longer than one hour, the general purpose section that deals with the major repairs for everyday type vehicles, and the special purpose section dealing with major repairs for munition handling vehicles and street sweepers. The remaining two sections are split to have one section focus on the repairs of the fire trucks and the other with repairs specifically for the fuel trucks.

"We have these different sections of our shop so each specialized mechanic can focus on specific repairs," said Senior Airman Joseph Hooker, 51st LRS general purpose mechanic.

Another part of the mission for the shop is to make sure all the snow removal vehicles are working throughout the winter season because Korea can be snowy. If the base were to be covered with a heavy amount of snow then that would negatively hinder operations. The snow removing vehicles the shop maintains are key components for Osan to continue its mission at its normal tempo.

"Nothing would move on the flight line in the winter time without us because we maintain all the snow equipment,"



Senior Airman Joseph Hooker, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron general purpose mechanic, reassembles a truck engine at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 22, 2014. Hooker performs inspections and major repairs on general purpose vehicles such as security forces patrol cars. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Matthew Lancaster)

said Senior Airman Martin Monahan, 51st LRS special purpose mechanic. "There wouldn't be any other vehicle movement on base either with roads being too dangerous to drive on."

Whether its munitions that needs to be transported to an aircraft or snow that needs to be removed, the 51st LRS Vehicle Maintenance shop is essential for

the upkeep of the vehicles used for those jobs. Osan's mission would not move forward without the necessary vehicles the shop maintains.

That concludes our coverage of how different units and Airmen at Team Osan contribute to executing operations. Next week we'll explore how Team Osan receives forces.



# 7th Air Force shows community support



By Master Sgt. Marelise Wood  
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**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --** Since the beginning of winter, temperatures here have gotten down to single digits. But with base heating turned on, residents have not had to worry about wintery temperatures in their homes. However, for some members of our surrounding Korean community, heating their homes is an issue.

Some Korean homes use coal briquettes called “yeontan” for heating and cooking. One yeontan costs about \$0.50 and two can keep a home heated all night. As a way to show support to the community that supports us, members of the Seventh Air Force A2, for the third year, have raised funds to purchase and provide yeontan to those in need.

“The whole project started through our good neighbor and honorary commander for 7 AF/A2S,” said Tech. Sgt. Lola Howard, Seventh Air Force non-commissioned officer in charge of physical security. “It started through them and they partnered with the Pyeongtaek Yeontan Naneum Bank.”

The bank, a non-profit organization, maintains a list of applicants for the yeontan donations and recipients are chosen based on need.

The unit set up a “GoFundMe” site where people can donate money all year round online. In addition, they conducted two fundraisers on base.

“Gift wrapping at the BX is where the majority of our funds came from this

year,” said Howard. “This year is the most we’ve ever raised.”

Overall, the unit raised over 2M Won, enough to buy 5,000 yeontan, which translates into heating assistance through the winter for 27 homes; enabling Howard’s office to purchase more yeontan this year than they have in the previous years combined.

“No one should freeze through the winter,” said Howard. “As an Air Force, as a family, we’re always supposed to take care of each other, so if we have the opportunity to take care of someone else, take care of our Korean partners, then why not?”

Ms. Kim, a 78-year-old residing in Shinjang-dong, was barely making a living gathering the recyclable papers in the street. “I worried a lot about heating my house during the cold winter time,” she said, “but now I can have warm winter, thanks to Yeontan donation by the Seventh Air Force military members.”

“In the states we do volunteer opportunities and different projects,” said Howard, “just because we’re in Korea doesn’t mean that stuff stops. We want to continue that relationship and let the Koreans know that we care about them too.”

“I can feel the same warm heart, even though our races and nationalities are different,” said Mr. Oh, Joong Keun, co-representative of Pyeongtaek Yeontan Naneum Bank. “We are so happy because our Korean neighbors can spend a warm winter by heating their houses with Yeontan thanks to the Seventh Air Force members’ donation.”

**Photo: Volunteers from Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, form a line to unload and deliver coal Jan. 22, 2015 in Songtan, ROK. Members of Seventh Air Force A2S raised over 2M Won which was used to buy 5,000 coal briquettes, locally called “yeontan,” for delivery to 27 homes in need. Each home will be provided with enough yeontan to last about three months. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Marelise Wood)**

## Commissaries adjust to overseas embargo on poultry

By Kevin L. Robinson  
DeCA Public Affairs

**FORT LEE, Va. --** Commissary patrons in South Korea and Japan will see shortages of some U.S. poultry products because of local embargoes related to avian flu discoveries in several U.S. states.

The embargoes affect U.S. shipments to Korea and Japan of chicken, turkey, eggs and products that contain these ingredients, such as pot pies, lunch meat, hotdogs, meal entrees and egg rolls. As a result, the Defense Commissary Agency is using alternative options to supply these products to its 11 commissaries in Korea and 14 stores on mainland Japan and Okinawa.

“We are using various alternatives to provide some poultry products on our shelves in South Korea and Japan,” said DeCA Director and CEO Joseph H. JEU. “However, because these are limited, interim solutions that may not stock our shelves fully, our patrons may

experience shortages of certain poultry items.”

With no idea how long the embargoes will last, DeCA has identified some interim local source suppliers for fresh chicken and eggs in Korea and Japan. While there is an abundance of locally sourced fresh chicken, the prices are higher than U.S.-sourced chicken. Local egg prices are comparable to U.S. egg prices.

In Korea, approval has been granted to allow some cooked poultry items to enter the country with additional documentation from U.S. manufacturers, said Eric Swayzee, DeCA’s director of logistics.

“The documentation is a new requirement and will take time to implement at the various manufacturing plants across the U.S.,” Swayzee said. “These new documentation requirements are not retroactive, therefore the ‘cooked’ U.S. poultry products already in South Korea, or in route remain on hold and cannot be sold.”

The commissary agency has also increased deliveries of products containing beef and pork for both Korea and Japan to replace similar chicken- and turkey-related items unavailable because of the import restrictions.

“Our top priority is always to ensure our military members and their families stationed overseas have the products they need when they use their commissary benefit,” JEU said.

The situation with poultry began in late December 2014, when South Korea issued an embargo preventing the import of all U.S. uncooked poultry and poultry products on or after Dec. 20, 2014. The restriction resulted from the discovery of avian flu, formally known as HPAI, or highly pathogenic avian influenza, traced to a poultry farm in Oregon.

On Jan. 24, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service announced the presence of avian flu in California, prompting Japan to subsequently embargo any

imports of U.S. poultry that originate or are shipped from California, Oregon and Washington State. To date, poultry shipments originating from other U.S. states are not affected by Japan’s embargo.

The USDA stresses that the proper handling and cooking of poultry and eggs at an internal temperature of 165 degrees F will eliminate viruses and bacteria.

“This is not a public health concern,” said Army Col. Michael A. Buley, DeCA’s director of public health and safety. “This virus has been around a while and there is no indication of transmission to humans.

“All of these importation restrictions are an attempt to protect the host nation’s poultry industries,” Buley added.

For more information about avian influenza, see the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s questions and answers Web page at <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=2005/10/0458.xml>.



# ROKAF, USAF English conversation classes build personal bonds

By Senior Airman  
Katrina Heikkinen  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- "Do you know the state of Michigan?" asked Airman 1st Class Scott Hudson, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron petroleum, oils and lubricants apprentice. "I'm from Detroit," he said, shaking hands with a 38th Fighter Group ROK Air Force member.

Every weekend for two hours, more than 20 ROK and Wolf Pack Airmen make their way to the Sonlight Inn for English conversational classes. Although nearly every member greets their counterpart with a forced approach, by the end of class, the foundation of a personal friendship is made.

"We're trying to improve the bonds between the U.S. Air Force and ROKAF here," said Senior Airman Seung Hoe Lee, 38th FG secretary. "This is one of those rare opportunities for us to get to know each other that isn't a training scenario. I have seen every new [ROKAF] recruit that has entered this base and about less than 10 percent can speak English and about four percent can speak fluently. The rest have no prior knowledge."

Revamped by Lee, Master Sgt. Nancy Connell, 8th Medical Operations Squadron environmental engineering element chief, and Senior Airman Sam Han, 38th FG translator, class attendance has increased by 300 percent since November when they took over.

"In the past there wasn't any structure - we just met and talked," Lee said. "There was no direction, but now, we're trying to give it a little bit more depth. We've started to think of topics including



More than 20 Republic of Korea Air Force and Wolf Pack Airmen converse during a ROKAF English class at the Sonlight Inn, Jan. 24, 2014, at Kunsan Air Base, ROK. Conversational classes are held every Saturday at 1 p.m. and are open to all ranks. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen)

holidays, work and training. Most of us [ROKAF] are university students, so our scope of the world isn't very wide. Some of us haven't even been on an airplane. We have many similarities - how we spend our leisure time, being homesick and being stationed at Kunsan. We are also away from our homes and families. We are all in the same boat, so we might as well make that boat comfortable."

Although the classes are currently

aimed at providing an outlet for ROKAF members to practice their English, the attendees gain not only a personal connection, but an inherent taste of the corresponding members' culture.

"These are our allies," Connell said. "We lean on them, and they lean on us. So it's important that the first time we interact with them is not when we're going to war - it's now. [The class is] meant to build communication and build a founda-

tion so that they know that we care about them and they care about us. We hope to continue this outreach and provide more opportunities for these young ROK Airmen to participate in activities with our Airmen."

English conversational classes are held every Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Sonlight Inn. For more information or to volunteer, contact Connell or sign up on the Kunsan 5/6 volunteer list.

## Joint Base San Antonio selected to host AFIMSC headquarters

Air Force Public Affairs Command Information

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** -- Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, was selected as the host base for the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center (AFIMSC) Headquarters.

Air Force officials chose the installation after analyzing operational considerations, installation attributes, economic and environmental factors at four candidate locations.

"Following site surveys at the four candidate locations, we ultimately selected Joint Base San Antonio because almost 50 percent of AFIMSC's subordinate unit personnel currently reside at the installation," said Timothy Bridges, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations. "In fact, two of AFIMSC's primary subordinate units will share the same building with the headquarters. We believe co-locating AFIMSC with a large percentage of its subordinate staff will allow the Air Force to harness operational synergy as

the headquarters matures into full operational capability."

The Air Force expects the first personnel assigned to AFIMSC will begin reporting by summer 2015 with most of the staff expected to be in place by fall of 2016.

The decision culminates a deliberate process that included a review of environmental impacts. During detailed, on-the-ground-site surveys of each candidate base, a site survey team led by Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command evaluated the bases against operational requirements, potential impacts to existing missions, housing, infrastructure and manpower.

The site survey teams also developed cost estimates to bed down the center for each candidate base. The results of the surveys were briefed to the Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, who made the selection.

"The new AFIMSC aligns Air Force-wide installation support authorities, responsibilities and resources under one accountable commander. The consolidation

will drive standardized processes, reduce overhead and drive down costs," said Timothy K. Bridges, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Installations. "It makes good business sense to centralize installation support the way we already centralize other support functions such as science and technology, test and sustainment."

AFIMSC, which reports to AFMC, will consolidate installation management functions currently being performed at every major command and will serve as the single intermediate-level headquarters for the delivery of installation support capabilities.

On Oct. 1, AFMC became the parent organization for several primary subordinate units (formerly field operating agencies) to include the Air Force Security Forces Center, Air Force Civil Engineer Center, Air Force Installation Contracting Agency, Air Force Financial Management Center of Expertise, Air Force Financial Services Center and the Air Force Services Activity. These entities are currently attached to AFIMSC (Provisional).



# Virtual ESD: Just a click away

By Senior Airman Taylor Curry  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --** You may have noticed a new icon on your desktop within the last few weeks. If so, that's because the Enterprise Service Desk just released its Virtual ESD software on Pacific Air Force computers.

The vESD is a client-based desktop application that improves system availability and customer productivity by eliminating call wait times, thus providing faster return-to-service.

The ESD's main goal is to empower the Air Force community by automatically fixing common minor information technology problems associated with email, network, hardware, software, phones, and printer issues.

"Virtual ESD is software that gives users the ability to fix simple issues on their work computers," said Staff Sgt. Willie Lopez, 8th Communications Squadron NCO in charge. "The vESD will even work when users are experiencing a network outage."

The vESD application is automatically installed on every user's computer. As soon as the program opens, it immediately scans the workstation in order to provide feedback regarding the user's issue with the computer. It then walks them through the repair steps with text and pictures to achieve a resolution.

"We knew our customers were tired of the wait time with going through the ESD," said Lt. Col. Eric Trias, 690th Network Support Squadron Detachment 2 commander. "Even though we have reduced the wait time significantly, it's important for our customers to know we're committed to putting the right people on the right tasks with the overarching goal of return-to-service for the customer."

For any issues the vESD cannot resolve, assis-



The Virtual Enterprise Service Desk is a client-based desktop application that improves system availability and customer productivity by eliminating call wait times. (U.S. Air Force graphic by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)

tance is provided through the program to submit a trouble ticket, and if access to the network is an issue, vESD will automatically send the ticket request.

"Virtual ESD will guide you through the process of fixing an issue," said Lopez. "In case a problem cannot be fixed, the system will ask if it fixed the issue and if you select 'no,' it will send a notification of the issue directly to us at the communications focal point."

If you experience any problems with vESD or have an issue that needs further assistance, please call your local CFP.

"So far, I have found this transition to the new software to be very smooth," said Lopez. "It's reducing wait times, resolving issues quicker and removing the middle man."

## Protect yourself against the cold and flu



The flu is a serious and contagious disease that can lead to hospitalization. Please take the necessary precautions to protect yourself and others during this flu season. (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--** The cold and flu season is here and will likely be around for several more weeks, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Protection.

Cold and flu viruses are spread primarily by breathing in airborne virus particles, usually from someone

coughing or sneezing. Transmission may also occur by direct contact with contaminated objects like telephones or doorknobs, since the influenza virus may persist for hours—particularly in the cold and in low humidity.

"Getting vaccinated is the first step in protecting against flu viruses," said Tech. Sgt. Erin Watson, 8th Medical Group allergy and immunization specialist.

All active-duty members are required to get an annual flu vaccine. However, because flu strains vary from area to area, it is possible to become susceptible to a strain of the flu not prevented by a vaccine.

According to Watson, practicing the following healthy habits can help prevent colds and flu:

- Wash your hands often to protect yourself from germs, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth.
- Disinfect common surfaces like desktops, countertops, door handles, phones, microwaves, elevator buttons, game consoles and computer keyboards. This is especially important in dormitories - use disinfectant products to clean common areas frequently.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, keep your distance.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
- Sneeze or cough into your sleeve (elbow) if you don't have a tissue - not your hands.
- Exercise regularly, eat a balanced diet and get adequate sleep (seven to eight hours).

Watson also added, if you get a cold or the flu, you will need to do the following:

- Stay home and away from others when you are sick. Your supervisor can put you on 24-hour quarters and you may call for an appointment at the clinic (782-2273).
- Get plenty of rest.
- Drink plenty of liquids (juices, water, broth, noncarbonated drinks, etc.).
- Make sure that you eat, even if it is only lightly.
- Avoid using alcohol and tobacco products.
- Consider use of over-the-counter medications per package instructions to relieve the symptoms of colds and flu.

"The flu is a serious and contagious disease that can lead to hospitalization and even death," said Watson. "Please take the necessary precautions to protect yourself and others during this flu season."

For more information on influenza, visit the CDC website <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/> or call the Kunsan public health office at 782-4510/4509.





## Civilian Personnel Office

### HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE:



**PRESIDENT'S DAY**, 16 Feb 2015, Monday, is an official U.S. holiday. The liberal leave policy will be in effect for Korean National (KN) non-essential civilian employees. Supervisors should ensure the time and attendance cards for KN civilian employees who wish to be off that day are properly coded to reflect the appropriate leave code, i.e., annual leave, etc.

Organizations with KN civilian employees scheduled to work should ensure adequate supervision is available. 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.

For additional information/guidance, please contact Ms. Kim, Min Kyo of the Civilian Personnel Office at 784-4434/8177. (51 FSS/FSMCE)

## Osan Base Chapel Contracts

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.



## Senior Airman Ethan Halbert

### 51st Munitions Squadron

**Job title:** A-10 combat armament support team member

**Job description and its impact on the overall mission:** Performs scheduled and unscheduled maintenance on more than 1,500 bomb racks, missile launchers and 30mm gun systems supporting 24 A-10C aircraft assigned to the 25th Fighter Squadron. Ensures safety, reliability combat mission readiness of the A-10 weapons release system.

**Time in the military:** four Years, five Months

**Time at Osan:** five Months

**DEROS:** 4 August 2015

**Hometown:** Martin, KY

**Hobbies:** Playing guitar, motocross, and building engines.

**Why did you join the military?** To serve the country that I love.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years?** Continuing to develop in my Air Force career and owning my own business.

**What do you do for fun here?** Play guitar, travel with friends, and go to the gym.

**What's your favorite Air Force memory or story?** How much fun I had in Bagram, Afghanistan and all of the good people I worked with there.

**What accomplishment are you most proud of?** Being selected as the Maintenance Professional of the Year my first year in the Air Force.

**Who are your role models?** Jesus, motocross champion Travis Pastrana, and Donald Trump.



Senior Airman Ethan Halbert, 51st Munitions Squadron A-10 combat armament support team member, inspects a GAU-8 gun after repairing parts of the weapons Jan. 6, 2014, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Halbert is this week's Airman Spotlight. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman David Owsianka)



**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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<https://kunsan.eim.pacaf.af.mil/8FW/HC/default.aspx>

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

**USAG-YONGSAN**

**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 Ch, Capt. John C. Choi**

Adjusting to short days and cold weather in the Republic of Korea (ROK) requires planning, appropriate clothing and a sound body/mind paradigm. One of Chicago’s famous residents, Oprah Winfrey, said, “If it weren’t for the weather, everybody would live in Chicago!” I personally haven’t experienced the harsh winter of Chicago. But, I did grow up in the North East (Philadelphia, PA; Cherry Hill, NJ; and Queens, NY). Personally, the cold winter is not my favorite season of the year.

**Dealing with winter blues**

Now, whether this is your first winter or one of many on the ROK, I’m sure that you’ve dealt with winter blues from time to time. And I think my struggle is a common one. Although some people find effective methods that enable them to remain positive, others succumb to the dreary weather and spiral downward into negativity and some levels of depression. This condition is often called winter depression, winter blues or cabin fever. At its worst, it is called seasonal affective disorder or SAD. It is a subset of depressive and mood disorders triggered by a change in environment. Symptoms include indicators of depressive behavior such as lethargy, overeating, diminished concentration and social withdrawal.

How can we make the most of each day and move forward in our own spirituality when simply coping with the weather demands so much of our energy? Let’s look at some commonsense tips and insights for managing winters. Winter offers its own unique benefits: it provides opportunities for meditation, discipline and inner reflection, and it allows us to connect to nature in a differ-

ent way than we do in warm weather.

Remember that staying content or combating cabin fever in the winter may not be easy. But around the globe, people come up against challenging environments and weather.

So, stay connected. Take inspiration from cold-weather regions of the United States which culturally embrace the cold and snow. While you are on the ROK, engage in activities such as ice skating, skiing, snowboarding, tubing, sledding, etc. Playing these sports represents a positive connection to the climate and can be very rewarding.

Also, actively engage in your spirituality. The worship of God or Deity is so vital for your overall well-being. Reading, reciting and meditating the scripture is the life-line for your spiritual wellness. Worshipping with others on a regular basis is another important aspect of being spiritually recharged and grounded.

Lastly, focus on the positive. The battle is half won when we simply refuse to complain. Where our words go, our mind will follow. The more we complain about something, the more it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. The Christian

scripture says, “Be full of joy in the Lord always. I will say again, be full of joy... Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. And God’s peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds...”

The good news – the daylight is getting longer day by day... The spring is on its way and I can’t wait. Some of you may know the song “The Rose” sung by Bette Midler. The other night, while I was lying on my bed, this phrase from this song came to my mind and gave me a reminder that the winter will come to an end and the spring will be here soon. It really helped me to have a positive perspective during this time of winter season.

“Just remember in the winter far beneath the winter snow lies the seed that with the sun’s love, in the spring becomes the rose.” It may be a stretch in my interpretation of this song. I would like to encourage you to demonstrate some of your love to others around you in this cold winter season. Soon, their faces and their life may transform into a rose...



# Wolf Pack Airmen tour Gunsan City

Wolf Pack Airmen took the opportunity to experience the culture of beautiful Gunsan City during a tour this week.



U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Taylor L. Curry



# Captain Lewis Millet and the Battle of Bayonet Hill

## Medal of Honor action at Osan on Feb. 7, 1951



Captain Lewis Millet on February 7, 1951 shortly after the Battle of Bayonet Hill (U.S. Army Photo)

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

On Feb. 7, 1951, Captain Lewis Millet, was leading two platoons of the U.S. Army's Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, down a road located just west and south of the South Korean village of Osan, when observers noticed Chinese soldiers atop the ridgeline to the east preparing to attack. Ordering the accompanying tanks off the road, Millet deployed his men along a rice paddy dike as the Chinese began to open fire. After several men fell to enemy machine gun fire, Millet directed the tanks to provide suppressing fire as he organized his men for an attack against the Chinese positions located on what Army maps designated as Hill 180. History would later remember Hill 180 as Bayonet Hill.

As Chinese machine gun fire continued to cause mounting casualties, Millet realized that an attack on the enemy positions had to be mounted quickly. Running from position to position under fire, Millet gave the order: "Get ready to move out! We're going up the hill. Fix bayonets! Charge! Everyone goes with me!" Millet then raised his rifle and took off across the frozen fields towards Hill 180.

Traversing across ice covered ground from small rise to small rise while jumping over the irrigation ditches which bisected his route, Millet and a dozen men reached the base of the hill. Many of those who didn't immediately follow Millet's command were gunned down by Chinese machine guns located on the ridgeline as they attempted to join the attack. After regrouping with the survivors under a rock outcropping, Millet gave the order, "Let's go!" and the group proceeded up the side of the hill. Racing from rock to rock, Millet reached the first of the three small promontories that comprised Hill 180, each rising roughly 65 feet higher in elevation than the next.

Reaching the first promontory, Millet observed a Chinese machine gun nest to his left and he ordered automatic rifle poured on the position wiping it out. Informed about a group of Chinese soldiers located in a foxhole some thirty feet from his position, Millet charged the enemy firing his carbine and throwing grenades neutralizing the threat. With the Chinese positions destroyed, Millet radioed for additional forces. When reinforcements arrived, Millet ordered, "Attack straight up the hill!"

While screaming Chinese phrases at the enemy Millet and his men with bayonets at the ready raced up the hill. Reaching the first line of enemy foxholes

the Soldiers attacked the Chinese defenders with wicked ferocity. Ahead of the charge, Millett at one point advanced so far beyond his own line that he was forced to dodge grenades being thrown by both friendly forces and enemy alike. After knocking out an anti-tank gun from point blank range Millett, was finally wounded by a Chinese grenade. Despite shrapnel wounds to back and legs, Millett continued to lead the advance urging his men forward with cries of: "Use grenades and cold steel! Kill 'em with the bayonet!"

Reaching the summit of Hill 180, Millett jumped into a trench and with a thrust of his bayonet killed one enemy soldier. A second enemy soldier came after Millett and he too met the bayonet. A third soldier in the trench raised his rifle and attempted to fire but before he could pull the trigger he too was cut down by Millett's blade. Millett then leapt out of the trench joining the rest of his men rushing by screaming and yelling, firing from the hip, attacking the enemy with their bayonets, and throwing grenades into bunkers and foxholes sweeping over the top of the hill and down the backside until the enemy was completely eliminated and the hill was secured.

Enemy casualties for the battle would include 47 confirmed dead with 30 of those the result of bayonet wounds. On the reverse slope of the hill another 50 enemy soldiers lay dead as result of both bayonet and gunshot wounds. It is estimated that over 100 Chinese soldiers were forced off the hill narrowly escaping with their lives. The 27th Infantry Regiment suffered nine soldiers Killed-in-Action. As a result of the action on Hill 180, Captain Lewis Millett was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Born on Dec. 15, 1920, Lewis Millet enlisted in the National Guard in 1938, later transferring to the Army Air Corps. Outraged by German aggression in Europe and eager to get into combat, Millet deserted the American army and enlisted in the Canadian army in 1940 serving overseas with an anti-aircraft unit in London, England during the fierce German bombing campaign against the city known as the 'Blitz.'

When the United States entered the war in December 1941, Millet returned stateside in time to join the invasion of North Africa nearly a year later in November 1942. During his first battle in North Africa Millet was awarded a Silver Star for shooting down a German fighter plane with a machine gun. It was not until nearly a year had passed and after Millet had served in both the North Africa and Italy campaigns that his record of previous service caught up with him regarding his earlier desertion. Millet was found guilty by court martial on the desertion charge receiving a fine of \$52. He was subsequently promoted from Sergeant to 2nd Lieutenant.

Millet briefly left active duty service to attend college following World War II before being called up from the reserve forces in order to serve in Korea. Millet remained in the Army following the Korean War rising to the rank of Colonel serving as an intelligence officer and a military advisor in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. Having earned the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, three Legions of Merit, a Bronze Star, and four Purple Hearts during his 35 year military career, the combat veteran of three wars retired from the Army in 1973.

Millet joked years later after retirement, "I must be the only regular Army colonel who has ever been court-martialed and convicted of desertion." Asked about being awarded the Medal of Honor more than 50 years after the Battle of Hill 180, Millet commented: "This is not just mine. It belongs to the hundred men that I had too. If they all hadn't gone, I'd be dead. You could consider that I must have been a pretty

good leader otherwise none of them would have gone but they all did. This is typical of the American soldier. That's what I think. I've never met a better soldier in combat. I'm alive today because I had some damn good men."

On December 1985, Millet's oldest son, Army Staff Sergeant John Millet, was killed in a plane crash which also took the lives of 240 other soldiers who were returning from a peacekeeping operation on the Sinai Peninsula in the Middle East. In response to that tragedy, Millet wrote the following poem titled "A Soldiers Prayer" in memory of all those who have served in the United States' military:

*I've fought when others feared to serve.  
I've gone where many failed to go.  
I've lost friends in war and strife, who valued duty  
over the love of life.  
I've shared the comradeship of pain  
I've searched these lands for men that we've lost.  
I've sons who've served our land of liberty who'd  
fight to see that other lands are free.  
I've seen the weak forsake humanity.  
I've heard fakers praise our enemy.  
I've seen challenged men stand ever bolder.  
I've seen the duty, the honor, the sacrifice of the  
soldier.  
Now, I understand the meaning of all lives,  
The lives of comrades of not so long ago.  
So to you who answered duties siren call,  
May God bless you my son, may God bless you  
all.*

Millet passed away on November 14, 2009 at the age of 88 years old. Millet had returned to Korea several times following his retirement from the military to visit the Hill 180 site where he achieved his greatest military honor. More importantly, Millet returned to Korea in order to pay homage to those who never made it home from that conflict but also to pay his respects to those who have served in the United States armed forces in Korea and everywhere past and present. Today, Hill 180 serves as the site of the 51st Fighter Wing's headquarters building on Osan Air Base. Millet's last visit to Osan Air Base was in 2003.

Serving as the featured speaker during the Battle of Bayonet Hill remembrance ceremony held in 1998, Millet commented: "...whether they be soldier or strangers, king or peasant, rich or poor, they all had but one desire --to be left alone in peace, to be free. But the price of freedom comes high. The sacrifices that purchased our liberty cannot be commemorated with a few words, or even one book, or with a one day observance, or a brief speech...The real heroes remain unsung, lost and buried, some in foreign lands. They achieved in their young lives far more than the tinsel fame of the movie hero and never received the screaming adulation from the immature who worship at the shrine of the jungle rock and roll...They lived, often in misery, in stupefying heat, in bone-freezing cold. They died tough. Some died with sweat, some with blood, some with tears in their eyes. They sacrificed themselves for our freedom."

A small monument near the top of Hill 180 commemorates the battle which occurred there. The U.S. Army conducts an annual ceremony at the site of the monument each year near the anniversary of the battle in remembrance of Captain Millet's Medal of Honor action and in memory of the nine American soldiers who were killed-in-action. This year's ceremony marking the 64th anniversary of the Battle of Bayonet Hill will be held on Feb. 6, 2015 at 2 p.m. Featured guest speaker for the event will be Army Lt. Gen. Bernard S. Champoux, Commanding General, Eighth Army.



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### 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 Gusan 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.

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### National Prayer Breakfast - 12 Feb 15

The 51st Fighter Wing Chapel will host a National Prayer Breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m., Feb. 12, at the Officers' Club. The cost of the meal is \$7 for civilians, E-5 and above; E-1 to E-4 at no cost. The breakfast will feature Chaplain (Col) Eric J. Albertson, Command Chaplain of UNC/CFC/USFK, as the guest speaker. Please sign up by following or sharing this link: <http://go.usa.gov/zqmqz> by Feb 6. For more information please contact the Osan AB Chapel @ 784-5000.

### Monthly PCS Briefings

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

### E-mail security

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

### 2014 Osan Air Base Chapel Survey

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

### Anthem Singers

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



## National Children's Dental Health Month

The American Dental Association has dedicated February as National Children's Dental Health Month. This year's theme is "Defeat Monster Mouth." Dental health is important for all, and this is especially true when it comes to our children. OCONUS bases provide a unique service to our military spouses and children. Osan's 51st Dental Squadron accepts this responsibility through prevention, education, and awareness.

The U.S. Surgeon General's 2000 report revealed a shocking but simple truth: when it comes to our children's oral health, we need to do a better job. The dental community learned tooth decay is the most common childhood disease, far more than that of asthma and hay fever. More than half of children ages 5 through 9 have at least one cavity or filling. Pain and suffering from untreated childhood decay (cavities) may cause eating, speaking, and learning problems. A key factor in preventing "monster mouth" is to gain knowledge, and approach oral health as a team effort. Be sure your child sees the dentist by their first birthday. Make sure you are an informed parent, and ask questions! Encourage your family to build a foundation of routine brushing (at least two minutes long and two times per day) and flossing. Simply add oral health care to an established routine and you've conquered Monster Mouth as a family!

The 51st Dental Squadron is here to support our Osan AB family. Please visit Building 777 (Hospital) or call 784-2108 with any additional questions. In celebration of National Children's Dental Health Month, several 51 DS staff will educate and entertain Osan Elementary, Middle, and High school students as well as the Child Development Center on 9-13 Feb 2015.

## Smoking Safety



Every year, almost 1,000 smokers and non-smokers are killed in home fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials. These fires are absolutely preventable!

If you smoke or live with someone who smokes, learn the facts. A lit cigarette accidentally dropped onto a chair or bed, hot cigarette ashes or matches tossed away before they are completely extinguished can ignite a fire in seconds.

### Smoking & Home Fire Action Steps

- If you smoke, smoke at the designated area.
- Whenever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays.
- Keep matches and lighters up high, out of children's sight and reach.
- To prevent a deadly cigarette fire, you have to be alert. You won't be if you are sleepy, have been drinking, or have taken medicine or other drugs.
- Before you throw out butts and ashes, make sure they are out, and dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that.
- Never smoke in a home where oxygen is used.

(Ref: U.S. Fire Administration)

Smoking in Air Force facilities is prohibited in most cases. (Ref: AFI 40-102, Tobacco Use in the Air Force) All areas will be considered "NO SMOKING" areas unless a "DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA" sign is posted.

Any questions, feel free to reach out to Fire Prevention Office at 784-4834 or 4835.

## Kyung Dong bus schedule (Yongsan - Osan - Humphreys)

### MONDAY-FRIDAY

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Lv. Yongsan	0550	0700	0830	1000	1100	1300	1430	1630	1720	1720	1900	2130
Ar. 121st GH							1435					
Lv. Osan AB	0650	0810	0940	1119	1210	1410	1540	1740	1830	x	2010	2240
Ar. Humph	0740	0850	1020	1150	1250	1450	1630	1820	1910	1850	2050	2320

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Lv. Humph	x	0550	0700	0830	1000	1100	1230	1330	1530	1710	1910	2100
Lv. Osan AB	0600	x	0750	0920	1050	1150	1320	1420	1620	1800	2000	2140
Ar. 121st GH		0720	0850									
Ar. Yongsan	0710	0730	0900	1030	1200	1300	1430	1530	1730	1910	2110	2250

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

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

### WEEKEND & U.S HOLIDAYS

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Lv. Yongsan	0700	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1930
Lv. Osan AB	0810	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1610	1710	1810	1910	2040
Ar. Humph	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	x	1450	1550	x	1750	x	1950	2120

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

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

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



## UCMJ DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

### Courts-Martial

- On Jan. 9 2015, Senior Airman Joshua Ouderkirk, 5th Reconnaissance Squadron, pleaded guilty to dereliction of duty and drunk and disorderly conduct in a summary court-martial at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. On Nov. 30 2014, SFS members responded to fight near the smoke pit at Dormitory 717. SrA Ouderkirk attempted to flee the scene, knocking down an SFS member in the process. SrA Ouderkirk also resisted apprehension and, when transported to the hospital, became extremely belligerent. SrA Ouderkirk attempted to bite, used indecent language towards, and threatened medical personnel. The adjudged sentence was a reduction to airman basic, restriction to base for 60 days, and 45 days of hard

labor without confinement.

- On Jan. 22 2015, Airman Basic William C. Long, III, 303rd Intelligence Squadron, was found guilty of drunk and disorderly conduct and being drunk on duty at a summary court-martial at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. On Dec. 11 2014, AB Long was involved in a heated argument with another Air Force member in the common area of a dormitory on Yongsan Garrison. Both members proceeded to knock over furniture during the course of the argument. Later that morning, a window in the common area was found broken. The adjudged sentence was 20 days confinement.

### Nonjudicial Punishment (Article 15)

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- A captain violated the 7th AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant violated the 7th AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was a reduction to senior airman, suspended forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.

- A technical sergeant violated the 7th AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was a suspended reduction to staff sergeant, forfeiture of \$1547 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 45 days, and a reprimand.

- A technical sergeant violated the 7th AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was a reduction to staff sergeant and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant violated the 7th AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was a reduction to senior airman and a reprimand.

- An airman first class consumed alcohol while under the age of 21 and made a false official statement. The punishment was a reduction to airman, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant failed to report to work on time. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months, restriction to the base for 20 days, and a reprimand. (The suspended reduction in rank was later vacated for drunk and disorderly conduct.)

- A senior airman hit a CCTV camera, causing it to fall to the ground and break. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$750 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

- A senior airman failed to pay his government travel card in full. The punishment was a reduction to airman first class, 22 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant was derelict in the performance of his duties by failing to follow a technical order while performing maintenance. The punishment was a reduction to senior airman, suspended forfeiture of \$400 pay per month for two months, 27 days extra duties, and a reprimand.

- An airman first class failed to attend mandatory PT. The punishment was a reduction to airman, 7 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant was drunk and disorderly. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, 27 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- A senior airman misused his Government Travel Card. The punishment was a reduction to airman first class, 30 days restriction to base, forfeiture of \$1017 pay per month for two months (with forfeiture of \$1017 pay for one month suspended), and a reprimand.

- An airman first class broke restriction, a punishment from a previous Article 15. The punishment was a reduction to airman basic, restriction to base for 60 days, and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant violated the 7th AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was a reduction to senior airman, restriction to base for 21 days, and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant violated the 7th AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was a reduction to senior airman, suspended forfeiture of \$1,213 pay, suspended 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- An airman first class violated the 7th AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was a reduction to airman, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.

- A technical sergeant violated the 7th AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was a suspended reduction to staff sergeant and a reprimand.

- An airman consumed alcohol while under the age of 21. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant failed to report to his gaining unit and made a false official statement. The punishment was a reduction to senior airman and a reprimand

- A lieutenant colonel committed adultery and conduct unbecoming an officer. The punishment was forfeiture of \$1,000 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

- An airman first class failed to report to his alternate duty location. The punishment was a suspended reduction to Airman, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- A technical sergeant violated the 7th AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was a suspended reduction to staff sergeant, forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

- A senior airman violated the 7th AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$1027 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant violated the 7th AF Curfew Policy and was drunk and disorderly. The punishment was reduction to senior airman and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant was drunk and disorderly, was disrespectful to and assaulted an officer in his unit while at an official function. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$1225 pay per month for two months, 21 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- A senior airman consumed alcohol while in the Korea Readiness Orientation program and was drunk and disorderly. The punishment was a reduction to airman first class, restriction to the base for 14 days, 14 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant failed to report to duty on time and was found to be drunk on duty. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- A senior airman consumed alcohol while in the Korea Readiness Orientation program. The punishment was reduction to airman first class, restriction to the base for 14 days, 14 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant failed to report to duty on time. The punishment was a reduction to senior airman, 21 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- An airman first class consumed alcohol while in the Korea Readiness Orientation program and made a false official statement. The punishment was a reduction to airman, restriction to the base for 30 days, and a reprimand.

- An airman first class consumed alcohol while under the age of 21. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman basic, restriction to the base for 30 days, and 30 days extra duty.

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- A first lieutenant consumed alcohol while in the Korea Readiness Orientation program. The punishment was forfeiture of \$500 pay for two months and a reprimand.

- An airman first class was found sleeping on post. The punishment was a reduction to airman, suspended reduction to airman basic, 21 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- A senior airman was drunk and disorderly. The punishment was a suspended

reduction to airman first class, 30 days extra duty, 30 days restriction, and a reprimand.

- An airman first class made inappropriate comments on a social media website. The punishment was suspended forfeiture of \$1017 pay, 14 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant violated the 7th AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was a suspended reduction to Senior Airman, 30 days restriction to base, and a reprimand.



# Gyeongbokgung, Changgyeonggung Palaces' special evening hours



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Gyeongbokgung Palace and Changgyeonggung Palace will be open to the public in the evenings with special late-night hours for winter. Gyeongbokgung Palace will be open from February 11 to February 16 and Changgyeonggung Palace will be open from February 10 to February 15.

Gyeongbokgung Palace will operate night hours from 18:00 to 21:00 (last admission at 20:00), and Changgyeonggung Palace's night hours are from 19:00 to 22:00 (last admission at 21:00). The sightseeing route at Gyeongbokgung Palace will lead visitors past Gwanghwamun Gate, Heungnyemun Gate and Gyeonghoeru Pavilion. The course at Changgyeonggung Palace passes by Honghwamun Gate, Myeongjeongjeon, and Tongmyeongjeon.

To cut down on crowding, the number of night-time visitors for each palace is capped at 2,200 for the entire week. To ensure that the most people can enjoy this great opportunity, only two tickets will be sold to any one guest. Domestic visitors can only purchase tickets via the internet reservation service; foreigners must purchase tickets on-site.

However, 200 tickets per day for Gyeongbokgung Palace and 100 for Changgyeonggung Palace are set aside for foreign visitors. The ticket prices are 3,000 won and 1,000 won for Gyeongbokgung and Changgyeonggung Palace respectively. National Palace Museum of Korea is also extending its hours to 21:00 (last admission at 20:00) from

February 11 to February 15, in line with Gyeongbokgung Palace's late hours, and admission to the museum is free.

#### More info

#### <Gyeongbokgung, Changgyeonggung Palaces' special evening hours>

##### • Dates:

Gyeongbokgung Palace: February 11 to February 16, 2015 18:00~21:00

Changgyeonggung Palace: February 10 to February 15, 2015 19:00~22:00

National Palace Museum of Korea: February 11 to February 15, 2015

(The museum is closed on February 16), 09:00~21:00 (last admission at 20:00)

##### • Admission Fees:

Gyeongbokgung Palace: 3,000 won

Changgyeonggung Palace:

- 1,000 won

National Palace Museum of Korea:

- Free

##### • Addresses:

Gyeongbokgung Palace: 161, Sajik-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul, Korea (Sejongno)

Changgyeonggung Palace: 185, Changgyeonggung-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul, Korea (Waryongdong)

National Palace Museum of Korea: 12, Hyoja-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul, Korea (Sejongno)

##### • Websites:

Gyeongbokgung Palace: [www.royalpalace.go.kr](http://www.royalpalace.go.kr) (Korean, English)

Changgyeonggung Palace:

- [cdg.go.kr](http://cdg.go.kr) (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

National Palace Museum of Korea:

- [www.gogung.go.kr](http://www.gogung.go.kr) (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)



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





## Seohae Golden train with Ondol room



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The Seohae Golden G-train, featuring the world's first train rooms with "ondol", Korea's floor heating system, will be kicking into high gear on February 5, 2015. The train will depart from Yongsan Station and travel along the west coast to Iksan Station.

The route of G-train is specially designed for travelers stopping by major tourist sites such as Asan Oncheon Hot Spring, Sudeoksa Temple, Namdanghang Port, Daecheon Beach, National Institute of Ecology, Gunsan Modern History Street, and Iksan Jewelry Museum. These seven top tourist spots are nestled along the west coast, and for convenient access, the train will make stops in Asan, Yesan, Hongseong, Boryeong, Seocheon, Gunsan and Iksan.

The train is made up of seven cars, divided into three sections; an engine, a generator and five cabin cars. One car is constructed with ondol, where passengers can stretch their legs out in the room and chat with others. Ondol maru rooms can accommodate three to six people. Also, passengers can relax their feet in a foot spa while sipping tea. Tickets for the foot spa and ondol rooms are available in the train café, located in the third train car.



**More info**

Destination	Fare
Onyangoncheon	14,000 won
Yesan	15,900 won
Hongseong	17,900 won
Daecheon	21,000 won
Janghang	24,700 won
Gunsan	25,300 won
Iksan	27,400 won

\* All prices are for a one way ticket, departing from Yongsan Station.  
 Ondol maru car: 40,000 won (50% discount until February 28 )  
 Steamed foot spa : 5,000 won  
 Dry foot spa: 4,000 won  
 - Operating Dates: Thursday-Sunday  
 \* Dates may be rescheduled depending on seasonal demands.  
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- Website: www.letskorail.com (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)  
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## Introducing Kpass, the transportation card with added benefits



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The special tourism card Kpass, specifically designed for foreign travelers, officially launched on December 22, 2014. With Kpass, travelers from overseas have access to a variety of customized services to meet their travel needs in Korea. Services include travel concierge (International Taxi, SIM card, luggage storage services, etc), transportation and airport care services.

For Free Independent Travelers (FIT) in particular, the card can be used in conjunction with special tourism taxis operating on various courses, as well as for courses tailored to meet travelers' specific requests.

The card holder has access to an array of additional benefits, not only limited to transportation usage but can also be used in shopping centers, restaurants, theaters and more. As Kpass is equipped for use with public transportation, tourists can conveniently travel around Korea without needing to buy a separate transportation card.



More info  
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 \* Website: www.k-pass.co.kr (Korean, English, Chinese)  
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## A walking tour through Gunsan's living relics of modern Korean history



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Getting to Gunsan from Seoul isn't the most convenient ride, as it normally takes about three hours or more, though many travelers find the town a captivating destination because of its unique historical attractions and relics left behind from modern times. Gunsan stood the test of time in Korea's dynamic history as the country changed drastically throughout the early and mid-20th century. Therefore, visitors can take in and soak up more of Korea's past as they explore the intriguing city.

There are multiple ways of getting to Gunsan, which is located in Jeollabuk-do. As stated above, getting there will take roughly three hours by train,

express bus (departing from Seoul Express Bus Terminal), or by car (via the Seohaean Expressway). As soon as you enter the city, you immediately feel as if you're stepping back into the Korea of decades ago. Its old-fashioned buildings and early 20th century atmosphere are unlike that of any other cities throughout the country.

To get to the center of Gunsan's modern history area, you'll need to take a 35-minute bus ride from Gunsan Station, a 20-minute bus ride from the bus terminal, or a 20-minute drive via Gunsan IC. Often referred to as "the belt of modern history," visitors can observe a vast amount of historical artifacts all in one area. The Gwangju government has also been promoting a special stamp tour as well by awarding travelers

who successfully complete a series of cultural heritage-related "missions" set up across eight cultural sites designated by the city. Upon completing the missions, visitors receive Gunsan's famous local specialty, japgok (mixed grains), as a prize.

As a tip for beginners, you may want check the city's official website as well as call in to the Gunsan Modern History Museum prior to making your stamp tour itinerary. The museum not only has useful information about Gunsan, but also leaflets and tickets are available. There are even integrated tickets offered at marked down prices for major tourist sites like the Gunsan Modern History Museum, the Modern Art Museum, and Jinpo Haeyang Tema Gongwon (Maritime Theme Park).



### • Gunsan Modern History Museum

The Gunsan Modern History Museum proudly showcases Korea's maritime history and its role in the past. Gunsan held a significant part in transforming the region as an international trading port as well as a contributor to national economical growth.

Just inside the entrance to the building is a sign with the message, "History becomes our future." As it says, the museum brings to life the golden times of 1930s' Gunsan, and

recaptures the atmosphere of all the drastic changes that took place in Korea at that time through its relics and artifacts, all with the donors' names inscribed next to them.

### • Jangmi Gallery & Entertainment Hall

The word jangmi in Korean means "rose," however that is not the case here. Jang, the word for "place," is combined with mi, the word for "rice," indicating that this is a place for storing rice. But don't be disappointed, as Jangmi Gallery and its performing venue have a very meaningful story, one that has continued on since Korea's liberation from Japan in 1945.

Art activities in Gunsan during the period were known to flourish despite a number of imposed restrictions. Some great literary works, such as "Takryu" (Muddy Stream) by Chae Mansik, were born here. Performances based on his novel have been held here, and contemporary up-and-coming artists have also used the establishment to perform and share cultural values. In addition, hands-on activities like handkerchief dyeing, candle making, and others, are available to visitors.

### • Gunsan Modern Art Museum

First established as a bank, the building was changed into a museum displaying modern history and art. The Gunsan Modern Art Museum and its annex, with its memorial hall

devoted to An Jung-geun, the activist who played a huge part in Korea's independence movement, serve as a priceless lesson about Korea's history. There is also a room with a variety of construction materials on display.

### • Jinpo Maritime Theme Park

The Jinpo Maritime Theme Park was opened in 2008 to commemorate Jinpodaechep, the sweeping naval victory of Jinpo led by General Choi Mu-seon against the Japanese in 1380. Erected against a scenic backdrop of the local port and the ocean, the park houses 16 retired military craft from the navy, air force, and army. On display at the park are retired tanks, artillery, combat planes, and warships, including the Wibongham, which was used during the Vietnam War. Visitors can even venture through the inside of these decommissioned warships.

### • Lee Sung Dang Bakery

Just a 15-minute jaunt from the Jinpo Maritime Theme Park is Lee Sung Dang Bakery, the oldest bakery in Korea. It was originally founded as "Ijeumoya" in 1920 by a Japanese expatriate, but when the owner changed hands in 1945 to a man whose family name was Lee, the store came to be called Lee Sung Dang, meaning "Lee's store" in the local language. Over time, Lee Sung Dang has gained a reputation for making the most delectable

table pat ppang (bread with red bean paste) and yachae ppang (bread with vegetable filling), of which reportedly no one can resist a second bite.

### • Gunsan Japanese-style residence of Sinheung-dong (Hirotzu House)

An additional 15 minutes on foot from the Lee Sung Dang Bakery will get you to a Japanese-style house in the area of Sinheung-dong. The building clearly shows the luxurious lives of Japanese landlords and how they exploited industrial benefits during the colonial times. The two-storey house is enclosed by red walls to keep out any intruders, and all rooms were equipped with tatami floors and traditional gardens. The place has been featured in movies like "General's Son", "The High Rollers", and others.

### • Gowoodang

And just another 15 minutes to reach the Gowoodang guest house, which was built in the 1930s and given the name Gowoodang after the Jeolla-do dialect gowoodangkke, meaning "beautiful" or "lovely." Guests here can spend a comfortable night on tatami floors and enjoy facilities like a bar, a coffee shop, and a lounge. Given that the place offers guests a chance to experience Japanese-style accommodation, the place is always full of travelers from all over the world. The buildings have been rebuilt and renovated, but still maintain their traditional charm. As with its popularity, booking in advance is required.





# Ilsan, a city of beauty, culture, shopping, and more



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Originally founded as a new urban area to alleviate the growing overpopulation problem in Seoul, the city of Ilsan has become a popular destination for visitors domestic or from abroad. The township is part of Goyang-si at the western end of Gyeonggi-do, and is the closest of all of Seoul's suburbs. The city is quite easily accessible through the use of public transportation, including the Seoul Metro (Line 3), the Gyeongui Line, and of course by bus (No. 1200, 1000, or 2000). All routes take less than an hour to arrive. Ilsan is therefore an ideal travel destination for a day trip if you're looking into a more authentic time outside of Seoul. In case you're traveling from Busan, Deagu, or other southern parts of Korea, hop on a train and get off at Haengsin Station for access to Ilsan. KTX trains also make stops there.

On the top of your list of places to visit in Ilsan should be Lake Park. Located in Janghang-dong, Ilsandong-gu, the park houses a large man-made lake 300,000 square meters in size. There is also a promenade stretching over 8.3 kilometers around the lake, giving visitors all the more reason to check it out.

Goyang-si first started designing the park in 1992, however during the first few years after the project's launch, the local government wasn't able to produce its intended results. Fortunately, over 20 years of time has given the park beautiful trees and foliage adding to the atmosphere at the center of the city, where citizens come to rest and cool off in the shade during the summer. Cyclists also favor the park for its scenic paved path that meanders through the park, and bike rentals are also available onsite to enjoy the 4.7 kilometers of stunning view. The park's attractiveness also comes from the many shopping and restaurant districts nearby, so visitors won't have to travel far to satisfy their appetites.

One of the major attractions within the park, the Music Fountain, draws in many crowds during the summer, as it features a choreographed water and light show several times a day. The nighttime show is more spectacular to watch, as the colors contrast against the coal-black night sky. The space is also used for hosting various community events and cultural festivals, such as the widely known Goyang International Flower Show held at the end of April to mid-May every year.

Located right behind the fountain is 'One Mount', a leisure facility that combines water and snow activities for a lot of family fun. Being equipped with both indoor and outdoor facilities, One Mount operates both as a water park in the summer as well as a snow



park in the winter.

Goyang-si, often referred to as 'the city of flowers,' is known for creating many green areas within the city. The city has been growing as an authority in urban gardening and planning by promoting this slogan through organized events like the Goyang International Flower Show. Evidence of its growing reputation can be found every step of the way through the city. With fields of flowers and well-maintained parks beside residential areas, the city itself feels like a big floriculture complex. This is particularly prominent along a footpath connecting Baengma Station (Gyeongui Line) to Ilsan Lake Park Station via Madu Park and Madu Station (Seoul Subway Line 3). Try visiting here during the season of fall foliage, when sidewalks on both sides of the street are covered with a beautiful yellow, orange, and red autumn blanket.

While Dongdaemun and Myeong-dong in Seoul are highly popular among locals and international visitors for shopping at decent prices, Ilsan's mega shopping complex 'Western Dom' is lesser known but has the same advantages. As Ilsan is ranked as the 10th largest city in Korea with a population over 1 million, the city's shopping needs triggered the construction of this giant mall, which now showcases various consumer goods at affordable prices, and serves greater

numbers of visitors coming from outside the city.

Unlike Dongdaemun or Myeong-dong, in addition to all the shopping available, Western Dom also has cultural exhibits and puts on a number of street performances and concerts. If these still haven't enticed you enough to go, perhaps the broadcasting station MBC will. The headquarters of the Munhwa Broadcasting Corporation (MBC), which produces many hallyu-related programs and variety shows, is located just a walking distance from both Lake Park and Western Dom. One of their popular TV programs, a variety show called 'Infinite Challenge,' was filmed here at the Western Dom, and countless K-dramas (Korean dramatic TV shows) set their backdrops near Lake Park. So you just might get lucky and see your favorite K-stars filming while you're out shopping!

Even if you don't get the chance to see K-stars on set, you still have the chance to take selfies with replicas of celebrities and cast members of 'Dream High' around the city. In collaboration with the show's producers, the city of Goyang established a number of set locations for Dream High within the city. Many of Ilsan's popular sites, like KINTEX, Aramnuri Culture Center, Lake Park, Western Dom and Lafesta, are featured in many of its episodes, making Ilsan a memorable experience for hallyu fans.