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Key Resolve 2015: mission complete



Lt. Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, the 7th Air Force commander, congratulates Lt. Gen. Park, Jae-Bock, the Republic of Korea Air and Space Operation Center commander, on the outcome of Key Resolve 2015, March 10, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Key Resolve is an annual combined and joint command post exercise that employs U.S. and ROK military personnel from bases around the ROK, and augmentees from the United States. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Shawn Nickel)

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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The United States Combined Forces Command announced the successful completion of Exercise Key Resolve 2015, March 12 following two weeks of comprehensive computer-based simulation.

"This year's exercise was a great success for the ROK-U.S. Alliance," said Lt. Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy, the 7th Air Force commander. "Our combined forces effectively exercised our plans to defend the Republic of Korea against external aggression and restore stability to the peninsula."

Key Resolve is designed to maintain the readiness of the CFC staff and components, and involves more than 29,000 U.S. forces and more than 200,000 Republic of Korea military forces.

More than 2,300 augmentees from off the peninsula participated in this year's exercise, 650 taking part from Osan Air Base. United Nations Command Sending States also participated.

"As Airmen, we could not have executed such a comprehensive mission alone. The Reservists, Air Guard and active duty augmentees and integration forces who traveled here for KR from other locations around the world gave us a tremendous advantage," said O'Shaughnessy. "The experience and capabilities they brought to the Korea Air Power Team was indispensable."

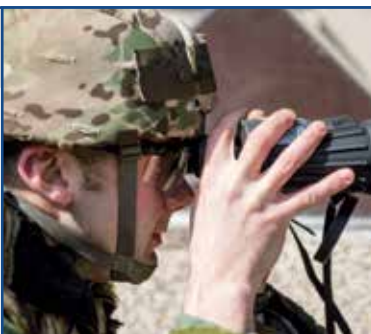
The primary focus of Key Resolve was crisis management, maneuvering and sustainment of forward forces within the context of operational planning.

"Key Resolve gave us the opportunity to show the

dynamic nature of air power," O'Shaughnessy said. "The flexibility we bring to the fight is crucial to the joint mission. By providing the CFC commander with a wide variety of capabilities that can be anywhere, anytime, we anticipated the commander's needs and delivered - every time."

Training exercises on the Korean Peninsula reaffirm the U.S. commitment to the region, and highlight the longstanding partnership and enduring friendship between the United States and the Republic of Korea.

"The friendship between U.S. and ROK Airmen goes back more than sixty years. We are continually learning from each other and I'm constantly impressed with the pool of talent that our countries bring to these operations," O'Shaughnessy said. "We're a tremendous team and I'm proud to be part of it."



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Resiliency reality

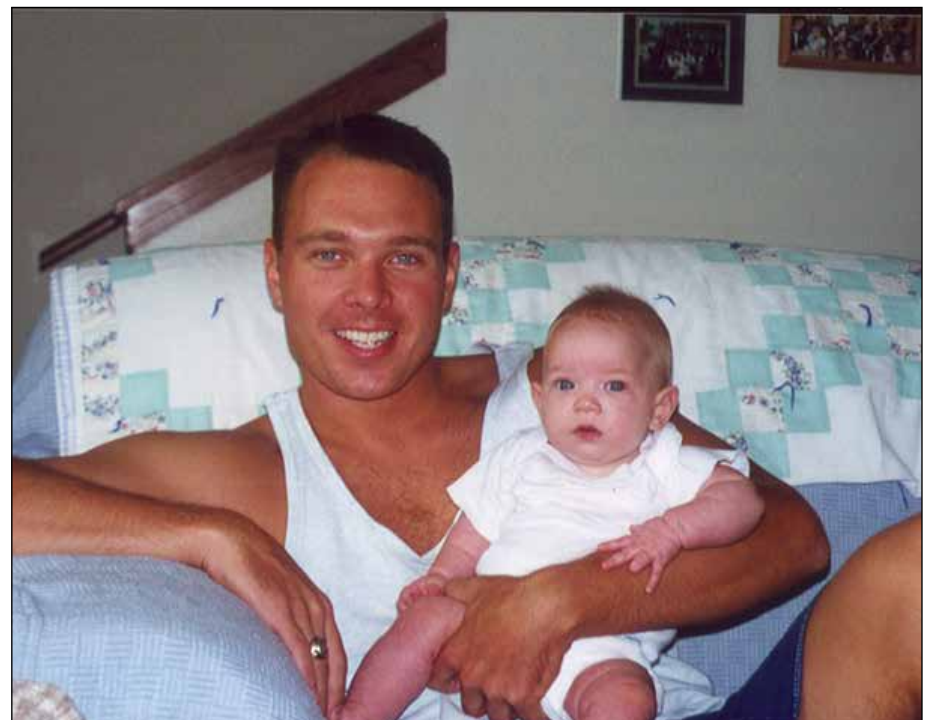


By Lt. Col. Luke Lokowich
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She wasn't supposed to die. It was the duty of the military member to face danger and possibly water the tree of freedom, right? It was supposed to be child birth, complete with laughter, joy and celebration at welcoming a new family member. What it became was a nightmare education that began by absorbing a flood of unfamiliar terms such as aneurism, eclampsia and HELLP syndrome. I had to verbally consent to a laundry list of organs that I would allow for donation. My needs and wants used to center around the cleanliness of my truck and when happy hour ended. Suddenly and without warning it became the fine art of a diaper change, techniques for preparing an army of bottles every day, and installation of a car seat. My life became instantly, completely, and regardless of the tragedy, centered on the care and feeding that was required of a newborn baby girl because the miracle of life for me that day was a trade and not an addition.

Avery really didn't care what my problems were, what she needed was a Daddy with his head screwed on straight. I'll admit that Avery was as easy of a baby anyone could ask for; God knew that I needed it. God knew that I needed time to grieve and learn how to move forward after losing my wife. I tried all the coping mechanisms: denial, blame, work, exercise, religion, support groups, relationships, alcohol, you name it. I blamed myself for not seeing the telltale

signs of a body poisoning itself; I spent my days wondering if it was a dream, putting on an "I got this" face around my friends. Inside I was crushed. My Juliet had just died and I didn't even get a chance to say goodbye. On weekends the spouses in my squadron would watch Avery overnight so I could feign happiness while drinking with my friends. I took a weeklong singles cruise to tactically insert myself back into my new demographic. I became as fast a 5K runner as I've ever been, and I reached out to support groups both on and off base, inside and out of my faith. None of it was me, and none of it was working.



Flying had always been my release, my disconnect from the hysteria of an imperfect world. My squadron left me off of the flying schedule to deal with the flood of change and paperwork involved with the new path my life was taking. Unbeknownst to them it was taking away the only happiness I knew, so returning to the air following my hiatus was a freedom that words cannot explain. Pilots have always compartmentalized tasks, and I was no different. My daily pre-flight routine simply had a new checklist item, and that was "drop Avery off at daycare." I will be forever grateful to the B-52 community for giving me aviation and fellowship in one old, ugly, smelly, eight-engine warfighter. It was on my first flight following JoAnne's death that I received a real, alcohol-free reprieve from parenting and began to heal.

I chose to celebrate. JoAnne was a wonderful woman, full of life and laughter. How fortunate I was to have been a part of her journey, albeit for a very short slice of time. I choose to celebrate her life for the time it was, and not grieve for the time that it will never be. Make no mistake; I shed many tears while poring over photographs of the woman I knew, reliving memories of a friend that I'd never see again. I let go of my anger, I stopped blaming myself, and accepted that my life was not a nightmare, but instead a process of transformation brought about as a result of a tragic experience.

Normal doesn't exist for any of us who have lost someone close. We establish a new normal that has ups and downs just like the old normal did. Moving forward is a choice that I've made and it's been the best thing I've ever done. It allowed me to fall in love again, it allowed me to continue to grow my family, it allowed me to succeed professionally, and it allowed me to be happy again. Have I "gotten over it?" No. Nor do I ever expect to.

Getting over loss is like getting over losing your right arm. While happiness will fill your days again, you'll still never be the same. Find a healthy activity that fills your need to get away for a little while, and accept the fact that when "it" hits the fan it's never evenly distributed. You can almost guarantee that tomorrow will be better. At the end of the day it's a pretty good ride, and worth sticking around for...

Beverly Midnight 15-2 sharpens Wolf Pack readiness

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Tech Sgt. Phillip Suchicital, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron end of runway NCO in charge, marshals in an F-16 Fighting Falcon during Exercise Beverly Midnight 15-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 3, 2015. BM 15-2 tests Airmen on their ability to survive and operate while under the stress of simulated wartime activities all while ensuring aircraft generate. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)

By Senior Airman Taylor Curry
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Wolf Pack Airmen tested their ability to survive and operate for the first time this year with various simulated wartime operations during operational readiness exercise Beverly Midnight 15-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 3 to 6.

This exercise put Airmen to the test by incorporating simulated protests, building evacuation operations, ground, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive attacks, unexploded ordnance detection, and self-aid and buddy care techniques into scenarios throughout the week.

“We put high emphasis on readiness here at Kunsan,” said Maj. Julio Rodriguez, the 8th Fighter Wing director of inspections. “We generate this exercise quarterly to ensure we are trained to upkeep our primary mission, which is being ready to fight tonight.”

During the exercise, the Wolf Pack persevered through 24-hour operations and demonstrated its ability to perform under the stress of reacting to wartime actions and other hostile conditions.

“Being at Kunsan is unique because we don’t have to simulate every detail of our exercises,” Rodriguez said. “We have the capabilities to go the extra mile so we can provide our Airmen with the best training possible.”

The first day of the exercise started out strong, introducing a scenario involving livid protesters attempting to force their way through the north entrance to the base. The 8th Security Forces Squadron expertly performed the appropriate actions for rules of engagement, by keeping the protesters out and ultimately continuing to defend the base.

Throughout the second and third days, indirect fire attacks were made and post attack reconnaissance teams went into full effect. North of the clinic, unexploded ordnance was discovered and was called in. The explosive ordnance disposal team then responded to disarm the threat.

“This operation was a remarkable example of how training enhances our operational capabilities,” said Airman 1st Class Taylor Lahteine, an explosive ord-



Medical teams assist victims of a simulated missile attack during an Exercise Beverly Midnight 15-2 scenario at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 4, 2015. BM 15-2 tests Airmen on their ability to survive and operate while under the stress of simulated wartime activities.

nance disposal team member. “Every scene we encounter provides us with unanticipated challenges, forcing us to adapt and even further expand our broad knowledge of techniques and procedures. During this exercise, we quickly assess the area, the item, and we formulate a plan. Ultimately, we were able to complete our mission of protecting personnel and property, with each operator on the team making focused decisions.”

During the exercise, the Wing Inspection Team inspects and observes the Airmen participating in BM 15-2. The WIT is made up of subject matter experts from the 8th Fighter Wing and tenant units.

“As Inspector General, my goal is to be the eyes and ears of the commander,” said Rodriguez. “We have our WIT out there, comprised of many great senior non-commissioned officers, NCOs, and company grade officers who ensure we are on the right path to being an effective wing.”

Rodriguez added that as a base, Kunsan wants to be 100 percent ready for anything and exercising will get its Airmen where they need to be.

“It’s great to see the Airmen take pride in what they do, especially when they are out there crushing it, every step along the way,” said Rodriguez.

51 FW Priorities, 4 ways to defend freedom

51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- *This is the first in a series of articles relating an overview of the 51st Fighter Wing priorities at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The way Team Osan achieves these priorities and contributes to the readiness and sustainability of Osan AB as an assignment will be explored through four command priorities which are: Building fight tonight readiness, strengthening the base and team, growing leadership and professionalism, and driving innovative solutions. Concluding the series will be a wrap-up article with a video showing the broad points of the wing's priorities.*

In the last series, the principles and main mission of Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, were shown through diverse areas including how Airmen defend the base, execute combat operations and sustain the force on the base. In addition to accomplishing all of the aforementioned, the role the 51st Fighter Wing plays in defending the freedom of 51 million people in the country of South Korea is further emphasized through the command's priorities: building fight tonight readiness, strengthening the base and team, growing leadership and professionalism, and driving innovative solutions.

"We're here to guard the freedom of 51 million people," said Col Brook Leonard, 51st FW commander, at a commander's call Feb. 19, 2015. "That's why our first foot is always going to be readiness. That's why we do more (Operational Readiness Exercises) than training days. That's why we spend all this time and money on putting up permanent infrastructure."

For mustangs of the 51st FW, readiness is paramount and omni-present. Airmen inbound to Osan AB are quickly oriented to the base's designs and mission. Within 24 hours, all newly arrived Airmen are required to inprocess, and are then enrolled into the Ready Mustang Program, a 10-day, mission-propelled re-



An F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 36th Fighter Squadron flies over the Republic of Korea, May 14, 2014. (Courtesy Photos/John M. Dibbs)

quirement with the intent to better prepare Team Osan to embody the mindset of a mission-ready Airman.

Likewise, improving or strengthening the base and team is an almost equally important part of a person's tour at Team Osan. The priority of strengthening the base and team is intended to emphasize and encourage Airmen to look at the big picture and ways they can improve processes, not just for personal gain, but to enhance the flow of operations of the entire base. Because the majority of tours at Osan are one-year long, it's possible for Airmen to lose sight of their effectiveness in the present by overly focusing on the future. But Leonard says Airmen must remain strong throughout the duration of their assignment.

"You've probably heard me use the analogy of the relay race all the time," said Leonard at the all call. "What I like is that the fastest 100-meter split isn't one

runner but a team. We have to stay strong and up to speed to hand off the baton at the end of our tour."

Growing leadership and professionalism shows that the men and women of Osan AB care about their relationship with their host-country and present themselves as professionals 24/7. The United States and ROK have had a positive relationship for more than 60 years, and Team Osan contributes to this alliance by community involvement and volunteering, whether it be cleaning up the streets as part of the Troops for Trash program, or regularly visiting local orphanages through the chapel, this priority emphasizes the point of strengthening the alliance through positive international relationships.

Finally, driving innovative solutions focuses around the concept that there is always opportunity for improvement. At Osan AB, Airmen are encouraged to celebrate their successes and learn from

their mistakes. And while it's important to be comfortable in one's strengths, it's also become a Team Osan trademark to "call the baby ugly." This priority seeks to encourage Airmen to look past the idea of Osan as just a short-tour or burden to shoulder for a year. The 51st FW regularly exercises this priority through quarterly OREs, and has undergone several verification processes for its maintenance, mission support and reception working groups.

The four priorities are the guiding ideas and ways in which Mustangs can help make their tour at Osan AB a better and more meaningful, one. Readiness, teamwork, leadership and professionalism, and driving innovation are the ways in which Team Osan accomplishes the mission and defends freedom.

Next we'll begin with a greater look at how Team Osan builds fight tonight readiness with features on the Armament and Weather Flight on base.



An A-10 Thunderbolt II from the 25th Fighter Squadron flies over the Republic of Korea, May 14, 2014.

FSS flexes beddown muscles during ORE

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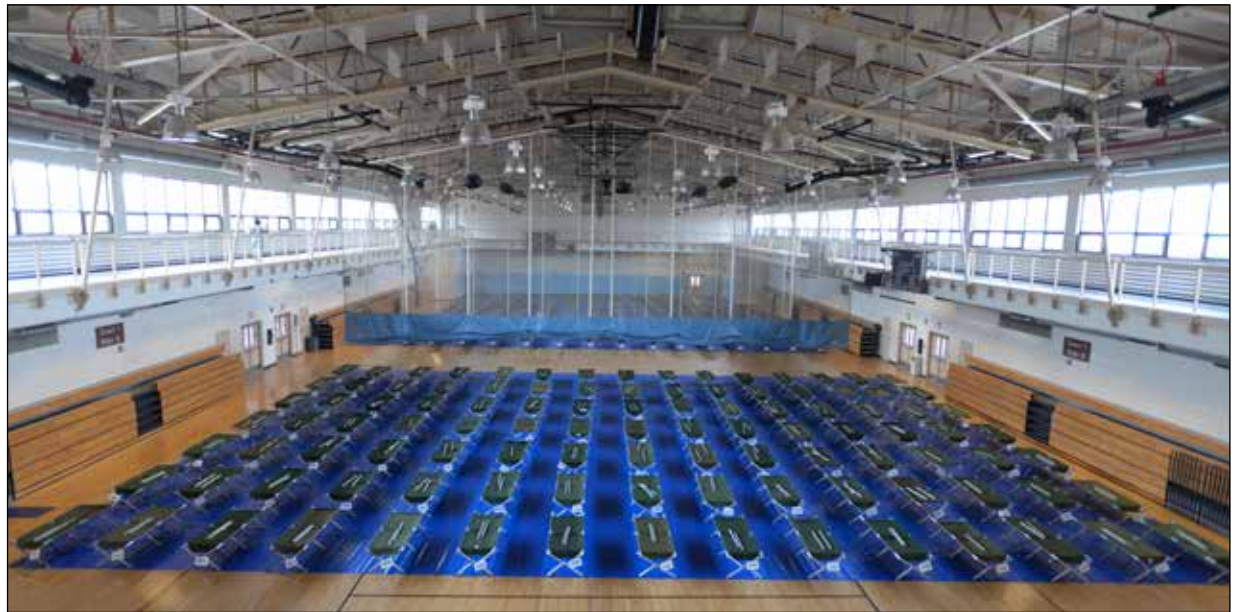
OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- At Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, quarterly operational readiness exercises are intended to test, build and hone an alert mentality in its Airmen. During the most recent exercise, Beverly Midnight 15-1, the base services and sustainment team in the Force Support Squadron had a very realistic test in receiving and sustaining follow-on forces.

The men and women of the FSS fitness center and lodging teams are responsible for the upkeep of their facilities, making them inviting and available for personnel around the base. During an emergency, however, their roles change as they're also responsible for the beddown and sustainment of follow-on forces. When BM 15-1 was forthcoming in tandem with another peninsula-wide exercise, and it became apparent that the standard facilities wouldn't be enough, the FSS had to make room, elsewhere, in an unconventional venue.

"We have to have a place to beddown follow-on forces," said Capt. Bernard Harper, the 51st Force Support Squadron sustainment services flight commander. "When we have max occupancy, then we have to find other ways to bed them down. One of those options was to use the fitness center, which has a lot of open space."

Setting up in the fitness center included making some portions of the 24-hour-a-day facility off-limits, and preparing the area to be slept and lived in by more than 200 people. Preparing the gymnasium to become home for so many people involved a lot of effort among the fitness center and base lodging staffs. Harper said the efforts were successful.

"It's been successful because of a team effort, especially with the set up and layout," said Harper. "The



Cots are set up in the Fitness Center to provide follow-on forces during operational readiness exercise Beverly Midnight 15-1 March 2, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The cots were used to help receive and sustain more than 200 follow-on forces on base during the exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman David Owsianka)

process was entirely smooth, and the collected effort between our fitness center staff and lodging to help set that up worked great. This is the first time in recent memory when we tested this ability and that it was so successful, which speaks to the ability of our team."

The reception and sustainment of follow-on forces is an essential element of the role Team Osan plays in defending freedom in the ROK. It provides the base with essential personnel and stability, even in the event of an emergency.

"It's very important because our job as force support had to make sure everybody is bedded down," said Harper. "When we have extra forces we need to

make sure they're taken care of so they can execute the mission."

The success of this capability not only buttresses the base's capability to accept follow-on forces, but can also help with non-combatant evacuation operations on base. Ultimately, the success of this test proves the FSS beddown team is prepared and capable of operating in a constantly malleable environment.

"This is just another way to test our capabilities and help the team," said Harper. "We all know we have to stay ready, and sharpening our skills during exercises like these helps prepare us to work better on a daily basis."

Kunsan launches AFAF campaign

By Master Sgt. Valda Wilson
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Wolf Pack launched its Air Force Assistance Fund campaign here March 2 and will continue through April 10. The legacy theme for the campaign is "Commitment to Caring."

The AFAF is an annual Air Force fundraising campaign that supports the four official Air Force charitable organizations. These organizations provide support to Air Force members and their families in need.

"This campaign provides us an opportunity to help our fellow Airmen and families in their times of greatest need," said Col. Ken "Wolf" Ekman, the 8th Fighter Wing commander. "We [Wolf Chief] and I hope you seriously consider giving to these worthy causes. Some day you may discover you have 'paid it forward' when an AFAF organization assists you or someone you know."

Donating to AFAF can be accomplished in two different ways.

"There are two ways to contribute to the AFAF," said 1st Lt. Kyle Deroner, the 8th Support Squadron chief of readiness and plans, and the Wolf Pack's AFAF project officer. "You can do the payroll deduction plan or cash. Cash is U.S. currency, personal checks, money orders, cashier's checks, endorsed traveler's checks or other redeemable instruments."

Key workers will visit work centers to talk about the AFAF charities, provide an opportunity to donate and answer any questions.

"Our goals for the campaign are to make 100% contact with each Wolf Pack member and to reach our basewide contribution goal of \$41,265," said Deroner. "We hope everyone takes some time to learn about the



(Left to right) Col. Jeffery "Wolf II" Valenzia, the 8th Fighter Wing vice commander, Col. Ken "Wolf" Ekman, the 8th FW commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Lee "Wolf Chief" Barr, the 8th FW command chief, fill out their Air Force Assistance Fund forms at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 2, 2015. The AFAF campaign, which helps Airmen and families in their times of greatest need, officially kicked off March 2 at Kunsan and concludes April 10. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)

different charities."

The four AFAF charities are:

- The Air Force Village. The Air Force Village was established in 1970, and is a retirement community for Air Force officers' spouses who need financial assistance. Surviving spouses are provided with a secure and comfortable environment to live.

- The Air Force Aid Society. The Air Force Aid Society offers interest-free loans to service members when living and emergency expenses become overwhelming. The AFAS helped 18,000 Airmen with emergency assistance totaling \$9.6 million in 2014.

- The Air Force Enlisted Village. The Air Force Enlisted Village has served as a haven for more than 1,500 surviving spouses since 1975. The organization provides housing to surviving spouses of enlisted members who died while on active duty. Visit the Air Force Enlisted Village website at, www.afev.us.

- The LeMay Foundation. The LeMay Foundation helps widows of all Air Force retirees, both officer and enlisted, by granting financial assistance.

Payroll deductions for active duty will automatically start June 1 and will start July 1 for retirees. Contact unit POCs for any questions.

Building Fight Tonight Readiness: Armament flight keeps weapons systems working

By Senior Airman David Owsianka
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- This is the second in a series of articles relating to an overview of the 51st Fighter Wing priorities at Osan Air Base. The major role Team Osan plays in the Republic of Korea and the extent of its mission will be showcased this week in the way Team Osan's practices "Building Fight Tonight Readiness." Next week, we will provide an in-depth look at how the base "Strengthens the team and the base." Concluding this series will be a wrap-up article with a video reiterating the importance of the wing's priorities.

Readiness is a stable function for the Mustangs at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Since the end of the Korean War, and the subsequent signing of the armistice in 1953, United States forces have been tasked with maintaining the stability allotted in that treaty. The peace and prosperity of the Republic of Korea has been aided by units like the 51st Fighter Wing, which aims to continue this era of stability through the practice of building fight tonight readiness. One such way readiness is achieved is by the continuous upkeep of the weapons systems on the base's A-10 and F-16 aircraft.

Whether it's performing scheduled or unscheduled maintenance tasks, the 51st Munitions Squadron armament flight technicians keep the A-10 Thunderbolt

II and F-16 Fighting Falcon weapons systems in proper working order. This flight keeps the 25th and 36th Fighter Squadrons ready to be employed at a moment's notice.

The primary goal of the armament flight is to provide weapons systems reliability to the A-10 and F-16 aircraft.

"The biggest thing that we do is provide the pilots with safe, reliable gun systems that they sit on top of," said Tech. Sgt. Joseph Davis, a 51st MUNS A-10 armament cast chief. "We also ensure that load crews on the flight line know that the equipment we have worked on is serviceable, and when they load a bomb, it is going to release on time."

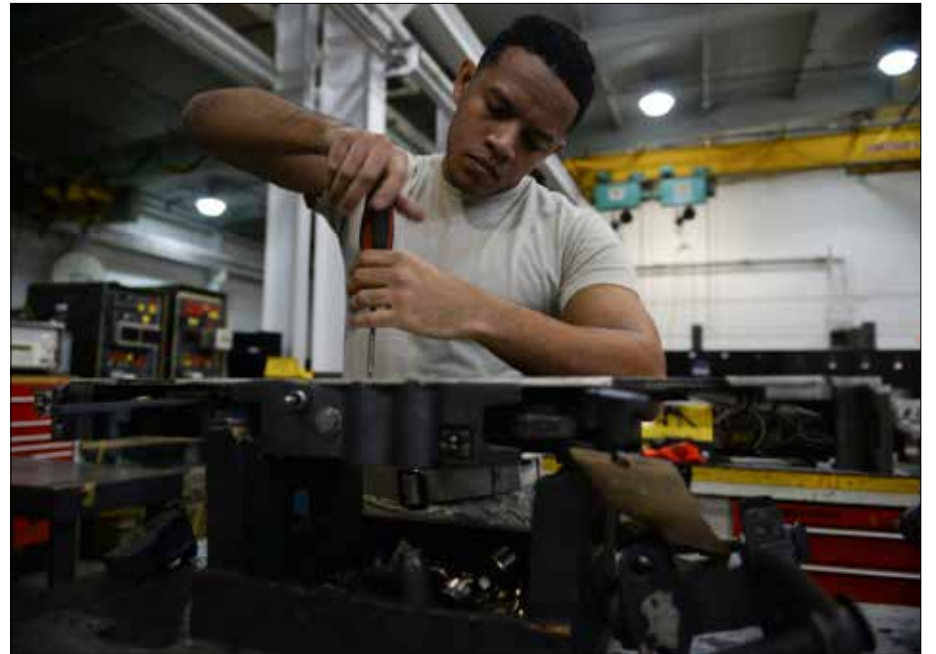
To ensure that the equipment is mission ready, the armament flight regularly schedules inspections and maintenance work.

"We perform scheduled maintenance to make sure each part we return to the flight line is serviceable," Davis said. "When we receive a piece of equipment, we disassemble it, inspect it and provide any necessary maintenance and repair work."

The armament flight is split into two departments: the A-10 section and F-16 section.

A-10s are inspected on their 30 mm gun, feed and handling system, ammunition loading adaptor and triple ejector rack.

F-16s are inspected for their 20 mm gun, air-to-air missiles, conventional air-



Senior Airman Anthony Mulero, a 51st Munitions Squadron F-16 armament systems technician, loosens a bolt on a bomb rack during a routine inspection Feb. 10, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. F-16s are inspected for their 20 mm gun, air-to-air missiles, conventional air-to-air and air-to-surface munitions, and electronic countermeasure pods. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman David Owsianka)

to-air and air-to-surface munitions, and electronic countermeasure pods.

"We take the equipment apart and make sure everything is going to function properly," said Staff Sgt. Brit Meibos, 51st MUNS F-16 armament floor chief. "We do functional checks to make sure that each piece of equipment is ready to go."

To ensure the flight plays an effective role in realistic and robust readiness,

the armament flight makes sure that the flight line crews can receive the equipment at a moment's notice.

"It's important for us to successfully complete our job because that way we put reliable weapons systems on the aircraft," Meibos said. "It's very important to make sure that our weapons systems are reliable so the pilots will receive equipment that functions to successfully train as they fly their sorties."

Space planning essential to battle success



U.S. Army Capt. Otis Ingram explains predictions of space interference to a fellow Army officer March 10, 2015, in the Republic of Korea Air and Space Operation Center during exercise Key Resolve at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Ingram is a space coordination officer from the 3rd Battlefield Coordination Detachment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Shawn Nickel)

By Staff Sgt. Shawn Nickel
Seventh Air Force Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- "Space, the final frontier," means a lot to people in different careers, but is the vast blackness filled

with mesmerizing intergalactic-lights important to today's warfighter?

According to Air Force Capt. Jamil Brown, the 607th Air Operations Center chief of space plans, space is a newer concept to warfighting and his team is working to integrate the concept into exer-

cise Key Resolve 15.

"As chief of space plans I'm in charge of integrating space into the air tasking order cycle, making sure the plan that's put together has both the space support it needs and also the estimated space effects to make sure the mission goes along as planned," Brown said.

Over the past few exercises, integrating space effects into KR scenarios has been an evolutionary process.

"One of the nice things about working with our Korean counterparts is we're beginning to not only educate everyone here what space has to contribute, but we're also integrating it into the plans so space is as essential and integral as everything else," he said.

During the exercise process, Brown found that planners' interest in space has increased as they seek to understand how space effects fit into their planning and maneuvers.

"It's great they have that thirst, but now we're catching up to that to making sure we can satisfy that interest in space knowledge," Brown said. "That's a challenge I'm pleased to have to overcome."

U.S. Army Capt. Otis Ingram, a space coordination officer from the 3rd Battlefield Coordination Detachment, said space technology isn't just applicable to flying and air combat; it's essential to troops on the ground.

"Although solar flares and space dust aren't directly related to what troops on the ground are doing, it directly affects elements of warfare such as GPS and satellite communication," he said.

Brown said generating and implementing knowledge of space effects is sure to help KR run smoother, but more importantly play a role in future combat and humanitarian operations around the world.

"Space has been around for a while but, in regards to integrating it into the overall theater of operations, we will continue to improve and develop to better assist our counterparts and warfighters around the globe," he said.

Amplified readiness: Team Osan revolutionizes ORE



Airmen with the 51st Medical Group receive training on carrying litters during a medical evacuation airlift training scenario March 4, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Medical evacuations are a timely and efficient movement for en route care provided by medical personnel to evacuate wounded personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman David Owsianka)



Staff Sgt. Justin Swearingen, a 51st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt II crew chief, collects an oil sample March 3, 2015, during operational readiness exercise Beverly Midnight 15-1 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The oil is checked every 10 hours to ensure that it is free of metal. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Matthew Lancaster)



Maj. Jason Miller, a 36th Fighter Squadron pilot, performs a pre-flight check March 2, 2015, during operational readiness exercise Beverly Midnight Exercise 15-01 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. This exercise is designed to test American forces in the ROK on their mission readiness in the event of an emergency or wartime environment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman David Owsianka)

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From the outset, Beverly Midnight 15-1 was destined to not be just another exercise. Beginning March 1, and lasting through March 5, the operational readiness exercise aligned directly for the first time with Key Resolve, an annual command post exercise that ensures the Republic of Korea-U.S. Alliance is prepared to defend the ROK. This strategic-to-tactical integration helped the men and women of Team Osan implement guidance from higher headquarters into real-time exercise scenarios with limited simulations, all designed to increase readiness.

During the five-day ORE, Team Osan exercised in a number of new ways – including receiving and generating aircraft at the same time, arming personnel across the wing, bedding down participants in Key Resolve, integrating deployed Airmen from various career

fields; to include security forces, munitions, civil engineers and maintenance, and practicing aeromedical evacuations on incoming C-130s – all while laboring to make the exercise as realistic, and non-simulated as possible.

These innovative ways to prepare are in part brought about by the Commander's Inspection Program, which began in October 2014. The CIP tasks commanders to exercise their bases in the most effective way possible, leaving them better prepared to accomplish the mission. Before the CIP, inspections were done biannually with governance from the major command, now, the MAJCOM tasks wing commanders with using the methods they deem most effective at keeping their wings and bases prepared to execute their missions.

A key component of Team Osan's mission is to receive and sustain forces, which Airmen practiced in BM 15-1. As always, once the simulated contingency

began, the wing started generating sorties and aircraft, while additionally receiving incoming aircraft from other locations. Being able to effectively generate combat sorties, while receiving forces is a marquee readiness maneuver that actively portrays a real-world scenario.

Adding to the novelty of BM 15-1, the base tested maximum arming of Airmen, a necessary-to-test capability in the event of an emergency. Practicing acquiring, caring for, and returning arms is another revolutionary way that Team Osan builds its fight tonight readiness.

While participants in BM 15-1 were arming up, conjoining with Key Resolve led to the base practicing an innovative beddown technique: housing more than 200 incoming personnel in the base gymnasium. The 51st Force Support Squadron labored to adequately provide sleeping and living quarters for the Key

Resolve participants, creatively taking advantage of the spare space available in the gym.

The arming of forces served a dual-purpose for BM 15-1, not just testing capability, but integrating readiness by having Opposition Forces perform simulated attacks on multiple areas and squadrons. For BM 15-1, defense of the base didn't stop with the defenders, as multiple squadrons were required to fend off simulated attackers.

Finally, the base tested its real-world capabilities with practiced aeromedical evacuations involving incoming C-130 aircraft, a necessary component to maintaining readiness.

Team Osan, home to the most forward deployed, permanently based wing in the Air Force, has innovated, driven and integrated these ideas into the way it exercises to stay better prepared to guard freedom for 51 million people on the ROK.

Patriot puppies: 731st AMS 'Port Dawgs' open doors to new passengers

By Staff Sgt. Shawn Nickel
Seventh Air Force Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- "I wasn't going to be able to keep my puppies. We were ready to give them up and we were devastated," said Elena as she kissed her mixed-breed, exhausted pound puppy on the forehead after a 10-plus hour trans-Pacific flight.

After five years in the works, the 731st Air Mobility Squadron passenger terminal welcomed its first four-legged passengers via a new program, allowing service members to fly their pets on the "Patriot Express" to the Korean Peninsula.

"We were days away from giving up our dogs," said Elena's husband, Army Sgt. Stephen Adams, a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crew chief newly assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea. "Last minute we got the call about this new program and we were extremely relieved we would be able to keep them: life-changing news for us."

It's a first for this terminal, which was built in 2010 and holds the title, "The gateway to the Korean Peninsula."

The Osan passenger terminal shipped its first outbound pet in September 2014.

Capt. Jonathan Wood explained how the new program is a cost savings for the Air Force and any other service us-

ing the Patriot Express when members change duty stations.

"The PE is under Air Mobility Command contract to move PCSing members between Osan, Misawa, Yokota and Seattle-Tacoma," he said. "Previously, when pets weren't on the PE program, Air Force and Army travel offices had to purchase commercial airline tickets for PCSing members traveling with pets, ultimately costing more money."

As an added benefit, the PE offers exponential cost savings for members as well. They simply pay an excess baggage fee for their pet based on the combined weight of the animal and the kennel. For the Adams family it was an 80 percent cost savings over commercial travel.

"We had tried to raise money to cover the expense, but it wasn't happening fast enough," Sgt. Adams explained. "This was our saving grace."

In addition to the cost savings, the smaller, faster and more streamlined process of the PE is healthier for pets, according to Army Capt. Elad Stotland, the 106th Medical Detachment veterinary treatment facility officer in charge.

The reduced time in processing and traveling through airports reduces stress from the animals and offers a quicker road to "relief" from kennels, the captain explained.

"After hours of air travel in a tight space, any amount of time is better for our dogs when it comes getting them



Kali, a pet who traveled to the Korean Peninsula on space available travel, is scanned for a microchip after arriving at the the Osan Air Base passenger terminal, Republic of Korea, March 2, 2015. After five years in the works, the 731st Air Mobility Squadron passenger terminal welcomed its first four-legged passengers on a new program allowing service members to fly their pets to the peninsula via the "Patriot Express." (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Shawn Nickel)

out of their kennels and to the grass for some relief and fresh air," said Adams. "For us, PCSing is stressful enough with all the paperwork, new people and

change in scenery. After thinking we were going to have to do it without our dogs, this was a big service to us and alleviation to the stress."

Dining Facility steps up operations during Key Resolve 2015

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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Nathan Weiss, an Illinois Air National Guard 183rd Force Support Squadron food service apprentice, prepares defrosted chicken wings to be fried for "Wing Wednesday," March 4, 2015, at the Pacific House Dining Facility, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, during exercise Key Resolve. Active-duty Airmen worked alongside Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve counterparts along with U.S. Marines and local civilians to provide total force integration. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Shawn Nickel)

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Stirred, chopped, baked, broiled or braised, any way you whisk it, the 51st Force Support Squadron has heated up its operations to accommodate increased customers during Key Resolve 2015.

During the two-week exercise the base can swell with more than 1,500 additional mouths to feed, ranging from fellow Airmen to joint service, coalition partners and civilians.

"The menus we're offering during Key Resolve are the same as normal, just in higher quantities due to the extra personnel, but there are some challenges," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Hammond, the 51st FSS noncommissioned officer in charge of Pacific House Dining Facility operations. "Cooking the correct amount of food takes more time and more staff."

Augmentees are brought in from around the Air Force and U.S. Marine Corps to fill in and take some of the stress off of the permanent party Airmen. Although these augmentees wear the same uniform, they are an integrated force of Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen.

Airman 1st Class Andrew Flinn, an Illinois Air National Guard 183rd Force Support Squadron food service apprentice, took the opportunity to deploy to the peninsula for the chance to learn.

"Breaking out of the one weekend a month mentality, I have been in for the last year, has opened my eyes and given me the opportunity to support a big operation like this," said the Havana, Illinois, native. "Getting to know a new kitchen and learning new things like running the grill has been a huge plus, but the most reward-

ing opportunity has been to work within a new culture."

Flinn's Korean vocabulary has broadened from zero to a few short phrases he has learned from local civilian kitchen staff. He can often be heard uttering, "kam-sa-ham-ni-da," which means, "thank you." He also noted his Korean counterparts' extremely dedicated work ethics to make sure the massive meals are on time and cleaned up.

In addition to the help in the kitchen, Hammond noted the exercise is an excellent opportunity to improve operations.

"Augmentees come in with experience from their home bases and ideas that we can learn from and utilize here at home station," he said. "So, this is a good opportunity to train and continue to sharpen our skills for the mission here."

Even though the manpower challenge is easily overcome, a temporary regulatory problem has caused a slight change in the menu.

"There is an embargo on chicken breast, which is what we use for a lot of our meals," Hammond said. "Easy fix; we just adjust to approved frozen or local chicken products to fill our menu. In some cases it has proven to provide a wider variety."

Reinforced with the 10 augmentees, five from each service, the DFAC has extended exercise hours and proven its non-stop commitment to excellence, Hammond said.

"It's always a good thing when we get a chance to meet and network," he said. "It provides a great opportunity to train to improve the quality of life we aim to give our teammates here at Osan and around the world during peacetime and contingency operations."



Cornelia Fort in 1943 (Courtesy photo)

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

On the morning of Sunday December 7, 1941, instructor pilot Cornelia Fort

Women's History Month

Cornelia Fort – In service to her country

was practicing take offs and landings with a student from a civilian airport located in Honolulu, Hawaii, when she noticed what appeared to be a military aircraft approaching their plane on a collision course. She grabbed the controls from her student and pulled the plane up just in time to avoid a mid-air crash. As the aircraft passed below, she looked around and later recalled:

“He passed so close under us that our windows rattled violently and I looked down to see what kind of plane it was. The painted red balls on the tops of the wings shone brightly in the sun. I looked again with complete and utter disbelief...I looked quickly at Pearl Harbor and my spine tingled when I saw billowing black smoke. Still I thought hollowly it might be some kind of coincidence or maneuvers, it might be, it must be...then I looked way up and saw the formations of silver bombers riding in. Something detached itself from an airplane and came glistening down. My eyes followed it

down, down and even with knowledge pounding in my mind, my heart turned convulsively when the bomb exploded in the middle of the harbor.”

Fort quickly landed her aircraft and she and her student leapt from the plane and ran for cover as a Japanese Zero came in and strafed the civilian airport.

With civilian aviation in Hawaii grounded after the attack, Fort returned to the mainland, becoming a minor celebrity after making a short movie to promote war bonds and appearing at several speaking engagements recounting her Pearl Harbor experience. In the fall of 1942, Fort received a telegram from the War Department asking: “if interested, to report within twenty-four hours to Wilmington, Delaware, for service in the Ferrying Division of the Air Transport Command.” Fort answered the call and became the second woman to be sworn into the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron whose primary mission was to use female civilian pilots to fly newly

finished aircraft from factories directly to military air bases across the country.

On March 21, 1943, Fort was one of a number of pilots who were assigned to ferry a group of BT-13 Valiant trainer aircraft from Long Beach, California, to Dallas, Texas, when the left wing of her aircraft was struck by the landing gear of another Valiant. Unable to parachute free due to the spiral the collision caused, Fort was killed when her aircraft crashed into the ground. She was the first woman from the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron, and the first of 37 women pilots killed while flying military aircraft in service to their country during World War II.

A historical marker placed near her family home that commemorates her service and sacrifice quotes a comment she made to a popular magazine in 1943: “I, for one, am profoundly grateful that my one talent, my only knowledge, flying, happens to be of use to my country when it is needed.”

Maj. Bernard Fisher

Air Force Medal of Honor – March 10, 1966

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

Bernard F. Fisher was born Jan. 11, 1927, in San Bernardino, California. Enlisting in the U.S. Navy on Feb. 10, 1945, he served for 13 months before receiving an honorable discharge. Returning to military service, Fisher enlisted in the Air National Guard in 1947 where he served until receiving a commission in the U.S. Air Force on June 11, 1951. He earned his pilots wings in April 1953.

Fisher's first duty assignment as a pilot was flying the F-86 Sabrejet out of O'Hare Field in Chicago. In the years that followed, he transitioned to piloting the F-101 Voodoo and F-104 Starfighter from bases in Japan, Montana, and Florida. While serving in Florida, Fisher volunteered for combat duty in Vietnam, transitioning yet again this time from jet aircraft to the propeller driven A-1E Skyraider. He shipped overseas in July 1965, joining the 1st Air Commando Squadron at Pleiku Air Base, South Vietnam.

On March 10, 1966, then Maj. Fisher was flying a close-air support mission alongside his wingman Maj. Wayne Myers in support of U.S. Army Special Forces soldiers who were conducting an enemy interdiction operation along the Ho Chi Minh Trail within the A Shau Valley in South Vietnam near the Laotian border. On the second day of the battle, the soldiers had been driven back into a single defensive position in the corner of their basecamp and called in for air strikes in order to help stunt the enemy advance.

On that day low clouds had covered the valley walls, leaving a ceiling located just a few hundred feet off of the valley floor. Any aerial attack in support of ground forces was obliged to come from below the cloud cover straight up the length of the valley. As a result, attacking aircraft were left highly vulnerable to enemy anti-aircraft fire located on the hillsides, with enemy gun positions at times located parallel or even above the attackers. One pilot later described the situation: “It was like flying inside Yankee Stadium with the people in the bleachers firing at you with machine guns.”

In spite of enemy fire, Fisher and Myers conducted several strafing attacks against the enemy assault forces. During one pass, Myers' aircraft was hit by .50-caliber machine gun fire, causing his plane to burst into fire. Myers called out over the radio: “I've been hit and hit hard!” Too low to bailout of the stricken aircraft, Myers instead crash landed his A-1E wheels up at a small air-

strip nearby. Abandoning the Skyraider, Myers ran and took cover in a small ditch located beside the runway near the tree line of the adjacent jungle.

Having crashed near enemy positions Fisher feared that Myers, who may have also been wounded, would soon be captured or killed before a rescue helicopter could arrive. After circling the crash site once, Fisher decided to land his own aircraft on the heavily damaged airstrip and retrieve Myers himself. He radioed: “I'm going in!” and dove his A-1E toward the landing strip as the other Skyraiders in their flight hastily maneuvered in above to provide top cover to the landing attempt. On his first landing attempt Fisher came in too fast and although his wheels touched the ground, the aircraft was going too fast, to stop before the end of the runway so he increased power and took back to the sky, completing a 180-degree turn, coming completely around before landing a second time.

On the ground, Fisher was forced to taxi almost the full length of the runway, which was littered with bomb craters, burning oil drums, and other battle debris; along with Myers' exploding Skyraider. Scanning the side of the runway while under heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire, Fisher spotted Myers running toward his aircraft with arms waving. He unbuckled his safety harness and opened the aircraft canopy reaching for Myers. Fisher pulled in him in head first and slammed the throttle forward. Still under heavy enemy fire, Fisher was just barely able to lift the aircraft off from the overrun strip at the end of the runway streaking into the clouds above. Upon return to Pleiku Air Base, maintenance crews counted 19 bullet holes in the fuselage of Fisher's A-1E.

For his selfless act that day, Maj. Bernard Fisher was awarded the Medal of Honor. He received the Medal of Honor from President Lyndon B. Johnson during a ceremony at the White House on January 19, 1967. His Medal of Honor citation reads in part: “Major Fisher's profound concern for his fellow Airman, and at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty are in the highest traditions of the U.S. Air Force and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of his country.” At the time of his award, Fisher became the first-ever living recipient from the U.S. Air Force to have earned the honor (Medal of Honor awards given to Airmen prior to the Air Force becoming a separate service in 1948 were awarded by the U.S. Army Air Forces) and the first Airman to receive the award during the Vietnam War.



Maj. Bernard Fisher and Maj. Wayne Myers (Air Force Photo)

Fisher returned to combat following Myers' rescue and ended up flying a total of 200 sorties before he returned to the United States in June 1966 after an 11-month combat tour. After the Vietnam War, Fisher continued to serve with the Air Force in both Europe and the United States, rising to the rank of colonel. He retired from the Air Force on June 30, 1974. He passed away on August 14, 2014 at 87 years old. In addition to being awarded the Medal of Honor, during his military service Fisher also earned the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, and a Distinguished Flying Cross.

Asked many years after the war if he had any regrets regarding his decision to risk his life to save Myers, Fisher didn't hesitate to declare that he had none, commenting: “I just felt so strong about it, and still do. You just can't leave a guy there.”

There were fourteen total Medals of Honor awarded to Airmen during the Vietnam War. Although when Fisher physically accepted his Medal of Honor award from President Johnson he was serving with a Seventh Air Force assigned unit, at the time of his Medal of Honor action the 1st Air Commando Squadron was assigned to the 14th Air Commando Wing and Second Air Division. The 1st Air Command Squadron and the 14th Air Commando Wing were assigned to Seventh Air Force on April 1, 1966, three weeks after Fisher's Medal of Honor action. As a result, Fisher is one of just four Airmen to have earned the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War without serving with Seventh Air Force at the time of the action in which they earned the nation's highest military honor.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN AIR BASE

Protestant Services

Gospel Service
 Sunday, 1 p.m.
 Main Chapel, Bldg. 501
Contemporary Service
 Sunday, 5 p.m.
 Main Chapel, Bldg. 501

Catholic Mass

Catholic Mass
 Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
 Main Chapel, Bldg. 501
Daily Mass & Reconciliation
 Please call the chapel

General Services

Church of Christ
 Sunday, 11 a.m.
 SonLight Inn, Bldg. 510
LDS Service
 Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
 SonLight Inn, Bldg. 510
Earth-Based Religions
 Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
 SonLight Inn, Bldg. 510

Point of Contact:
 Kunsan Chapel, 782-4300

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Protestant Services

Gospel (Praise Joy Night)
 Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Traditional Service
 Sunday, 10 a.m.
Gospel Service
 Sunday, Noon
Contemporary Service
 Sunday, 5 p.m.
Church of Christ
 Sunday, 10 a.m., Elementary School Cafeteria

Catholic Mass

Daily Mass
 Wednesday – Friday, 11:30 a.m.
 Saturday, 5 p.m.
 Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Reconciliation
 Saturday, 4 p.m.

General Services

Earth-Based Service
 Contact the Chapel
Jewish Service
 2nd/4th Friday, 6 p.m.
Muslim Service
 Friday, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Annex

Point of Contact:
 Osan Chapel, 784-5000

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Visit us on Facebook (OSAN AB CHAPEL)
<https://www.facebook.com/OsanABChapel>

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Protestant Services

Traditional Service
 Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
 Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel
Contemporary Service
 Sunday, 9 a.m.
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
 Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
 K-16 Chapel, Bldg S-302
 Sunday, 11 a.m.
 Hannam Village Chapel, Bldg 6108
Nondenominational Service
 Sunday, 11 a.m.
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
Gospel Service
 Sunday, 1 p.m.
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
United Pentecostal (UPCI)
 Sunday, 1 p.m.
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
KATUSA
 Tuesday, 6:30 a.m.
 Memorial Chapel
Seventh-Day Adventist
 Sunday, 1 p.m.
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
Korean Christian Fellowship
 3rd Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

Catholic Mass

Saturday, 5 p.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 Sunday, 8 a.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 M.W.T.F, 11:45 a.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 1st Saturday, 9 a.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
 Memorial Chapel (ROK Officers)

General Service

Episcopal Daily Mass
 Sunday, 11 a.m.
 Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel
Jewish
 Friday, 7 p.m.
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702



Point of Contact:
 USAG Yongsan Religious Support Office, 738-3011

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Spiritual Charge

Wounded Warriors...faithful families and friends



**Chaplain (Maj.)
 Ladislao Hernandez**
 Brigade Chaplain,
 35th ADA BDE

I had the honor and privilege to spend a year in the National Capital Region at Walter Reed

Army Medical Center. It was a great learning experience, with interactions with different people, the staff, the patients and families. I could write about so many great experiences but I would like to share one with you about the Wounded Warriors.

I saw many spouses, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, grandparents, fiancés and friends make the decision to stop what they were doing in their lives to move to WRAMC to take care of their Wounded Warriors. I saw them push the wheel chair or heard the parents say, "I will not leave Walter Reed without my son/daughter; I will stay here until he/she will be released from the hospital."

It reminded me of Exodus 17:10-13; "So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to

the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up-one on one side, one on the other-so that his hands remained steady till sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword." (NIV)

There are many Wounded Warriors who are winning their own battles because they have the help of people beside them who do not let them give up. And like Moses, they have beside them their own Aaron and Hur who are helping them sustain their will in this way so they can go through this battle that they are still fighting. May God bless all of them!

Now, what we can learn about this experience in WRAMC? There are moments in our lives that we struggle with our own wounds. We get tired and we think of the option to give up. One thing is true; it is at this moment in our lives that we need to look forward for help. We have to look for the Aaron or Hur of our time that they will be able to sustain and hold our hands up and in this way with their help and God's help, we can win our own battles in life.

May God bless all these heroes and heroines (spouses, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, grandparents, fiancés, friends...) nationwide who day by day are helping to sustain the freedom of this great nation, by in one way or other helping our Wounded Warriors. Their sacrifice is indescribable. God bless our Wounded Warriors Amen & Amen.

Beverly Midnight 15-2 sharpens Wolf Pack readiness

“Wolf Pack Airmen demonstrated their ability to fight tonight during Exercise Beverly Midnight 15-2 at Kunsan AB, ROK, March 3-6.”



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Claims announcement

Col. Brook Leonard, the 51st Fighter Wing commander, regrettably announces the death of Tech. Sgt. Carl S. Cruz, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Tech. Sgt. Cruz should contact 1st Lt. Kyle Ficke, the 51st CES Summary Courts Officer, at DSN 784-1825, or email at kyle.ficke.1@us.af.mil.

Illmagwon Orphanage

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

Single Airmen Game Night

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

Kunsan Photo Club

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

Wolf Pack Lodge

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

for all of those relatives coming for the holiday!

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

Children's English class

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

As part of the Good Neighbor Program, 7 AF Public Affairs has been supporting the conversational English program organized by the Osan City Mayor for middle school children in Osan city. We are in need of American volunteers who will assist/teach conversational English to the students for the 2015 first semester. The program occurs every Monday from March 23 to July 13. The orientation will be held at the city hall March 19. Transportation is provided; two mini buses depart from Checkertails at 2:40 p.m. and return to Checkertails at approximately 5:30 p.m. each Monday. The program's goal is to improve Korean children's English language skills by allowing them to spend time with our service members in their Korean school classrooms. Spouses are welcome to volunteer. If you are interested in this "Adopt-A-School" "English Tutoring Program", please contact 7AF/PA Mr. Pak, To Yong via email to_yong.pak.kr@us.af.mil or DSN 784-4709.

Monthly PCS Briefings

Every first Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. 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, Tricare 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 on the USAF GAL. Please exercise good information security and call the Help Desk if you are having problems sending an encrypted e-mail.

2015 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 sing the US and ROK National Anthems at various events on base. Practice is held at 5 p.m. every Thursday at the Chapel Annex. Send an e-mail to abigail.boyd@us.af.mil or afryea.clark@us.af.mil for more information.

Sam's Garage Now Open

Sam's Garage is now open at the base service station for all service work including inspection of vehicles for base passes. Sam's Garage is open seven days week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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 8 a.m. in 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 10-11 a.m. 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 June 8. 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.



Candle Safety

According to U. S. Fire Administration, on average, 42 home candle fires are reported every day. Most of these fires are caused by the misuse of candles within the home or work place. Remember, candle fires are preventable!

Candles are a nice way to relax after a long day but anytime an open flame is present; there is always a risk of a potential house fire. So, be sure not to place any flammable material on or near a burning candle.

Candles & Home Fire Safety Tips:

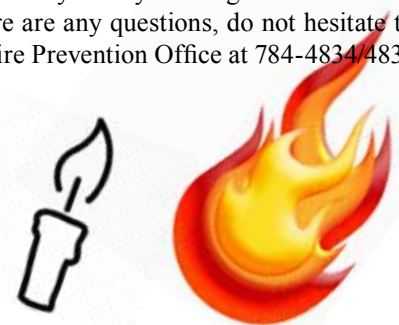
- Consider using battery-operated or electric flameless candles and fragrance warmers, which can look, smell and feel like real candles – without the flame.
- If you do use candles, ensure they are in sturdy metal, glass or ceramic holders and placed where they

cannot be easily knocked down.

- Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas.
- Extinguish candles after use and before going to bed.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
- Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.
- Children should never be allowed to play with matches, lighters or candles.
- Never use a candle where medical oxygen is being used. The two can combine to create a large, unexpected fire.
- Always use a flashlight – not a candle – for emergency lighting.

- Never put candles on a Christmas tree.
 - And NEVER leave burning candles unattended!
- According to 51 FWI 32-2001, Para 6.15.2.2 (2013 Edition): the use of candles, incense, or other open flame devices is prohibited in all base buildings excluding military family housing.

If there are any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Fire Prevention Office at 784-4834/4835



Songtan Bus Terminal Time Table

서울 - 남부터미널 SEOUL W3800 NamBu Terminal	동서울 장지 가락 잠실 Dong Seoul W4400 JangJi GaRak JamSil	성남 SeongNam W3400	인천공항 InCheon Airport W11200	인천 InCheon W6200	의정부 (동두천) UijeongBu W8000
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07:45	07:15 via Dongtan	10:10	07:25	13:40	
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11:30	13:35	18:40	16:55	07:15 Bus for Dong Seoul	원주
11:50	14:05	19:20	17:55	08:10 Bus for SeongNam	WonJu W9200
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Incheon Airport Shuttle Bus Schedule



Destination

Departure Time

Osan to Incheon

0600 1130 1530

- Bus will stop at Turumi Lodge 30 minutes before departure.
- Bus will arrive at ITT 15 minutes prior to departure

Incheon to Osan

0900 1830 2230

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

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

Ticket Price

- Leisure Travel : \$15.00
- Official Travel(TDY/PCS): \$35.00
- NOTE: Official traveler rates are completely reimbursable to member
- If there are no delayed arrivals, bus will depart at 22:30

For more information, call ITT at 784-4254



Kyung Dong bus schedule (Yongsan - Osan - Humphreys)

MONDAY-FRIDAY

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Lv. Yongsan	0550	0700	0830	1000	1100	1300	1430	1630	1720	1720	1900	2130
Ar. 121st GH							1435					
Lv. Osan AB	0650	0810	0940	1110	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
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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

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POC for the bus schedule

Osan: 784-6623, Yongsan: 723-4499, Humphreys: 753-7354

Kunsan Shuttle Bus Schedule

* Osan to Kunsan *

- Monday & Wednesday 5 p.m.

* Departs from Osan Passenger Terminal (Bldg. 648) only

- Tuesday & Thursday 1:30 p.m.

- Friday 1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

- Weekend 1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

* Departs from Turumi Lodge 30 minutes before departure.

* Departs from ITT(Bldg.954) on time

* Kunsan to Osan *

- Monday & Wednesday 1 p.m.

- Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.

- Friday 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

- Weekend 8:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

* Departs from Community Center (Bldg. 1027)

Key Resolve civil engineers support everything from start to end

By Staff Sgt. William Banton
Seventh Air Force Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- In a nondescript room in the bottom of a random building, sits a group of men and women coordinating engineering requirements for military personnel.

The civil engineers working for the Seventh Air Force installations and mission support during exercise Key Resolve 2015 strive to ensure all Republic of Korea and U.S. installations remain operational in a contingency situation.

"Our primary mission is to repair the damage that would occur during an attack and try to repair those things as fast as possible," said Republic of Korea air force Capt. Young Woon Yoon, the exercise and training chief.

"We rely heavily on the ROKAF engineers to ensure the airfields are operational," said Capt. Anna Narduzzi, the 7th Air Force plans and readiness chief. "There are places where U.S. engineers might not have personnel but we are flying operations."

In operations like exercise Key Resolve, civil engineers support the pre-air tasking orders directly by ensuring all facilities have the proper resources needed to stay operational, to include water and electricity.

"When you say Air Force, the older [Koreans] just think of the aircraft, but with civil engineering we control, take care of, or support everything from the start to the end," Yoon said. "I am really proud a lot of the functions that make the operation succeed are done by civil engineers."

According to Yoon, the continuity ROKAF forces provide is essential to mission success because they don't have to overcome the challenges of knowledge



U.S. Air Force Capt. Anna Narduzzi, the Seventh Air Force plans and readiness chief, reviews emails March 10, 2015, during exercise Key Resolve on Osan Air Base. Training exercises like Key Resolve highlight the longstanding partnership and enduring friendship between United Nations Command Sending States' assurance to peace and security on the Peninsula, and reaffirms the U.S. commitment to the region. (U.S. Air Force photo by William Banton)

turnover on an annual or biannual basis.

"It makes it much easier because I can ask [the ROKAF] questions and I know they're already prepared for whatever may happen," Narduzzi said. "For example, if an airfield lighting system would go down, they are already prepared to move their extra portable lighting system to one of our bases for back up.

"During the exercise I went and told them we had

an issue with one of our lighting systems and they said, 'no problem we already have a lighting system here and it's ready to go, and we are going to help you install it.' It gives me a great level of confidence if a conflict actually kicked off to know we are going to be able to work together really well," Narduzzi explained.

Yoon said being trained in the same mission parameters and the strong relations between the ROK and U.S. forces helps overcome barriers because everyone is prepared for the operation's procedures. The communication limitation is one of the biggest challenges to overcome while working with coalition partners, but Yoon explained time built into the planning ensures better coordination.

Narduzzi also explained that everything takes longer to communicate across multiple languages; however, the working relationships between coalition partners help counter any issues arising from this limitation.

"Our offices and our engineering units are structured very similarly," she said. "They train on the same systems and they train together so all our operations are very well coordinated."

Narduzzi said the experience of working with coalition partners helped greatly in furthering her understanding of the parameters of Key Resolve and how to operate in a real-world situation, which Yoon expanded upon while reflecting on his own past experiences.

"I had a chance to do this kind of exercise in a field location before being assigned here," Yoon said. "Back then I had a short-sighted vision of doing the entire exercise, but I've now had a chance to see the U.S. Air Force concepts of the operation. I learned a lot from them and was able to find ways to improve our operations. This was a really good exercise to further that knowledge and I learned a lot from my counterpart captain."

ROKAF Simulation Center executes KR15



Republic of Korea (ROK) air force airmen work on logistics March 9, 2015, for exercise Key Resolve at the Republic of Korea Air Force Simulation Center at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The exercise provides an opportunity for ROK and U.S. service members to improve communication and share best practices for future operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Shawn Nickel)

By Staff Sgt. Shawn Nickel
Seventh Air Force Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Attacks, counter-attacks, bombs, rescues, evacuations, and logistics are all elements of conflict, which is prepared for and fought all over the world. For the participants of Key Resolve these actions and other important elements of combat

come through a buzzing hard drive rather than from a physical foe.

The Republic of Korea Air Force Simulation Center is set up with several components that make up the exercise and make sure it runs smoothly and realistically to accomplish training objectives.

"Our job is to make this training opportunity as realistic as it can possibly

be without setting out an exact scenario to follow," said retired Brig. Gen. Barry Barksdale, the senior air controller managing simulation operations.

To achieve this level of realism, opposition forces are given the freedom to develop the scenario as the exercise progresses.

"Our OPFORs get a vote," Barksdale said. "The ROKAF-U.S. forces may react to one inject and the OPFOR can go another direction just to help produce realistic results."

Overall, the retired general maintains "the God's eye" over the exercise, yet he relies on hundreds of people across the country to apply their subject matter expertise for various aspects of a conflict. He said the combined experience and overall excellence of the participants from all services and countries makes KR the most valuable exercise to train combined forces.

Most participants are at KR for the first time, which Maj. Leo Daub, the wing operations center chief from the Illinois Air National Guard's 183rd Air Operations Group, described as a challenge, but one his people can overcome with their ingenuity.

"People come from all over the world to make this operation a success," he said. "They are put into positions they may not feel comfortable, but I try to follow the advice of General Patton, 'Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results.'"

Tech. Sgt. Jake Lacefield is one of

those service members.

"Trying to figure out new things in such a short time is a huge challenge," the Indianapolis native said. "My career field doesn't have a direct correlation to what's going on here so being able to adapt to new skill sets has been quite rewarding."

Traveling to the exercise from the 50th Contracting Squadron at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, Lacefield said overcoming cultural differences and strengthening partnerships is also a huge reward.

"We are all different, but all have similarities," he said. "We are all military centric and want to do what's necessary to complete the mission. In addition, bridging the gap between Guard, Reserve and active-duty service members produces a dynamic working environment."

Lacefield's Korean counterpart shares similar views on the exercise and expressed readiness as the key takeaway.

"Without practice we would surely fail in a real-world situation," said ROKAF Capt. Shin, Bok-Young. "It's good to work together to learn to communicate and take lessons from each other improving the mission on both sides of the table."

Key Resolve is an annual combined and joint command post exercise that employs U.S. military personnel from bases around the Republic of Korea (ROK) and the United States, as well as the ROK air force. The exercise is mostly computer based.

Mock trials teach prevention through demonstration



Capt. Erin Kenny, an 8th Fighter Wing Area Defense Counsel attorney (right), advises the alleged perpetrator Airman 1st Class Adam Arruda, an 8th Security Forces Squadron response force member, during a sexual assault mock trial Feb. 24, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Wolf Pack Airmen from the First Term Airmen Center have the opportunity to witness a realistic portrayal of a sexual assault trial every month. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen)

By Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- “At midnight you decided to go to another bar, is that correct?” asked Capt. Erin Kenny, an 8th Fighter Wing Area Defense Counsel attorney.

Tech. Sgt. Katherine Simpkins, the 8th Fighter Wing command section superintendent, nods as she clasps her hands, looking down. Question after question, she attempts to recall the reported events that transpired over the course of the night. The defense attorney, trial counsel and the alleged perpetrator look intently upon the victim as they shift uncomfortably in their seats.

This is the scene witnessed monthly by Airmen from the First Term Airmen Center, whose training incorporates the realistic portrayal of a sexual assault trial. In an attempt to highlight the emotional, legal and wide-reaching ramifications of sexual assault on the individuals, work sections and units involved, the 8th FW Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office teams up with the base legal office to conduct the mock trials

for every first-term Airman entering Kunsan.

Throughout the course of the trial, it is revealed that both the alleged victim and perpetrator met through mutual friends. As the night progresses, Airmen discover two primary factors involved in the sexual assault case are high alcohol consumption and that the female was left without a Wingman, thus leading to the alleged perpetrator offering to take her home. The events that transpired, including the male entering the female’s room, led her to make a sexual assault report.

“The first time I saw a mock trial I was shocked because I’ve never heard a sexual assault case scenario play out step by step,” said Airman 1st Class Shain Ruhl, an 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintenance journeyman. “But since I’ve become a victim advocate, I really think it’s important for first-term Airmen to have a chance to see these. It opens people’s eyes to this topic because it forces you to see that it is a very real problem that must be addressed.”

Mock trials are just one of Kunsan’s SAPR programs, which take a unique approach to prevention by emphasizing the aftermath of a sexual assault that

goes to trial.

“Here, we have a unique opportunity to demonstrate to Kunsan Airmen a different perspective - what happens after a report of a sexual assault is made,” said Capt. Claudia Santos, the 8th FW sexual assault response coordinator. “By working together with our base legal team and the office of the Area Defense Counsel, we re-create a realistic scenario in which the victim, the alleged perpetrator and witnesses all take part in the court proceedings.”

The demonstration provides not only insight into what occurs during a sexual assault trial, but also a chance to review and analyze the facts as they would be presented in court.

Although the mock trial may be an uncomfortable experience to witness, it provides Airmen a chance to see how events from one night out can lead to a sexual assault. In an environment of zero tolerance for sexual assault, it is every Airman’s responsibility to combat and prevent sexual assault.

“Through these mock trials, Airmen see how serious and terrifying the court-martial process can be instead of just telling them about it,” Kenny said. “Conducting mock trials show Airmen how quickly a night of fun can escalate to a sexual assault allegation.”

According to the Kunsan SAPR office, 71 percent of sexual assaults in U.S. Forces Korea involve alcohol consumption.

“The statistics are staggering,” said Santos. “What people may not realize is that only about 20 percent of all assaults are committed by offenders who are strangers to the victim.

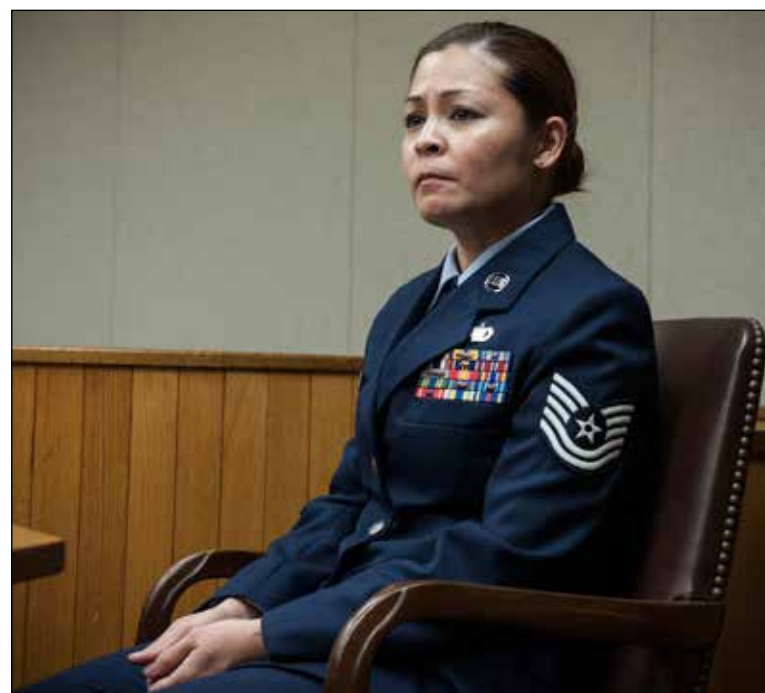
Unfortunately, a majority of cases we see involve situations with family, intimate partners, friends, co-workers or acquaintances.”

Although the purpose of the trial wasn’t to reach a final verdict, Airmen took away valuable insight into how the Wingman concept, responsible alcohol consumption and bystander intervention can each play a role in preventing sexual assault. Although alcohol intoxication is not the cause of sexual assault, mock trials provide insight to Airmen by showing the correlation between sexual assault and reduced inhibitions.

“Mock trials demonstrate how perfectly innocent nights can go extremely wrong,” said Capt. Brian Adams, the 8th Fighter Wing deputy judge advocate. “I hope that discussing the topic of sexual assault through mock trials can be a reminder to Airmen to always be mindful of how their actions affect others and the importance of always having a plan.”



Capt. Brian Adams, the 8th Fighter Wing deputy staff judge advocate, speaks to Airmen during a sexual assault mock trial Feb. 24, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. In an attempt to highlight the emotional, legal and wide-reaching ramifications of sexual assault in the U.S. Armed Forces, the 8th FW Sexual Assault and Prevention Office teams up with the base legal office to conduct mock trials once a month for every first-term Airman entering Kunsan.



Tech. Sgt. Katherine Simpkins, 8th Fighter Wing command section superintendent, testifies against an alleged perpetrator during a sexual assault mock trial Feb. 24, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Mock trials are just one of Kunsan’s Sexual Assault Prevention and Response programs, which take a unique approach to prevention by emphasizing the aftermath of a sexual assault case that goes to trial.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Carr



Staff Sgt. Ryan Carr, the 25th Fighter Squadron NCO in charge of administration, explains to Senior Airman Brandon King, a 25th FS aviation resource management journeyman, how to file a record Dec. 24, 2014 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Carr is this week's Airman Spotlight winner. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Matthew Lancaster)

25th Fighter Squadron

Job title: NCOIC, Administration
Job description and its impact on the overall mission: Performs, supervises, and manages a variety of communication and administrative tasks. Provides executive support, postal services, commander programs, and workgroup management. Bottom line, I provide my pilots the administrative tools needed to fly.

Time in the military: 7 years, 3 months

Time at Osan: 7 months

DEROS: May 2015

Family: Single

Hometown: South Boston, Virginia.

Hobbies: Reading and traveling

Why did you join the military? Education and travel

Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years? A first sergeant

What do you do for fun here? Explore Korea and hang out with friends

What's your favorite Air Force memory or story? Being an First Term Airmen Center Cadre

What accomplishment are you most proud of? Making staff my first time testing

Who are your role models? Mother

Wolf Pack at Work: Staff Sgt. Cox

80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit

Job Title: Weapons armament technician

Job Description: I oversee the professional development of two Airmen on my crew. I also perform maintenance on weapons equipment for serviceability and reliability. And finally, I analyze, isolate and repair weapons system malfunctions in order to maintain the highest weapons delivery on the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

Time in Military: I have been in the Air Force for 10 years and five months.

Family: Daughter, Elianna Inezze Cox

Hometown: I am from Clarksville, Tennessee

Why did you join the U.S. Air Force? I joined the Air Force to follow my father's footsteps, even though he was Army. As a child I was fascinated with airplanes and was curious on how they worked. I wasn't interested in how to fly them. I felt that the U.S. Air Force was and is for me.

What do you do for fun? I enjoy playing video games, practicing mixed martial arts and rock climbing. In mixed martial arts I practice Muay Thai from time to time, but I really love submission wrestling. Rock climbing is an adrenaline rush, especially when I have to jump from rock to rock.

What is your proudest accomplishment? My proudest accomplishment is becoming a weapons load crew chief. I was also happy that I made staff sergeant so I could become a leader and continue to make positive changes in the Air Force.

Who are your role models? My mother Alvia L. Cox and my father Fred L. Cox are my role models. They told me about their life experiences, which



Staff Sgt. Trumaine Cox, an 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit weapons load chief, shows Chief Master Sgt. Lee "Wolf Chief" Barr, the 8th Fighter Wing command chief, how to perform a functional check on the centerline pylon of an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 23, 2015. Cox showed Wolf II and Wolf Chief how he contributes to the Wolf Pack mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Divine Cox)

helped make me the man that I am today.

What do you like most about your job? I love everything about my job. I enjoy working with my hands. If I have to pick what I like most, that would be loading munitions onto the aircraft. It's a competition within the flight and against the other AMU.

What is your favorite quote?

I don't back up, I don't back down

I don't fold up, and I don't bow

I don't roll over, don't know how

I don't care where the enemies are

Can't be stopped, all I know; go hard

(By Mike Shinoda---- Linkin Park)

African American/Black History month musical finale

By Senior Airman Taylor Curry
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- To close out African American/Black History month, the Wolf Pack celebrated by holding a musical and masquerade, rejoicing 100 years of music influenced by African American culture at the Loring Club, Feb. 28. Approximately 80 Airmen showed up to celebrate the occasion.

The event started out with introductions detailing the event and opening remarks by Col. Ken "Wolf" Ekman, the 8th Fighter Wing commander.

During the musical, Airmen showcased musical performances and dances from popular musicians from the last century. Some artists included in the tribute were Jay Z, Michael Jackson, Soul II Soul, Marvin Gaye, The Temptations, James Brown, Little Richard, Chuck Berry, Ray Charles and Ben E. King.

Members also performed dance routines such as breakdancing, hip-hop, and even a soul train line that the audience was encouraged to participate in.

"It was great watching the performers journey through time," said Master Sgt. Valda Wilson, the 8th FW Public Affairs superintendent. "The performers stayed true to the spirit of each era and that made for an amazing night of music, song and dance."

The final performance of the evening was a live singing from Staff Sgt. Danny Henderson, the 80th Fighter Squadron intelligence NCO in charge, who sang "Minnie the Moocher" by Cab Calloway. Even the audience chimed in during the chorus.

"When I was asked to perform for the musical event, I jumped at it without question," Henderson said. "When I performed live, I wanted to live in that moment; in that era. It has always been in my nature to entertain people. I'm just glad I was able to contribute to the celebration, and I hope everyone had a great time in the audience."



Staff Sgt. Danny Henderson, the 80th Fighter Squadron intelligence NCO in charge, sings "Minnie the Moocher" by Cab Calloway, during a musical and masquerade event held at the Loring Club at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 28, 2015. The event was in celebration of 100 years of music influenced by African American culture, as part of African American/Black History Month at Kunsan. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)



Wolf Pack Airmen pose for a group photo after a musical and masquerade event held at the Loring Club at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 28, 2015. The event was in celebration of 100 years of music influenced by African American culture, as part of African American/Black History Month at Kunsan.



Wolf Pack Airmen dance down a soul train line during a musical and masquerade event held at the Loring Club at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 28, 2015. The event was in celebration of 100 years of music influenced by African American culture, as part of African American/Black History Month at Kunsan.

FSS dominates SFS, wins 43-19

By Senior Airman David Owsianka
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st Force Support Squadron team defeated the 51st Security Forces Squadron b-team 43-19 during an intramural basketball game Feb. 24, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

Even though SFS won the tip, their players were unable to score on their first possession. FSS responded by knocking down a 3-point shot to take a 3-0 lead to start the game.

Both teams committed multiple turnovers and missed numerous shots, which didn't allow either team to build any momentum for the first seven minutes of the game.

The game was tied at four before FSS called a time-out with 12:42 left in the half. FSS played tight defense after the time out, allowing them to force turnovers and go on an 8-2 run over the next four minutes giving them a 12-6 lead.

Jarrett McCalister, 51st SFS, made a bucket with six minutes left in the first half to end their five minute scoreless drought, making it 15-8. Both teams continued to struggle from the field as FSS went into the half with an 18-13 lead.

"Their defense did a great job at making it difficult for us to make shots," said Joe Perkins, 51st SFS. "We switched our defensive strategy for the second half to try to slow down FSS's outside shooters."

The strategy didn't work as FSS took a controlling lead at the start of the second half by hitting four 3-point shots helping them go on a 16-2 run giving them 34-15 lead. FSS's defense continued to put pressure on SFS offense allowing them to force numerous turnovers, and keep the defenders struggling from the field where they only scored four points in the first 15 minutes of the second half.

"The biggest thing we are going to take away from this game is we need to work on our free throw shoot-



Jarrett McCalister, 51st Force Support Squadron, blocks the shot of Dillan Knott, 51st Security Forces Squadron, during the first half of an intramural basketball game Feb. 24, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. FSS scored 18 of their 43 points in the first half. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman David Owsianka)

ing and get better on defense because they win games," Perkins said.

FSS slowed the pace of the game after building a 38-17 lead with five minutes left of the game. SFS only made one more shot before the end of the game to help

the FSS team improve to a 7-1 record.

"Our defense was superb; it helped us take over the game," said Shane Sheppard, 51st FSS. "We were able to pressure them throughout the game to force turnovers and keep them from getting back into the game."



Mercedes Lacy, 51st Security Forces Squadron, shoots a free throw during the first half of an intramural basketball game Feb. 24, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Lacy made the second of the two free throws.



Cory Ellison, 51st Security Forces Squadron, shoots the ball over a 51st Force Support Squadron defender during the first half of an intramural basketball game Feb. 24, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Ellison made the basket, giving SFS their first points of the game.

Festivals in Spring



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Starting as early as March, the cold winds and freezing temperatures of winter begin to subside as the spring draws near. In Korea, a wide array of events celebrating the season is held throughout the country, where many activities take to the outdoors thanks to the milder air.

The return of the warmer weather not only brings countless beautiful wild flowers into bloom, but also gives families a chance to spend precious time with their loved ones through all the various activities that can be taken advantage of outdoors.



The beauty of spring coming into bloom!

From the beginning of March when the air is still cool, spring announces its arrival in Korea with a blanket of white and yellow blossoms spread like a quilt all over the nation. The warmer season sees a host of festivals take place in Korea where visitors can stroll amongst the blossoming flowers and see the country at its finest.

Gwangyang International Maehwa Festival



Period: March 14-22, 2015
Venue: Seomjin Village, Gwangyang-si, Jeollanam-do
Description: The Gwangyang International Maehwa Festival has been a popular spring flower festival destination since 1997. During the festival period, the Seomjin Village transforms into a gorgeous landscape of apricot (ume) flowers that have burst into bloom on Baegunsan Mountain near the village.

Gurye Sansuyu Festival

Period: March 21-29, 2015
Venue: Jirisan Mountain Hot Spring area, Sandong-myeon, Gurye-gun, Jeollanam-do
Description: Taking place in the hot spring area of Jirisan Mountain, the Gurye Sansuyu Festival features various hands-on programs like cornus fruit liquor making and cornus fruit makgeolli sampling. A number of performances, such as pungmul-nori (farmers' music performances), traditional Korean music, and fireworks displays are held throughout the festival period.



Festivals filled with culture and artistic fun

Koreans treasure their long history and rich cultural heritage. The season of spring brings an array of festivals to celebrate Korean culture and ensure it is passed down to future generations. The festivals cover a diversity of genres, and visitors to these attractions can make use of good opportunities to both watch and participate in the living culture on display at these festivals.

Jeju Fire Festival



Period: March 5-8, 2015
Venue: Saebyeol Oreum in Bongseong-ri, Aewol-eup, Jeju-si, Jeju Self-Governing Province
Description: The Jeju Fire Festival is mainly focused around a field-burning ceremony to pray for health and a good harvest in the coming year. The activity is said to have originated from the local pioneers' nomadic culture of feeding fresh and nutritious greens to their cattle. The festival offers a number of hands-on events where visitors can participate and enjoy the sights of Jeju Island's breathtaking natural environment.

Goryeong Daegaya Experience Festival

Period: April 9-12, 2015
Venue: Daegaya Museum, Goryeong-gun, Gyeongsangbuk-do
Description: The Daegaya Experience Festival gives visitors an opportunity to learn about the history and culture of the ancient kingdom of the Great Gaya (AD 42-562). The festival offers a wide range of activities, including arts and crafts programs like bow making, pottery making, wood carving, art engraving, and postcard making. Visitors can also experience the lifestyle of the era through a replica village representing the Great Gaya Kingdom.



Mouthwatering food festivals

Food is a reflection of a nation's culture, and spring is the very season to taste great foods in Korea made of wild greens and fresh vegetables, all of which are vibrant and packed with nutrition. Some local delicacies, such as some seafood caught in coastal regions, are only produced for this season. During this time, an abundance of food festivals take place throughout the nation, celebrating unique and delicious local specialties.

Uljin Snow Crab & Red Snow Crab Festival



Period: February 27-March 1, 2015
Venue: Hupo Port Hanmaeum Plaza, Uljin-gun, Gyeongsangbuk-do
Description: The festival is a celebration of Uljin's local specialties, the snow crab and red snow crab. Various hands-on programs are held, such as making bibimbap with snow crab meat. There's also a free snow crab

s a m - pling, a snow crab cooking contest, and auctions.

Mungyeong Traditional Chasabal Festival



Period: May 1-10, 2015
Venue: Mungyeongsaekjae (Open Set & Pottery Museum) in Mungyeong-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do
Description: The festival aims to improve the regional culture and make Mungyeong a traditional Korean cultural brand. Beautifully nestled at the foot of the Baekdudaegan Mountain range, Mungyeong abounds with high quality soil and firewood that produces fine and relatively affordable ceramic goods.



National Gugak Center to offer Gugak classes to foreigners



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National Gugak Center (NGC) is preparing a surprising present for international

gugak fans by offering gugak classes to foreign residents in Korea. National Gugak Center will be accepting applications until March 5 for the first of its bi-yearly gugak classes, running till May 23, 2015.

The NGC is to offer lessons for Janggu (Korean double-headed drum), Haegeum (Korean stringed instrument) and Gayageum (Korean zither with twelve strings). The music numbers to be learned during class are not just traditional Korean folk songs, such as Arirang, but also folk songs from around the world as well as from drama soundtracks. All classes will be taught in both English and Korean. A recital will be held by the students on the last day of the term.

For those interested in, please download the application form at www.gugak.go.kr and forward it to gugakwon@gmail.com to register. The program may change depending on the number of students enrolled. The tuition fee is 70,000 won per semester.

More info

<National Gugak Center>

* Venue: 2364, Nambusunhwan-ro, Seocho-gu, Seoul, Korea

* Class Term: March 7- May 23, 2015 (Every Saturday 10:30- 12:30 / Total of 12 sessions)

* Enrollment Deadline: March 5, 2015

* Inquiries & Registration: +82-2-580-3054 (Korean, English)

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

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