

# Crimson Sky

## SECDEF visits Osan



The Secretary of Defense visited Osan Air Base April 9, 2015. (U.S. Air Force photo by, Staff Sgt. Jacob Barreiro)

## Mustering Resiliency: 51 days of improvement

### 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- The average working tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, lasts around 51 weeks. In 51 words, Col. Brook Leonard, 51st Fighter Wing commander, says:

"We guard the freedom of 51 million people. We do this individually and collectively through three missions, being always ready to defend the base, executing combat operations, and sustaining the force. Therefore, we prioritize building fight tonight readiness, strengthening the base and team, growing leadership and professionalism, and driving innovative solutions."

Soon, the Mustangs and tenant units who make up Team Osan will have a chance to charge their buoyant spirits during the base's new, and inno-

native, 51 days of resiliency multi-event: an approximately seven-week challenge not only asking, "Are you good enough for Team Osan?" but also challenging the team to focus on reducing alcohol related incidents, improving fitness and nutrition, improving volunteerism and any other goals that reassert Team Osan as a pristine and elite assignment location.

The 51 days will consist of daily reminders of resiliency-sharpening tools available on base, but will be made up of three large, team-wide events. These events include a kickoff formation run on April 10, a resiliency and wingman day May 22, and a closing picnic June 5.

There will also be "resiliency tickets" handed out prior to the events April 8, which will include a variety of ways for participants to muster their resiliency and earn stamps, which will be scored at the unit level around the base, with the

winning unit having the chance to earn a compensatory day off.

The fun run will signify the beginning of the 51 days and is open to families as well. The ceremonies will begin April 10 at the fitness center with a Team Osan formation at 3:45 p.m.

May 22 will be the base's resiliency day, beginning at 5:30 a.m. on the flight line for viewing of a jumbotron-displayed resiliency video followed by a team, wing, group, squadron, small group and individual photo session before breakfast. Afterwards teams will disperse into smaller groups for resiliency and suicide prevention training before an afternoon SARC brief and closing remarks from the commander. Bus transport will be provided to and from the flight line. More information to come on routes and times.

The finale, and grand send off, to the

51 days takes place June 5 with a team picnic. Trophies for the top three performing teams during the 51 days will be handed out. The team will also have a chance to thank the commander and his family at the picnic.

A lot of amazing things can happen in 51 days. During a year at Osan AB, Airmen, families, ROK teammates and civilians are emboldened to make the most of their 51 weeks, running an endless relay race and staying ever-ready to pass the baton off. From April - June, every person will be challenged to see just what they can do to raise the resiliency of themselves and everyone around them. Are you resilient enough? For more information on what you can do to fully maximize your experience during the 51 days of resiliency, contact Chaplain (Capt.) Robert Bohnsack at 784-5000.

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# 2015 PCS Peak Season

**By Tech. Sgt. Michael Garza**  
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**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- As all service branches watch March come to a close, the shipping world for personal property and privately owned vehicle moves prep for the upcoming 2015 PCS peak season. In response the surface deployment and distribution command has published the below advisory for POVs and the preparation/expectation for the peak season ahead. This advisory is very informative, and will definitely have you ready for your move this summer.

1. This advisory provides all service members, DoD civilian employees, service headquarters and PPSO/PPO with information necessary for planning the shipment and storage of a POV during the 2015 peak season.

2. Peak season is extremely busy, with higher than normal volumes of POV shipments occurring between the months of May and September.

3. Diligent planning, attention to detail, and flexibility are key elements to reducing the stress of a peak season move. Being an informed customer is always wise before utilizing any service or provider. Below are several recommendations based on previous peak season lessons learned:

a. Once you receive orders, immediately begin planning your move.

b. Contact the Seoul Vehicle Processing Center for assistance with a POV shipment transit times for planning purposes. (82) 02-798-7036 or Seoul.VPC@ialpov.us

c. The Seoul VPC will assist in counseling customers and providing guidance on POV shipments and authorized vehicle processing centers pick-up locations (DTR Part IV, Attachment K3) and POV Storage (DTR Part IV, Attachment K4).

d. For additional information and global VPC locations for turn-in/pick-up review the <https://www.pcsmypov.com> website.

4. As International Auto Logistics begins its second year as the Global POV contractor, the following will aid customers in planning, shipping, tracking POVs, and contacting the global POV contractor:

a. Customers can obtain detailed information on the shipment and storage of their POV from the IAL website at: <https://www.pcsmypov.com>

b. Based on entitlements, in accordance with the Joint Travel Regulations, Chapter 5, Paragraph 5350, POVs can be turned in at the closest VPC to the member's duty station, or any VPC between the old and new duty stations. Locations and contact information for contractor operated

VPCs can be found at <https://www.pcsmypov.com/locations>.

c. **POV Turn-In Procedures:** IAL does not require an appointment to accept the turn-in of a POV at the VPC. A majority of POVs are handled on a walk-in basis. However, IAL recommends the use of the appointment system, which can be scheduled at <https://www.pcsmypov.com/turnin> or by calling the VPC. Customers are required to provide a valid email address which must be accessible 24/7. IAL's webpage provides additional information to assist in the smooth processing of a customer's POV, to include all necessary documentation for POV turn-in and shipment. Printing, completing and bringing the "IAL Shipping Instruction Form" with you to the VPC will expedite the turn-in process.

d. **Tracking POVs:** Customers may check the status of their POV by selecting "ITV Lookup" from the IAL Homepage at <https://www.pcsmypov.com>. Customers must enter their shipping instruction number. The vehicle tracking screen will provide transit information, including the required delivery date.

e. **POV Pick-Up Procedures:** To ensure the POV is available for pick-up, customers must have received a notification from the VPC and/or contacted the VPC and received confirmation that the vehicle is available for pickup. Procedures for picking up a POV are also found on IAL's website under the "Pick Up" tab.

f. **POV Storage Procedures:** All pertinent information for POV storage may be found at <https://www.pcsmypov.com/storage>. Additionally, customers are asked to review the requirements of the DTR, Part IV, Attachment K4, Storing Your POV, Section H, "Member Responsibilities".

g. IAL's Customer Service toll free number is 855-389-9499. This number will reach a call center that is operated 24/7. Customers can also contact the VPC locations directly by calling the phone numbers provided on IAL's website as indicated below.

5. During the processing of your POV (both at drop off and pick up), you are highly encouraged to complete an IAL customer comment card. Your feedback is vital to the program, and helps assess the quality of the services provided, and identify opportunities for improvement.

6. **Issue Resolution:** Customers should address questions and concerns with the IAL VPC Manager or IAL Customer Service, toll free (855) 389-9499, or with SDDC at: usarmy.sddc.mbx.ppty@mail.mil. For additional assistance with questions and concerns, SDDC may be contacted at usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.pov-ig-response@mail.mil.

7. This is a coordinated SDDC and IAL advisory and is approved for release by Capt. Aaron K. Stanley, Director Personal Property, HQ SDDC.



## Osan Green Initiatives

Osan Air Base is committed to protecting and conserving our resources. We depend on the actions and initiatives of our community to ensure we are good stewards of our environment, which include our homes, our offices and our natural surroundings. We encourage everyone to make daily decisions which will impact both our cost savings and our resource sustainability.

## Redeyes fly in Korean skies



Tech Sgt. Phillip Suchicital, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron end of runway NCO in charge, marshals in an F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 140th Wing, Colorado Air National Guard, during Exercise Beverly Midnight 15-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 6, 2015. BM 15-2 tested 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 1st Lt. Earon Brown 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Making their way from Aurora, Colo., more than 200 Airmen and F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 140th Wing, Colorado Air National Guard touched down at Kunsan AB in February as part of a rotational Theater Security Package.

For many of the Colorado Airmen, this is their first visit to the ROK as they take part in the routine deployment of fighter squadrons, fuel tankers, support personnel and equipment meant to augment U.S. forces stationed across the Asia-Pacific region, also referred to as a TSP.

"Over the past 12 years, our wing has deployed to the Middle East routinely, however, this time the 120th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron and 120th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit have deployed as part of a TSP to South Korea," said Lt. Col. Mitchell Neff, 120th EFS commander. "We are here to integrate with the 8th Fighter Wing as part of Armistice operations on the peninsula."

For three to four months, the "Redeyes" will be integrating their operations with those of the 8th FW's Wolf Pack and the Republic of Korea Air Force 38th Fighter Group.

Since March 2004, deployments mirroring the Redeyes' have been an integral part of U.S. Pacific Command's combat capable air forces, which are postured for averting threats to regional security and stability.

"We are here to deter, but if called

upon, we will defend South Korea," added Neff.

With units deploying to Guam, Japan, and South Korea, these movements underscore the U.S. commitment to regional partners and U.S. security obligations.

"The tempo is fairly rapid here as personnel rotate in and out of the peninsula daily," said Neff. "It requires everyone to hit the ground running to be ready to 'fight tonight.'"

As the only base in the ROK that houses U.S. and ROKAF flying squadrons, the deployment of rotational fighters to Kunsan AB also provides unique possibilities to integrate various forces into combined bilateral training.

"There are many training opportunities we can capitalize on while deployed to Kunsan," said Neff. "We've been able to integrate with the 8th FW in their operational readiness exercises and understand how we would take part in combat operations. In addition to that, we have successfully flown with the 38th Fighter Group's 111th Fighter Squadron in a large force employment exercise."

With the completion of Exercise Beverly Midnight 15-2, Kunsan's first of multiple OREs this year, the Redeyes have already received invaluable training to impart on their fellow Buckley Airmen.

"Our exercises back home are a bit different from the ones here at Kunsan, mostly due to time constraints," said Senior Airman Dusty Alynn, 120th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief. "At home our exercises last four days and we

only do them once every couple of years. There is a lot thrown at us in a short amount of time, which is why it's good to see how other units conduct their training and base operations."

In addition to maintaining readiness, base operations at Kunsan include the acceptance of follow-on forces, with the guardsmen being a welcomed addition to the Wolf Pack family.

"I cannot even put into words how thrilled I am with the people that I have met here," said Alynn. "Every single individual that I have come across is so overwhelmingly helpful, kind, friendly and greets us with open arms. The fam-

ily that has been created here is so amazing."

For both the Redeyes and the Wolf Pack, living, training and flying together has been beneficial as they aid one another in deterring aggression on the Korean Peninsula.

"The experience is not over yet, but so far it has been a very good one," added Neff. "For our young, inexperienced Airmen, this deployment is great because they can get the experience they need for future deployments and exercises, while also interacting with another culture. We can train like we fight as we maintain stability in the region."



An F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 140th Wing, Colorado Air National Guard, taxis on the runway at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 6, 2015. The jets, along with more than 200 Airmen, are temporarily stationed at Kunsan for three to four months as part of a rotational Theater Security Package.

# USFK CSM visits with the Wolf Pack

By Senior Airman Taylor Curry  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- "What are the basics?" was just one of many questions Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Troxell, U.S. Forces Korea Command Sgt. Maj., would ask to Airmen as he interacted with them during his visit with the Wolf Pack, March 23 and 24.

Throughout his visit, Troxell met with Kunsan Airmen and saw how they contribute to deterring aggression on the Korean Peninsula while remaining ready to fight tonight.

Upon arrival to Kunsan AB, Troxell immediately immersed himself with the various units within the Pack. First, he toured facilities within the 8th Medical Group to meet with Airmen working in the war reserve material warehouse and even donned the hazardous material protection suit at the bioenvironmental engineering section.

"I was surprised that morning when I heard I would be greeting CSM Troxell; it really was an honor," said Senior Airman Britanni McKnight, 8th Medical Operations Squadron dental technician. "Not only greeting him, but being recognized by him for outstanding performance in my unit was a privilege."

Following the medical group, he visited Airmen at the 8th Maintenance Squadron to see how exceptionally well Wolf Pack maintainers are keeping the F-16 Fighting Falcon fit to fly.

Throughout the remainder of the day, Troxell also visited the 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron individual protection equipment warehouse and the 8th Communications Squadron tech control facility.

Troxell started day two of his visit at the 8th Force Support Squadron's O'Malley Dining Facility with 30 enlisted Airmen while enjoying a hot meal to begin the day.

"One major theme I took away from CSM Troxell's discussion was how we need to work on better communication between the generation gap of Airmen and leadership in order to get the tasks at hand accomplished," said Staff Sgt. Andrew Velligan, 8th Air Maintenance Squadron F-16 specialist expeditor. "Another great point he made was that we must have a growing need to work bi-laterally with other branches to learn from each other's procedures, and to help the other work more efficiently in the 'do more with less' military force we are today."

Interoperability was a key topic during Troxell's



Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Troxell, U.S. Forces Korea Command Sgt. Maj., and Chief Master Sgt. Lee Barr, 8th Fighter Wing command chief, look onto the runway during a tour to the air traffic control tower at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 24, 2015. During Troxell's visit, Troxell saw how the Wolf Pack contributes to deterring aggression on the Korean Peninsula and remain ready to fight tonight. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)

conversation with Airmen at the breakfast.

"We will improve communications while working with our Republic of Korea Air Force brothers and sisters," he said. "Communicating is key to the mission here, so I want all of us to be comfortable with discomfort. Every one of you is an integral part of the USFK operation."

After breakfast, Troxell visited the 8th Operations Group air traffic control team for a tour of the tower. Troxell also recognized Staff Sgt. Stefan Hulsey for his achievement of earning Pacific Air Force Air Traffic Controller of the Year Award.

To close out his visit, Troxell held an all call at the base theater where he spoke to Airmen about better understanding the USFK mission and opened the floor for comments. He mentioned how to be active communicators as leaders and techniques on behavior modification.

"We, as leaders, must put passion and discipline on

a scale, then balance it in the middle when it comes to leadership," Troxell said. "When our younger enlisted get in trouble, it's because we are not leading."

Troxell mentioned that this is his fourth time visiting Kunsan, and every time he visits here, it only gets better.

"We need to get back to the basics," he reiterated. "Ensuring you stay true to your core values is the first step. Also being effectively trained in your career field is extremely important if we're going to be ready for combat."

Troxell went on to explain how captivated he is to serve with the Airmen at Kunsan AB.

"I'm extremely impressed with the readiness, discipline, moral, and comradery the Wolf Pack displays," he said. "The laser-focus of the leadership here validates to me that Kunsan is ready to defend the base, accept follow-on forces and take the fight north."



Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Troxell, U.S. Forces Korea Command Sgt. Maj., puts on a level-A hazardous material protection suit during a tour to the 8th Medical Group's bioenvironmental section at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 23, 2015.



Master Sgt. Brian Shumaker, 8th Maintenance Squadron maintenance flight chief, gives a tour of an F-16 Fighting Falcon to Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Troxell, U.S. Forces Korea Command Sgt. Maj., during Troxell's visit to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 23, 2015.

# Growing leadership & professionalism: Equal Opportunity



The Equal Opportunity Office at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, is responsible for ensuring an appropriate, respectful and equal work environment on the base.

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

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- *This is the sixth 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 in the way Team Osan "Grows Leadership and Professionalism." Next, we will provide an in-depth look at how Team Osan can make Osan AB a better assignment by showing how Airmen improve the base and assignment by "driving innovative solutions." Concluding this series will be a wrap-up article reiterating the importance of the wing's priorities.*

Cornered away in the slim hallways of building 819, the equal opportunity office at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, can often be out of sight and thought for the daily perpetrators of the base's mission. Yet, the office of four has a continuous job to ensure the men and women of Team Osan stay mission ready by being a part of a professional, respectful, and, above all, equal working environment.

Often associated with words of negative connotation, like "discrimination", EO professionals aren't just an avenue for lodging complaints. Although their primary job is to ensure fairness across the Air Force while eradicating mistreatment, there are a slew of daily tasks EOs involved in. Standard operations for EO include on top of handling complaints: collecting and analyzing data from unit climate surveys, visiting the working force around the base, coordinating special observances on the base, and serving as mediators for disputes.

Tech Sgt. Alejandra Chavez is the non-commissioned officer in charge of EO at Osan. She said working in EO is vastly important because people often come to them with serious problems.

"For some people we're the last stop, and it's a big responsibility to be able to help them the best we can," said Chavez. "Sometimes we've had people come into our office because they can't think of where else to go. It's important for us to be able to listen to be nonjudgmental and helpful."

Dealing with issues of discrimination and inequality, spanning, but not limited to, race, gender, ethnicity and religion, objectivity is an important element of the EO job. Chavez said people often seek out EO for the explicit purpose of filing a complaint, and it's their job to listen, instruct and then help.

"We're always taught to be listeners first and then counselors," she said. "I've found that a lot of times, when someone walks through our doors, they're determined to file a complaint, but also need someone who will listen to them."

One of the most valuable EO services is mediation,



Tech. Sgt. Alejandra Chavez, non-commissioned officer in charge of Equal Opportunity, speaks to the crowd at a newcomer's briefing Feb. 27, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. EO is responsible for a number of proactive programs including unit drop ins and organizing monthly observances. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Jake Barreiro)



Tech. Sgt. Alejandra Chavez, non-commissioned officer in charge of Equal Opportunity, speaks on the phone with a customer Feb. 27, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. EO not only handles complaints, but also has means of proactively and reactively ensuring the working climate on stays remains professional and fair.

said Master Sgt. Virmania Accoo, EO superintendent.

"We're professionally trained as mediators, and it's one of the least known skills we have," said Accoo.

Mediation training is intended to give EO professionals the skills to impartially go between disputing parties, and ideally, arrive at a compromise or resolution that is satisfactory. It may not be the first thing individuals think of when they consider approaching EO, but Chavez said it's a great alternative and way to open up lines of communication.

Another prime EO duty, that's both ubiquitous and mysterious to service members, is compiling the unit climate surveys. Unit climate surveys are periodic questionnaires filled out by Airmen and civilians in work centers across the Air Force. They seek feedback on what's good and bad in work centers, and the EO office is responsible for looking at all of them and forwarding the concerns and comments to commanders on base, who are then in turn responsible for briefing their commanders. Eventually, the information is taken to Air Force headquarters and beyond.

Response to unit climate surveys is part of EO's reactive approach. Results are used to determine future ways in which they can help positively preserve respect in the work environment.

Among the ways EO can be most effective is by taking a proactive approach, said Chavez. They seek to do this by scheduling quarterly "drop ins" where they visit a unit and simply talk to people. Yet, Chavez

and Accoo both said they often get tepid reactions and people seem unsure about what exactly they do.

"Watch what you say, EO is here" is a joke we hear way too often," said Chavez. "We want to break that stigma that we're here to specifically scrutinize or get people in trouble."

The stigma comes as a result of commonly associating EO with complaints, which is only one of their duties.

"We do a lot more than just handle complaints," said Chavez. "Our program is about helping people. Whether that be recommending the right resources or listening to them. We're not a prosecuting agency, we're a helping agency."

A visible way in which EO positively affects the base community is through the monthly observances they help organize. The observances for which EO plans, sits on committee, organizes and hosts run at least monthly and include diverse topics from multiple ethnicities and worldviews.

Ultimately, the job of EO is to assist people, and help them work in the best environment possible.

"This job can be challenging, but there are great moments too," said Chavez. "For me, the best moments are when I'm able to talk to people and help them. When someone leaves our office empowered and better than when they came in. Knowing I did something to help somebody is the best part of any day."

# Drive innovative solutions: 731 AMS improve baggage bin process



Members from the 731st Air Mobility Squadron prepare to load a baggage bin into an aircraft March 12, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The new process enables the squadron to become more efficient while utilizing their manpower, which might have been required at the aircraft, to perform another mission. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman David Owsianka)

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*importance of the wing's priorities.*

While handling 1,600 bags per week may seem like a daunting task, Airmen at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, have introduced a new process that reduces manpower and is safer than the old method.

The 731st Aircraft Mobility Squadron has recently improved their baggage bin handling process to load and unload travelers belonging on and off the aircraft. This innovative solution has helped the squadron by improving production time and freeing Airmen to per-

form other tasks.

The new process also requires less equipment and has changed the way the baggage bin is carried on the long side to carrying it lengthwise. Airmen from the 731st AMS who created the new process are Master Sgt. Ricky Govin, Staff Sgt. Glenn Maloney, Senior Airman Justin Mercer and Senior Airman Jesly Galang.

"The new process is efficient and showcases the innovation that our outstanding Airmen have," said Master Sgt. Ricky Govin, 731st AMS air freight superintendent. "The process helps us to

utilize the manpower that might have been required at the aircraft and allows the Airmen to perform other missions to make us more efficient at a unit."

Baggage download and upload times have decreased since the implementation of the new process. This enables the squadron to become more efficient while utilizing their manpower, which might have been required at the aircraft, to perform another mission.

"The primary advantage of the new process mitigated the safety risks of damaging the baggage bins during handling in the old process," said Tech. Sgt. Paul Bersabe, 731st AMS passenger services operations NCO in charge. "The old process strained the bin while the forklift carried the cage which could have led to the bin breaking. Other benefits were the decrease of personnel, from seven to five, needed to operate and reduction in operating time down by seven minutes per bin."

The process of unloading the baggage bins is to set up the aircraft unloader, unload the baggage bins, use the forklift to transport the bin and deliver the bin to the pax terminal.

"The old operations were not feasible, and the risk management associated with it was higher," Govin said. "The new process not only saves manpower, but it does it safer, by the book and ensures the bins are handled efficiently."

The passenger service operators consistently evaluate their processes to ensure service members can arrive and depart in a timely manner.

"Everyone is part of the team here at Osan, and if we can get passengers (Airmen) their baggage sooner, it ensures that we are ready to carry out the mission," said Govin.



Baggage bins are positioned to be loaded into an aircraft March 12, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Baggage download and upload times have decreased since the implementation of the new process.



Staff Sgt. Kevin Mance, 731st Air Mobility Squadron aircraft services supervisor, pushes a baggage bin towards an aircraft March 12, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The new process has decreased personnel needed to operate from seven to five and a reduction in operating time down by 43 minutes.

# Drive innovative solutions: MDG completes aeromedical evacuation training

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When a patient is injured and needs to be transported to another location for a treatment the current base cannot provide, how is that done? A team of Airmen from Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, and Kadena Air Base, Japan, worked together to complete a new form of training to help Airmen prepare for a potential real world scenario March 4, 2014.

The 51st Medical Group teamed up with a crew from the 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, to conduct a new aeromedical evacuation training scenario in a display of driving innovative solutions (the scenario here is an example of an innovative solution, not necessary a means to "drive innovation solutions). Aeromedical evacuations are the use of military transport aircraft to carry wounded personnel to another location.

"We perform aeromedical evacuations when someone gets injured and the medical facility cannot provide the care they need in country, or we have too many patients and need to transfer them to another facility," said Tech. Sgt. Daniel Thetford, 51st Medical Operations Squadron emergency services NCO in charge.



51st Medical Group Airmen 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 and en route care provided by medical personnel to evacuate wounded personnel. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman David Owsianka)

It was important for the Airmen to receive the training since it's a skill not often exercised.

"Emergency medical technicians are the personnel who typically perform these duties," Thetford said. "During wartime scenarios they are not going to be the ones who take the patients to the plane because they will have to stay in the facility to take care of the patients. We will need to have personnel who work in units such as dental or medical records transport the patients."

During the training, Airmen were

taken from the hospital and taught how to move patients from the medical treatment facility to a running aircraft, load personnel onto a litter, and give the medical report to the flight nurses and doctors.

"The training gave me a better idea of what we would do on our side during an aeromedical evacuation," said Staff Sgt. Bethany Stahl, 51st MDOS medical technician. "It was helpful to know what to expect from the air crew, such as how they are going to handle the scenario and what they are going to tell us to do."

During an AE flight, the crew is re-

sponsible for providing in-flight patient care and assistance to patients.

The scenario provided an innovative look for the Airmen as this was the first time the AE scenario was conducted on base.

"The training was huge because never before at Osan have we had an AE crew fly here and take fake patients onto their aircraft for an exercise," Thetford said. "It's innovative because if it were to happen in the future, our personnel will be able to perform the necessary tasks more efficiently."



Capt. Weber Munsayac, 18th Air Medical Evacuation Squadron flight nurse, Kadena Air Base, Japan, instructs Airmen on how to effectively carry a litter with a person during a medical evacuation airlift training scenario March 4, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The Beverly Midnight 15-01 exercise is designed to test American forces in the ROK on their mission readiness in the event of an emergency or wartime environment.



Capt. Weber Munsayac, 18th Air Medical Evacuation Squadron flight nurse, Kadena Air Base, Japan, directs Airmen on where to take the litter during a medical evacuation airlift training scenario March 4, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The Beverly Midnight 15-01 exercise is designed to test American forces in the ROK on their mission readiness in the event of an emergency or wartime environment.

# Wolf Pack Garden promotes healthy living

By Tech. Sgt. George Maddon  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- As part of a Department of Defense effort to develop a way for installations to have access to healthy foods, Wolf Pack members are spending the next several months constructing a community garden in front of the Sonlight Inn.

To help promote healthy living, the Air Force adopted the Military Nutrition Environment Assessment Tool, program in early 2012. The m-Neat is a 12-part survey used to evaluate healthy living and eating options afforded to military members. One of the survey areas is titled Community.

"The community assessment identifies whether or not healthy eating/nutrition is promoted through programs throughout the installation," said Bill Goins, 8th Medical Operations Squadron health promotion program coordinator. "One of the areas that we did not have was a community garden. We identified that this would be a fun initiative that could even lead to increased resiliency for Airmen at Kunsan."

Goins said he approached the Kunsan chapel staff to see if they were interested in leading the community garden project.

"We took the project and ran with it," said Lt. Col. Dwayne "Shepherd" Jones, 8th FW wing chaplain. "This is an important project for the entire Wolf Pack community. Just because it's here by the chapel doesn't make this a chapel garden. It's a community garden, a Wolf Pack garden."

Wolf Pack volunteers built the foundations of Wolf Pack Garden here, March 14.

Shepherd and Komang Goins, Kun-



8th Fighter Wing Airmen build the foundation for "Wolf Pack Garden" in front of the Sonlight Inn, March 14, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The garden is part of a community initiative to promote healthy living for Wolf Pack Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Reba Good)

san's Sonlight Inn director, coordinated support for resources and volunteers. They also scouted for the best location to plant the garden.

"We decided to put it out in front of the Sonlight Inn because it's in a high visibility area," said Shepherd. "People can look as they pass and see the vegetables and fruit growing. That way people are enticed to ask us about the garden."

As the day progressed, many pass-

ersby asked about the project details and how they could be a part of the garden.

"We were able to show them what we're doing and at the same time recruit more volunteers," said Mrs. Goins.

That morning, volunteers cleared the area in front of the Sonlight Inn and built a retaining wall for the soil. The next phases of the project include filling the area with soil and planting seeds in the Wolf Pack Garden.

"This garden could be a first of its kind, and it's all due to the support of our leadership and the enthusiasm from folks at the Chapel," said Goins.

If you would like to take part in helping build Wolf Pack Garden, contact the 8th FW Chapel at 782-4300.

For more information on the m-Neat program visit: <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcphc/health-promotion/healthy-eating/Pages/m-neat.aspx>.

## Kunsan military couples allowed concurrent short tours

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- A recent policy change now enables active-duty military couples to serve simultaneously at Kunsan Air Base on a case-by-case basis.

"This is great news for our incoming married military members," said Col. Ken "Wolf" Ekman, 8th Fighter Wing commander. "Our military to military couples make significant sacrifices to serve our Air Force. Separation during their assignments to Korea should not be one of them."

Under the previous policy for military couples, if one spouse was assigned to Kunsan, the other would be assigned to Osan or another location.

Lt. Col. Dustin "Devil" Richards, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, was selected for command at Kunsan in 2013, while his wife was assigned as the chief staff judge advocate at the 8th FW.

"When it was discovered that we were going to be stationed together at Kunsan, my wife was reassigned to Osan," said Richards. "This new policy benefits mil-to-mil couples because it allows people in our situation to serve on remote tours together. Serving together at Kunsan can also help decrease separation time in the future."

In addition to Richards, there are currently 49 Airmen at the 8th FW who continuously transit between

Kunsan and Osan to visit their spouses.

"We take every opportunity to visit each other," said Senior Airman Michele Waninger, 8th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment journeyman, whose husband is stationed at Osan. "Over one year's time we will spend a significant amount in travel costs just to see each other. But in the end, it's worth it. I'm just grateful we are able to see each other at all."

Like Waninger, many Kunsan Airmen strive to balance a high operations tempo with making time to see their spouses at Osan.

"My husband and I both do shift work as maintainers," said Waninger. "There have been times we've had to quickly readjust our sleeping schedules in order to see each other. Luckily, our supervisors have been willing to work with us on our weekend schedules."

"We've been very fortunate," she added. "But of course it would be great if he could have been stationed here."

While the new policy allows mil-to-mil couples to be stationed together at Kunsan, the requirement for each Wolf Pack member to be in a constant state of mission readiness remains a priority.

Active-duty military couples who receive a joint spouse assignment to Kunsan will be housed in individual quarters and will not be authorized accompanied housing, according to the Pacific Air Forces

manpower and personnel office.

"Given the location and nature of our mission here, Kunsan will continue to be a challenge for all married couples," said Richards. "But I think giving mil-to-mil couples the opportunity to come here at the same time will increase flexibility and attract more volunteers to Kunsan."

Airmen approved for concurrent assignments to Kunsan will still get short tour credit and are eligible to apply for a follow-on assignment, according to an Air Force Personnel Center release. However, until updates can be made to the military personnel data system, requests for a joint spouse assignment to Kunsan will be implemented by exception, said Bill Houston, AFPC Family Member Travel manager.

"I'm very grateful for the support of our 7 AF, Pacific Air Forces, and headquarters Air Force leaders and staffs," said Wolf. "They have helped us take an important step towards caring for the 8th FW's most precious resource--our Wolf Pack Airmen."

For more information about concurrent short tours at Kunsan, see the AFPC news release at <http://www.afpc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123442865>.

For more information about Air Force personnel programs go to myPers at <https://mypers.af.mil>. Individuals who do not have a myPers account can request one at [www.retirees.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-120510-068.pdf](http://www.retirees.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-120510-068.pdf).





A1C William H. Pitsenbarger (USAF Photo)

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

On April 11, 1966, 134 U.S. Army Soldiers from Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division were under attack by a battalion of Communist Viet Cong forces near Cam My, South Vietnam, located about 35 miles east of the South Vietnamese capital city of Saigon. Outnumbering the Americans nearly 5 to 1, the North Vietnamese managed to surround Charlie Company pinning the unit down under heavy fire. As the battle continued casualties began to mount and a call was made to assist with the evacuation of the wounded.

Due to Charlie Company's location beneath a jungle canopy of trees which ranged from 50 to 150 feet overhead of their positions, Army helicopters were not capable of penetrating the thick foliage in order to land and retrieve the wounded. The only aircraft nearby capable of removing wounded from such a precarious position was the U.S. Air Force HH-43 Huskie which had a winch and cable system installed that allowed wounded personnel to be lifted up through jungle canopy without the helicopter having to land. Detachment 6, of the Air Force's 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron was dispatched to assist. On board one of the helicopters sent to assist was pararescuman Airman 1st Class William H. Pitsenbarger.

Born on July 8, 1944 in Piqua, Ohio, Pitsenbarger enlisted in the U.S. Air Force after graduating from high school in 1962. He had previously tried to join the U.S. Army Special Forces in the year prior to graduation but his parents refused to give their permission which was required at the time because of his young age. Pitsenbarger completed Air Force basic training in 1963 and volunteered to become a pararescuman becoming one of the first Airmen to successfully complete all of the demanding training requirements directly from basic training. Pitsenbarger shipped overseas in 1965 and was assigned to the 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Bien Hoa Air Base, South Vietnam.

# A1C William H. Pitsenbarger

## Air Force Medal of Honor – April 11, 1966

Arriving on scene over Charlie Company's location, Pitsenbarger's helicopter hovered above the jungle canopy and lowered the rescue basket to the ground. Seeing the Soldiers on the ground experiencing difficulty in loading the wounded into the rescue basket, Pitsenbarger volunteered to descend to the ground and assist in preparing the wounded for evacuation and loading them into the rescue basket despite the intense firefight which still raged below.

Capt. Harold Salem, pilot of the HH-43, asked Pitsenbarger if he was sure that really wanted to be lowered to the ground. Pitsenbarger responded: "Yes sir! Captain I know I can really make a difference." The pilot agreed to Pitsenbarger's request, only if he would promise to return to the aircraft as soon as the pilot signaled that it was time to pull out. Pitsenbarger agreed and then lowered himself 150 feet down to the jungle floor equipped with a medical bag, a supply of splints, an M-16 rifle, and a pistol. The Soldiers on the ground were astonished to see Pitsenbarger emerge from the tree tops in disbelief that anyone would volunteer for such a potentially deadly mission.

As soon as he hit the ground Pitsenbarger began treating the wounded continually exposing himself to enemy fire as he prepared the Soldiers for evacuation. After receiving a 'thumbs up' from Pitsenbarger, the first casualty was winched into the helicopter which soon departed the area for a nearby staging ground only to be replaced by another HH-43. This process repeated itself nine times under heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire within the engagement area.

On the 10th approach the Viet Cong forces began to focus their fire on the helicopters too. Pretty soon the enemy fire became too intense to allow the helicopters to continue the rescue operation and Pitsenbarger was given the signal from his pilot to get on board the hoist and evacuate. Pitsenbarger waved off the helicopter shouting, "Get out of here, I'll get the next one out." The pilot then again signaled for Pitsenbarger to get on board the hoist but for a second time his signal was waved off by Pitsenbarger.

Taking heavy battle damage, the HH-43 became difficult to maneuver and the winch cable soon became entangled in the jungle canopy. The pilot ordered the cable to be cut free and the helicopter departed the area crash landing a short time later in a safe area a short distance away. Another helicopter began to head towards the area but was radioed off after the Charlie Company commander was forced to call in a heavy artillery barrage directly on their position as a result of the increasing intensity of the enemy assault. As darkness approached all further attempts at medical evacuations were halted due to enemy action.

Choosing to remain with Charlie Company, Pitsenbarger continued to treat the wounded despite his dwindling stock of medical supplies. As the pace of

battle continued to intensify, Pitsenbarger gave his pistol to a wounded Soldier who was physically unable to hold a rifle. For the next hour and a half, Pitsenbarger alternated between treating the wounded and moving about the area collecting ammunition and weapons from the dead and wounded in order to distribute it for use amongst the perimeter defenders.

As darkness finally fell, the enemy launched yet another concentrated assault forcing Pitsenbarger to help defend the wounded and the overall position with his rifle. Seeing a nearby Soldier fall to the ground, Pitsenbarger began to move towards the Soldier in an attempt to render aid when he was struck four times by enemy fire which killed him instantly. Nearly overrun, Charlie Company managed to hold on after receiving additional artillery support and the enemy eventually withdrew their assault during the night. The next day, the helicopters returned and Pitsenbarger's remains were recovered by fellow Airmen from the 38th.

One officer on the ground with Pitsenbarger that day later commented: "On three different occasions I glimpsed movement, and it was Pitsenbarger dragging somebody behind a tree trunk or a fallen tree, trying to give them first aid. It just seemed like he was everywhere. Everybody else was ducking, and he was crouched and crawling and dragging people by the collar and pack straps out of danger...I'm not certain of the number of dead and wounded exactly, but I'm certain that the death count would have been much higher had it not been for the heroic efforts of Airman Pitsenbarger."

Pitsenbarger is credited with directly saving the lives of the nine Soldiers he was able to provide treatment for and load for evacuation by helicopter. Of the 134 Soldiers engaged on the ground, 106 of them were killed or badly wounded as Charlie Company suffered an 80% casualty rate during the engagement. Many of those who did survive the battle credit their survival directly to Pitsenbarger.

Pitsenbarger was originally nominated for the Medal of Honor; however, that nomination was downgraded at the time due to a lack of sufficient documentation to support the award. On September 22, 1966, Pitsenbarger was instead awarded the Air Force Cross in a ceremony conducted at the Pentagon. He was the first enlisted Airmen in history to receive the Air Force Cross (prior to July 9, 1960, when the Air Force Cross was first established, Airmen of all ranks were when eligible awarded the Distinguished Service Cross instead).

For the next 30 years veterans of Charlie Company made various efforts to have Pitsenbarger's Air Force Cross reconsidered for an upgrade to the Medal of Honor. In the mid-1990's, members of Pitsenbarger's high school graduation class, supported by veterans of Charlie Company, worked with the Airmen's Memorial Museum to assemble a for-

mal nomination package for the upgrade to the Medal of Honor. This effort was endorsed by retired Major General Allison C. Brooks, who was in command of Air Force rescue operations during 1966, and included personal testimony from several veterans of Charlie Company and Air force helicopter pilot Capt. Harold Salem. The nomination package was presented to the Department of the Air Force for review on their behalf by Ohio Congressional Representative John Boehner. After reviewing the nomination package, the Air Force forwarded their recommendation for approval of the upgrade back to Congress.

On Oct. 6, 2000, Congress finally authorized the award of the Medal of Honor to Pitsenbarger, nearly 34 and a half years after the combat action in which he earned it. Pitsenbarger's Medal of Honor was presented to his parents during a ceremony conducted at the National Museum of the Air Force on Dec. 8, 2000, which was officiated by Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters. In addition to receiving the Medal of Honor, Pitsenbarger was also posthumously promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Just 21 years old at the time of his Medal of Honor action, Pitsenbarger is the youngest Airman in Air Force history to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

Perhaps the most fitting tribute to Pitsenbarger came in the months leading up to final approval from Congress for the upgrade. This tribute came in a personal letter which was written from a father to his son. The father, a veteran of Charlie Company, wrote to his son who was then currently serving as an Airman 1st Class in the U.S. Air Force: "All Bill Pitsenbarger knew of any of us was that we were few fighting against many, that we were losing and that we needed help. What kind of courage was it that made him enter such a one-sided fight as we were in? His courage wasn't born of self-preservation, fear, hate or meanness. He was a young man who wanted to save the lives of other men. He was moved by what is best in men, the unselfish love of his fellow man."

At the time of his Medal of Honor action, Pitsenbarger was assigned to the 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, which was ultimately assigned to the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service and Military Airlift Command. Having activated in South Vietnam on March 28, 1966, Seventh Air Force was technically in operational control of the 38th at the time of Pitsenbarger's Medal of Honor of action; however, the squadron remained assigned to the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service and Military Airlift Command and as a result, Pitsenbarger is one of just four Airmen (out of a total of 14) to have earned the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War without serving directly 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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<https://kunsan.eim.pacaf.af.mil/8FW/HC/default.aspx>

### OSAN AIR BASE

**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

**Nondenominational Service**

Sunday, 11 a.m.  
South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702

**Gospel Service**

Sunday, 1 p.m.  
South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702

**Pentecostal**

Sunday, 1:30 p.m.  
Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

**Latter Day Saints (LDS)**

Sunday, 4 p.m.  
South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702

**Seventh-Day Adventist**

Saturday, 9:30 a.m.  
Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel

**KATUSA**

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

**Catholic Mass**

Sunday, 8 a.m.  
Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597  
Sunday, 11:30 a.m.  
Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597  
Saturday, 5 p.m.  
Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597  
1st Saturday, 9 a.m.  
Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597  
M/W/T/F, 11:45 a.m.  
Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597  
Tuesday, 11:45 p.m.  
Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel

**General Service**

**Episcopal Service**  
Sunday, 11 a.m.  
Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel

**Jewish**

Friday, 7 p.m.  
South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702



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

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## Spiritual Charge



**Chaplain, Maj. Dale Marlowe**  
51st Fighter Wing

Readiness – It’s a concept we use every day. To determine our level of readiness we often look at multiple indicators to evaluate it against a set of prescribed standards. Yet spiritual readiness shows itself more in the day to day living of our lives. Whether deployed to the front lines or taking care of the home front, Air Force members must be spiritually ready. Consider the following questions: Do you have a moral foundation for our decisions?

Are you able to face life with inner peace having experienced forgiveness? Do you understand your world view and how it impacts your interpretation of information? Are you motivated by a higher purpose, a purpose beyond yourself? Chaplains are uniquely trained to assist in these important areas of spiritual readiness – moral foundations, forgiveness, world views, and higher purpose.

Not everything fits into checklists, instructions, regulations, or directives. Periodically we face ethical dilemmas that fall into gray areas. Beyond what we have learned, we often find ourselves looking for extra guidance in our decisions. We search our moral “warehouse,” stocked over time with our experiences and instructions, for a set of principles to apply in difficult decisions. All too often we find our “warehouse” lacking the essential moral “equipment” needed to accomplish the mission. Chaplains can help sort out the confusion of ethical dilemmas and moral vacuums. As professionals who understand military challenges, societal demands, and personal convictions, chaplains are a valuable resource in helping one chart an ethical course through troubled waters whether at

### Spiritual Readiness

work or at home.

Spiritual readiness also demands that we be free from the burdens of guilt and anger. Before, during, and after a crisis, we may find ourselves struggling with guilt and anger. Guilt eats away at one’s concentration, and anger left unchecked can drastically impede good judgment. As we face the frailties of life and the realities of our own mortality, we need to be free from the natural effect of our fallen nature – guilt. Unless we experience true forgiveness, we cannot offer it to others. If we do not have it ourselves, we cannot be totally free to fight our nation’s wars and life’s battles. Chaplains can help us discover forgiveness.

We all approach life with learned perspectives, filters through which we interpret our world. These filters are instilled in us over the years through culture and experience. We call these filters our world view – our set of beliefs through which we process events and information. Our world view directly impacts the quality of our decisions and actions, both on and off the job. Chaplains can help you consider your world view and its impact.

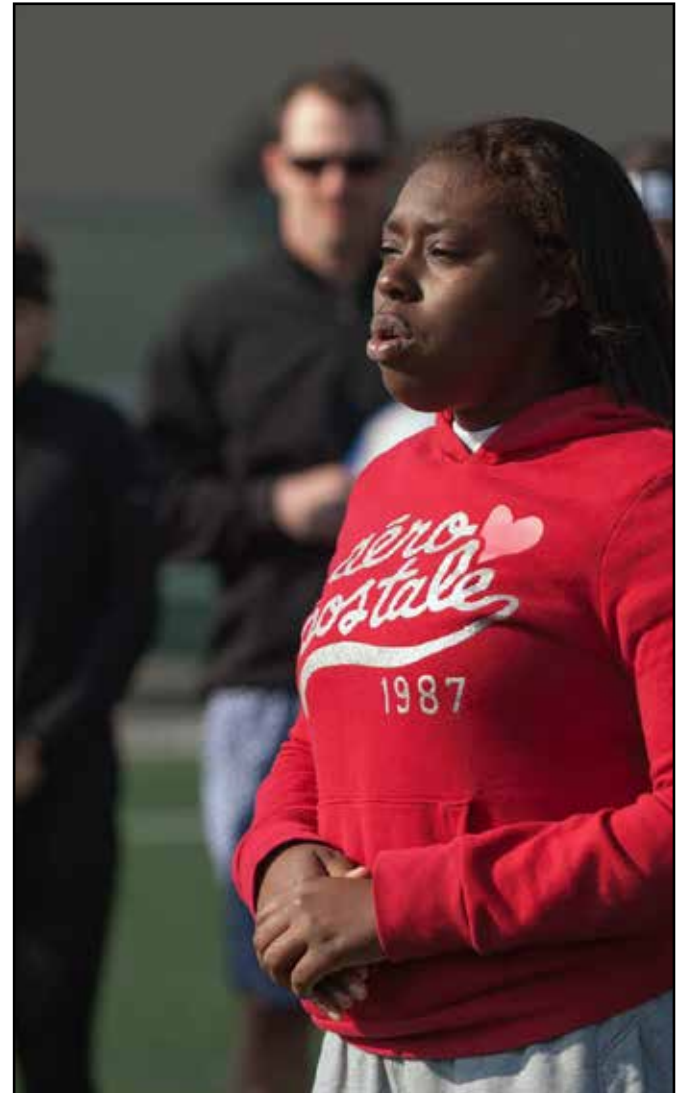
Finally, while mission and patriotism

are strong motivators, what happens when these sources of motivation fade? What will keep us in the fight? What will keep us keeping on? Divine purpose provides the source of motivation needed. Internal motivations are easily swayed by external influences. Earthly purposes quickly fade. When we question the purpose of our lives and our service, where can we turn? Looking for a connection to something outside our own selves provides the essential perspective that keeps us going when we run out of steam. As “Visible reminders of the Holy,” chaplains can help us find clarity of purpose and meaning.

In these critical times, we are called to “Be Ready.” To be fully ready, we must pay attention to our spiritual readiness. To be spiritually ready, we have to be able to answer the following questions. Do I have a moral foundation for my decisions? Am I able to face life with inner peace having experienced forgiveness? Do I understand my world view and how it impacts my interpretation of information? And, am I motivated by a higher purpose, a purpose beyond myself? So remember, chaplains are a great resource as you work on your spiritual readiness. Seek us out!

# Kunsan Powderpuff Football Tournament

*The Wolf Pack wrapped up Women's History Month with a powderpuff flag football tournament today. Check out the action-packed photos below!*



## Kunsan

### 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.



## Osan

### 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 at to\_yong.pak.kr@us.af.mil or DSN 784-4709.

### Claims announcement

Col. Brook Leonard, the 51st Fighter Wing commander, regretfully 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.

### 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.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/osanchapelneedssurvey>

### 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.

### Kunsan's emergency phone numbers

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

### Osan's emergency phone numbers

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

## 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 (Gate1)
- 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**



## Hot Work Safety



Any type of hot work operation is required to have a permit issued by OSAN AB Fire Department. Also, AF Form 592, Checklist for Operations, is available in English/Korean version at Osan AB Fire Department.

When cutting or welding outside a designated area, conduct the work in a safe location free of combustible materials if possible. If the work cannot be moved, clear flammable materials and rubbish from the area for about a 35' radius. If these precautions are not feasible, shield or cover such materials with fire resistive materials to protect them for combustion. Holes in the floor and walls must be covered to prevent sparks from falling through unnoticed onto people or combustible materials below.

Maintain a fire watch when doing this kind of work and have a charged fire extinguisher readily available. Depending on the job, more than one fire watch may be needed on the other side of a wall or floor that a pipe passes through, to control potential ignition from sparks or conduction. Check the area for 30 minutes to 1 hour after stopping work for the day to make sure no smoldering materials exist. Most welding fires break out long after the operation has ceased, as they are caused by unnoticed sparks which travel long distances before lodging in combustible materials.

Do not cut or weld any closed vessel that has contained or is suspected to have contained flammable or toxic materials until it has been tested, thoroughly cleaned, purged and vented. Traces of the material may still be in the vessel and result in a fire or explosion, or create a toxic exposure.

Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Fire Prevention Office at 784-4835 or 784-4710. Have a fire safe day.

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

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

\* Bus stops at Humphreys main gate

\*\* Bus stops at Yongsan DHL

x Bus doesn't stop at this station

POC for the bus schedule

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

## 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)

# Airmen honor Robin Olds, grow mustaches

By Senior Airman David Owsianka  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Throughout the base a growing number of Airmen have been looking a bit different over the past month. It's not a fashionable trend, but rather something that some would view as manly or creepy.

Airmen on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, have grown their mustaches to participate in the hairy tradition of Mustache March.

"This is a great opportunity to build camaraderie with my fellow Airmen," said Maj. Laurence Studer, 51st Medical Operations Squadron mental health flight commander. "It's important to participate in this 'hairitage' in memory of Robin Olds while strengthening morale and making people laugh."

Mustache March is an annual event occurring in the month of March, where men in the United States Air Force grow mustaches to honor the Air Force legend Robin Olds. The idea stems from an early Air Force tradition in which Airmen would grow mustaches in good-natured protest against facial hair regulations during the month of March.

The act of growing a mustache as a gesture of defiance against dogmatic leadership is attributed to the U.S. Air Force triple-ace Robin Olds who grew an extravagantly waxed handlebar mustache which did not comply with the Air Force regulations.

One such Airman grew his mustache as a way to pay tribute to Robin Olds, who used something insignificant as a mustache to promote camaraderie during wartime contingencies.

"When I first heard about this month I researched for the true meaning of Mustache March," said Senior Airman David Letteer, 51st Aerospace Medicine Squadron nutritional medicine technician. "Olds was a triple ace with 16 victories during his service, and he loved doing his duty to the best of his ability. Him growing a mustache showed a different side of his character from a personal level."

Letteer has had a unique way of shaping his 'stache' after starting with the regulations.

"When I shape my stache, I start by checking the corners of his mouth to see if it reaches there," he explained. "If so, I open my mouth wide as if I am yawning to trim it down and make it evenly proportioned."



**Capt. Sean Westrick, 25th Fighter Squadron executive officer, poses next to an A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft March 27, 2014, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Westrick nicknamed his mustache tank destroyer (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman David Owsianka)**

From there, Letteer ensures his mustache isn't too bulky. He places a guard on his clippers and trims the length of the hairs. After that he takes the edge of his razor and carefully trims the curve of the mustache.

"This part is the most important because it will look lopsided if you do it wrong," he said. "Lastly, I brush the mustache because sometimes the hairs stick up, just like the hair on your head. If you constantly brush it down, it will look a lot better and less irritating."

As Airmen from across the base have grown mustaches, the morale within the work environment has elevated.

"This month is a good time for Airmen who want to grow a mustache to have an excuse to grow it and have fun," said Capt. Sean Westrick, 25th Fighter Squadron executive officer. "Everyone makes fun of each other's mustache and those who are unable to successfully grow one."

Even though Westrick has helped carry the hairy

tradition of growing a mustache since 2010, his stache has become somewhat bothersome for him completing his job.

"It has been frustrating to have while flying because it gets in the way of the mask I wear," he said.

It hasn't just been frustrating in the cockpit for Westrick; he has dealt with a bit of a battle on the home front.

"My wife doesn't like my mustache," he said. "She always dreads March and enjoys April 1. She always says 'aw mustache march, the creepiest month of the year.'"

Even though some may deem March as a creepy, unbearable month, it has proven to be a time where Airmen can remember where they came from.

"I feel a lot of times these days we lose sight of our history and where we come from and tradition," Westrick said. "This is something small thing to do and a way to remember part of our past."



**Capt. Aaron Knight, 25th Fighter Squadron pilot, puts on his helmet prior to completing a sortie Airman March 27, 2014, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Knight nicknamed his mustache the thunder-stache.**



**Capt. Charles Stallings, 51st Medical Support Squadron pharmacy flight commander, counts the number of pills for a prescription March 26, 2014, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Stallings nicknamed his mustache the medicater.**

## Sgt. Jerimey Podwys

### Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade

**Job title:** Senior Local Area Network Manager

**Job description and its impact on the overall mission:** Supervises, plans and integrates the installation, employment and maintenance of signal support systems and automated telecommunications systems. Responsible for user compliance of cyber awareness for two battalions consisting of 12 batteries covering Osan, Suwon, Daegu and Kunsan. Responsible for cyber security of 1,000 user accounts and work stations. Additionally assigned as the battery armorer and Army Body Composition Program supervisor.

**Time in the military:** 8 years, 2 Months

**Time at Osan:** 13 Months

**DEROS:** 5 March, 2016

**Family:** Sonja Podwys (Spouse), Kara Podwys (15), Tristan Harrison (11), Jan-nah Podwys (8), Serenity Podwys (6), Savannah Podwys (1)

**Hometown:** Independence, MO

**Hobbies:** Bowling, Video Gaming, Camping and Fishing

**Why did you join the military?** I was going to school and was laid off of my job. I had a family to care for and wasn't getting hired because I lacked the expe-

rience that my co-applicants had.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years?** In 10 years, my kids will be young adults and productive members of society. I will be a senior leader within cyber command. In 20 years, I will retire from the military and enjoy life with my wife living overseas.

**What do you do for fun here?** I enjoy family time. We like to go to the bowling alley and to the beach.

**What's your favorite Army memory or story?** My favorite memory is being reunited with my family after being deployed to Iraq for 14 months. As soon as we were released from the redeployment ceremony, I remember the tears of joy on my wife's face as she ran to hug me.

**What accomplishment are you most proud of?** I'm most proud of the hard work and dedication that it took me to earn the rank that I am wearing. I chose to change my job in the military, I had to bounce back from an injury and all of the hours I spent studying for military and professional development boards all paid off when my wife placed those stripes on my chest.

**Who are your role models?** My num-



Sgt. Jerimey Podwys, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade senior Local Area Network manager, establishes new user accounts for Soldiers recently assigned to the brigade March 30, 2015 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea

ber one role model is my Dad (Step-Father). In the absence of my biological father, my dad entered my life when I was three. He has been married to my mother for 32 years, been at the same job

for over 30 years, and he taught me basic computer skills that I have built upon today in the Army. I do not know where I would be at in my life if I did not have him as a role model to look up to.

## Staff Sgt. Alora Danah Aguelo



Staff Sgt. Alora Danah Aguelo, 51st Force Support Squadron career development technician, runs on a sidewalk March 29, 2015 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Aguelo is this week's Team Osan Spotlight winner. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman David Owsianka)

### 51 Force Support Squadron

**Job title:** Career Development Technician

**Job description and its impact on the overall mission:** DEROS Management, Admin holds/separations, Separations, Retirements, COT leave, Early Return of Dependents, Student travel, Patient Travel, PRP.

**Time in military:** 5 years and 7 months

**Time in Osan:** 6 months

**DEROS:** September 2015

**Family:** Mom, Dad, 2 brothers, 1 sister, husband

**Hometown:** San Diego, California

**Hobbies:** Cooking, Baking, Working out, Singing

**Why did you join the military?** Support my family financially, free education, travel

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years or 20 years?** Having a family, living back in the west coast and working in the medical industry.

**What do you do for fun here?:** Travel and going to the gym

**What is your favorite Air Force memory or story?** My deployment to Al Dhafra. I met so many great people, from the leadership to civilian personnel. I was also able to travel around the beautiful country.

**What accomplishments are you most proud of?** I would say the one that I am most proud of is providing for my family and helping my siblings finish college. I chose to join the military instead of going straight to college because I saw how my parents were having a difficult time paying for mortgages and paying for my brother and my sister's tuition at the same time and that really pushed me to join the military. Now that both of them have graduated, I can start working towards getting my degree.

**Who are your role models?** My parents because they never gave up on whatever hardships they went through. They continued to support the family and made sure to stay strong for me and my siblings

## Staff Sgt. Joseph Groffy

### 303d Intelligence Squadron

**Job title:** Data Link Operator

**Job description and its impact on the overall mission:** I process, exploit, and disseminate intelligence data from U-2 and RQ-4 reconnaissance aircraft. The impact of the Surveillance and Warning Center: We direct issuance of reports concerning possible threats to U.S. and Republic of Korea national security that is of such important significance that it requires immediate notification to the POTUS and National Security Council.

**Time in the military:** Seven years

**Time at Osan:** since May 2014

**DEROS:** May 2015

**Family:** Wife and dog

**Hometown:** Hampton VA

**Hobbies:** Playing sports, poker and drawing

**Why did you join the military?** Because my father was Air Force and also to travel the world

**Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years?** 10 years: still in the military, 20 years: being a beach bum on a tropical island

**What do you do for fun here?** Watch movies and play screen golf

**What's your favorite Air Force memory or story?** 2010-2011 tour here at Osan traveling the country and learning the culture.

**What accomplishment are you most proud of?** Finishing my CCAF

**Who are your role models?** My father



Staff Sgt. Joseph Groffy, 303rd Intelligence Squadron data link operator, walks a dog from the homeward bound animal shelter March 20, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Groffy is this week's Team Osan Spotlight winner. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman David Owsianka)

## Staff Sgt. Gordon Waits



Staff Sgt. Gordon Waits, 51st Maintenance Operations Flight maintenance operations center senior controller, updates information on aircraft status for a slide-show briefing March 20, 2014, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Waits is this week's Team Osan Spotlight winner. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman David Owsianka)

### 51 MOF/MXOC

**Job title:** Maintenance Operations Center Senior Controller

**Job description and its impact on the overall mission:** In the Maintenance Operations Center (MOC) I am responsible for monitoring and coordinating the maintenance and flying operations of all the A-10 aircraft from the 25TH Aircraft Maintenance Unit and all of the F-16 aircraft from the 36TH Aircraft Maintenance Unit. The MOC is also the focal point for 51 MXG leadership notifications. We serve as the commander's voice, eyes, and ears for all operations on the flight line. This level of C2 and communication is essential to applying specific airpower to deliberate operations and facilitating the generation of combat ready aircraft.

**Time in the military:** 8 years

**Time at Osan:** 1 year

**DEROS:** Mar 2017

**Family:** Mrs. Waits and our three wonderful children.

**Hometown:** Corsicana, Texas

**Hobbies:** Spending time with the family, playing guitar,

**Why did you join the military?** To serve my country and learn a trade.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years?** Hopefully somewhere down in Texas...working on second career, degree completed, A&P License obtained,

owner of a house, paying for kids to go to college.

**What do you do for fun here?** Travel, play guitar

**What's your favorite Air Force memory or story?** My favorite memory and story of the Air Force would be the whole picture, my experience so far because like it or not your experiences shape you as a person. Every deployment, TDY, PCS, PCA, and all the people you meet in between and their stories. I have met a lot of people throughout my career and each has his or her own story to tell, the path they took to wind up on the road their currently on, the troubles, sorrows, triumphs and good times along the way.

**What accomplishment are you most proud of?** Serving this great nation, Making TSgt, obtaining my CCAF

**Who are your role models?** Jesus, Johnny Cash and John Wayne, also my uncle Mr. Clovis R. Stone U.S. Army who was a POW from April 1951 to September 1953 during the Korean War. After he was released he went on to become a drill sergeant and later retired from over 20 years of military service. After going through what those boys did and continuing his career until retirement, I find it a true testament of the pride and dedication he held for his country and himself. That serves as a consistent reminder that whatever it is you may be going through as a person that it could always be worse.



## Senior Airman Sarah McDermott

### 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron

**Job Title:** 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron logistics planner

**Job Description:** As a logistics planner stationed at Kunsan Air Base, I am responsible for support agreements, memoranda of agreement, memoranda of understanding and memoranda of understanding international within the wing. Support agreements document any recurring support that the 8th Fighter Wing provides requesters. In addition to maintaining the support agreement program, I am the alternate to the war reserve materiel NCO. War reserve materiel is a multi-million dollar program that deals with maintaining vehicles, equipment and consumables that are to be used during wartime only. And finally, I also assist with deployments and receptions for the wing during peninsula-wide exercises (e.g. Theater Security Package, Max Thunder).

**Time in Military:** I have been in the Air Force for three years and three months.

**Family:** Dad - Steven, Mom - Susan, Brother - Chris, Dog - Mac.

**Hometown:** I am from Houston, Texas.

**Hobbies:** Playing guitar, working out and reading.

**Why did you join the U.S. Air Force?** I have two reasons why I joined the U.S.

Air Force. The first is to follow in my grandfather's and uncle's footsteps; they proudly served during World War II and Vietnam. The second is to be a part of the one percent of the U.S. population who are willing to dedicate their lives to protecting the United States and its allies.

**What do you do for fun?** Some of the things I do for fun are, practicing playing the guitar, hanging out with close friends, watching movies and getting my nerd on by playing video games.

**What is your proudest accomplishment?** One of my proudest accomplishments so far in my career has been making senior airman below the zone. The reason I chose BTZ as my proudest accomplishment is because it shows hard work truly does pay off and that you have made some sort of impact within your section, all the way up to your wing.

**Who are your role models?** My role models are my dad, my section lead at my last base, Master Sgt. Brown, and my prior installation deployment officer, Capt. Lange.

**What do you like most about your job?** What I enjoy most is being able to see the big picture of how the Air Force coordinates deployments and receptions.



Senior Airman Sarah McDermott, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron logistics planner, interacts with Col. Ken "Wolf" Ekman, 8th Fighter Wing commander, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 25, 2015. McDermott showed Wolf how she contributes to the Wolf Pack mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)

Also, I enjoy being able to network and meet new people from different career fields who impact the Air Force mission in different ways.

**What is your favorite quote?** "The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for exist-

ing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity." - Albert Einstein

## She-Wolf of the Day: Tech Sgt. Molly Callen

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

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --** In late 2008, after returning home from a deployment, she was diagnosed with cancer.

"I was very blessed to have already found the love of my life," said Tech. Sgt. Molly Callen, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal team lead. "Without my husband, I don't know how I would have handled the news."

The next year would be the most difficult part of the Callens' lives as Molly underwent many surgeries and chemotherapy to eradicate the cancer.

"After the doctors told me that the cancer was gone and I was in remission, I thought things would just be better, that everything would return to normal," said Callen. "But I was wrong."

Callen spent the next three years trying to do her job again; but there was a lot of paperwork, monitoring and evaluating being done to see if she was fit for duty.

Callen said the military is very careful about returning a person to work after being diagnosed with cancer. "It took a lot of luck and a lot more miracles, but I was returned to full duty and allowed to do my job again."



Tech. Sgt. Molly Callen, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal team lead, dons the Med-Eng EOD-9 bomb suit March 20, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. As an EOD technician, Callen is trained to deactivate improvised explosive devices and to inspect unexploded ordnances. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Divine Cox)

Besides her job as an EOD technician, Callen loves being involved and helping where help is needed.

"I enjoy helping people," she said. "Growing up, my sisters and I were taught the importance of helping oth-

ers. I watched my parents live that belief every day."

Callen's father retired from the Air Force a few years after she enlisted. She also has two sisters, one who recently separated from the Air Force,

and another who currently serves.

"I grew up as a military brat," she said. "We moved every two years from base to base. Growing up I lived in Germany and Florida several times, Italy, Korea (Osan), Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas, Alabama, and Virginia."

While living in Osan AB, that's when she realized joining the military was a way to give back.

"When I was a sophomore in high school, following exercises they played Lee Greenwood's 'God Bless the USA,' just as they do now," Callen said. "Watching the emotions and pride on the faces of the men and women always fascinated and inspired me. I made up my mind then and there to join the military."

After defeating cancer and fighting to return to the job she loves, Callen discovered a new meaning for the term "strength."

"Know yourself," she said. "Don't run from your weaknesses or hide from them. Get stronger in the areas you are able to strengthen yourself, and understand that you could be stronger in areas where others are weaker. Identify these areas in your life and use your strengths to build others up as much as possible."

Callen's plan is to stay in the Air Force until she retires and get her master's degree while she continues to serve.

# Wolf Pack visits Geumsansa Gold Mountain Temple

By Senior Airman Taylor Curry  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- More than 80 Wolf Pack Airmen including Colorado Air National Guardsmen explored the rich history of Geumsansa Gold Mountain Temple located between the cities of Jeonju and Gimje on the slopes of Moaksan Mountain, March 21.

Geumsansa was founded during the reign of King Beop of the Baekje period in 599 A.D. The Buddhist temple features more than ten designated cultural properties including Mireukjeon, a national treasure, the temple is best known for its Maitreya Hall, which houses the largest indoor standing Mireuksa Buddha (Buddha of the Future) in the world, reaching over 11 meters in height. It is also the country's only three-story pre-modern style wooden building.

Upon arrival, Airmen were greeted by temple management and escorted to the cafeteria where they had the chance to try an authentic Korean meal, Bibimbap.

"This tour is a great opportunity for Airmen to see something new," said Kim, Dong Seong, Templestay team manager. "The Airmen have the chance to learn about a different culture and have a better understanding of Korean history. I hope future Airmen will be able to visit us and enjoy their stay."

During the tour, Airmen walked the interior of the buildings, viewing Buddhist artworks and treasures, and learned about the 1700 years of the temple's history. Airmen also received the opportunity to make lotus flower lanterns during their visit.

"I really enjoyed this trip to the temple," said Tech. Sgt. Lorian Davis, 8th Maintenance Group maintenance operations center NCO in charge. "It's very eye opening to see the spiritual side of the country. Being able to see these buildings that date back hundreds of years ago, it really is breathtaking. This would be a great experience for every Airman, mainly to learn more about the culture and just to see a very peaceful place."

The current buildings of Geumsansa were rebuilt in 1635 after previously being destroyed by the Japanese invasion



Airmen from Kunsan Air Base toured the Geumsansa Temple and learned about 1700 years of the temple's history at Moaksan Mountain, Republic of Korea, March 21, 2015. Maitreya Hall, pictured here, is a national treasure residing at the Geumsansa Temple. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)



Airmen make lotus flower lanterns during a visit to the Geumsansa Temple at Moaksan Mountain, Republic of Korea, March 21, 2015. Airmen walked the interior of the buildings, viewing Buddhist artworks and treasures, and learned about 1700 years of the temple's history.

of Korea. The temple now serves as one of the principle Buddhist centers in the region and is considered one of the largest temples in South Korea.

"Wolf Pack Airmen are only here for 12 months, so they don't have much time or many opportunities to explore the en-

tire country," said Rosemary Song, 8th Fighter Wing community relations specialist. "With this tour, they were able to see the vast history that Korea has been through along with its religious background. Airmen come from different religious beliefs, but this tour offers the

chance to learn more about Buddhism history, being one of the largest religions in South Korea."

For more information about other tours or community relations opportunities, Airmen can contact the community relations office at 782-5194.



Airmen pose for a group photo during a tour to the Geumsansa Temple at Moaksan Mountain, Republic of Korea, March 21, 2015. Airmen walked the interior of the buildings, viewing Buddhist artworks and treasures, and learned about 1700 years of the temple's history.

# UCMJ DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

## Courts-Martial

Airman Basic Shane C. McNaughton was found guilty by a special court-martial for reporting to this duty location intoxicated, in violation of Article 112, UCMJ, and resisting apprehension, in violation of Article 95, UCMJ. The adjudged sentence was confinement for 60 days, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for three months and a reprimand.

## Nonjudicial Punishment (Article 15)

### Osan



- A staff sergeant was drunk and disorderly. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$500.00 and a reprimand.

- An airman first class failed to pay his Government Travel Card. The punishment was a reduction to airman, suspended reduction to airman basic, with a condition that member will pay off the remaining balance of his Government Travel Card by a specified date, and a reprimand.

- A senior airman was derelict in the performance of his duties by failing to ensure that the tools in his composite tool kit were accounted for. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$296.00 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

- An airman first class consumed alcohol while under the age of 21, in violation of a 7 AF general order. The punishment was a reduction to airman, restriction to base for 30 days and a reprimand.

- An airman first class consumed alcohol while under the age of 21, in violation of a 7 AF general order and reported to a squadron recall intoxicated. The punishment was a reduction to airman, suspended reduction to airman basic, restriction to base for 42 days and a reprimand.

- A senior airman treated a SNCO with disrespect, failed to obey a lawful order to return to his dormitory, was drunk and disorderly, and used provoking language toward Security Forces personnel. The punishment was reduction to airman first class, suspended reduction to airman, and a reprimand.

- An airman first class consumed alcohol while under the age of 21, in violation of a 7 AF general order. The punishment was reduction to airman, restriction to the base for 30 days, 14 days of extra duty and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant attempted to obtain steroids through USPS. The punish-

ment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$655.00 pay per month for 2 months and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant was apprehended at 0107 hours at Songtan Entertainment District, in violation of the 7 AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, restriction to base for 30 days, forfeiture of \$1,225.00 pay and a reprimand.

- A senior airman was apprehended at 0355 hours in Changju-city, in violation of the 7 AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was a reduction to airman first class, restriction to base for 30 days, 14 days of extra duty, and a reprimand.

- A senior airman failed to report for bay orderly duty. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman first class, restriction to base for 30 days, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant willfully misused his Government Travel Card. The punishment was a reduction to senior airman and a reprimand.

- An airman first class tested positive for marijuana after a random urinalysis. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman, 10 days of extra duty, and a reprimand.

- An airman first class reported for duty while under the influence of alcohol, made a false official statement and punched a hole in a government building. The punishment was a reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$773.00, restriction to base for 30 days and a reprimand.

- A technical sergeant was apprehended at 0120 hours in Daegu, in violation of the 7 AF Curfew Policy and made false official statements to the Provost Marshall Officers. The punishment was a reduction to staff sergeant, 30 days extra duty, forfeiture of \$1,562.00 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

### Kunsan



- A staff sergeant made a video of another military member's private area without that person's consent and also showed the video to a third person. The punishment was a reduction to senior airman, suspended forfeiture of \$1,175 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

- An airman possessed alcohol while under the age of 21, in violation of a 7 AF general order. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman basic, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- A master sergeant slapped the buttocks of another military member. The punishment was a suspended reduction to technical sergeant, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months, 20 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- A senior airman was drunk and disorderly, made provoking speeches, and resisted apprehension. The punishment was a reduction to airman first class, suspended reduction to airman basic, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- An airman first class failed to report at the time prescribed to his place of duty. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman, 14 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- An airman first class operated a government vehicle recklessly by pushing the driver out of the driver's seat before the vehicle had come to a complete stop. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman, 14 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

# Seoul Travel Bits - Ansan Jarak-Gil & more



The article courtesy of Seoul magazine

## Follow the wood-deck road

If you cringe at the thought of spending half a day trekking Mt. Bukhansan but would still like to benefit from a great view of the city, Mt. Ansan is the perfect mountain for a casual hike. Located in the Seodaemun-gu district of Seoul, a pair of comfortable shoes is all you'll need to shake off those winter blues and start watching for early signs of spring. Look to the base of the mountain for Ansan Jarak-gil, or "skirt road," a

path of wooden deck designed for those looking to enjoy a more leisurely walk along the peak's gentle slopes, ideal for elderly visitors or parents with strollers. The deck-trail is only seven kilometers and length, and a complete cycle can be completed in two-and-a-half hours. Many of those fortunate enough to live in the area simply walk a portion of the Jarak-gil trail as their evening exercise. If someone in your group would prefer to tackle the summit, you can always take the dirt path to Bongsudae, the beacon mounds that were used to send military smoke signals during Joseon Dynasty (1392-1910). Hike up to the mounds early in the morning to get a great view of sunrise.

## Seodaemun Prison History Hall



Commemorate Korea's national holiday Samiljeol, the March 1 Movement Day, by visiting Seodaemun Prison History Hall.

On March 1, 1919, Korean independent activists led a peaceful demonstration against Japanese occupation in the Jongno area. Many of those arrested in the protest were incarcerated at the Seodaemun Prison, one of which being 17-year-old Ryu Gwan-sun, who was eventually martyred on site.

In 1995, the prison grounds were renovated as a museum dedicated to the martyrs of the independence movement. Comparable to Auschwitz or the Anne Frank House, the prison shows the darker side of Korean modern history, offering a humbling look into the oppression faced by an entire generation of Koreans. Guided tours in English or Japanese are available upon booking.

Dongnimmun Station (Line 3), Exit 5

## Insa-dong



During the years of the Joseon Dynasty, Insa-dong served as the location of Dohwaseo, a national bureau of art, as well as being the home of many wealthy government officials and artists at the time. When these officials and artists were forced to move out of the area during Japanese occupation, they had no choice but to sell their property and many valuables.

As a result, Insa-dong quickly turned into an alley of antique shops and galleries where Japanese officials purchased high-end artifacts from the Joseon Dynasty. Insa-dong's proximity to Japanese Government-General of Korea also made it a base for the independence movement. Taewhaguan, now the Taewha Building, was a gathering point of the 33 patriots that started the March 1 Movement. Visiting Insa-dong with this history in mind will give you a different impression on the popular art and craft destination in Seoul.

Anguk Station (Line 3), Exit 6. Walk straight about 80 meters and turn left when you see Inсадong-gil.

## Sejong Village



More widely known as "Seochon" ("West Village") because of its location on the west side of Gyeongbokgung Palace, Sejong Village's artistic lineage goes back to the Joseon era, when the area was home to middle-class intellectuals and the craft workers who supplied their wares to the palace..

Many artists, musicians and famous authors brought their work to life in these houses; writer Yi Sang (1910-1937) and artist Park No-su (1927-2013) lived in the area. Because of its proximity to Cheong Wa Dae, Korea's presidential palace, development was highly restricted for decades, and it's only been in the past 20 years that outsiders were able to roam its alleyways freely. Many local residents have kept the same neighbors for large portions of their lives, adding to the area's historic charm, and the narrow and crooked roads have slowed the hand of progress to the extent that most hanok are well-preserved and in their original form. Privately owned café, galleries and boutique shops are dispersed around the neighborhood, standing in stark contrast to the tall, shiny buildings of Gwanghwamun; it's hard to spot a building that reaches higher than three floors in the village. In any case, Sejong Village is growing in popularity for its unique, quaint ambiance. Life's frenetic pace is known to lesson for those who step away from Seoul's busy crowds and explore Sejong's picturesque lanes and quiet backstreets.

### Ansan Jarak-gil

- T. 02-330-1114, eng.sdm.go.kr
- The recommended eateries overlap with that of Seodaemun Prison History Hall. Near Dongnimmun Station, Exit 3, is Daesungjib (T. 02-735-4259), which has been serving doganitang, or ox knee stew, for over 60 years.
- Bongwon-sa Temple (T. 02-392-3007) is one of the quieter Buddhist temples in the city, a fantastic place to meditate or just have a quiet break.
- There are many observatory points around the deck trail where you can catch breathtaking views of the area's most historically significant sites: Use your guide book map to spot Gwanghwamun, Cheong Wa Dae, the Hangang River and even the 63 Building glistening like a torch during sunset. If you hike up to the Bongsudae mounds after nightfall, you can view the cityscape and catch Mt. Namsan floating like an island in the sea of distant lights.
- The mountain has many entrance points and one of the more convenient spots is near Dongnimmun Station (Line 3), Exit 5. From the exit, walk through the Seodaemun Prison History Hall toward Lee Jina Memorial Library. If you hike up from the library, you will see the wooden deck trail. You can also access the mountain from Seodaemun-gu Office or Yonsei University's Muak Dormitory.