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From Colorado to the ROK: Three generations serving on the Peninsula



Senior Airman Mitchell Jamison, 120th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, marshals his father, Lt. Col. James Reeman, 120th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, April 16, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Following in the steps of Reeman's father, who served 18 months in the ROK as an enlisted Marine in the 1950's, this is both Reeman and Jamison's first time being not only deployed together, but the first time both Airmen have been to the ROK. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen)

By Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Most Airmen arrive at Kunsan Air Base with the expectation of seeing new faces and forming new relationships at the start of their year-long unaccompanied tour. But for a father and son of the Colorado Air National Guard, when they stepped onto the Korean Peninsula, they continued a family legacy spanning three generations.

Lt. Col. James Reeman, 120th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, and his son, Senior Airman Mitchell Jamison, 120th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, are assigned to the Wolf Pack as part of a rotational theater security package for approximately three months.

"For this TSP, we are here to support and train with active-duty Airmen, as part of [Kunsan's] mission to

accept follow-on forces," Reeman said. "Our integration with them and Republic of Korea Air Force Airmen provides us unique training opportunities while solidifying relationships with our allies. Deploying to the Asia-Pacific region not only gives us the opportunity to train in a different environment but also enhances our military combat capabilities."

Following in the steps of Reeman's father, who served 18 months in the ROK as an enlisted Marine in the 1950's, this is both Reeman and Jamison's first time being not only deployed together, but it is the first time both Airmen have been to the ROK.

"Although my father rarely talked about his experience in Korea, I know he saw a lot of combat," Reeman said. "His sense of service played a large role in both of us wanting to serve our country. Since being in Korea, Mitchell and I had a special opportunity to visit the Korean War Memorial in Seoul and learn about the history

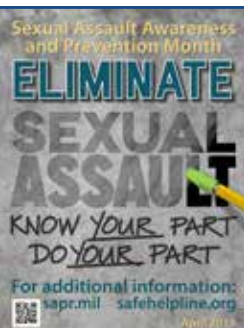
my father was a part of."

Just as Reeman admired his father's sense of service, Jamison too was inspired to join the Air Force after spending his childhood around fighter jets.

"My father was a huge influence when I decided to join the Air Force," Jamison said. "Growing up in the unit as a kid, it was a thrill watching him take off and even hearing the jets start and seeing them fly. It really drove the gears and inspired me to join."

With over 22 years of experience flying fighter jets in the Colorado ANG, when Reeman isn't deployed or conducting sorties on drill weekend, he wears a different uniform.

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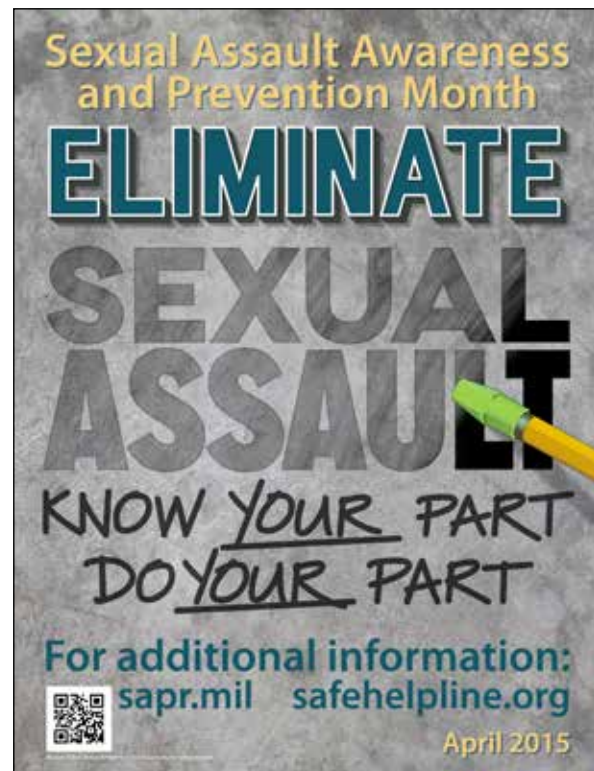
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Your part in the movement to end sexual assault



Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month 2015. "Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know your part. Do your part."

8th Fighter Wing SARC Office

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- April 2015 marks the eleventh annual observance of Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month (SAA-PM) in the United States. Like many of our stateside civilian and military counterparts, the 8th Fighter Wing Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) office is offering a wide variety of observance events throughout the month for Kunsan Airmen. As the wing comes together to promote awareness, hone our response capability and foster camaraderie, it is important to reflect on a few key points.

First, take a look at how far our society, our military and ultimately our nation has come in the fight against sexual assault. There was a time not too long

ago when there was no mechanism in place to assist victims suffering this significant trauma. There was a time when both men and women in the military often faced retaliation or reprisal for coming forward. There was a time when victims felt they had no options. Since the initiation of the SAPR program back in 2005, the military and the Air Force have made great strides in developing a comprehensive prevention and response program to meet the needs of our Airmen.

However, like any other program in its early stages, there is still much progress to be made in the years ahead. In the 2014 Assessment of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment in the U.S. Military, the RAND National Defense Research Institute estimates that ap-

proximately 20,000 of the U.S. military's 1.3 million active-duty members experienced one or more sexual assaults in the past year. While this is an improvement from the Workplace and Gender Relations Survey of Active-duty Personnel (WGRA) conducted in 2012, the statistics are still shocking. In both the military and civilian sectors, leaders have taken action to strengthen the criminal justice system, increase response capability and boost awareness initiatives.

With these changes, our nation's leaders have also conveyed to the masses their stance on sexual assault: zero tolerance. But what exactly does zero tolerance mean? It is much more than just zero tolerance of the act of sexual assault itself. Ultimately, this comes down to zero tolerance of any attitudes, actions

or behaviors that may harm another individual. Zero tolerance of a culture that enables sexual assault to occur. So what influences our culture? What contributes and propagates cultural norms within our community? The answer is not necessarily a what, but a whom.

That's right, the answer is YOU!

In his 2015 National SAAPM Presidential Proclamation, President Obama states, "It's on teammates, classmates, and colleagues to recognize sexual misconduct and intervene to stop it. It's on all of us to work for the change we need to shift the attitudes and behaviors that allow sexual assault to go unnoticed, unreported, and unpunished." As our commander-in-chief alludes to, each and every single person on our installation has a profound impact on our community and our culture.

The theme for this year's SAAPM is "Eliminate Sexual Assault. Know Your Part. Do Your Part." The great news is a vast majority of our Airmen are already living and breathing this theme every day, even if they don't realize that they are. The men and women of the Wolf Pack, whether in the work place or in a social setting, continue to foster a climate of dignity and respect. When someone or something challenges this environment, we take responsibility to act and intervene to protect our brothers and sisters in arms. This not only works in preventing sexual assault, but also fosters an environment of safety and trust. This is critical when a victim comes forward to make a report, and assists in facilitating their progression from a victim to a survivor.

We've come a long way in the movement to end sexual assault, but still have a ways to go. However, we are at the forefront of a major cultural shift, one that you play a huge part in. For that, we are proud to serve with you and thank you for your efforts to respect and protect the Wolf Pack!

Conserving energy is not just for saving money

By David Moysey**51st Civil Engineer Squadron Energy Program Specialist**

OSAN AIR BASE, REPUBLIC OF KOREA -- Earth Day occurs every year on April 22 and striving to achieve "energy conservation every day in everything we do" can have a tremendous impact on the health of our planet.

Besides congressional acts, Department of Defense mandates, and executive orders to reduce the consumption of energy at Osan Air Base and all federal facilities, there are more important environmental reasons to conserve energy than just saving tax-payer money.

Primarily, conserving energy reduces the demand for electricity and heating fuel and lessens the burdens for 1) burning fossil fuels or operating nuclear plants to produce electricity, and 2) depleting the Earth's natural resources. Burning fossil fuels creates pollution resulting in toxic air emissions, pollution in nearby rivers, and a reduction of the ozone layer. Nuclear power plants have many well-known risks including leaking radioactive wastes, reactor meltdowns, harm to aquatic life by released cooling waters, and problems associated with disposing the radioactive wastes.

Any reduction in the amount of required energy is beneficial to our planet and our future generations.

Another way to reduce our requirement for purchased electricity and heating fuel is the use of renewable sources of energy, such as wind farms, solar panels, geothermal heat pumps, and bio-fuels. These renewable sources of energy are mandated at Federal facilities by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. At present, none of Osan's annual \$19 million energy bill is mitigated by renewable sources, mainly because of poor return on investment ratios and project funding competition. However, the new force protection facility being built at the location of the demolished Challenger Club will have a geothermal heat pump system installed to reduce the amount of energy needed to heat and cool the facility. We are also programming solar air heating panels to produce renewable energy at 17 buildings by 2018.

So, the next time you see a chance to save energy by turning off bathroom lights when unoccupied, outdoor lights during the day, or a computer monitor at the end of the workday, you should realize that your actions can help reduce pollution of the Earth.

Don't forget to report energy waste to the Osan AB Energy Management Office at 784-9176 or 784-9230.

Learning from the Holocaust: Choosing to act

The Holocaust Days of Remembrance Committee, 8th Fighter Wing

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- This year, April 12 to 19 marked the observance of the Holocaust Days of Remembrance, with the official Day of Remembrance taking place April 16.

The Days of Remembrance were established by the U.S. Congress in 1980 to memorialize the six million Jews, as well as millions of non-Jewish victims, who were murdered in the Holocaust and suffered Nazi persecution. Each year since then, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum has led the nation in commemorating the Days of Remembrance. This year's theme is Learning from the Holocaust: Choosing to act.

The events held at Kunsan centered on imparting the lessons learned from mistakes of the past, while also instilling a continued desire to treat others as equals and take a stand against indifference and intolerance.

During World War II, millions of ordinary people witnessed the crimes of the Holocaust--in the countryside and city squares, in stores and schools, in homes and workplaces. Across Europe, the Nazis found countless helpers who willingly collaborated or were complicit in their crimes, while far fewer questioned their actions.

The victims had no choice in their fates. Their supporters and rescuers, by contrast, were able to make choices. They chose to risk not only theirs, but their families' lives in an attempt to intervene and help rescue those being persecuted.

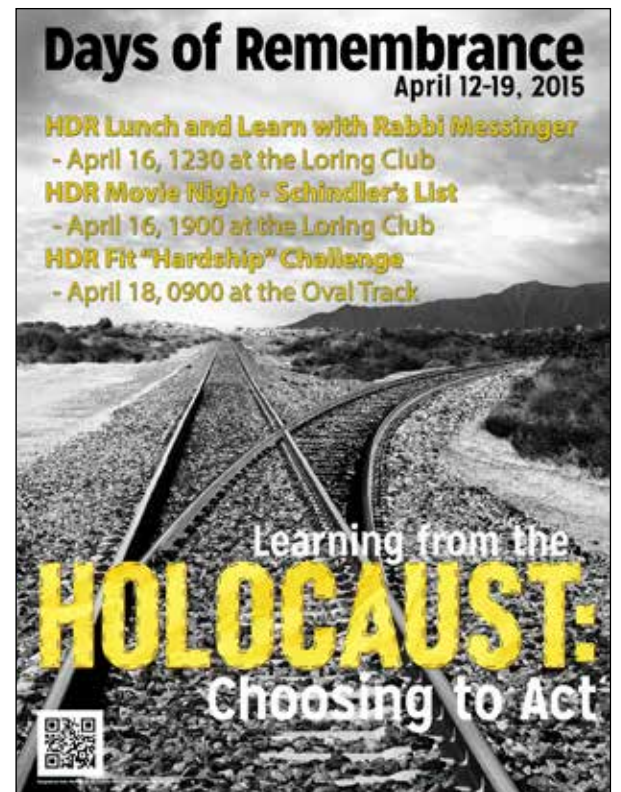
By choosing to act, these individuals not only saved the lives of others, but demonstrated what it means to treat one another as human beings. These lessons apply not only to the past, but how to treat each other now.

The Holocaust is not the only genocide to take place in this world. The Native American genocide in the early 19th century, the Rwandan genocide of 1994 and the Indonesian killings from 1965 to 1966 are just a few examples. More recently, ISIS is attacking Jewish and Christian people across the world. The horrors of the way these people died have left scars on the hearts and minds of those who loved and knew them; those they shared a bond with.

Those same bonds extend outside of our own local communities, and across the globe. Genocide and discrimination should not sit well with any person of any nation. No matter what our job or station in life, we are all unique and at the same time we are all tied together.

We may look at each other differently because we have different color skin, religions, socioeconomic backgrounds, and so on, but do we have to persecute each other for it? Would it not be better to get to know someone first before we decide who they are as a person? Do we have a right to judge others and put them in a category which requires discrimination or violence against them?

Our hope is that the Holocaust Days of Remembrance will remind all that even though we are different and come from different places in this world, we all have contributions to make to it, no matter how great or small they may be. Rather than play the role of bystander, we must actively pursue a world where we co-



This flyer provides the dates and times of Kunsan Air Base events being held in honor of the Holocaust Days of Remembrance, April 12-19, 2015. This year's theme is "Learning from the Holocaust: Choosing to act."

exist and choose to act against those who would foster hatred and repeat the mistakes of the past.

Holocaust Days of Remembrance: A reminder and a warning

By Senior Airman Cory Henning
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KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- During this time of the year, people often ask me what it is like being a Jewish person on Holocaust Remembrance Week, and what it means to me.

To me, this week is a reminder that evil - true, unbiased, malicious evil - exists in this world. Even the most casual search for information on the Holocaust reveals an ugly history with descriptions of tortures and horrible, efficient systems of murder. Reading some of it, it could almost be forgiven that there are people who refuse to believe it happened.

It is not the first time in Jewish history that we have been targeted merely for our beliefs; but without doubt, it was one of the worst.

I will not rehash the details of history here, but I will say this - the ultimate bottom line of the Holocaust is that between 11 and 17 million people - men, women and children - were systematically tortured and murdered over the span of several years. That is more people than the number that live in the entire city of New York City; more than the number that live in the entire country of Greece; and approximately one fifth of all deaths in World War II. Most of these people were Jewish; others just had the misfortune to be deemed "undesirable" by the Nazis. All of them died in truly horrible, terrible ways.

But that's just history, right? No,



Holocaust survivors of Ebensee Camp, Austria, stand for a photo following their liberation, May 1945. (Courtesy photo)

the worst part of all this is that "ethnic cleansing" still happens today. Conflicts continue in Africa, the Middle East and even the U.S. - there are still people out there today who can justify harming their fellow man based on minor differ-

ences in skin color, beliefs or sexual orientation. Doubtless most are unreported, a fact which - based on the numbers I can find - terrifies me.

So, what does this Holocaust Remembrance Day mean to me? The Ho-

locoust was not just a tragedy; it was a warning, and a reminder, that the world will fall into ruin if we let it. I believe Edmund Burke summed it up best:

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

COMPACAF visits Osan



Senior Airman Davis McMillen and Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Thatcher, both members of the 51st Security Forces Squadron Town Patrol, show Gen. Lori Robinson, Pacific Air Forces commander, around the Songtan Entertainment District April 21, 2015, in Pyeongtaek, Republic of Korea. Robinson was visiting the SED to learn more about the mission of Osan Air Base, ROK, which extends into the community outside the gate. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jake Barreiro/Released)

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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Pacific Air Forces Commander Gen. Lori J. Robinson visited Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 20-22, 2015, her second visit to the base since becoming the PACAF commander.

During her visit, Robinson lunched

with Airmen at the Pacific House dining facility, received a briefing from town patrol, visited the base's runway, and toured the 51st Fighter Wing headquarters, Operations Group, Medical Group, Communications Squadron, and Mustang Resiliency Center.

Robinson, who took command of PACAF in October 2014, talked to Airmen

about the modern role Team Osan plays in the Korean theater. She spoke about innovative technical solutions, cost-effective problem solving and process improvement.

In her previous visit to the base, Robinson said her top priority is taking care of Airmen and their families, followed by accomplishing the mission.

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

After departing here, Robinson continued her tour of the Korean peninsula at Kunsan AB.

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"Many of the guardsmen in my unit, including myself, have been commercial airline pilots for almost 20 years," Reeman said. "Deploying is always a little bit of a juggling act - with an employer and our families - because they're not used to us being away from home. But I have a commitment to the Air Force and working alongside Airmen at Kunsan has been a reminder of why I continue to serve."

Jamison, a full-time college student, was more than eager to deploy to Kunsan to further his training and to work alongside his father. As a crew chief, Jamison is the first and last person to inspect an F-16 before takeoff.

"I'm learning more and improving in just two months of being here - from both my leadership and from active-duty Airmen," Jamison said. "Plus, a few times a week I've had the chance to be assigned to my father's jet and send him off before a sortie."

For the next few months, the Colorado ANG will continue to integrate their operations and missions with the 8th Fighter Wing as well as the ROKAF 38th Fighter Group.

"Kunsan is a base in the F-16 world that many fighter pilots come to," Reeman said. "As an older guardsman, to get a taste of Kunsan is a huge privilege, but to be here with my son - on the flightline, at the gym, at church - has been a very special experience."



Senior Airman Mitchell Jamison, 120th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, secures his father, Lt. Col. James Reeman, 120th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, into his jet April 16, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Reeman, Jamison and more than 200 Colorado Guardsmen are temporarily assigned to the Wolf Pack to support and train with active-duty Airmen as part of a rotational theater security package. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen)

12 key tasks help Team Osan 'get after' priorities

51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- This is the first in a series of articles relating an overview of the 12 key tasks at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The way Team Osan focuses on the 51st Fighter Wing's command priorities and defends the freedom of 51 million people will be explored through the 12 tasks prioritized as: runway construction, base defense, operational plan readiness, pilot training, enlisted and officer performance reports and decorations, combat operation procedures, ready Airmen, communications, dormitories, the Mustang Resiliency Center, consolidated requirement listing, and leadership development. Concluding the series will be a wrap-up article showing the comprehensive spectrum of how Team Osan works on the key tasks.

In previous articles, we've explored the mission principles and commander's priorities of Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The principles pose the "why" of why Team Osan is in the ROK: to defend the freedom of 51 million people. The three principles of "defend the base, execute combat operations and sustain the force," explains "how" Team Osan accomplishes the mission. The commander's priorities of "building fight tonight readiness," "strengthening the base and team," "growing leadership and professionalism," and "driving innovative solutions" further direct the path of Team Osan. Beyond the priorities are 12 specific key tasks, which enable Team Osan to focus on accomplishing the command priorities.

Each key task falls under one of the four priorities:

Runway construction, base defense, OPLAN readiness, pilot training, and combat operation procedures are tied to "building fight tonight readiness."

The focus on enhancing and improving EPR, OPR, and decorations, the construction of a more resourceful Mustang Resiliency Center, and leadership development all fall under the priority of "growing leadership and professionalism."

Having mission ready Airmen, diversifying communication on and around base, and overhauling the base dormitory system to include greater dorm integrity are all under "strengthening the base and team."

In addition to being directly tied to command priorities, each task is filled with specific goals and a purpose.

Runway repair focuses on immediate short-term re-



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

pairs to the base runway and how to best accomplish this while maintaining mission requirements at Osan AB. The civil engineer squadron is the primary means of achieving this task.

Base defense is an omnipresent focus of Team Osan, which includes perimeter defense. This task is primarily accomplished by the security forces squadron.

OPLAN readiness is accomplished through the Korean Readiness Orientation and Ready Mustang Program. The two policies work in tandem to ensure incoming service members are equipped, trained, and ready to fight within 30 days. This task is primarily taken care of at the unit level and by the logistic readiness squadron.

Pilot training is aimed at keeping Team Osan's collection of F-16 and A-10 Airmen trained and ready to the best extent possible. This task is primarily accom-

plished through the operations group.

EPR, OPR, and decoration progress is, like OPLAN readiness, in part accomplished through the KRO and also at the unit level. Supervisors and service member's chain of command are primarily responsible for focusing on this task.

Combat operation procedures is a team effort that requires Team Osan to stay mission ready and capable. The team accomplishes this through quarterly operational readiness exercises and other training. This task is primarily taken care of by the commander's action group and Mission Support Group.

Ready Airmen is a task aimed at decreasing alcohol related incidents, increasing fitness, and enhancing volunteer opportunities. This is accomplished through team initiatives like the wing's 51 days of resiliency campaign.

Base communication is a task primarily charged over by the communications squadron that includes the diversification of communication capabilities.

Dormitory integrity and habitability is a task primarily taken care of by the CES. This task seeks to place units together in the same dormitories and ensuring every Airman has the highest quality of living possible on base.

The task of enhancing the Mustang Resiliency Center is primarily tackled by the force support squadron. The team will overhaul the coffee shop, build a multi-purpose room, and includes modern technological amenities such as large televisions and video games.

The CRL is a task taken care of by the comptroller squadron. This means all the groups from the 51st FW are making lists for funding requirements, which will then be prioritized by the wing and group commanders. The top 10 items will be sent to major command headquarters for funding.

Finally, leadership development is a comprehensive effort that will see an uptick in offered leadership events. The primary office of responsibility for this task is the commander's action group.

It's the role of Team Osan to defend the freedom of 51 million people. This is achieved not just by broad principles and priorities, but specific and obtainable tasks. By taking on these tasks with the verve and enthusiasm they're capable of, the men and women of Team Osan can continue to build their peerless reputation around the Air Force and the world.



An A-10 Thunderbolt II from the 25th Fighter Squadron flies over the Republic of Korea, May 14, 2014. (Courtesy Photo/John M. Dibbs)

Excellence in Competition rifle and pistol match

More than 100 Wolf Pack members participated in an Excellence in Competition rifle and pistol match, April 15 and 16. Congratulations to the top 10% who earned the EIC Bronze Badge!



51 LRS honors past in ceremony



Above: Members of the 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron stand in formation during a memorial ceremony April 4, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The ceremony honored the memory of 16 people who died in a jet-fuel fire on April 5, 1986. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jake Barreiro)

Left: A bouquet of flowers is laid at a memorial site April 4, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The bouquet was laid at the location of an enormous and tragic jet-fuel fire that happened April 5, 1986, blowing up over 700,000 gallons of fuel, killing 16 and injuring 11

By Staff Sgt. Jake Barreiro
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The women and men of the 51st Logistic Readiness Squadron assembled for a ceremony memorializing a past tragedy April 4, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

The ceremony honored the memory of the 16 dead and 11 injured in a jet fuel fire that happened here April 5, 1986.

The gathering marked the day before the 29th anniversary of the event. The women and men of the 51st LRS made a formation near the site of the blast and ensuing fire, which started when an accidental and unex-

pected explosion at a bulk storage location ignited more than 700,000 gallons of jet fuel.

“We gather today to pay tribute to the individuals who passed and remember the lives taken in the shadow of this event,” said Maj. Eric Haler, 51st LRS commander and key speaker for the event.

Once the fire started, it burned more than 18 hours as local emergency responders struggled to get it under control.

Of the 16 killed in the fire, 15 were Korean nationals, and 1 was a United States service member.

“When we think about Korea and Osan, we think of the blood that was shed, that we lost together, during the Korean War in the 50s,” said Haler. “But nearly 30

years afterwards, we lost 16 more people during a time of armistice.”

The ceremony was held to reflect on the loss, and also acknowledge and honor the heritage the U.S. and ROK service members share at Team Osan. The 51st LRS, in formation, rendered a salute as a bouquet of flowers was laid at the site of the tragedy.

“As we honor the men and women that lost their lives in this tragic accident, this reminds us of our heritage, the importance of safety, and that we’re in a dangerous career field,” said Haler. “We handle everything from jet fuel to cryogenics. We remember, reflect and think about everything that happened that day so we can honor our heritage and those who came before us.”

Wrapping up command priorities

51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- *This is the finale in a series of articles detailing the command priorities at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The pieces have explored the different ways in which Team Osan bands together to build fight tonight readiness, strengthen the base and team, grow leadership and professional, and drive innovative solutions. Next there will be a series of articles detailing the goals of the 51st Fighter Wing and how they help cultivate an environment of mission ready Airmen and a professionalism and positive environment.*

For the last five weeks, nine articles were published on the four different commander priorities here at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, and how they add to the Mustang mission and enable the men and women of Team Osan to maintain their buoyancy.

Every week highlighted a new priority, including: building fight tonight readiness, strengthening the base and team, growing leadership and professionalism, and driving innovative solu-

tions. Team Osan is here to defend the freedom of 51 million people, and the priorities help provide a “how” to the “why.”

The first week, build fight tonight readiness, focused on the 51st Munitions Squadron Armament Flight and the 51st Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight. Each unit, and their diverse mission set, labors round the clock operations to keep team Osan safe and ready to defend the freedom of 51 million people.

Firefighters respond to situations involving malfunctioning engine oil or misfired weapons on an aircraft, egressing people from confined spaces, stuck elevators and lesser and greater fires. While SFS Airmen are trained to protect base borders, entry-control points, and the people living on base. Both units are also among the first responders for emergency situations.

The next week, strengthening the base and team, showcased the efforts of the 51st Communications Squadron and 51st Aerospace Medicine Squadron. The 51st COMM Client Systems Technicians supports the use of elec-

tronics for more than 7,000 people on base. Their efforts leave Team Osan “wired up.” The 51st AMDS Nutritional Medical Shop has a less conspicuous, but very important role at Team Osan, treating and advising the entire base on matters of nutrition.

After that, there was growing leadership and professionalism. This priority was highlighted through a volunteer organization on base specifically designed to coordinate volunteer opportunities, and the equal opportunity office. The Bigger Picture is a group that focuses on providing easy and accessible volunteer opportunities to anyone interested. They act as a one-stop shop for Airmen of all ranks to find something to do in the community. The equal opportunity office is one of the smallest, but most crucial shops in maintaining a respectful and professional environment at Osan. Along with handling complaints, this team of four also provide mediation, do unit drop ins, and host monthly observance ceremonies on base.

Finally, driving innovative solutions, focused on how outside the box

thinking is rampant on Team Osan, and a culturally encouraged behavior that results in new and great ways of accomplishing the mission. This priority was showcased by the 731st Air Mobility Squadron innovating their baggage removal process and the 51st Medical Group exercising their aeromedical evacuation skills during one of the base’s revolutionary operational readiness exercises.



SECDEF visits, talks to Team Osan

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter visited Team Osan April 9, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

During the visit, Carter held a troop call in hangar 1732 where he briefly spoke about the importance of the United States' role in Asia before taking questions from the crowd and then coining, and thanking, more than 200 service members.

Among the topics Carter spoke on were: the importance of the U.S.'s alliance with the Asia/Pacific region and Korea in particular, readiness, the DoD's priority of attracting and retaining the best service members possible, and the importance of security.

The Defense Secretary addressed topics of rotating forces to Korea, retirement compensation for service members, and any forthcoming changes to the Korean theater.

On the rotating of forces, Carter said he is pleased with the new methods, but he is also open to feedback.

"I think right now that it's working out very well because readiness is at a premium," said Carter.

Retirement compensation will not be changed for any active service members, said Carter. Although the Defense Secretary noted there are discussions about altering the military's retirement model, these changes will simply give service members a choice.

"We're not going to change the game for anyone that's already in the game," said Carter.

Ultimately, the Defense Secretary said that any change to the retirement system will be driven by a desire to re-



Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter speaks to a crowd of service members April 9, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Carter briefly spoke about the importance of the United States' role in Asia before taking questions from the crowd. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Jake Barreiro)

cruit the best personnel possible.

"This isn't about saving money," said Carter.

Asked about the future of the U.S.'s role in Korea, Carter said that in the present and future, a lot of focus will be put

into the Korean, and Asian/Pacific theater.

"A lot of newer capabilities will be flowing into here," said Carter. "This is a demanding theater with one-half of the world's wealth and population."

Above all, Carter said that the U.S. alliance with Korea and the rest of the Asia/Pacific region is pivotal and that the DoD needs to attract and retain the best people possible to work in this vital environment.



Above: Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter is greeted by Lt. Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy April 9, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Carter was greeted by multiple Air Force, Army, and ROK leaders when arriving at the base.



Right: Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter answers a question from an Airman during a brief stop at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 9, 2015. Carter addressed questions from the audience about retirement pay and changing promotion criteria.

Col. John W. Mitchell: Killing Yamamoto

Seventh Air Force Ace, and 51st Fighter Wing Commander



Col. John Mitchell – 51 FW Commander – 1952-1953 (USAF Photo)

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

It was a few minutes past 7 a.m. on April 18, 1943, when 18 P-38 Lightning fighters of the 339th Fighter Squadron began to take off from Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, led by their squadron commander Captain John W. Mitchell. It had only been roughly 18 hours since Mitchell had been given the task of choosing the pilots and finalizing the plan for what would become one of World War II's most storied air-to-air attack operations. Mitchell's mission was to kill the mastermind of the December 7, 1941 Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto.

Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto was the highest ranking officer in the Japanese Navy and was also considered to be their greatest military strategist. He has also been described by many as the third most important person in Japan during World War II behind only Emperor Hirohito and Prime Minister Hideki Tojo.

Born on July 14, 1915, John W. Mitchell enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 19 years old in 1934. After completing basic training, he served as artilleryman in Hawaii for four years before being accepted into the Aviation Cadet Program. Mitchell earned his pilot wings and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps on July 26, 1940.

Following the Pearl Harbor attack, Mitchell shipped overseas to Fiji in January 1942. Flying the P-39 Airacobra fighter, Mitchell earned his first aerial victory on October 10, 1942. He assumed command of the 339th Fighter Squadron in November 1942. Transitioning to flying the P-38, Mitchell earned his fifth and sixth aerial victories of World War II and status as an ace just 3½ months later during a single mission flown on January 27, 1943. Mitchell earned two more aerial victories within a week bringing his total to eight enemy kills by early February. Although he would continue to fly combat missions over the next two

months, contact with the enemy was minimal. On the afternoon of April 17, 1943; however, whatever perceived lull in the battle rhythm which may have set in with the 339th Fighter Squadron changed abruptly as Mitchell received a very special set of orders.

Three days earlier, on April 14, 1943, American codebreakers had intercepted a coded radio message sent to Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands which indicated that Yamamoto would be making a personal visit to the forward operating base at Bougainville landing precisely at 9:45 a.m. on the morning of April 18, 1943. Unbeknownst to the Japanese, American codebreakers had broken their secret codes several years earlier and were able to easily decipher this message. The first major success using decoded Japanese messages occurred in June 1942 resulting in American victory at the Battle of Midway. After receiving this intercept, preparations for what would become the next major success were soon underway.

Realizing that the Bougainville was close enough to Guadalcanal to afford a slim chance of intercepting Yamamoto's aircraft, American planners reacted immediately and began to formulate an idea for an attack mission with the hope that eliminating Yamamoto may in turn help to shorten the war. Yamamoto, who had served as the Japanese Naval Attaché in Washington D.C. on two previous occasions in addition to studying at Harvard University in the 1920's, was known to be a very punctual man demanding no less from his subordinates and as such would most likely adhere strictly to the decoded schedule. Not only did the Americans know the exact location and time that Yamamoto would likely be in the air, those also learned the number and types of aircraft which would transport and accompany him.

Ultimate approval authority for the mission came directly from President Franklin D. Roosevelt who upon learning of the details of the intercepted message instructed Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox simply: "Get Yamamoto." Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., Commander, South Pacific, assigned the mission to the U.S. Army Air Forces. The P-38 Lightning fighters of the 339th Squadron were chosen to carry out the attack as that type of fighter was the only one nearby which possessed the necessary range to intercept and engage Yamamoto's convoy at a distance of what would be more than 400 miles from Guadalcanal. As the squadron commander, Mitchell was chosen to lead the operation.

After finishing breakfast on the morning of April 18, 1943, Mitchell led a last minute briefing for the pilots who would accompany him to Bougainville. Although he himself held serious doubts about the potential for success of the mission, Mitchell exuded confidence as he interacted with the pilots and ground crews prior to take off. Just as dawn was beginning to break on Guadalcanal, the pilots climbed into their fighters and took to the sky.

The mission began somewhat ominously as immediately after takeoff two of the aircraft were forced to turn back. One P-38 had a malfunctioning drop tank while the other had blown a tire on takeoff. The remainder of the flight from Guadalcanal to Bougainville remained relatively uneventful lasting a little more than two hours.

With Mitchell in the lead as navigator, the P-38's flew at an altitude of just 30 feet in a circuitous route over the open ocean avoiding contact with any land mass and maintaining complete radio silence. This was done in hopes of avoiding detection by Japanese coast watchers and listening stations. The only tools Mitchell had at his disposal to guide the fighters to Guadalcanal were a map, compass, wristwatch, and his flight speed gauge.

Just after 9:30 a.m., the mountains of Bougainville were spotted emerging from the haze in front of the aircraft. In an amazing feat of navigation, Mitchell had led his attack force directly on target within a few minutes of when Yamamoto's plane was scheduled to arrive. The P-38's immediately began to climb towards an attack altitude.

At 9:34 a.m. the radio sounded: "Bo-geys. Eleven o'clock. High." The P-38's released their drop tanks and headed for the convoy which consisted of six Japanese Mitsubishi A6M "Zero" fighters accompanied by two Mitsubishi G4M "Betty" bombers. The Japanese fighters engaged the attack flight and one Zero was immediately knocked out of the sky by the P-38's as the bombers took evasion action and scattered. Sighting one of the bombers flying just above the jungle below, the P-38's pounced and strafed the aircraft from above sending a fusillade of bullets into the right engine. One P-38 pulled in behind the bomber and continued to pour fire into the right engine until it began to smoke before strafing across the body of the aircraft and targeting the left engine. The bomber's right wing lurched up before the aircraft turned over and spiraled into the jungle below. This was the aircraft which was transporting Yamamoto. Japan's greatest military strategist was dead.

With another bomber still in the air, the P-38's shifted their attack targeting the second Betty sending it into the ocean. The fighters then regrouped and returned to Guadalcanal where they were greeted by celebratory ground crews.

The wreckage of Yamamoto's aircraft was found by the Japanese the following day in the jungle on Papa New Guinea. An autopsy revealed that Yamamoto had ultimately been killed as a result of two .50 caliber bullet wounds. Lt Rex Barber is credited with firing the fatal shots that took down Yamamoto and his aircraft. Also credited with shooting down the second Japanese bomber in the formation, Barber earned his fourth and fifth aerial victories of World War II and status as an ace during the operation.

Regarding the success of the mission, Barber later commented: "All of us trusted Mitchell and his planning. All of

us knew of the various variables in the picture and we were apprehensive if we would find the bomber or not. When we hit it right on the button we could hardly believe it. We were elated."

Shortly after completing the mission, Mitchell and the rest of the Yamamoto mission pilots were sent stateside as a precaution lest they be shot down, captured, and forced to divulge the secret of how they knew just when and where Yamamoto's convoy would be. Mitchell would serve in both the United States and in Europe before returning to Pacific in May 1945. He would go on to earn another three aerial victories against the Japanese while assigned to Seventh Air Force as the commander of the 15th Fighter Group from July to November 1945. As a result of many of his aerial victories having occurred while he was assigned to or under the operational control of Seventh Air Force, with 11 total aerial victories during World War II, Mitchell is recognized by many as being the second highest scoring fighter ace to have served with Seventh Air Force during World War II. Major Robert Moore is considered the leader for Seventh Air Force with 12 total aerial victories while also serving with the 15th Fighter Group.

Describing the operation years later, Mitchell commented: "Our chance of completing this mission was really one in a million. We flew 435 miles over water without a checkpoint in sight from the time I took off until I got there. All I had was my air speed indicator, my compass, and my watch. I had no radio help at all. It turned out that I got us there exactly at the right time. Exactly on the minute Yamamoto was supposed to be there. Fortunately for us but unfortunate for him, we said good morning to each other about 15 minutes before he was going to land and we shot him down."

Following World War II Mitchell served in a variety of staff and command positions in the United States in Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky, Texas, and Alaska.

During the Korean War, Mitchell assumed command of the 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing at Suwon Air Base on June 13, 1952. Piloting the F-86 Sabre, Mitchell earned four aerial victories over North Korea against Communist MiG-15 fighters. He remained commander of the 51st until May 31, 1953.

After Korea, Mitchell served in Hawaii and Michigan before retiring from the Air Force at the rank of Colonel on July 31, 1958. Mitchell flew a total of 240 combat missions during World War II and Korea earning 15 total aerial victories and status as a triple ace. During his 23 year military career, Mitchell earned the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, the Legion of Merit, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, and a Bronze star among many other decorations and awards. He is one of just 11 Airmen in American history to have been awarded the Navy Cross.

John W. Mitchell passed away on November 15, 1995 at the age of 80 years old.

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

Visit us on SharePoint:
<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.

Other Faith Groups

Earth-Based
 Contact the Chapel
Jewish
 Contact the Chapel
Muslim
 Contact the Chapel
Buddhist
 Contact the Chapel

Point of Contact:
 Osan Chapel, 784-5000

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

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Protestant Services

Traditional Service
 Sunday, 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

Visit us on SharePoint:
<http://www.army.mil/yongsan>

Spiritual Charge



Chaplain, Capt. Jason Raines
 694 ISRG Chaplain,
 Osan Air Base

Ryunosuke Satoro wrote, "Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean." Today, we are driven by the success of the individual, the ability of the individual, the finances, the looks, etc... of the individual. It is a

"We, us and our; not I, me and mine"

far cry from where we were years ago when communities, teams, organizations, and the like were the epitome of defining "the American way." Although we have always had a sense of individual autonomy, its height is greater today than history has recorded. In the Air Force, we see some of the same behaviors. In a spiritual sense, self-glory isn't glory at all, it's vanity.

God's perspective of us isn't based on me, or what I can accomplish, but based on what we are doing with what God has accomplished in us. Largely, that revolves around how we treat one another, how we speak to one another, and ultimately it boils down to

how we are building "team" wherever we are. One might assume that God's position is a selfish one, but this is the "why"... There is this great story about the Tower of Babel... these people come together and they try to build a tower to heaven and ultimately God destroys the tower and forces them to speak different languages in different lands, hence the term Babel. God says, "If as one people speaking the same language, they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them."

We have all heard the acronym for TEAM: Together Everyone Accomplishes More. It isn't tongue in cheek or

"cheesy," it is a fact. No one person can accomplish as much as a team of focused people. The great thing about team is that it begins with one person and becomes many people. Each of us are equipped to lead and follow in these awesome organic movements called teams and each of us are equipped to look around and observe how to make these teams better. How are you building team? How do you utilize your God-given talents to foster team for the betterment of the organization? Resilience is so much more about what we do for others, and so little about what we do for ourselves. I hope and pray these words find each of you well.

Team Osan begins 51 Days of Resiliency



Team Osan salutes in formation during retreat before the resiliency run April 10, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Service members, their families, and their pets all gathered to mark the start of the base's new 51 days of resiliency program. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Jake Barreiro)



Col. Brook Leonard, 51st Fighter Wing commander, speaks to Team Osan at the 51 days of resiliency run April 10, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The run was open to the entirety of Team Osan, and marked the beginning of the 51 days of resiliency.



A puppy from Homeward Bound, the Team Osan animal shelter, poses for a photo to begin the 51 days of resiliency April 10, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The base kicked off 51 days of resiliency with a fun-run that all Team Osan members were invited too, both two and four-legged members.



Lilia Trickey, daughter of Michaela and Senior Master Sgt. Jason Trickey, cheers on her father and other run participants during the Team Osan resiliency run April 10, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The run was open to the entirety of Team Osan, and marked the beginning of the 51 days of resiliency.

By Staff Reports 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Team Osan kicked off their 51 Days of Resiliency campaign with a mandatory installation-wide formation followed by a fun run and family festivities April 10, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

The campaign, designed to encourage the honing of mental, social, spiritual and physical resilience, will charge through May 31.

Throughout this expansive and unprecedented program, Team Osan is set to stampede to the front with almost two months of daily activities and offered programs in an effort to foster resiliency skills across all members.

"People are the greatest strength of any team and it is even more so at Team Osan," said Col. Brian Carr, 51st FW vice commander. "Guarding the freedom of 51 million people necessitates a strong operations tempo with our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, civilians, and families experiencing full and rewarding days. Although extremely fulfilling, you must also take time for regular maintenance."

The intent of this campaign is to make everyone aware of the base's Community Action Program which focuses on reducing alcohol related incidents,

improving physical fitness, and emphasizing the opportunities and benefits of volunteering.

The 51st FW CAP is a useful tool helping enable all members of Team Osan to make sound choices.

"We want to highlight all the great organizations that are here to help and care for us by pulling out all the stops to make sure everyone knows about all the programs, classes, events and services offered by our helping agencies," said Carr.

"My husband and our children just recently moved here," said Aimee Johnson. "We are excited to see what activities are available over the next few weeks."

There are many military focus areas in the month of April including, Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, Month of the Military Child, Alcohol Awareness Month, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Mental Health Month.

Yet, as the Mustangs yet again lead the charge in these areas, they're encouraged to strengthen their resolve and resiliency at even greater rates in the upcoming 51 days, ensuring that the base, and team, remain a pillar of excellence in the Republic of Korea, and Air Force.

For more information contact your First Sergeant or the 51 Days of Resiliency Campaign POC, Chaplain Rob Bohnsack at 0505-784-7000.

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.

Civilian Personnel Office**HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE:**

1 May 2015 (Labor Day) and 5 May 2015 (Children's Day) are legal holidays for ALL Korean National (KN) civilian employees.

Those KN civilian employees scheduled to work on these days will be paid holiday premium pay.

All others will be released from duty without charge to leave or loss of pay.

If you have any question, please contact Ms. Kim, Min Kyo, of the Civilian Personnel Office, Employee Relations Section, at 784-4434/8177.



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 ₩6,200 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)

Yong-No Kim

Osan Exchange (AAFES)

Job title: Supervisor, Electronics

Job description and its impact on the overall mission: Mr. Kim supervises the electronics and furniture departments. Within these departments, he is responsible for multiple tasks such as stocking and pricing of merchandise; communicating to our HQ buying office for availability of new items in the market for our customers; providing customer service and training of assigned associates. Providing information and assistance to (internal & external) customers to ensure customers are completely satisfied.

He delivers consistent and value-added services to customers. He is a strong contributor to Osan Team and represents The Exchange's motto "Family Serving Family".

Time in the military: Mr. Kim joined Exchange Sep 2000

Time at Osan: 14 years 6 months.

Family: He has wife and two children

Hometown: Daegu (Cp. Walker)

Hobbies: Hiking with the kids

Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years? Manager

What do you do for fun here? Spend time with the kids

What's your favorite Air Force memory or story?

Brand re-grand Opening of the Exchange, 2012.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

I was part of Osan team where we moved from 50 years old store (current Enlisted club) to our current location 2004.

Who are your role models? Samsung CEO, Mr. Yi, Kuen-Hui



Col. Brian Carr, 51st Fighter Wing vice commander, presents Mr. Yong-No Kim, Army and Air Force Exchange Service electronics supervisor, a spotlight certificate April 7, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Mr. Kim has worked for AAFES since 2000. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton)

RELAY FOR LIFE

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Join Relay For Life
in the fight against cancer
What: 24hr Team relay run/walk
Where: Osan AB HS Football Field
When: May 16 @ 9am till May 17 @ 9am

Put together a team for a 24hr relay race. Teams of 1-35 welcome. Set a fundraising goal and go!
Military, Dependents, ROK military, civilians... anyone can sign up! Register at the website above.
If you have any questions contact SSgt Aaron Carroll at: Aaron.Carroll.2@us.af.mil Or: 784-6738

Staff Sgt. Ernest Opoku

51st Civil Engineer Squadron

Job title: Pavement and Equipment Operator

Job description and its impact on the overall mission: Leads military and civilian work teams to maintain and repair 75 miles of road, 140K sq yds of sidewalks, 2,102 acres of land, 30 miles of perimeter fencing and 1.5M sq. yds of airfield pavements.

Additionally, he is responsible for a \$10M special purpose vehicle fleet to train airfield damage/repair and snow removal operational teams in support of \$3.4B infrastructure, USFK's #1 weapons platform, the AF's largest tactical flying program and the CJCS/PACOM priority ISR missions.

Time in military: 5 years

Time in Osan: 4 months

DEROS: Dec. 3, 2015

Family: Father, Mother, brother and two sisters.

Hometown: Worcester, Mass.

Hobbies: Watching New England Patriots and Boston Celtics/playing pick-up games with my friends

Why did you join the military? I wanted to serve my country while getting the opportunity to experience different cultures around the world. Also I wanted to be independent, develop job skills and grow as a man

Where do you see yourself in 10 years or 20 years? I see myself being successful in my career whatever and wherever it may be

What do you do for fun here? I like to play sports, enjoy time with my friends, and explore Korea and its culture

What is your favorite Air Force memory or story? Would have to be seeing Predator drone capabilities while I was deployed

What accomplishments are you most proud of? Being able to show my parents what I do in the Air Force

Who are your role models? My father has always been my role model; I see him as a hardworking, honest man who seems to always do what is right and stands up when he sees something wrong.



Staff Sgt. Ernest A. Opoku, 51st Civil Engineering Squadron Pavement and Equipment Operator, spreads concrete April 10, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Individuals who are chosen for this spotlight recognition are distinguished as consistent, superior performers within their squadrons. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Matt Lancaster)

Airman 1st Class Baylie Barrick



Airman 1st Class Baylie Barrick, 607th Air Operations Center Geospatial Intelligence targeteer, gives a briefing April 10, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Individuals who are chosen for this spotlight recognition are distinguished as consistent, superior performers within their squadrons. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton/Released)

607th Air Operations Center

Job title: Geospatial Intelligence/Targeteer

Job description and its impact on the overall mission: A targeteer develops plans for aerial bombardments to maximize effect and limit the risk of civilian casualties in military conflict. We are part of the planning teams who work with military officials to develop an effective and appropriate plan of attack for a military operation.

Time in the military: 1 year and 7 months

Time at Osan: 10 months

DEROS: June 2015

Family: My sister, Brooklyn, my mom, Tracy, and my stepdad, Michael.

Hometown: Durant, Okla.

Hobbies: I enjoy fishing and watching movies.

Why did you join the military? I joined for traveling and education.

Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years? In 10 to 20 years I see myself working as a nurse in the Air Force.

What do you do for fun here? Here I like to go sightseeing and traveling around the country.

What's your favorite Air Force memory or story? One of my favorite Air Force memories is when I went on a field trip with my ROK counterparts. We went saw a live fire demonstration of the HAWK surface to-air-missile, MISTRAL surface-to-air-missile, and anti-aircraft artillery. I've never seen anything like that.

What accomplishment are you most proud of? I'm the most proud of being awarded the army achievement medal after all of the work I did for Combined Unconventional Warfare Task Force.

Who are your role models? My role model is my mom, and my supervisor, Tech. Sgt. Lyndsey Pharris.

Senior Airman Miracle Loveland

36th Fighter Squadron

Job title: Intelligence Analyst, Squadron Intelligence

Job description and its impact on the overall mission: Equips 36th FS leaders & 50 F-16 pilots w/ timely/accurate intel during exercise/contingency op. Develops Korean Theater of Operation) training scenarios for pilot upgrades & large force employments. Provides intel support on theater & global threats in daily mass briefs & weekly pilot academics. Manages 53 pilot records & ensures complete accountability of external intel training/security/personnel recovery.

Time in the military: 5 years

Time at Osan: 8 months

DEROS: June 2015

Family: Mother, two older brothers and a younger sister

Hometown: Richfield, Utah

Hobbies: Sports, board games with friends

Why did you join the military? Camaraderie and education benefits.

Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years? Still in the Air Force, possibly about to retire.

What do you do for fun here? Travel to Seoul or game night with friends

What's your favorite Air Force memory or story?

While deployed I was a part of a mission that received worldwide attention and although I can't talk about it outside a secure location, it was a pretty awesome moment for me.

What accomplishment are you most proud of? Making staff the first time even though the selection number was the lowest in 16 years

Who are your role models? My mother



Senior Airman Miracle Loveland, 36th Fighter Squadron intelligence analyst, works on a negotiation style scenario to identify lesson concepts during Airman Leadership School March 20, 2015, at Osan Air Base Republic of Korea. Loveland is this week's Airman Spotlight winner. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman David Owsianka)

Staff Sgt. Zachery Shoemaker



Staff Sgt. Zachery Shoemaker, 51st Maintenance Squadron precision measurement equipment laboratory quality assurance evaluator, validates the measurement as Airman 1st Class Cody Jones, 51st MXS PMEL technician, checks the quality of a test, measurement and diagnostic equipment.

51st Maintenance Squadron

Job title: PMEL Quality Assurance Evaluator

Job description and its impact on the overall mission: Ensuring safe, accurate, traceable and reliable measurements for 5,349 items of test, measurement and diagnostic equipment used by 99 work centers across the Korean Peninsula and Pacific Theater. These items are used everywhere: from the produce scales at the commissary to the test equipment used to align targeting systems on aircraft.

Time in the military: 5 years, 2 months, 9 days as of 30 Dec 2014

Time at Osan: 3 months, 27 days as of 30 Dec 2014

DEROS: Aug 2015

Family: Wife: Sarah. Three children: Westley (4), Nolen (3), and Braxton (8 months).

Hometown: Brock, Texas

Hobbies: Working out and exploring/adventuring.

Why did you join the military? Exploring/adventuring, honor, the experience and supporting my family.

Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years? I'm going to hopefully be a chief

What do you do for fun here? Adventure/explore, read, watch movies and go to the gym.

What's your favorite Air Force memory or story? When I was in basic there was a guy with six toes on his left foot. You couldn't even tell unless you counted them.

What accomplishment are you most proud of? When I won the Lieutenant General Leo Marquez Award for the 336th FW, Mt Home AFB.

Who are your role models? John Wayne and Mike O'Hearn.

HDR Fit “Hardship” Challenge and SAAPM 4-on-4 volleyball

Rain or shine, the Wolf Pack plays hard. April 18th’s first event was the Fit “Hardship” Challenge in honor of the Holocaust Days of Remembrance. The second was a 4-on-4 sand volleyball tournament in support of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Great job to all of today’s competitors.



UCMJ DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Courts-Martial

Airman First Class Luis J. Salazar was found guilty by a summary court-martial of disrespect to a commissioned officer, in violation of Article 85, UCMJ, disrespect to a noncommissioned officer, in violation of Article 91, UCMJ, and disobeying a general order, the Seventh Air Force Curfew Policy, in violation of Article 92, UCMJ. The adjudged sentence was confinement for five days, 21 days restriction to the limits of Osan Air Base, and reduction to the grade of airman basic.

Nonjudicial Punishment (Article 15)

Osan



- A senior airman was apprehended at 0106 hours in the Songtan Entertainment District, in violation of the 7 AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was reduction to airman first class, 14 days extra duty, 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 Military Police. The punishment was reduction to staff sergeant, forfeiture of \$1,562.00 pay per month for 2 months, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- A senior airman was apprehended at 0128 hours in Itaewon-Dong, in violation of the 7 AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was reduction to airman first class and a reprimand.

- A senior airman was apprehended at 0440 hours in Suwon City Hall, in violation of the 7 AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was reduction to airman first class, restriction to base for 15 days, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

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- An airman first class was apprehended at 0223 hours in Itaewon, in violation of the 7 AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$100.00 pay per month for 2 months, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.

- A senior airman was apprehended for being drunk and disorderly. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman first class, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.

- An airman first class was drinking underage in violation of a general order. The punishment was a reduction to airman, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.

- A senior airman was apprehended in Songtan, Republic of Korea at 0200L for being drunk and disorderly. The punishment was a reduction to airman first class, restriction for 30 days, 14 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- An airman first class was apprehended for being drunk and disorderly by the commissary garage. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$204.00 pay per month for 2 months, 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- An airman first class failed to remain alert and vigilant on post, a dereliction of duty. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$89.00 pay, and a reprimand.

- An airman failed to remain alert and vigilant on post, a dereliction of duty. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$187.00 pay, and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant failed to remove impulse cartridges from aircraft, a dereliction of duty. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$310.00 pay per month for 2 months, and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant failed to remove impulse cartridges from aircraft, a dereliction of duty. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$229.00 pay per month for 2 months, and a reprimand.

- A senior airman failed to remove impulse cartridges from aircraft, a dereliction of duty. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$182.00 pay per month for 2 months, and a reprimand.

- A technical sergeant failed to go at the time prescribed to his appointed place of duty. The punishment was a reduction to staff sergeant, 7 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- An airman basic failed to go at the time prescribed to her appointed place of duty. The punishment was a restriction to base for 14 days and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant failed to go at the time prescribed to his appointed place of duty and made a false official statement. The punishment was reduction to senior airman, suspended forfeiture of \$1,225.00 pay per month for 2 months, and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant failed to report for formation and roll call. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, restriction to base for 15 days, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Kunsan



- A senior airman failed to attend medical appointment. The punishment was a reduction to airman first class, 14 days extra duty, restriction to base for 20 days, 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 suspended reduction to airman, 7 days

extra duty, restriction to base for 7 days, and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant was drunk and disorderly, damaged government property, and resisted arrest. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, 30 days extra duty, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.

Exotic experiences await in Gwangmyeong Cave



Gwangmyeong city in Gyeonggi-do transformed an abandoned coal mine into a themed cave park with the perfect combination of culture and art. Gwangmyeong Cave has more than fifty open caves of varying size intertwined through eight levels like an ant's tunnel. The cave flashes with a number of bright lights and features an aquarium filled with water drawn from 200m deep underground.

The music art hall and the golden path will surely provide enjoyable memories for all visitors. Adult visitors will enjoy the special local wine tasting as part of their cave experience. Brochures are available on site with detailed information about the cave in English, Japanese and Chinese.

More info
 • Address: San 17-1, Gahak-dong, Gwangmyeong-si, Gyeonggi-do
 • Direction: Gwangmyeong Station (Seoul Subway Line 1), Exit 8.

- Get on bus 17 in front of the station and get off at Gwangmyeong Cave.
 - Walk along the path for 15 min.(290m)
 • Operating Hours: 09:00-17:00 (Closed on Mondays)
 • Admission Fee: Adults 4,000 won / Youths 2,500 won / Children 1,500 won
 • Inquiries: +82-2-2680-6662 (Korean, Chinese)
 • Website: cavern.gm.go.kr/site/cavern (Korean only)
 • 1330 Korea Travel Hotline: +82-2-1330 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)
Courtesy of Gwangmyeong City



At Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP), located in Jung-gu, Seoul, the third Kansong art exhibition, titled Jingyeongsansuhwa (real landscape painting) Exhibition, is on display until May 10, 2015.

After having held its first and second exhibitions in March and July of last year respectively,

this upcoming exhibition will showcase over 90 traditional Korean paintings that portray landscapes of mountains and waters in Korea. 'Jingyeongsansuhwa' that realistically portray the landscape of the natural world in Korea are sure to capture the eye of viewers. This exhibition features the representative landscape painting style of the Joseon Dynasty.

On display are "Seongnyugul Cave" and "Geumgangdae" by first generation landscape painters such as Gyeom-jae and Jeong-seon, as well as masterpieces by the second generation artist, Sim Sa-jeong, whose paintings were largely inspired by Namjonghwa, one of the art paradigms of China. From the third generation, coinciding with a period of great maturation of landscape painting in theoretical paradigms, the paintings created by 21 master artists include the famous Kim

Hong-do are worth paying a visit to in person in order to appreciate the fine detail and artistry displayed.

Kansong draws its name from the pen name of Jeon Hyeong-pil (1906-1962) and this special exhibition pays tribute to the virtue of the man who devoted his life to protecting Korean cultural properties and assets.

The entrance fee is 8,000 won for adults and 6,000 for students and children. Tablet devices offering an audio guide in both Korean and English can be rented for 3,000 won from the information desk located inside of the exhibition center. Both cash and credit cards are accepted.

More info

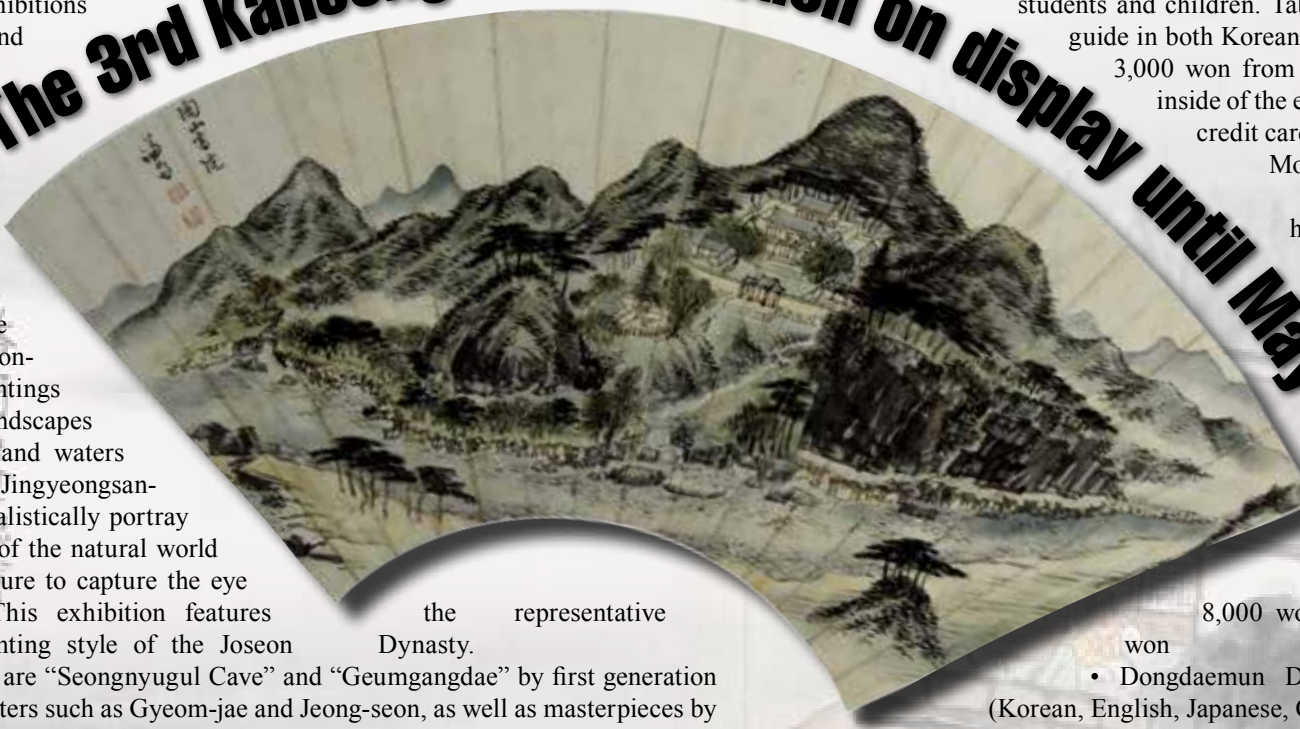
- Venue: Level 2, Design Exhibition Hall at Dongdaemun Design Plaza(DDP) in Jung-gu, Seoul.
- Period: December 14, 2014 – May 10, 2015
- Hours: 10:00-19:00 (Open until 21:00 on Wednesdays and Fridays)
* Closed every Monday.
- Admission Fee: Adults 8,000 won / Youth (ages 4-18) 6,000 won

• Dongdaemun Design Plaza: www.ddp.or.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

• Kansong Art and Culture Foundation: www.kansong.org (Korean only)

• 1330 Korea Travel Hotline: +82-2-1330 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)
Courtesy of Kansong Art and Culture Foundation

The 3rd Kansong Art Exhibition on display until May 10





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The beautiful port city of Busan, the second largest metropolitan area in Korea, is heavily visited by national and international tourists alike. No matter how extreme the temperature gets throughout the seasons, the city always bustles with people heading for the many attractions to see and explore! Absolutely wonderful beaches, glamorous night scenes, and traditional markets are scattered around the city, just to mention a few.

The biggest advantage of touring Busan is that all of these tourist spots are easily accessible by public transportation, mainly subway. On top of it all, tourists with light pockets needn't worry, due to the cheap yet tasty food streets found in all directions near subway stations. Ticket holders of a one-day pass for Busan subway, which allows unlimited rides within the same day, are sure to have a full day of fun on a light budget!

Busan subway one-day pass

The subway system in Busan consists mainly of 5 different lines, with Lines 1 to 4 running within the city, and the Gyeongjeoncheol Line offering light rail services to the outskirts of the city, connecting Busan to Gimhae. Most travelers purchase one-day subway tickets upon arrival at Gimhae International Airport, Busan Station or Busan Central Bus Terminal, which are closely located by Gimhae International Airport Station (Busan Light Rail), Busan Station (Busan Subway Line 1), and Nopo Station (Busan Subway Line 1) respectively, giving convenient access to popular sightseeing areas.

The one-day pass allows unlimited rides on the same day of purchase for all subway lines except the light rail service. Tickets are available at all ticket vending machines located inside of the city's subway stations. As they also offer assistance in four languages, including Korean, English, Chinese and Japanese, international travelers won't feel lost even on their first time visiting. To purchase a one-day pass, simply select the specific button designed at the bottom right-hand side of the machine, and it will take you right to the ticket purchasing screen. The price is set at 4,500 won per person. However, keep in mind that these machines only accept payment by cash in the form of 1,000 won bills and 500 won and 100 won denomination coins. If you happen to run out of coins, simply ask for an exchange at the station office or use a money exchange machine to break down larger bills, as the ticketing machines do not give change.

Most representative tourist spots on Subway Line 1

1. Nampo Station, Jagalchi Station, Bujeon Station (Line 1)- Busan Traditional Markets Tour

When looking at the subway map, you will see the names of a number of markets spread close to Line 1, most of which date back to almost half a century ago. This unique grouping enables travelers to experience the lively and interesting market culture inherent to Korea without having to travel far to see the unique aspects and products of each market. The most famous markets are Jagalchi Market, the largest seafood market in Korea located close to Jagalchi and Nampo Stations, Gukje Market which deals almost entirely with the merchandise imported through Busan Port, and Nampodong Street, Bupyeong (Kkangtong) Market, and BIFF Square, attracting people with their hundreds of food stalls and variety of stores to check out.

Bupyeong market is famous for halmae's (grandma in Korean) yubu (fried tofu) pocket, just the right treat to warm you up before heading off for a day-long trip. This treat is served as a bowl of fish cakes varying in size and shape along with fried tofu that looks like a pocket full of glass noodles in a clean and nutritious broth made with vegetables and seafood. The dish starts from 3,800 won, and you will be greeted with generous portions and kind services like cutting the yubu into bite-sized pieces. Other street vendors and stalls also offer various types of deliciousness at very affordable prices so you can come out of the market with a full belly after tasting a few things here and there. Other than halmae yubu, other famous treats include bibim dangmyeon (spicy glass noodles), ssiat hotteok (deep-fried pancake stuffed with seeds and sugar), tteok eomuk (skewered rice cake similar to a fish cake on a stick) and more, only available here!



A day-trip around Busan by convenient subway

More Info

- Halmae's Yubu Jumeoni: Walk two blocks straight after entering Bupyeong Market main gate. Make a right turn and continue walking for one block, then turn left into a smaller alley for about 30m.

Bujeon Market is the largest scaled market in Busan and to compensate for the large volume of traffic it accommodates every day, it has its own nearby subway station. As soon as coming out of Exit 1, Bujeon Station, the market's main attractions begin. It not only has food stuffs and daily commodities but also houses ginseng specialty stores and a number of critical ingredients for making high quality hanyak (Korean traditional herbal medicine).

Of course it has its own kind of street food; the famous eomuk (fish cakes) croquettes. Goraesa Co. which started making their delectable hand-made fish cakes in 1963, now operates many sub-branches in addition to their main store in Bujeon Market. Their croquettes are crispy on the outside and soft and tender on the inside, making it hard to resist going back for a second bite. To add to the draw, only 100 croquettes are made and sold daily with prices set at 1,500 won for one or a set of 4 for 5,000 won. Be sure to stop by early in the day if you want to get one of these regional treats.

More Info

- Goraesa Co.: Take Exit 9 of Bujeon Station, and walk toward Starbucks Coffee shop. The market entrance will be seen shortly after locating Suhyup, within 80m distance.

2. Toseong Station (Line 1)- Gamcheon Culture Village

Gamcheon Culture Village is found a mere 20 minutes walking distance from Toseong Station, Exit 8. The village is impossible to miss with its colorfully painted roofs and buildings. Looking at each individual house and their creative designs brings to mind scenes from children's picture books. The village was built and founded by residents who gathered to create a community in the 1950s. Geographically, the cityscape was built up like a terrace on a hillside, one house after another added to each row, eventually completing a neatly organized town. Many years after its initial building, the village's worn-out walls were repainted and uniquely redecorated building exteriors started to appear, marking the beginning of a new era for this village appreciated by many visitors today. The neighborhood has become a very artsy area with small galleries and craft shops operating within the community, adding yet another reason to pay a visit to this unique and fun village.

3. Other recommended spots on Line 1 (Jungang Station, Beomeosa Temple Station)

While on Line 1, be sure to make a stop at Yongdusan Park (Nampo Station) where Busan Tower (Yongdusan Park) is located, offering a birds-eye view of the main metropolitan area. The 40-step Culture & Tourism Theme Street (Jungang Station) is also approachable by the same line, holding heart-aching stories and historical evidence from the Korean War, and Beomeosa Temple (Beomeosa Station) which is rated one of the top three temples in the south of Yeongnam region and is well known for its temple stay program, is also worth a trip.

Most representative tourist spots on Subway Line 2

1. Kyungsoong University • Bukyung University Sta-

tion (Line 2)- Oryukdo Skywalk & Igidae Park

After a short 15 minute taxi ride from Kyungsoong University • Bukyung University Station of Line 2, you will soon arrive at Oryukdo Skywalk. Opened to the public in October 2013, this skywalk has been favored by many who wish to experience 'walking above the sea' through its clear glass floor. You can walk out along the U-shaped bridge, stretching out toward the ocean for 9 meters before turning back to land. Nearby attractions include Igidae Park, Galmaet-gil, Haeparang-gil and various other promenades for enjoyable trekking along the coast.

2. Dongbaek Station (Line 2)- The Bay 101 & Gwanggan Station (Line 2)- Busan Gwangandaegyo Bridge

Busan beats all other major cities for its beautiful nightscape, which is splendidly reflected in the sea. The Bay 101, opened in May 2014, is becoming one of the hottest places in Haeundae for viewing the city's night scenery. The facility is similar to a luxurious yacht club equipped with a café, gallery, restaurants and more. It is close to Dongbaek Station, Exit 1, and after walking 10 minutes or so you'll see the large and gorgeous building situated near the seashore. Their eateries are especially popular during the summer, when they are transformed into an open space. Sitting at one of their tables on the rooftop with a cool sea breeze will make for a wonderful time with good food, beverages and friends. The location is easy to find near The Westin Chosun Busan.

One other worthy stop to make on line 2 is Gwanggan Station, boasting Busan Gwangandaegyo Bridge built above Gwangalli Beach. This magnificent bridge over the sea is 7.4km long and is famous for its dazzling night display made by many small light fixtures. If you are not a fan of walking tours, there's a way to enjoy all of these sites without having to walk to them - the Busan City Tour Bus! The bus will take you to Haeundae Beach, bongsudae (beacon fire station) of Hwangnyeongsan Mountain and many more stops for you to choose from.

- Busan City Tour Bus: www.citytourbusan.com (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

3. Other recommended spots on Line 2 (Centum City Station, Jung-dong Station)

A few final places we wish to note before wrapping up this tour are Shinsegae Department Store - Centum City Branch (Centum City Station), a gigantic department store recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records; Nurimaru APEC House (Dongbaek Station) where the world's APEC summit met in 2005; and Dalmaji-gil Road (Jung-dong Station), a charming café street full of art galleries, unique coffee shops and much more waiting to be discovered!

More Info

** Transportation

- Train

Seoul Station -> Busan Station

- * KTX

(First train at 05:10, last train at 23:00 / Total travel time: approx. 2 hr 40 min / Fare (for economy seats): 53,300-57,300 won)

- * Regular (Mugunghwa-ho, Saemaul-ho)

(First train at 06:05, last train at 22:50 / Total travel time: approx. 5 hr / Fare (for economy seats): 27,300-42,600 won)

- Busan Tourism Organization: www.bto.or.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)