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WIT tests Wolf Pack readiness in BM-15-3

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An F-16 Fighting Falcon takes off during Exercise Beverly Midnight 15-3 May 1, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. During the six-day exercise, the wing inspection team implemented wartime scenarios to test the Wolf Pack's ability to defend the base and take the fight north. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Divine Cox)

By Senior Airman Divine Cox
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea-- The sound of phones ringing rippled through the dormitories of the 8th Fighter Wing at approximately 4 a.m., as operational readiness exercise Beverly Midnight 15-3 kicked off here at Kunsan AB, April 28.

For the next six days, Airmen and their units were inspected and evaluated on simulated wartime scenarios by a team of select individuals. These evaluators are known as the Wing Inspection Team.

The WIT program is run by the 8th FW inspector general's office. The intent of the program is to inspect, document and educate Airmen on how to perform their jobs in any scenario.

"During exercises, WIT works directly for the inspector general," said Lt. Col. Christopher Heber, 8th FW inspector general. "They inspect and report all write ups to the wing commander to see how the wing is doing in meeting regulation compliance and mission

effectiveness requirements."

Kunsan implemented the new commander inspection program about six months ago and it is an important part of improving the Wolf Pack's mission to defend the base, accept follow-on forces, and take the fight north.

Heber said the new program is unique because it truly empowers the wing commander to tailor their exercise to their wing's specific mission.

"This new program is extremely beneficial," said Heber. "Wing commanders know their wing's mission better than anyone else, so these scenarios implemented during these exercises are geared towards making us better as a wing."

During the exercise, the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department had to respond to a structures fire while being inspected by Master Sgt. Shawn Chenault, 8th CES assistant fire chief and WIT member.

"The WIT program gears Airmen up for real world situations by learning and growing from their mistakes in a controlled environment," said Chenault, "It's okay to make mistakes. We as people make mistakes every

day; we just have to learn from them and get better."

The Wolf Pack has been performing well during exercises under the new inspection program since its implementation early December.

"I have learned a lot from these exercise scenarios, which include self-aid buddy care, post attack reconnaissance sweeps, and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear training," said Staff Sgt. Kenyan Hudson, 8th Comptroller Squadron deputy disbursing officer. "The WIT members really do a good job stepping in only when we need help."

The WIT worked tirelessly around the clock to ensure that their respective units were executing each scenario flawlessly and correcting anything that was non-compliant to the inspection.

The IG office will continue to work with WIT members to find ways to strengthen the program so Airmen can continue to execute the mission.

"Our wing inspection team really leads by example," said Heber. "They work hard and inspect hard so that the Wolf Pack will be ready to fight tonight at a moment's notice."



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Drinks and Dialogue: Encouraging respect through discussion



Master Sgt. Katherine Simpkins, 8th Fighter Wing command section superintendent, comforts Senior Airman Shelby May, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron avionics technician, during a Kunsan Sexual Assault Theater Group performance, April 18, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. In observance of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, the Kunsan SATG promoted awareness and prevention by demonstrating realistic scenarios at Drinks and Dialogue, an open forum aimed at encouraging honest communication and respect amongst Wolf Pack members. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen)

By Senior Airman
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KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- More than 50 Airmen attended Drinks and Dialogue, an open forum aimed at encouraging honest communication and respect amongst Wolf Pack members here, April 18.

Created and hosted by Staff Sgt. Brandi Howard, 8th Medical Operations Squadron ambulance services technician, the quarterly event provides Airmen an opportunity to give feedback in a retribution-free environment, covering a wide range of topics including sexual assault, domestic abuse, relationships and culture.

"I wanted to break down the barriers

of conversation by having a guided discussion to help foster a more respectful environment," Howard said. "Having events like this benefits us at Kunsan because we're in such a small environment here, and yet we still don't really talk. We may converse with our friends and our coworkers, but sometimes it's hard to be honest with the people we're closest with."

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Johnson, 8th Medical Support Squadron Tricare operations and patient administration flight chief and Drinks and Dialogue co-host, said many Airmen at Kunsan can benefit from attending events that value and encourage sincere feedback and interaction amongst attendees.

"There will always be differences, but it's important to address different

issues and listen to one another without judgment because we can utilize these skills in and outside of work," Johnson said. "This specially applies to Airmen of the Wolf Pack as we are all in a foreign country with a different culture than what we're used to."

In observance of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, the candid forum was also an opportunity for the Kunsan Sexual Assault Theater Group to promote awareness and prevention through acted-out skits demonstrating realistic scenarios, including domestic abuse involving a married couple, sexual assault involving alcohol and work-place sexual assault.

"This voluntary event asks people to talk about things most people aren't comfortable talking about in a formal setting," said Capt. Claudia Santos, 8th Fighter Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. "Here, Airmen have the chance to discuss topics that are in the back of their minds, but are rarely addressed directly, as well as see and react to existing issues involving sexual assault and domestic abuse as acted out by the Kunsan Sexual Assault Theater Group."

Aimed at not only demonstrating how assaults can occur, but also eliciting emotions from the crowd, the performances tied into additional discussions on personal relationships at home and in the work place.

"Being open with each other and having conversations like this is crucial in creating a climate of dignity and respect, whether it be here at Kunsan or within society at large," said 1st Lt. Earon Brown, 8th Fighter Wing deputy chief of public affairs and alternate SARC. "We're all different people with different backgrounds, and bringing everything to the table is another way we can address beliefs and perceptions that can lead to misunderstandings, abuse or sexual assault. At the end of the day, talking honestly with one another can go a long way."



Members of the Kunsan Sexual Assault Theater Group act out a skit during Drinks and Dialogue April 18, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. SATG performances were held in conjunction with Drinks and Dialogue, a quarterly event that provides Airmen an opportunity to give feedback in a retribution-free environment, covering a wide range of topics including sexual assault, domestic abuse, relationships and culture.



Senior Airman Shelby May, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron avionics technician, and Senior Airman Nicholas Dastas, Armed Forces Network broadcaster, both members of Kunsan Sexual Assault Theater Group, act out a sexual assault skit during Drinks and Dialogue April 18, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. In observance of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, the Kunsan SATG promoted awareness and prevention by demonstrating realistic scenarios at the open forum event.

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Above: An F-16 Fighting Falcon crew chief gives the 80th Fighter Squadron's "Crush 'em" gesture in full exercise gear to a pilot as he marshals the jet out of a hardened aircraft shelter during Exercise Beverly Midnight 15-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 2, 2015. During exercises, maintenance Wing Inspection Team members test maintenance professionals on their ability to safely launch jets while simultaneously responding to exercise injects, such as unexploded ordnance and administering self-aid buddy care to wounded Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)



Right: An 8th Security Forces Squadron defender keeps guard at a defensive fighting position during Exercise Beverly Midnight 15-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 1, 2015. During the six-day exercise, wing inspection team members evaluated Wolf Pack Airmen in a controlled environment to inspect their ability to adapt and perform in wartime scenarios. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)



Airmen from the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department extinguish a simulated aircraft fire during Exercise Beverly Midnight 15-3, April 29, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The simulated aircraft crash not only provided additional training for the 8th CES, but also tested emergency responders' ability to respond to wartime scenarios whilst being evaluated by the Wing Inspection Team. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen)

Runway construction headlines Team Osan's key tasks

51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- This is the second in a series of articles focusing on 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 guards the freedom of 51 million people will be explored this week through the first key task of runway construction. Concluding the series will be a wrap-up article with a video showing the comprehensive spectrum of how Team Osan works on the key tasks.

Over 9,000 feet of hard gravel, slabs of concrete, and construction equipment. This previously empty spot of land is being designed to feature as the second runway at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. A necessity in order to keep up with the base's circular operations tempo, this runway is going to increase and enhance Team Osan's ability to defend the base, execute combat operations, and sustain the force by alleviating pressure on the singularly existing airfield.

Multiple agencies and personnel from the United States and ROK are involved in the coordination of this task. Deeply involved in the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, which works with the Far East District Army Corps of Engineers and local contractors to oversee progress.

"The original airfield here was de-

signed in 1953," said Mario Martinez, 51st CES project manager. "Constructing the second one means there will be two operational runways on base. There are a lot of elements that go into completing a project this big."

One of the prerequisites to completing a second runway is increased operational capability.

"This is a large base, so we have a lot of flight operations," said Martinez. "With the amount of exercises and TDYs we have, this second runway is going to help better facilitate a high operations tempo."

Beginning in 2013, like any project of this magnitude, there are difficulties and challenges involved. Martinez said the best solution to the challenges they've faced is old-fashioned teamwork.

"Speaking with our local contractors and fellow engineers, communication, is the best way to overcome the challenges we've faced," he said.

And while the second runway is going to help enhance Team Osan's ability to sustain the force, its first accomplishment will be to provide much needed relief to the existing runway.

"Over the last 50 years our existing airfield has taken impact and we've been doing minor repairs to it, but we need to do heavy repairs as well," said Martinez.

As the project carries on, Martinez, who's scheduled to leave before then, wishes he could be at the base to see the



Republic of Korean contractors work on the second runway April 28, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The runway is being designed to buttress Team Osan's operations and alleviate stress on the base's single runway. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jake Barreiro)

completion. And while constant turnover is a persistent challenge for most Airmen at Team Osan, he's confident his teammates, particularly local contractors, will ensure the job is done right.

"Working with the host nation has been a great experience," he said. "Since

we have a high turnover rate we have to make sure the next person to fill in for us is going to be on point. We have daily inspections, continuous paperwork that needs to be updated. Keeping on schedule and consistency is important, and our Korean coworkers help us a lot with that."

Psychological SABC: PART I

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Before you came to Korea you had to take a hands-on course in self aid / buddy care (SABC). That makes sense – if we went to war you might not have a medic at your side and you might need to provide first line care for yourself and those around you. Similarly, you are at the front lines in providing psychological care for yourself and your wingmen. But are you ready to meet the call? Not just in a time of war, when we will certainly need to lean on each other, but during peace time. Family separation, relationship difficulties and occupational stress can all undermine someone's mental health. In SABC we learn the basics in identifying injury and providing care. Similarly, we all need to know the signs of stress and how to respond.

Stress can be a very normal event. Stress sharpens our senses when a car is careening towards us at the main gate – helping us dodge certain death. But stress can also be dysfunctional – filling us with worry about an upcoming fitness test, preventing us from hitting the gym when that is exactly where we should be. Functional stress typically involves an increase in attention, optimism, engagement, determination, and courage. As you might imagine, such responses do not merit treatment – they get the job done. Dysfunctional stress includes confusion, worry, self-blame, irritability, guilt, withdrawal, conflict, and sleep problems. These are signs and symptoms that you can respond to in yourself and others using Psychological SABC to keep you and others ready to fight tonight.

But what about stress due to traumatic events like war? Behaviors to look for after severe acute stress in-

clude numbing (physical or emotional) and de-realization (feeling disconnected from life). Re-experiencing the event through intrusive memories and nightmares can make it feel like the event is happening over and over – the first step towards Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. If you notice such symptoms in yourself or others consider seeking out professional help.

Now that you know what to look for, let's dive into the eight basic steps to providing psychological first aid. Just like SABC starts with approaching the scene, assessing for consciousness and ensuring an airway, Psychological SABC starts with the basics. There are eight steps, and we'll cover the first four in Part I of this article:

Step 1: Contact & Engage: Respond to contact initiated by others, or initiate contact in a non-intrusive, compassionate, and helpful manner. You can't force someone to start talking – but you can tell them you care, invite them to lunch/dinner/coffee and provide the OPPORTUNITY to talk. Remember that your fellow wingmen might have dramatically different backgrounds than you and may cope differently. Be supportive and make sure that the message is "I care" versus "get better."

Step 2: Safety and Comfort: Safety is paramount. If you have any safety concerns don't be afraid to ask someone if they are having thoughts of wanting to hurt or kill themselves. Take any response seriously. If a person responds sarcastically while mentioning suicidal ideation, don't assume that they are just kidding. Clarify. Once safety is assured consider their comfort – consider asking them if they'd like to talk more outside of the shop/group. Remember, if someone wants to talk, they will.

Step 3: Stabilization: The goal of stabilization is to calm and orient wingmen who may be emotionally overwhelmed. When stressed an individual's natural

8 CORE FUNCTIONS

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3. Stabilization
4. Information Gathering: Current Needs and Concerns
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8. Linkage with Collaborative Services

Adapted from Psychological First Aid, Field Operations Guide, 2 Ed, July 2006. (ptsd.va.gov)

reaction is to panic. Panic tends to undermine our physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Stabilizing starts with providing someone with space and time – if they are in the middle of a heated argument provide them with an excuse to leave the situation. Then you have a better opportunity to clarify what's going on and validate their feelings ("I can understand why you are so upset").

Step 4: Information Gathering: Once a person has had a chance to stabilize you can start to ask about their immediate concerns and tailor your response. Don't feel like you have to solve their problems at this point. People often hear the first concern and start "problem solving." Wait until they are done – they might just need to say their concerns out loud to find resolution. During a traumatic event, be careful to see if an individual is attending to their basic needs (eating, sleeping).

Tune in next time to find out what you can do to return your fellow wingman to health.

Wolf Pack, ROKSOF practice base defense

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KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- For the first time in more than seven years, Republic of Korea Special Operations Forces from the 35th Battalion, 7th Airborne Brigade, sharpened their combat skills alongside 8th Security Forces Squadron Airmen here during Exercise Beverly Midnight 15-3, April 29.

The simulated wartime integration incorporated the Wolf Pack accepting follow-on forces by configuring the installation to support more than 150 ROKSOF members, and defending the base through the use of the combined defense plan posture.

"As the 8th SFS continues to build its relationship with ROKSOF, we invited their unit to attend the exercise to practice our combined defense plan," said 1st Lt. David Krigbaum, 8th SFS air base defense officer in charge. "Integrating with the 35th Battalion definitely enhances our combined defense procedures in the event of increased hostilities on the peninsula."

Although the entire integration - from start to finish - was complete in 24 hours, it took various agencies to prepare for ROKSOF's arrival and provide them support while here.

"Internally, we had to process their personnel and equipment onto the installation in a secure manner," Krigbaum said. "We needed support from the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron and 8th Force Support Squadron to ensure we had sufficient bed-down, latrine and water capability for their troops. We needed the 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron's support to transport their troops on base as necessary. We also worked with the Kunsan



Republic of Korea Special Operations Forces members of the 35th Battalion, 7th Airborne Brigade, make their way to combined defense training April 29, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. For the first time in more than seven years, more than 150 ROKSOF members integrated operations with Wolf Pack defenders during a 24-hour exercise held in conjunction with Exercise Beverly Midnight 15-3. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen)

Inspector General and Wing Inspection Team to ensure the scenarios and injects would maximize our training opportunity with the ROKSOF. To top it off, we coordinated with the Gunsan National Police Agency and our 8th Fighter Wing judge advocate to guarantee all legal aspects were covered."

After receiving a mission brief and bed down information, ROKSOF immediately hit the ground running with the Wolf Pack's defenders. For many defenders, exiting the installation to integrate coordination, improvised explosive device detection and removal, and convoys

with mission partners was uncharted territory.

"For many Airmen, this was their first time integrating with any Republic of Korea military member, which can be quite a challenge considering there's a language barrier," said Master Sgt. Nicole Wrisley, 8th SFS standardization and evaluation NCO in charge. "This training was especially unique not only because we had the chance to train and interact with our ROKSOF counterparts, but typically everything that occurs during Kunsan's quarterly exercises stays inside the base. The key to integrated

defense and the combined defense plan is to have different layers of deterrence. Enemy threats need to be detected and defeated outside the wire."

As ROKSOF members and Wolf Pack Airmen integrated operations over the course of the 24-hour exercise, many lessons were shared as tactics were exchanged.

"It was incredibly valuable for us to practice things that were largely theoretical to both units; when you get into the habit of simulating things, you begin to forget the details and lose sight of what needs to be improved," Krigbaum said. "As we ran missions together, we constantly refined our processes so that we operated comfortably together in a battle rhythm that promoted safety and demonstrated lethality against an enemy. All of the things we missed in planning became obvious by training together, and we were able to develop solutions both during and after the exercise."

The integration not only provided an opportunity to strengthen the U.S.-ROK alliance at Kunsan, but also established the groundwork for future partnered exercises.

"The integration provided significant validations and lessons learned for both the 8th SFS and ROKSOF in terms of reception, staging, integration, tactics, communication and command and control," said Lt. Col. Ian "Sheriff" Dinesen, 8th SFS commander. "This iteration is the baseline for multiple combined exercises both units plan to participate in annually here at Kunsan. Additionally, both organizations will continue to hold regular planning sessions and training events outside the scope of wing-level exercises in order to foster continued growth and development as well as to provide even higher fidelity of our combined combat capability sets."



Members from the Republic of Korea Special Operations Forces 35th Battalion, 7th Airborne Brigade, receive a briefing on training scenarios April 29, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. For the first time in more than seven years, ROKSOF integrated operations with Wolf Pack defenders during a 24-hour exercise held in conjunction with Exercise Beverly Midnight 15-3. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Divine Cox)



1st Lt. Tasha Worcester, 8th Security Forces Squadron plans and programs officer in charge (left), listens to Lt. Col. Ko Dong Woon, Republic of Korea Special Operations Forces 35th Battalion, 7th Airborne Brigade commander, discuss training scenarios as Chom Suk Yi, 8th SFS liaison officer (right), translates between Korean and English, April 29, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. For the first time in more than seven years, ROKSOF integrated operations with Wolf Pack defenders during a 24-hour exercise held in conjunction with Exercise Beverly Midnight 15-3. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen)

Fire and Emergency Services wins Air Force-level award



Two firefighters from Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, perform extinguishing techniques on a pit fire during training April 22, 2015, at the U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, ROK. The training, hosted by firefighters from Humphreys assisted the Osan firefighters with annual training requirements. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton)



The fire pit burns April 22, 2015, at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, Republic of Korea. Firefighters from the Humphreys' Garrison hosted training for members of the Osan Air Base, ROK, fire and emergency services department.



A fire fighter assigned to the U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, Republic of Korea, lights the pit fire for firefighters from Osan Air Base, ROK, April 22, 2015. Firefighters teamed up for structural training in order to stay proficient in their tasks.

By Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Team Osan's fire emergency services flight recently won the Air Force Chief Master Sergeant Ralph E. Sanborn Fire Department of the Year award for the medium base category.

They will now represent the Air Force in the upcoming Department of Defense Fire & Emergency Services Annual Awards which program recognizes the accomplishments and honors of Department of Defense fire departments, fire officers and firefighters.

"This award is significant for us because we pride ourselves on being the best and that means being mission-ready all day, every day," said Tech. Sgt. Kevin Henderson, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron assistant chief of plans and programs. "In fire protection it's our passion to protect those who live and defend them as members of Team Osan. Being recognized at the Air Force level is quite an honor as it illustrates the true spirit of what we do as a fire department and as a team."

Henderson, a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., explained the Team Osan fire department is responsible

for protecting the more than 10,000 personnel and dependents assigned to the 51st FW, Headquarters 7th Air Force, and other U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps units.

"Our department has the opportunity to provide expert services to such a wide-range of units," said Henderson. "One unique aspect of our department is the relationship we have with the Korean National firefighters. It's very important as they are truly the continuity allowing our department to be successful. Like every organization here, the turnover rate of the average one-year tour can make things difficult, however we couldn't ask for more professional Korean Nationals than what we have in our department."

Currently there are 13 Korean National firefighters working alongside Airmen assigned to the 51st CES fire emergency services flight.

"We like to work alongside the military firefighters and get along well with them," said Chong Kyu Han, 51st CES firefighter. "I wish they could stay longer than one year so we can keep the teams together longer."

Short tours are one challenge Team Osan firefighters deal with while operating in settings unlike any other, and therefore require fire protection specialists with

training unlike any other.

"Simply put, we train... whether it's an aircraft, vehicle, in-doors or outside, we carry a mindset not just to train until we get it right, but rather until we can't get it wrong," said Henderson. "The Airmen in our department are not told to be simply firefighters; they choose to follow their passion to save life and property."

The fire department provides assistance to the base and local community through an average of 700 emergency responses each year.

"Those you sweat and bleed with become like family in a short period of time," said Henderson. "I need to know and trust that my brothers and sisters can and will perform, especially when my life depends on how well they trained and are able to execute."

Even the brand-new fire protection specialists assigned here have to train, endure, battle and manage a range of potentially destructive and hazardous fires.

"This is my first assignment and I couldn't be more excited," said Airman 1st Class Harley Love-Hall, 51st CES fire protection apprentice from Sullivan, Mo. "Our department and the Wing's missions are so important to the Korean Peninsula. I'm proud to be a part of defending the freedom of over 51 million people."

25th and 36th AMU Face Off at Quarterly Competition



Top: Staff Sgt. Christopher Simison and Senior Airmen Brandon Hanie and Ryan Reichard from the 25th Aircraft Maintenance Unit standby for the commencement of the Quarterly Weapons Load competition held at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, 10 April 2015. The competition adds an element of fun to what is really a qualification test for the technicians wherein they must complete a written test as well as a practical demonstration of skill. (USAF photo by Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm)

Above: Senior Airmen Sheldon Hopka from the 36th Aircraft Maintenance Unit removes the tail fins from a Sidewinder missile in preparation for the simulated switch of training to combat load munitions on an F-16 fighter jet during the Quarterly Load competition at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea 10 April 2015.

Right: Staff Sgt. Christopher Simison of the 25th Aircraft Maintenance Unit directs the loading of practice munitions during the quarterly load competition held at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, 10 April 2015.

Kunsan hosts pen-wide weapons load competition

By Senior Airman Divine Cox
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea-- The Wolf Pack hosted the 2015 peninsula-wide weapons load crew competition at Kunsan AB, April 25.

The competition had six teams representing the 35th and 80th Aircraft Maintenance Units, the 120th Expeditionary AMU, ROKAF's 38 Maintenance Squadron, and the 36th and 25th AMUs from Osan AB.

"There's a lot of effort that goes into training these crews every day," said Master Sgt. Adam Wright, 8th Maintenance Group weapons standardization superintendent. "These weapons loaders keep us ready to fight tonight and I'm very proud of their accomplishments."

"From the moment I said 'crew attention, ready, break,' I knew it was going to be a tough competition," continued Wright. "There's a lot of pride in the weapons community, and not one team wanted to lose this competition."

The three-man teams were judged on their reliability, technical proficiency, time and ability to safely load two munitions on the jets. Each team started with 2,000 points, and depending on performance points were added or taken away.

"I have participated in three load competitions since I've been here," said Senior Airman Yuri McMurray, 80th AMU, load crew member. "This event is the most important because if you win, you get crowned the best load crew on the peninsula."

Not only does the competition allow for training, but it also fosters friendly rivalries between units. More than 500 U.S and ROK Airmen showed up to cheer on their team.

"This was my first time seeing a load competition," said William McCoy, 8th Security Forces Squadron patrolman. "The event was definitely a morale booster for everyone in attendance."



Staff Sgt. William Wattle, 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit team chief, reviews a munitions loading checklist during the 2015 peninsula-wide load competition at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 25, 2015. The competition had six teams representing the 35th and 80th Aircraft Maintenance Units, the 120th Expeditionary AMU, ROKAF's 38 Maintenance Squadron, and the 36th and 25th AMUs from Osan AB. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Divine Cox)

When the bull horn sounded, the competition started. The crews rushed to their respective positions and began their loading procedures.

"As soon as I heard that horn sound, my nervousness started to kick in," said McMurray. "My blood was pumping throughout the entire competition."

Each team finished loading their respective aircraft, embraced their fellow weapons Airmen and waited

while the evaluators scored the units. Once the scores were tallied, the ROKAF 38th MXS team's precision, reliability and safety trumped the speed showcased by other units.

"I know every team did their best in representing their respective units," said Master Sgt. Jung Woo Min, 38th MXS load crew team chief. "I am very proud of team 111 for winning this competition."



Above: Republic of Korea's Air Force 38th Maintenance Squadron, crew 111, wins the 2015 peninsula-wide load competition at Kunsan Air Base, ROK, April 25, 2015. The competition had six teams representing the 35th and 80th Aircraft Maintenance Units, the 120th Expeditionary AMU, ROKAF's 38 Maintenance Squadron, and the 36th and 25th AMUs from Osan AB.

Left: A U.S. Air Force member with the 35th Aircraft Maintenance Unit inspects his tools during the 2015 peninsula-wide load competition at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 25, 2015. The competition had six teams representing the 35th and 80th Aircraft Maintenance Units, the 120th Expeditionary AMU, ROKAF's 38 Maintenance Squadron, and the 36th and 25th AMUs from Osan AB.

Lt. Col. Joe M. Jackson: Seventh Air Force – Medal of Honor

By Robert Vanderpool
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On the afternoon of May 12, 1968, Lt. Col. Joe M. Jackson's C-123 lifted off from DaNang Air Field bound for Kham Duc, South Vietnam, the site of a special forces camp near the Laotian border which had fallen under enemy attack two days earlier and had been ordered to be evacuated. Arriving at Kham Duc, the C-123 piloted by Jackson circled above the 4,000 foot airstrip in a holding pattern. Hostile forces had overrun the airstrip establishing gun positions near the runway where they were using small arms, mortars, automatic weapons, and recoilless rifle fire to attack the camp. The camp was engulfed in flames, ammunition dumps had exploded littering the runway with debris, and eight aircraft had been destroyed on the ground with one of them remaining on the runway reducing its usable length to only about 2,200 feet.

As the last C-130 departed the airfield with what was believed to be the remaining ground forces, the order was given for the fighter bombers also circling overhead to attack the enemy and destroy what remained of the camp. Just as the fighter bombers began to move in a call came over the radio from the three person combat control team which had been directing the evacuation that was still on the ground. The team had been conducting a search of the camp looking for anyone who might be remaining not realizing that the last C-130 had already taken off leaving them behind. The air attack was halted as another C-123 conducted the first rescue attempt reaching the ground but being forced to accelerate and take off without making a pickup as a result of the intense enemy fire.

Jackson continued the rescue effort by diving his

C-123 from an altitude around 9,000 feet descending at a rate of almost 4,000 feet per minute. Realizing that reversing propellers to stop the aircraft once on the ground would also shut off the two auxiliary engines that were essential for a quick escape, Jackson instead chose to use just brakes skidding halfway down the runway. Once the aircraft was stopped, the C-123 lowered the rear cargo door and began to turn around on the runaway in order to be able to take off the same way as it came in. As the C-123 conducted its maneuver, the three man combat control team leaped up from a culvert located next to the runway and bound into the open cargo door. At the same time, a 122 mm rocket was fired from the edge of the runway. The rocket skidded along the asphalt, broke in half and stopped only 10 meters from the plane without exploding. Jackson taxied around the shell applying full power taking off under heavy fire coming from the hills on each side of the runway. The C-123 had been on the ground for less than a minute.

For his efforts, Jackson was awarded the Medal of Honor. His Medal of Honor citation reads in part: "... although fully aware of the extreme danger and likely failure of such an attempt. Jackson elected to land his aircraft and attempt to rescue. Displaying superb airmanship and extraordinary heroism, he landed his aircraft near the point where the combat control team was reported to be hiding. While on the ground, his aircraft was the target of intense hostile fire. A rocket landed in front of the nose of the aircraft but failed to explode. Once the combat control team was aboard, Jackson succeeded in getting airborne despite the hostile fire directed across the runway in front of his aircraft. Lieutenant Colonel Jackson's profound concern for his fellow men, at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty



Lt. Col. Joe M. Jackson receives the Medal of Honor from President Lyndon B. Johnson on January 16, 1969 (Air Force Photo)

are in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Air Force..." At the time of his action, Jackson was serving with the 315th Tactical Airlift Wing, 834th Airlift Division, which was assigned to the Seventh Air Force.

Jackson was a veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. During World War II, Jackson piloted B-24 Liberator bombers and P-40 Warhawk fighters. Jackson flew the F-84 Thunderjet on 107 combat missions during the Korean War. In Vietnam, Jackson flew 298 combat missions as a C-123 pilot. Jackson retired from the Air Force in 1974 at the rank of colonel after 33 years of service.

Behind Enemy Lines: The Rescue of Captain Roger Locher



General John Vogt (left) and Captain Roger Locher (right) after the rescue. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

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On May 10, 1972, Capt. Roger Locher, who was assigned to the 555th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 432nd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing which was attached to Seventh Air Force, was riding second seat as the Weapons System Officer in an F-4 Phantom II piloted by Maj. Robert Lodge when they engaged with a North Vietnamese MiG northwest of Hanoi near the North Vietnamese Yen Bai Airfield. While maneuvering behind a MiG attempting to line up a missile shot, Locher's F-4 was struck in the rear by the cannons of an enemy J-6 fighter. The Phantoms hydraulics system was knocked out making the aircraft uncontrollable. Lodge gave Locher the order to eject and Locher bailed out. Lodge, who

had earlier claimed that he would not allow himself to be captured as a result of his classified knowledge, did not eject and spiraled into the ground with the F-4. At the time of the shoot down, Locher was serving his third tour in Vietnam having flown more than 400 combat missions.

Locher guided his descent away from the crash site landing on the side of hill about one mile from where the plane had impacted the ground. Unable to conceal his parachute since it was hung up in the trees, Locher grabbed a few supplies from his survival pack and hid in the jungle, walking away from his landing site attempting to conceal his path as he went. Locher climbed to the peak of the hill and hid in a brush pile on the reverse slope for three days as he listened to local farmers searching for him. At one point searchers came within 30 feet of Locher's hiding place but he remained undiscovered. At night Locher would climb up to the peak with his rescue radio hoping to contact any American aircraft which might be overhead, returning to his hiding place during the day.

Locher realized that his best chance for rescue would be to work his way southwest across the Red River Valley to the mountain rangers located some 90 miles away. Locher figured that it would probably take him 45 days to complete the journey. Locher moved only during the dusk and dawn hours, foraging for

food and water, and avoiding contact with the local population. Due to the dense jungle and the limited hours available for movement Locher was only able to average one mile per day. On the 10th day of his journey he came this time within five feet of being discovered and was even stepped on by a water buffalo but still managed to evade capture. Unable to find consistent food sources, Locher began to gradually weaken and upon reaching the Red River Valley he decided to hold up on a hill overlooking the valley less than five miles from the Yen Bai Airfield. Locher remained at that spot for 13 days watching for American aircraft.

On June 1, more than three weeks after being shot down, Locher was able to establish contact with an F-4 flying overhead radioing, "Guys I've been down here a long time, any chance of picking me up?" A rescue party consisting of several A1E- Skyraider propeller driven aircraft and a HH-53 SuperJolly helicopter was dispatched later that day but was turned away by enemy SAM missiles and MiG's. A small flight of F-4's and F-105 Thunderchief's provided top cover engaging with the MiG's and ground defenses but the rescue party was nearly shot down anyway.

On June 2, Seventh Air Force Commander Gen. John Vogt canceled that's days strike mission planned for Hanoi, instead opting to dedicate all available resources towards rescuing Locher. Vogt later recalled: "I had to decide whether we should risk the loss of maybe a dozen airplanes and crews just to get one man

out. Finally I said to myself...the one thing that keeps our boys motivated is the certain belief that if they go down, we will do absolutely everything we can to get them out. If that is ever in doubt, morale would tumble. That was my major consideration. So I took it on myself. I didn't ask anybody for permission. I just said, "Go do it!"

A rescue mission of 120 aircraft including fighters, bombers, surveillance, refueling, and rotary wing aircraft was dispatched on the second attempt. As part of the rescue operation the Yen Bai Airfield was bombed and strafed for two hours to keep the MiG threat at bay. An A1E made the initial contact with Locher and guided an HH-53, flown by the same pilot who had been on the rescue mission the day before, to Locher's location making the pickup. No American aircraft were lost during the operation. Locher was flown directly to Ubon Royal Thai Air Base in Thailand where he was greeted on the runway by Vogt. Locher had evaded capture for 23 days establishing a record for the Vietnam War.

For their efforts during the rescue, A1E- pilot Capt. Ronald Smith and HH-53 pilot Capt. Dale Stovall, were awarded the Air Force Cross, with Stovall also receiving the Air Force's 1973 Jabara Award. Locher returned to the United States serving as a flight commander and instructor pilot in the F-4 before transitioning to flying the F-16 Falcon. Locher also later served a key role during the development of the F-117 Nighthawk Stealth fighter.

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 Share Point:
<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>

USAG-YONGSAN

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

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

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

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



Spiritual Charge

“Spiritually resilient Airman”



Ch, Capt. John Choi
Chaplain, 51st Fighter Wing

In April 2014, the Air Force released the Air Force Instruction 90-506 that supports the Comprehensive Airman Fitness program. Though it is not a new program, some components have changed. For instance, the mental, social, physical and spiritual aspects of the program that were once called “pillars” are now called “domains.”

It may seem quite simple to deter-

mine if you are mentally, socially, and physically healthy. However, it’s not easy to determine if someone is spiritually healthy. How often do you ask yourself, “Am I spiritually fit and healthy?”

There is a growing body of evidence indicating that spiritual practices are associated with better health and well-being for many reasons. Many spiritual traditions encourage participation in a community. Spiritual fellowship, such as attending church, synagogue or a meditation group, can be sources of social support which may provide a sense of belonging, security, and community. Strong relationships have been proven to increase well-being and life expectancy, which is perhaps why one study found a strong association between faith community attendance and improved health, mood, and well-being.

It’s important to look for and find hope and joy in whatever we do. Without hope or joy, we feel empty and depressed. When we connect to something bigger than ourselves, we feel better. We might even find purpose in our lives.

An organized religion—like a church, synagogue, or other faith community—

can help you find your spiritual connection. Becoming part of a religious community is a good way to meet people with beliefs like your own.

Look inside - you can find it in prayer, meditation or a community service project that has a spiritual side to it. For many, they find peace in nature, art or even music. You probably know someone who loves the sound of a waterfall or of a bird singing. Maybe you play special music to bring yourself into a spiritual state.

When your life has purpose, you have the strength to weather the storms of life. You are more likely to make positive choices and avoid the pitfalls of addiction and stress-related problems.

Benefits of belief - Research has shown that people who have a spiritual life are less likely than others to get sick and more likely to bounce back (being resilient), if they do. When you’re part of a bigger universe, you value yourself and others more. You see how important it is to protect your body and soul from people and activities that could hurt you.

When you work with others toward a positive goal, like helping out with a

charity, an orphanage center, or a religious community, you get a new view on your own life. Your own problems aren’t so big anymore. At the same time, you make new friends to share your own important experiences with.

Stop to smell the roses - Find some time in your busy day to focus on whatever is good in your life. Was someone kind to you? Did someone give you a smile? What do you have to be thankful for?

You can’t smell the roses if you are stressed, so try to tune it out. Meditate. Imagine you are at the beach or watching a beautiful sunset. Try to hear the sounds, feel the wind, and see the colors. Setting aside a few moments a day to escape stress will help you handle the busier times of the day.

Here are some easy ways to build a spiritual side to your life. Pray or take time each day to sit quietly and think about what you want out of life. Write your thoughts or feelings in a journal. Read scriptures, poems or stories that inspire you. Listen to quiet music that puts you in a relaxed state. Keep in touch with people who make your life better.

Brothers in arms fly together



Left: U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Jarrod "Bluto" Allen, Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225 F/A-18 Hornet pilot, and U.S. Air Force Capt. Jacob "Apollo" Allen, 35th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, pose for a photo together during exercise Max Thunder 15-1 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 17, 2015. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)

Left below: U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Jarrod "Bluto" Allen, Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225 F/A-18 Hornet pilot, taxis his jet to the runway during exercise Max Thunder 15-1 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 17, 2015. Max Thunder is a large-scale employment exercise designed to increase interoperability between U.S. and ROK forces, and ultimately enhance commitments to maintain peace in the region.

Right below: U.S. Air Force Capt. Jacob "Apollo" Allen, 35th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, prepares to take off during exercise Max Thunder 15-1 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 21, 2015.



By Senior Airman Taylor Curry
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Members of the U.S. military oftentimes have relatives that serve alongside them, and this is the case for the Allen brothers, who were recently reunited at Exercise Max Thunder 15-1 in the Republic of Korea.

U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Jarrod Allen, an F/A-18 Hornet pilot stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego, Calif., and currently deployed to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, and U.S. Air Force Capt. Jacob Allen, a U.S. F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot stationed at Kunsan Air Base, ROK, recently had the opportunity to fly and train together during the biannual air exercise at Gwangju AB, ROK.

"Since we are in different services and fly different fighter aircraft, we haven't really had the chance to work with each other in this type of element yet, so we were glad to have this opportunity," said Jarrod.

The first night of Max Thunder would see the brothers training together in defensive counter air exercises. In that training scenario, Jacob was leading the first four-ship of allied jets, whose task was

to defend the area from enemy aircraft. As their time on-station neared completion, the second four-ship approached the airspace to take over responsibility. Jacob's brother, Jarrod, happened to be the lead of the second four-ship.

"The handoff of responsibility is based on timing, so it has to be precise," said Jacob. "When the second four-ship approached, I got to pass responsibility to my brother over the radio, who was then in charge of defending the area."

The brothers grew up as Navy brats, originally from the San Diego area. Their father was a naval flight officer for the E-2 Hawkeye, which motivated them to follow in his footsteps.

"Our dad was a big inspiration to us," said Jacob. "As far back as I can remember, I always knew I wanted to fly, just like my father. We would always go to see airshows, and that was so exciting for us both."

Now as captains, Jarrod, known as "Bluto," Jacob, known as "Apollo," fly different aircraft, but with similar missions.

Both brothers explained that they love their job primarily because in the end, what they do helps people.

"The F-16 provides close air support when troops on the ground call in, and we employ weapons as needed for them to achieve their mission objectives and most importantly, to survive," said Jacob.

The F/A-18 is also focused as a ground forces supporter, with the main goal looking out for Marines on the deck, Jarrod added.

"My current mission out at Kunsan flying the F-16 and working alongside ROKAF pilots is a great opportunity," said Jacob. "It's sometimes challenging, but I love it because it keeps me sharp. If I'm ever called to do what I'm trained to do, I'll be ready."

Even though they have not been stationed together, the two brothers occasionally bump into each other while on the job.

"Before this exercise, the last time we saw each other was in Jordan for a couple of hours," said Jarrod. "It wasn't long, but it's still good to see my brother any chance I get."

Max Thunder, the largest flying exercise held on the Korean Peninsula twice per year, is aimed at increasing U.S. and ROK interoperability with dissimilar aircraft and enabling the two allies to be battle-ready for any potential situation on the ROK.

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 through July 13. 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 informa-

tion 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/osanchapelneedsurvey>

Anthem Singers

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

Sam's Garage Now Open

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

Military Tuition Assistance Briefing

Presented by the 51 FSS Education & Training Center, this is mandatory for all first time users, officer/enlisted, for military TA. No appointment necessary! Held every Tuesday at 8 a. m. in Bldg 787, Rm. 10. For additional information or questions please contact the Education Center at 784-4220.

Preschool Playgroup

Family Advocacy hosts Preschool Playgroup at the Youth Center from 10-11 a.m. Ages are 0-5 years old. Come join the fun. It is good for YOU and your little one. Playgroup is every Monday when school is in session and runs thru June 8. We will not meet on no school days, holidays, spring and winter break, and during summer break. Call Family Advocacy for more information 784-5010.

Kunsan's emergency phone numbers

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

Osan's emergency phone numbers

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

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**



Fire Reporting Procedures

In case of fire, smell of smoke, and/or fire alarm bells sounding, remember S-P-E-E-D and perform these actions



Fire Alarm

S - Sound the alarm (Alert all in the building)

P - Phone 911 (call Fire Department Dispatch Center with details)

E - Evacuate the building

E - Extinguish the fire (if it can be done without injuring yourself)

D - Direct first arriving fire crew of where the fire or emergency is located

No matter how small or large the fire is, even if it is extinguished, call 911 or 0505-784-9111. All fires must be reported. Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Fire Prevention Office at 784-4835. 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
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* Bus stops at Humphreys main gate

** Bus stops at Yongsan DHL

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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)

Kunsan takes flight at Max Thunder 15-1

By Senior Airman Taylor Curry
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

GWANGJU AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Wolf Pack Airmen joined other members of U.S. Air Force, Marine Corps and Republic of Korea Air Force units at Gwangju Air Base, ROK, for Exercise Max Thunder 15-1, April 10-24.

"This is the seventh year of Max Thunder, and its core principles remain much the same today as when it began," said Col. Brian Carr, 51st Fighter Wing vice commander and Max Thunder 15-1 deployed forces commander. "These intricate scenarios continue to focus on the combined and joint integration of air power across many disciplines while enhancing the capability of ROKAF and U.S. flying units to conduct combat air operations together."

Max Thunder is a regularly scheduled flying exercise held twice per year and is the largest flying exercise held on the Korean Peninsula. This latest exercise included more than 750 U.S. personnel, approximately 170 of those hailing from Kunsan Air Base.

"This iteration of Max Thunder was a great opportunity for Wolf Pack Airmen to work alongside our fellow Air Force, Marine and ROKAF counterparts at an unfamiliar base," said Col. Ken "Wolf" Ekman, 8th Fighter Wing commander. "Practicing realistic combat scenarios in a different environment not only sharpens our own capabilities, but makes us stronger as a combined force. This ultimately enhances the Alliance's ability to fight tonight."

A major objective of this large-scale employment exercise involved increasing U.S. and ROK interoperability with dissimilar aircraft, enabling aircrew members to be battle-ready for any potential situation.

"This was a golden opportunity to mission plan together and to better understand each other's capabilities," said Lt. Col. Erika Bowmer, Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225 commanding officer. "Putting all these units in one place and having face-to-face conversations forces us to break down communication barriers and exchange ideas, making us more tactically fit to counter any threats."

While Max Thunder exercises generally aim to strengthen interoperability between U.S. and ROK airpower assets, a particular goal for this exercise was to increase combined command and control and intelligence coordination.

"This was the first time we co-located our U.S. and ROKAF exercise staff intel representatives, and this



An F-16 Fighting Falcon takes off from Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, to participate in Exercise Max Thunder 15-1 April 10, 2015, at Gwangju Air Base, ROK. The Wolf Pack joined other U.S. Air Force, Marine Corps and ROKAF flying units to integrate with dissimilar aircraft and practice realistic combat scenarios as one large force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)

integration had an extremely positive impact on our exercise scenarios," said Maj. Erik Axt, 7th Air Force chief of training and Max Thunder 15-1 exercise director. "We were able to plan and execute more sorties than at any previous Max Thunder, which provided ample training opportunities for our pilots to practice combined operations."

While Wolf Pack pilots flew multiple sorties throughout the two-week period, maintainers focused

on getting the jets in the air.

"My mission is to make sure these jets fly," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Conley, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron jet engine mechanic. "It's an amazing feeling being able to operate here at Gwangju with our ROKAF brothers and sisters. I really appreciate the opportunity to learn from them and see the differences between our operations. I look forward to participating in future exercises with them."



U.S. Marine Corps pilots from Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225, currently deployed to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, conduct pre-flight inspections of their F/A-18 Hornets during Exercise Max Thunder 15-1 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 17, 2015. Max Thunder is a large-scale employment exercise designed to increase U.S. and ROK interoperability and ultimately enhance commitments to maintain peace in the region.



F/A-18 Hornet pilots from Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225 start up their jets for a sortie during Exercise Max Thunder 15-1 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 16, 2015. Max Thunder is a regularly scheduled training exercise designed to enhance readiness of U.S. and ROK air forces to defend the ROK.



8th Fighter Wing Airmen load luggage into a truck after receiving a deployment briefing at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 10, 2015. Approximately 170 Wolf Pack personnel departed for Gwangju Air Base, ROK, to participate in Exercise Max Thunder 15-1, the largest flying exercise held on the Korean Peninsula.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Rossilli

51st Medical Support Squadron

Job title: War Reserve Material Technician

Job description and its impact on the overall mission: Manages \$7.5M in War Reserve Materiel (WRM) assets, securing medical contingency response for over 11K beneficiaries. Rossilli is also heavily involved in the Medical Group's plan to transition its 152 bed expansion project from an outside facility into the MDG which will decrease activation time from 72 hours to 1 hour. This will allow the MDG to be self-sustained and mission capable for any contingency response.

Time in the military: 6 yrs 1 month

Time at Osan: 7 months

DEROS: Sept. 2015

Family: (Wife) Madison Rossilli, (Son) Joseph Rossilli

Hometown: Detroit, Mich.

Hobbies: Sports, playing video games, & driving his 2014 6.0 SS Camaro

Why did you join the military? Job security & I had to answer my nation's call after 9/11

Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years? I hope to rise in the enlisted ranks, retire from the AF and then purchase my own Subway store.

What do you do for fun here? I'm in a billiards league and enjoy playing video games.

What's your favorite Air Force memory or story? Finding out I made E-5 when I was at training

What accomplishment are you most proud of? Winning the 379th EMDG Amn of Qtr in 2011

Who are your role models? SMSgt Anton Mac



Staff Sgt. Joseph Rossilli, 51st Medical Support Squadron, packs a first-aid kit April 17, 2015, at Osan Air Base Republic of Korea. Rossilli was chosen as a Team Osan Spotlight award winner. 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)

Senior Airman Bradly K. Johnson



Senior Airman Bradly K. Johnson, 18th Intelligence Squadron, Detachment 2 multi-mission space analyst, points out movies inside the United Services Organization at Osan Air Base Republic of Korea. Johnson was chosen as a Team Osan Spotlight award winner. 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)

18th Intelligence Squadron, Detachment 2

Job title: Multi Mission Space Analyst

Job description and its impact on the overall mission: As a member of 18IS, Detachment 2, I plan, develop, and execute space-centric intelligence activities worldwide, delivering tailored operational and developmental products supporting COCOM offensive and defensive information operations.

Time in the military: 3 Years 2 Months

Time at Osan: 2 Months

DEROS: Jan. 2016

Family: Have both a sister and brother who are older and younger than I back home.

Hometown: Chicago, Ill.

Hobbies: All competitive sports, motorcycle rides, advancing technology and gaming.

Why did you join the military? Besides the advantages for traveling and

schooling, the Air Force provided an opportunity to secure my family's future while serving a greater cause. You only come into this world with two things, your family and your country, both to devote your all to. I figured if the Air Force became my family I could centralize my efforts.

Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years? Hopefully in 20 years I'll be retired. Ideally at that point if I'm working it'll be out of pleasure rather than need. I'll probably be wrapping up my time in the Air Force and opening a shop someplace warm. Life is unpredictable; but you can tip the odds in your favor with resolve.

What do you do for fun here? In my short time here I've managed to break the ice and explore. I love traveling but anytime you arrive someplace outside of your comfort zone there is a small transition. IIT offer trips every weekend allowing me to see Korea breaking down misconceptions. After one of those I bought a T-Money card and haven't looked back since.

What's your favorite Air Force memory or story? My favorite Air Force memory is from Beast Week in basic. There is something about walking out of the gas chamber in uncontrollable tears and seeing all your wingmen in the same position that triggered a life-long lesson. It was then that I realized we were all one unit and one team. We all came from different lifestyles but

were in the same position as the next man. Only thing that separated us was who could wipe them away the fastest and act like it didn't happen.

What accomplishment are you most proud of? Well my proudest moment came recently. I received my first commander's coin from Major Aamold, Det. 2 Commander, for Exceptionally Qualifying (EQ) on my first qualification here at Osan AB. As a young airman I always tried to hide in the masses and attract as little attention as possible. Ideally, your commander/leadership only knows you for two things. Either you messed up big time or you have done pretty well but I'm learning you can't really put forth your best effort if you're afraid to fail. This achievement wasn't accomplished through my efforts alone. I had a team of individuals who invested in me so this moment and this coin serves as a reminder of the Air Force I envisioned in 2012.

Who are your role models? Unfortunately, my biggest role-model, my grandfather, passed away not too long ago. As a prior Marine, he instilled a sense of family, loyalty and duty to every member of the family. Whenever adversity came his only question was "Well, what did you learn?" This translated to "Figure out what went wrong and fix it. Let life be a learning experience." Those words have carried me to where I am today.

Spc. Alexander L. Knoll

Charlie Battery 6-52 Air Defense Artillery Battalion 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade

Job title: Tactical Control Assistant for the Patriot Missile System

Job description and its impact on the overall mission: As a Tactical Control Assistant or TCA, I am responsible for both maintaining the system as well as operating the Engagement Control Station.

A Patriot Battery is like a body with many components required for it to operate properly; the Radar is our eyes, the Antenna Mast Group is our ears, the Electric Power Plant is our heart, the Launching Stations are our arms and legs, and the Engagement Control Station is the brain.

The Engagement Control Station controls everything a Patriot Battery does and it is operated by the Tactical Control Officer, and two enlisted Soldiers, one as Tactical Control Assistant and the other as a Communications Operator.

The Tactical Control Officer and Tactical Control Assistant monitor the air picture received by the Radar, monitor the system itself for any faults, control all engagements when the system needs to be fired, and maintains communications with higher ups to Air Defense Artillery Fire Control Officer and the Area Air Defense Commander.

The Patriot System is the primary defense against all Tactical Ballistic Missile threats to the ROK, and is essential to it's all around defense. This means that the Tactical Control Assistant and Tactical Control Officer must be highly trained in order to deal with any situation. I am a highly trained Tactical Control Assistant in Charlie Battery, and Charlie Battery is the best Patriot Battery on this Peninsula.

Maintaining readiness and being skilled in my posi-

tion has a large impact on the defense of this country. Although my work is important it always takes many soldiers to keep the system operational and you can not make it work without an excellent team.

Time in the military: 27 months

Time at Osan: 19 months

DEROS: Sept. 2015

Family: Single with no children

Hometown: Fresno, Calif.

Hobbies: Fishing, golfing

Why did you join the military? I made foolish decisions most of the time when I was younger, like most of us did, and I wanted to set myself on a better path. I also really enjoy serving in the United States Army and serving my country. So far it has worked out exactly as planned.

Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years? I see myself retiring from the military as an E-8 or higher, married with a couple kids, and moving to a nice quiet town somewhere I can just relax and enjoy the slow onset of old age.

What do you do for fun here? I enjoy golfing with friends on the weekend, taking in the historic sites around Korea, and the nightlife in this country is excellent.

What's your favorite Army memory or story? The simple experience of flying into Korea and seeing how widespread our military is. It was my first time leaving the country and it was very eye opening to get a sense of how big the world is. As well as how many countries share the space.

What accomplishment are you most proud of? When I first arrived at Charlie Battery as a fresh new Private right out of AIT we were preparing to go to the field for our bi-annual Table VIII certification. About two days before we leave I was told that I had been placed on the primary mobility crew for the Antenna Mast Group, an



Army Spc. Alexander Knoll, Charlie Battery 6-52 Air Defense Artillery Battalion tactical control assistant for the Patriot Missile System, poses for a photo April 16, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Knoll was chosen as a Team Osan Spotlight award winner. 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)

essential component of the system. I trained rigorously in the field and passed my Table IV written test 1st time go. Two days after that I went on to get a 1st time go, or Q1, on the actual Table VIII March Order and Emplacement drill. As a brand new soldier just getting to a real unit, out of TRADOC, I was ecstatic to have done so well with very little training time.

Who are your role models? My father, first and foremost, has had the greatest influence on myself and the way I want to live my life. I aspire to be as level-headed and as knowledgeable as he is. Secondly, my grandfather who was a Sergeant in WWII and fought all throughout Germany, most notably in the Battle of the Bulge. I hope to live up to the legacy he left behind.

Staff Sgt. Tomas Velez-Ojeda



Staff Sgt. Tomas Velez-Ojeda, 51st Munitions Squadron munition controller, poses outside the golf course at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea April 17, 2015. Velez-Ojeda was chosen as a Team Osan Spotlight award winner. 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)

51st Munitions Squadron

Job title: Munitions Controller

Job description and its impact on the overall mission: As a Munitions Controller, my primary job is to coordinate and direct the assembly and delivery of all munitions to the flightline to support combat and training operations.

Time in the military: 6 Years 11 Months

Time at Osan: 4 months. Osan was also my first base from 2008 - 2009.

DEROS: Dec 2015

Family: I was raised in a very close-knit family that spent a lot of time together. I have one sibling and he is about to graduate high school this year. My dad is from Puerto Rico where I spent every summer with my grandparents until I joined the Air Force

Hometown: Reading, Pa.

Hobbies: Basketball, football, education, softball, exercise, video games, traveling, and just about anything else you can think of.

Why did you join the military? There are many reasons why I joined the Air Force. One of the main reasons is that it has been a family tradition to serve in the military. It also afforded me great opportunities to travel and to receive

education benefits.

Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years? My future goals include receiving a commission in the Air Force as I complete my Bachelor's degree in Psychology.

What do you do for fun here? There is a variety of things I like to do while stationed in Korea, But the most fun I have is taking day trips on the weekends around the peninsula with friends.

What's your favorite Air Force memory or story? My favorite Air Force memory was having my grandfather at my basic military graduation. He initially served in the Marines for two years and later retired from the Army after serving 20 years. I was raised seeing my grandfather every day and grew really close to him over the years.

What accomplishment are you most proud of? My ALS Distinguished Graduate Award

Who are your role models? After my grandfather, I would have to say Dwayne Johnson is one of my role models for many reasons. He is my role model because of his achievements as well as his involvement in several communities. He also inspires me to work hard in the gym.

COMPACAF visits the Wolf Pack

By Senior Airman Divine Cox
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The commander of Pacific Air Forces met with Airmen from the 8th Fighter Wing during her first visit to Kunsan April 22 and 23.

Gen. Lori J. Robinson started her visit with a dinner with Wolf Pack Airmen, during which she expressed her excitement for the upcoming immersion with the Pack.

"I felt it was a great way to introduce COMPACAF to the Wolf Pack," said Senior Airman Denasha Mondy, 8th Force Support Squadron food services journeyman. "I really enjoyed being able to socialize with the general in a casual setting."

Members from the 8th Security Force Squadron, 8th FSS and 80th Fighter Squadron provided Robinson with an 8th FW mission brief. She also received a defense strategy demonstration from the 8th SFS that showcased how Wolf Pack Airmen are prepared to defend the base against attacks.

"From what I just saw in that demonstration, I can honestly say Kunsan is ready to fight tonight to deter aggression from the North Korean regime and prevail during a crisis on the peninsula," Robinson said.

Following the mission brief, Robinson stopped at many units, including the 8th Communications Squadron, 8th Medical Group, Republic of Korea Air Force's 38th Fighter Group and aircraft maintenance units to meet with Airmen and learn how they contribute to the PACAF mission.

After recognizing multiple Airmen



Gen. Lori J. Robinson, Pacific Air Forces commander, shakes hands with 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Airmen during her visit to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 23, 2015. Robinson had the opportunity to see firsthand how Kunsan Airmen contribute to deterring aggression on the Korean Peninsula during her first visit to Kunsan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Taylor Curry)

for their accomplishments, the final stop on her tour was to the base theater, where 500 members of the Pack gathered for an all-call.

During the discussion, she briefly spoke about her expectations for Airmen before opening the floor for questions.

"I am excited to hear what you all have to say," Robinson said. "I want to hear in your words what's on your mind."

One of the questions for Robinson was where she saw the Air Force going in the next five to 10 years.

"We need to modernize the force," she said. "Right now, we're smaller than we've ever been. So, we need to make sure we've got the right force structure in the right places. The demand for all the Air Force does is high. Everyone wants what you bring to the fight."

In closing, she thanked the Wolf Pack for taking care of the mission and taking care of each other.

"Thank you for what you do and how you do it," she continued. "My experience here with the Pack has shown me you each have the mentality, precision, passion and focus you need in order to be constantly poised for what you do each and every day."



Gen. Lori J. Robinson, Pacific Air Forces commander, prepares to shoot an M-4 caliber machine gun following instruction from an 8th Security Forces Squadron combat arms instructor, during her visit to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 23, 2015. During Robinson's visit, she had the opportunity to experience hands-on demonstrations as she interacted with the Wolf Pack's combat-ready Airmen.



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Wolf Pack observes SAAPM with SATG, silent walk

By Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Members of the Wolf Pack continued to observe Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month with performances by Kunsan's Sexual Assault Theater Group and a silent walk here, April 24.

"During the month of April, the Department of Defense takes a concerted stand against sexual assault as it observes Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month," said Capt. Claudia Santos, 8th Fighter Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. "This year's theme is 'Eliminate Sexual Assault. Know Your Part. Do Your Part.' During the month of April, the wing comes together and promotes awareness and prevention measures to help eradicate sexual assault. Each of us can make a difference for others through our actions, whether it is as leaders, peers or subordinates."

The two SATG performances involved a perpetrator, a victim, a facilitator and bystanders, and the roles they all played in events that led to a sexual assault in the dorms after a night of heavy alcohol consumption.

"SATG performances at Kunsan give [the SAPR office] the opportunity to provide SAPR training via an interactive approach," said Capt. Keturah Johnson, 8th FW deputy SARC. "Traditionally, SAPR training is given through mass briefings or PowerPoint, but ultimately the goal is to engage Airmen and challenge them to consider their role in combating sexual assault. Demonstrating scenarios specific to the Kunsan environment not only allow individuals to see examples of how these incidents can really happen, but they also make the training much more relatable."

To provide a visual representation of every reported and unreported sexual assault at Kunsan since the inception of the SAPR program in 2005, the silent walk consisted of stanchions with helmets, each with a plac-



1st Lt. Earon Brown, 8th Fighter Wing public affairs deputy chief and alternate Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, reflects on past sexual assault cases as he participates in Kunsan's silent walk in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month April 24, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The silent walk displayed over 100 helmets, symbolizing examples of both reported and unreported sexual assaults at Kunsan since 2005. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen)

ard giving a summary of a sexual assault reported to the Kunsan SAPR office. In between each of the stanchions were two to three additional helmets symbolizing statistically unreported sexual assaults at Kunsan.

"We brief numbers all the time, but a visual can be much more powerful," Johnson said. "Physically seeing how many cases there are and how many go unreported is a very somber and humbling experience. I hope it can help people understand how much of a problem sexual

assault still is, but also encourage them to want to be a part of the solution."

"It is important that the Air Force recognizes this month and continues to show that we have zero tolerance for sexual assault," Santos said. "Fostering a culture of dignity and respect and not allowing an environment that propagates crude jokes, offensive behavior, sexual harassment or unwanted sexual attention will help foster an atmosphere of safety and trust."

Wolf Pack Airmen dedicate community garden



Tech. Sgt. Crystal Ballard, 8th Fighter Wing command chief executive assistant, plants lettuce in the Wolf Pack Garden in observance of Earth day at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 22, 2015. The garden project started March 14 as part of a community initiative to promote healthy living for Wolf Pack Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. George Maddon)

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Wolf Pack members added the final touches to the Wolf Pack Garden with a grand opening ceremony in front of the Sonlight Inn April 22.

Volunteers have been steadily working on the garden since March 14, with the official dedication ceremony culminating

their efforts with an official ribbon cutting and planting the garden's first fruits and vegetables. "We originally planned to open the garden before Earth Day," said Lt. Col. Dwayne "Shepherd" Jones, 8th Fighter Wing chaplain. "When we realized that Earth Day was just around the corner, we decided to postpone the official opening because it would be more meaningful to do it that day."

The first Earth Day, held April 22,

1970, saw the participation of 20 million Americans from all walks of life, and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. Forty-five years later, more than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

"I think Earth Day is really symbolic," said Shepherd. "We, as stewards of the Earth, are planting and giving life and creating great opportunities for the Wolf Pack."

Before the idea of having a Wolf Pack Garden sprung to life, a small 5-by-5-foot enclosed area containing a few herbs sat in front of the Sonlight Inn. After the addition of two 13-foot expansions with a base of gravel and soil, the garden now fits over 150 plants.

"It started just as a small square box in the middle and now we have something that looks real nice," said Capt. Jordan Kieliszewski, 8th Medical Operation Squadron mental health element chief. "I'm pleased with how it looks and the help and support that we have received. A lot of people over the last month have contributed so much to make this happen."

Komang Goins, Kunsan's Sonlight Inn director, coordinated volunteers to start the garden and will also organize helpers to maintain it.

"We need to focus on the next steps," said Goins. "About every two weeks

we'll have to coordinate to have people tend the garden by weeding, watering and preparing for the harvest in the fall."

Although there is more to be done, the work accomplished so far has caught the eyes of many on base.

"People have passed by the garden and I've been watching and waiting for it to come to this moment," said Shepherd. "The Wolf Pack can see life growing and what we, as a community, have done. It's very therapeutic and it's contagious in promoting healthy living."

Tech. Sgt. Crystal Ballard, 8th FW command chief executive assistant, agreed that gardening is relaxing, but has even more meaning at Kunsan.

"Events like this are great because it allows the Wolf Pack to come together and be a part of something bigger than themselves," said Ballard. "It also fosters teamwork and creativity."

The community garden was spurred by Bill Goins, 8th MDOS health promotion program coordinator, who proposed it as an initiative to promote healthy eating at the Wolf Pack.

"It has been a long journey to see this project come to fruition," said Goins. "It is very satisfying to receive the support that we have seen, and I just hope it adds another layer of improved resilience for Airmen at Kunsan."

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

Street memorialization honors origin of the Wolf Pack, Brig. Gen. Olds

By Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Standing on the edge of the Mediterranean Sea, a father explained to his 4-year-old daughter how she was going to learn how to swim in the moments that followed.

"I didn't even question it," she said. "I trusted him completely."

For Christina Olds, the very first memory of her father, Brig. Gen. Robin Olds, encompassed trust.

"After he launched me into the sea, and I came up above the surface, my father was in the water holding his arms out to me," she said. "When I got tired, he scooped me up on his shoulders and carried me out triumphantly. To me, that personifies how fighter pilots felt when they took off with him in the lead. He never let them down."

Olds made her first visit to Kunsan AB to commemorate the legacy of the Wolf Pack and unveil the new title of Kunsan's main road - Olds Avenue - during a memorialization ceremony here, April 23.

"Being here feels like a combination of a little girl holding her daddy's hand and looking up at him, and the adult who is standing here to represent him well and promote his legacy," she said. "I am incredibly proud. I am humbled and blessed to be here; to help his legacy go forward in this way."

Olds was not only rated a "triple ace," a title he earned after shooting down 17 enemy aircraft during World War II and the Vietnam War, but he was also credited with 107 combat missions and 24.5 victories.

From the moment she stepped onto Kunsan Air Base, Ms. Olds could see traces of a legacy laid down by her father, Wolf One.

"It's indescribable for me to be here in the place that I feel my father founded," she said. "The 8th Fighter Wing existed before him, but when he came to it in Thailand during [the Vietnam War], he renamed it the Wolf Pack. The fact that [the name stayed when it] moved to Kunsan in 1974 is astonishing to me, because I think his mission is continuing on. It's very emotional for me to see how recognized he still is for what he started 40 years ago."

While remnants of Brig. Gen. Olds will forever be immortalized at Kunsan as the first Wolf - from photographs, to an 'Olds Room' dedicated in his honor, to his signed aircraft tail with the number 680 - his name



Col. Ken "Wolf" Ekman, 8th Fighter Wing commander, poses with Christina Olds, daughter of Brig. Gen. Robin Olds, Wolf One, during a memorialization ceremony April 23, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Olds was not only rated a "triple ace," a title he earned after shooting down 17 enemy aircraft during World War II and the Vietnam War, but he was also credited with 107 combat missions and 24.5 victories. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Katrina Heikkinen)

is often associated with being an extremely influential U.S. military leader.

"Months ago, 1st Lieutenants [David] Krigbaum and [Michael] Blaess, came up with this idea [to rename Kunsan's streets]," said Col. Ken "Wolf" Ekman, 8th FW commander. "They chose to make Kunsan better by honoring our history. The true history of the 8th FW is written by its people. Daily, each of us writes phrases and contributes feats that will make up this chapter. We go by names that are tributes to the people who came before us; names like Dragon, or Hawk, or Juvat Lead 108, or Guardian. We are always mindful of the fact that we stand on the shoulders of giants. So today, we're going to name some roads after our giants."

In honor of the 8th FW's heritage, additional road

signs can now be seen across the base to include: James Avenue in memory of Gen. Daniel James Jr., Bolo Avenue in honor of the 8th Tactical Fighter Squadron's Operation Bolo, Walmsley Avenue in memory of Capt. John S. Walmsley Jr., Phantom Court in honor of the F-4 aircraft, Sabre Avenue in honor of the F-86 aircraft, and Wolf Pack Way to commemorate Kunsan's rich history.

"I would like to think and believe that this memorialization of Robin Olds at the 8th FW is going to continue on into the future and give this wing strength and its member's great pride in the mission," said Olds.

"... The esprit de corps and the entire camaraderie that he fostered in the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing in Ubon [Thailand] continue to this day at Kunsan."

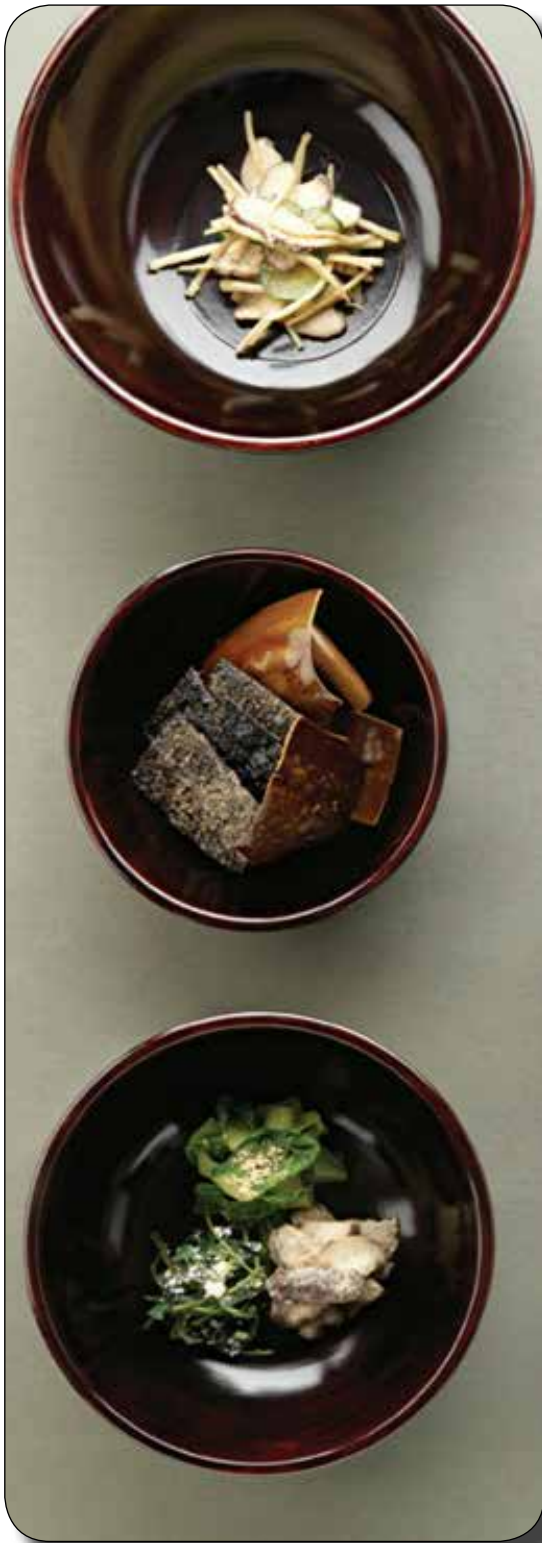


Christina Olds, daughter of Brig. Gen. Robin Olds, and Col. Ken "Wolf" Ekman, 8th Fighter Wing commander, unveil the new title of Kunsan's main road - Olds Avenue - during a memorialization ceremony April 23, 2015, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. In honor of the 8th FW's heritage, additional road signs can now be seen across the Wolf Pack to include: Bolo Avenue in honor of the 8th Tactical Fighter Squadron's Operation Bolo, James Avenue in memory of Gen. Daniel James Jr., Walmsley Avenue in memory of Capt. John S. Walmsley Jr., Phantom Court in honor of the F-4 aircraft, Sabre Avenue in honor of the F-86 aircraft, and Wolf Pack Way to commemorate Kunsan's rich history.



Christina Olds, daughter of Brig. Gen. Robin Olds, looks into the cockpit of an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 23, 2015. Olds made her first visit to Kunsan AB to commemorate the legacy of the Wolf Pack and her father, Wolf One, by unveiling the new title of Kunsan's main road - Olds Avenue - during a memorialization ceremony.

KTO publishes a guidebook introducing hansik



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Just in time for the highly anticipated 2015 Milano Expo, Korea Tourism Organization (KTO) launched a new guidebook about hansik (Korean food). Its official release date is set for May 1, 2015. It will be available for viewing at KTO's official website in E-book format, as well as distributed as hard copies at the expo venue, free of charge.

This new guide will provide helpful information about hansik's charm and healthy tricks that the Korean people have kept through the years as part of their traditions. It contains extensive stories about Korean traditional earthenware like 'dok,' which are used in fermenting and preserving kimchi, gungjung (meaning 'royal') food, jongatjip (meaning 'eldest son's family') food and more that were previously not found in other food guides.

Celebrating the fast approaching food expo, this guidebook also takes part in giving insights about hansik that is energizing, nourishing and pleasant to the taste. Consisting of several categories, such as introducing representative food items, restaurants worth visiting, and useful tips about table manners and expressions, KTO aims to share more about Korean food with a world-wide audience.

The guidebook will be available in English as well as Italian.

More info

- Go to E-Book: http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/e_book/ecatalog.jsp?Dir=452&catimage=&eclang=english
- 1330 Korea Travel Hotline: +82-2-1330 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)
- Website: www.visitkorea.or.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese, German, French, Spanish, Russian)

Courtesy of Korea Tourism Organization

Path opens between Seoul Metro & Airport Railroad for faster transit



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An underground transit pathway connecting the Airport Railroad platform (Basement Level 3) with Seoul Subway Line 1 and Line 4 platforms (Basement Level 1) at Seoul Station began operations in March, 2015.

Before the transit path existed, Airport Railroad (AREX) passengers transferring at Seoul Station to Subway Line 1 or 4 had to come out of the train platform on basement level 3, pass through the waiting area of Seoul Station on level 2, and then back down to basement level 1 for the subway. This maze-like transit pathway caused many travelers' inconvenience.

The new pathway, now providing a direct connection between the subway platforms, saves passengers 7 minutes, cutting the transit time down to just 5 minutes. Passengers with luggage will be happy to know the traveling distance is now shorted from 700 meters to just 300 meters. Plus, the transit passage has moving walks, escalators, elevators and convenience stores. The new transit path also allows passengers to transfer with single journey tickets which was not possible when transferring from AREX to subway lines in the past.

Those who use general transportation cards will get a transfer discount only when going through the new transit passage. Separate fares will be charged to the card when using the previous path through Seoul Station.

More info

- * Website: english.arex.or.kr/jsp/eng (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)
- * 1330 Korea Travel Hotline: +82-2-1330 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

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