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UFG 15: Mission Accomplished



A U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Bradley Pike, 621st Air Control Squadron data systems technician, monitors air traffic during exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian Aug. 18, 2015, in the Hardened Theater Air Control Center, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The 607th AOC plans and executes air and space operations through the efforts of combined forces to accomplish the air component commanders' objectives. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class John Linzmeier)

By Airman 1st Class John Linzmeier
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea – Exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian came to a close Aug. 28, 2015, culminating combined training between U.S. and Republic of Korea militaries throughout the Korean Peninsula.

The annual, defensive-based exercise began Aug. 17, entailing large-scale computer-simulated scenarios held in real time in order to enhance readiness, protect the region and maintain stability in the Northwest Asia region. Approximately 30,000 U.S. service members participated in UFG -15 alongside their ROK counterparts and

members from seven sending state militaries, to include Australia, Canada, Denmark and the United Kingdom. "It gives me a great sense of pride to see our Airmen perform at such a high level," said Brig. Gen. Walter Sams, mobilization assistant to the 7th Air Force commander "It's been two very intense weeks of training, and our Airmen have stepped up and answered the call. It's not just our U.S. Airmen, but our Republic of Korea Airmen as well." Participants conducted air operations around-the-clock and in real time, enabling senior leadership and commanders to make key decisions at the operational and strategic levels throughout the Pacific region. "When you look at it it's kind of like a choreography,"

said Col. James Bortree, 607th Air and Space Operations Center director. "You have thousands of pieces that you bring together to give you that single effect or combination of effects that the senior leadership desires to achieve national objectives." The exercise's name originates from the historical Korean military leader, Eulji Mundeok, who is known for repelling an attack by China's Sui Dynasty in the 7th century. The exercise also entailed a visit from representatives of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission, who toured the 607th AOC to verify that operations were being conducted from a defense.

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51 FW tests 'Fight Tonight' capabilities during exercise, links to UFG 15



Airman 1st Class Quintan Ortega, 51st Security Forces Squadron patrolman, lays down concertina wire around a barrier during exercise Beverly Midnight 15-03 on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2015. The concertina wire is used to add extra reinforcement in the event of a ground attack. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kristin High)



Concertina wire is laid out to establish barriers during exercise Beverly Midnight 15-03 on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2015. During the exercise, Osan Airmen were tested on their ability to utilize their chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear training as well as administer self-aid and buddy care during contingency operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kristin High)

by Tech. Sgt. Travis Edwards
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Airmen from the 51st Fighter Wing received some additional exercise inputs during the Beverly Midnight 15-03 readiness exercise here Aug. 17 through 20.

"Our ability to perform well as a wing relies on our collective ability to expertly execute tactical operations in the face of imminent threats," said Col. Andrew Hansen, 51 FW commander. "We have to be ready for all possible dangers sent our way. I've said it before; the intent of these exercises is to get better every time we do this by capitalizing on victories and learning from failures."

What normally consisted of two separate exercises in the past, BM 15-03 and Ulchi Freedom Guardian 2015, a multi-national exercise that brings service members from more than seven different countries to operationally work together, was independently combined to allow the wing to

accept inputs based on actual UFG 15 scenarios.

"We're getting better at integrating as a wing into what the operational and strategic side of the house needs during these kinds of contingency operation exercises," said Lt. Col. Rich Waldrop, 51 FW Inspector General. "Past performance has shown that wing integration into the operational spectrum yields good results--we want to keep doing that and eventually have our responses affect what they do next."

During the exercise, the wing tested several key areas. Some of the capabilities tested were processing Airmen through chemically protected shelters, defending against simulated ground and aerial attacks, to include chemical and missile attacks, and rapid runway-repair operations.

"You're only as good as your weakest link," said Hansen. "We have to be ready for every scenario and ensure the processes that are in place work for us. That's what these exercises are all about; the 'Fight Tonight' mantra doesn't work if we don't fully test our capabilities."



A Republic of Korea Army truck with both 51st Security Forces Squadron and ROKA members in the back sits beneath a road Aug. 18, 2015, near Pyeongtaek, South Korea. Members of the 51st SFS and ROKA worked together to perform multiple patrols during the simulated exercise in an effort to bolster combat readiness. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton)



(Right) Opposing forces simulate an attack on a defensive fighting position manned by 51st Security Forces Squadron Airmen during exercise Beverly Midnight 15-03 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, August 20, 2015. During this exercise, wing capabilities such as defending against simulated ground and aerial attacks and rapid-runway repair operations were tested.

51st SFS Defenders prepare for Beverly Midnight 15-03



Airman 1st Class Robert Dunn, 51st Security Forces Squadron alarm monitor, is observed by Staff Sgt. Terrance Bethany, 51st SFS combat arms instructor, on properly reloading an M-249 automatic rifle on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2015. The 51st SFS prepared for the upcoming readiness exercise, Beverly Midnight 15-03. The exercise is conducted to test Osan Airmen's abilities during a heightened state of readiness while providing combat ready forces for close air support, air strike control, counter air, interdiction, theater airlift and communications in the defense of the ROK. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kristin High)



Master Sgt. Oscar Ochoa, 51st Security Forces Squadron flight chief, tests his M50 Joint Service General Purpose Field Mask in preparation for the readiness exercise, Beverly Midnight 15-03, on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2015. The exercise is used to test Osan Airmen's abilities during a heightened state of readiness while providing combat ready forces for close air support, air strike control, counter air, interdiction, theater airlift and communications in the defense of the ROK. The M50 mask is designed to provide continuous head-eye-respiratory, chemical, biological, and radiological particulates protection.



Master Sgt. Michael Canne, 51st Security Forces Squadron installation security section chief, inspects his chemical warfare bag for items on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2015. In preparation for the upcoming readiness exercise, 51st SFS defenders inspected their chem-bags and were given refresher training to ensure proper techniques and safety were used.

Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission visits 607 AOC

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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea – Swedish and Swiss representatives of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission visited the 607th Air and Space Operations Center Aug. 24, as part of an observation tour.

The visit included a tour of the Hardened Theater Air Control Center and a meeting with Air Component Command leadership to discuss regional issues, the Seventh Air Force's mission and observe the annual Ulchi Freedom Guardian exercise.

"The observers from the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission play a vital role in ensuring all parties observe the stipulations of the armistice which governs our relationship with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea," said Col. Christopher D. Cotts, Headquarters Seventh Air Force chief of staff. "By maintaining an independent stance, not aligned with any of the major actors in the region, our observers can be counted on to provide accurate, timely, and unbiased views on our armistice performance."

The NNSC representatives, Swedish Maj. Gen. Mats Engman, and Swiss Lt. Col. Christian Guillaume, visited to observe Republic of Korea-U.S. interactions, meet with 7AF leadership, review operational briefs and monitor joint operations throughout the AOC.

Four other sending states nations joined the Republic of Korea and 7AF in conducting UFG 15, to include: Australia, Canada, Denmark and the United Kingdom, to ensure readiness to defend the Southern Korean Peninsula and strengthen the ROK-U.S. alliance.

The NNSC was established in July 27, 1953 by the United Nations, when the Korean War came to an Armistice. Their contribution in observing and evaluating exercises helps to ensure that planning and operations are conducted with a "defensive and deterrent" nature.

"Seventh Air Force is prepared to accommodate visits from the NNSC at all times," said Cotts, "including during major exercises. This is important, since it guarantees that the NNSC has the access required to verify armistice compliance. Transparency is absolutely key in assuring the international community that the United States stands by the commitments we make to all nations, friend and foe alike."

Neutral nations, such as Sweden and Switzerland, are deemed neutral nations because their combatant forces have not been involved in the hostilities in the Koreas. The primary role of the NNSC today is to maintain relationships with



Col. Christopher Cotts, Seventh Air Force Chief of Staff, greets Swedish Maj. Gen. Mats Engman, right, head of policy and plans department for the Swedish Armed Forces and Swedish Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission member, and Swiss Lt. Col. Christian Guillaume, Swiss delegate to the NNSC, during an observation tour during exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian Aug. 24, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.. The NNSC provides transparency to the international community by ensuring planning and operations are conducted with a "defensive and deterrent" nature. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class John Linzmeier)

both the north and the south and facilitate open channels of communication between them.

"I think the NNSC visit helps educate those unfamiliar with their presence," said Capt. Sarah Gates, 7AF Vice Commander's executive officer. "Through monitoring the armistice, it gives peace of mind knowing we have a checks and balance system in place."



Col. Christopher Cotts, Seventh Air Force Chief of Staff, speaks with Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission members, Republic of Korea Lt. Col. Nam, Su Jang, Strategy and Plans assistant secretary, Swedish Maj. Gen. Mats Engman, head of policy and plans department for the Swedish Armed Forces, and Swiss Lt. Col. Christian Guillaume, Swiss delegate, during an observation tour during exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian Aug. 24, 2015, at the Hardened Theater Air Control Center, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The NNSC was established in July 27, 1953 by the United Nations, when the Korean War came to an armistice. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class John Linzmeier)



Airmen and military working dogs from the 51st Security Forces Squadron, gather to honor Military Working Dog Fanta on Aug. 10, 2015 on Osan Air Base, South Korea. MWD Fanta served eight years in active service as a patrol dog. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kristin High)



Lt. Col. Christopher Neiman, 51st Security Forces Squadron commander, presents Staff Sgt. Bernardo Cortes, 51st SFS military working dog handler, with a letter of appreciation for Military Working Dog Fanta during the memorial service Aug. 10, 2015 on Osan Air Base, South Korea. Fanta served eight years as a patrol explosive detection dog.



Staff Sgt. Bernardo Cortes, 51st Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, kneels next to an empty kennel after a memorial service for Military Working Dog Fanta on Osan Air Base, South Korea. The empty kennel represents the life and contributions of Fanta, who served eight years before passing on July 28, 2015.

Osan celebrates life of MWD Fanta

By Senior Airman Kristin High
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st Security Forces Squadron held a memorial service Aug. 10 to honor the life of a military working dog, Fanta.

“Sit, down, stay, heel, out, get’em,” said Staff Sgt. Bernardo Cortes, 51st SFS MWD handler.

These are commands given to MWDs as they are trained and expected to perform the tasks desired.

“Fanta executed the commands with honesty, the greatest dedication and excellence I have ever seen as an MWD handler,” said Cortes. “Fanta commanded respect and had a loving disposition about her. She brought me and so many others so much joy.”

Fanta entered the MWD program on July 14, 2009, where she started training as a patrol explosive detector dog. Although detection was not her forte, she excelled in patrol work and was certified

as a patrol dog on March 17, 2010, arriving to Osan AB a few months later.

“Fanta made a huge name for herself among the handler corps,” said Cortes. “All seven of her past handlers knew her as a loving companion and eager to please. We regularly posted at night in the cold, keeping each other warm and she would always be watching and listening, ready to spring into action at a moment’s notice.”

Throughout her service, Fanta assisted with more than 25 arrests or detainments.

Fanta was an eight year-old German Shepherd. She spent a total of eight years in active service, six of which were here.

“She put her life in my hands and I trusted her with mine,” said Cortes. “Unfortunately, everything that has a beginning has an end. Fanta exemplified the Air Force core values through honesty, dedication and excellence. Rest easy, Momma. I’m proud to have called you my partner.”

On June 25, she was diagnosed with cancer. On, July 28, 2015, Fanta ended her watch.



Military Working Dog Fanta was remembered during the memorial service Aug. 10, 2015 on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Fanta, who served for more than eight years with the U.S. Air Force as a patrol explosive detection dog, passed away on July 28. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kristin High)

Osan Dental Clinic #1 in readiness

By Senior Airman Kristin High
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st Dental Squadron was recognized for having the number one readiness rating in the Air Force at 99.7 percent for the second quarter.

The rating is given by Air Force Medical Operations Agency who oversees execution of the Air Force Surgeon General policies supporting expeditionary capabilities, health-care operations, and national security strategy.

The clinic here, consisting of 45 active-duty service members and five civilians, takes care of more than 7,000 Team Osan service members, command sponsored dependents, AAFES workers, Department of Defense contractors and retirees on space-available cases.

"Our mission here is dedicated to the readiness," said Tech. Sgt. Kyle Watkins, 51st DS NCO in-charge of records and reception. "The enemy is located less than 50 miles away and we have to be fit and ready to fight day in and day out."

Their services include everything from prosthodontics, periodontics, preventative and operative dentistry, endodontics and some oral surgery.

"We have to ensure service members are able and ready to fight tonight at a moment's notice," said Watkins. "Dental plays a big part in overall medical readiness."

Staff Sgt. Lonnie Perrin, 51st DS technician, monitors the Air Force Dental Readiness Assurance Pro-

gram. The program tracks and facilitates all annual exams for service members stationed here.

"When you get your exam, that's the start of your dental readiness," said Perrin. "That's when you find out if there are any treatment needs or procedures we may need to do to make sure you're dental class one."

Dental class one means patients not requiring dental treatment or re-evaluation within 12 months.

The readiness rating was comprised from active duty members and their dental health, including those who are on temporary duty, leave or overdue to ensure their medical needs are kept up-to-date.

"I believe we earned the readiness rating, not only from dental, but help from each unit's health monitors," said Perrin. "The 36 UHMs we have here help me keep a closer eye in their squadrons for Airmen who may need dental care."

The 99.7 percent readiness rating surpassed more than 70 other clinics worldwide.

"The sizes and structures of clinics vary throughout the Air Force, some being three-times our size," said Watkins. "The cohesiveness and camaraderie in this particular unit is the best I've seen in more than 18 years. Everyone goes above and beyond to ensure we get the job done."

"This is a very unique assignment here, being more like a forward deployment instead of a homestead base," said Watkins. "Even being away from our normal lives and families, this clinic is the true example of teamwork."



Tech. Sgt. Robert Penn, 51st Dental Squadron technician, cleans the teeth of Tech. Sgt. William Spraggins, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron Airman dorm leader on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 7, 2015. Ensuring Airmen here were "fit-to-fight," the 51st Dental Squadron was recognized for having the number one readiness rating in the Air Force at 99.7 percent.

Medical group readies for exercise



Senior Airmen Cody Murphy and William Garrett, 51st Medical Group security team members, detain a simulated uncooperative person during a training class on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2015. The security team spent the day training 51st MDG members on proper security protocols and use of force prior to an impending exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Travis Edwards)

Airmen practice decontamination skills to kick off exercise

By Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- More than 50 Airmen along with Wing Inspection Team members here quietly started the readiness exercise Beverly Midnight 15-03 Aug. 18, 2015.

Airmen practiced processing through a collective protection system dormitory after being moved through stations where they simulated decontaminating themselves.

The CPS is a standby system within designated facilities that is activated when there is a chemical or biological threat. The CPS function is also used for facility occupants and shelter management team training during exercises.

"This training provides a realistic scenario where we can evaluate the time it takes to move personnel into a CPS rest and relief facility," said 1st Lt. Trent Lucas, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron readiness and emergency management flight commander. "We are responsible for fight tonight readiness. When we talk about how we provide rest and relief to people who are going off-shift, one of the most important factors is how can we get them into a facility that provides them a toxic-free environment to eat, drink, relax and sleep."

Approximately 25 Airmen were processed every hour through the decontamination stations and safely entered the CPS dormitory.

"This exercise sets the expectation going forward for how quickly we can get personnel into the facility," said Lucas. "It changes how we release people from shifts, how we move people around the base, it tells us what kinds or types of equipment we will need and how can we make every aspect better. This ensures they can get up and go continue the mission each and every day."

To add a larger sense of realism to this particular event, members opened and applied the M-295 decontamination kits.

"I thought that being able to use the decontamination pads, step into the water and feel that wetness on our bodies was a great experience," said Airman 1st Class Justin Eason, 51st CES emergency management apprentice. "Simulating an exercise event is not as effective as actually performing the task. As emergency managers, we are not afforded the opportunity to be a player very often, so I jumped at this opportunity. It was awesome."

Lucas explained how the M-295 decontamination kit is designed to help preserve individual suits by removing contamination on the overgarments, mask, gloves and boots.

"It's really the first step in preventing contamination as these Airmen go through the line," he continued. "As they are removing their gear they need to work efficiently and stop the spread of contamination."

After decontaminating their weapons and the outsides of your suits, participants removed their garments one piece at a time at various stations. The CPS is an overpressure system built into the facility that is an enclosure of pressurized, purified air. Carbon and HEPA, or High Efficiency Particle Attenuation, particulate filters in the CPS remove any nuclear, biological or chemical contamination from the air.

Participants spent around 10 minutes going through all the steps to decontaminate themselves and their buddies.

"As a player who had to physically go through the entire decontamination process it was interesting to see how our training works," said Airman 1st Class Lillian Najera, 51st CES emergency management apprentice. "Normally, we are teaching it and informing others about how this training is neces-

sary for mission effectiveness. Being able to perform the steps and physically see how effective they are was very rewarding. It made a huge difference."

Executing combat operations 24/7 can only be achieved as long as Airmen have time to rest and relax inside safe, secure facilities.

"This is extremely valuable training for all involved and I have noticed everyone is taking it very seriously," said Lucas. "Our shelter management teams are receiving valuable training and the information we received is huge in our efforts to be able to complete our mission to guard the freedom of 51 million people by defending against any attack against the alliance."



(Top) An Airman assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing practices washing simulated contamination off his gloves Aug. 18, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Approximately 25 Airmen were processed every hour through the decontamination stations and safely entered the collective protection system dormitory. The CPS is a standby system within designated facilities that is activated when there is a chemical or biological threat.

(Middle) Airmen assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing put on their Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear Aug. 18, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Airmen practiced processing through a collective protection system dormitory after being moved through stations where they simulated decontaminating themselves.

(Bottom) Airmen assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing prepare to decontaminate themselves following a simulated chemical attack Aug. 18, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The Airmen were practicing the procedures to safely enter a collective protection system dormitory. The CPS is a standby system within designated facilities that is activated when there is a chemical or biological threat. The CPS function is also used for facility occupants and shelter management team training during exercises. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton)

Osan Defenders train with ROK army



Airman 1st Class Andrew Stankiewicz, 51st Security Forces Squadron entry controller, receives final instructions before sitting down inside the back of a Republic of Korea Army truck Aug. 18, 2015, near Pyeongtaek, South Korea. Members of the 51st SFS and ROKA worked together to perform multiple patrols throughout the day as part of the readiness exercise Beverly Midnight 15-03. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton)



Defenders from the 51st Security Forces Squadron and Republic of Korea army soldiers from the 4th Battalion 169th Regiment, set out for a training area outside Osan Air Base, ROK, Aug. 19, 2015. The Airmen and ROK soldiers practiced joint missions during the readiness exercise Beverly Midnight 15-03. The joint exercise helped prepare Airmen and soldiers through various combat strategies in the event of enemy attack. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kristin High)



(Above)
An Airman from the 51st Security Forces Squadron and Republic of Korea army soldiers 4th Battalion 169th Regiment, search for opposition forces role players during a joint mission as part of readiness exercise Beverly Midnight 15-03 in a training area outside Osan Air Base, ROK, Aug. 18, 2015. In a real-world operation, the 51st SFS would be responsible for securing the immediate area around the base to help keep the 51st Fighter Wing's mission up and running. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kristin High)



Simulated opposition forces are escorted during a joint mission in a training area outside Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2015. The joint mission conducted was part of readiness exercise Beverly Midnight 15-03. This exercise helps identify areas where procedures should be changed or equipment added in order to enhance the emergency response capabilities. The joint mission focuses on communication between the 51st Security Forces Squadron defenders and ROK army soldiers. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kristin High)



(Bottom right)
Airmen from the 51st Security Forces Squadron guard simulated opposition forces role players during a joint mission in a training area outside Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2015. The mission was part of readiness exercise Beverly Midnight 15-03. In a real-world operation, the 51st SFS would be responsible for securing the immediate area around the base to help keep the 51st Fighter Wing's mission up and running. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kristin High)

Emergency responders receive integrated CBRN training

By Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Emergency Managers from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron teamed up with Bioenvironmental Engineers from the 51st Aerospace Medicine Squadron August 3-7, to participate in a series of intense, integrated base emergency response capability training exercises.

Alliance Solutions Group, a company that has developed a unique training platform that integrates the individual capabilities of fire and emergency services, bioenvironmental engineers, and readiness and emergency management shops into a cohesive response unit, coached the teams through scenarios based on tactics utilized by opposing forces, while adding in a radiological aspect. ASG instructors have visited various Air Force bases across the Pacific region to conduct in-depth training with the initial and follow-on responders.

In one scenario, emergency managers and bioenvironmental engineers responded to a simulated vehicle-borne, improvised explosive device that detonated outside of a building. The teams had to respond appropriately in order to determine what had the potential impact was to the area.

Wearing level-A, fully encapsulated, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear protection suits with self-contained breathing apparatus, Senior Airman Timothy Burnett, 51st AMDS bioenvironmental engineering journeyman, and

Airman 1st Class Benjamin Thompson, 51st CES emergency management apprentice, were the first to analyze the scene. They utilized equipment that allowed them to identify the simulated radioactive isotopes and take airborne readings to assess the danger levels at the scene.

“The level A [CBRN suit] has a window that offers no peripherals so you can wind up with tunnel vision, and it’s hot; very hot,” said Thompson. Studies on the effect of CBRN equipment and the wearer show that temperature increases in the suits can cause a dangerous spike in the core body temperature of the wearer, resulting in loss of dexterity, cognitive thought and reduced motor skills.

“Heat is a big factor for us as emergency responders,” said Staff Sgt. Steven Staab, 51st AMDS bioenvironmental engineer craftsman. “When we’re in these suits it gets pretty hot, and you can feel yourself getting drained physically and mentally trying to do all that you need to do out in the field.”

“These exercises are designed to push them to their physical and mental limits,” said Jessica Feil, an ASG instructor. This week not only allowed the teams time to integrate and practice responding, but trained and refined their skills in hazmat operations.

“This training has given us an opportunity for the practical application of skills while teaching us new ones, identifying any weaknesses and helping us to work with our counterparts to see where are combined capabilities lie,” said Staab.



(Top) Airman 1st Class Benjamin Thompson, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management apprentice, is assisted in donning his level-A chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear protection suit during an integrated base emergency response capability training exercise at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 4, 2015. The level-A CBRN suit is a fully encapsulated ensemble, with a self-contained breathing apparatus, used to respond to “all-hazards” situations.

(Bottom) Senior Airman Timothy Burnett, 51st Medical Group Aerospace Medicine Squadron bioenvironmental engineering journeyman, and Airman 1st Class Benjamin Thompson, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management apprentice, are assisted into their level-A chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear protection suits as part of an exercise at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 4, 2015. The scenario is part of a week-long series of intense, integrated base emergency response capability training exercises for initial and follow-on responders. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm)

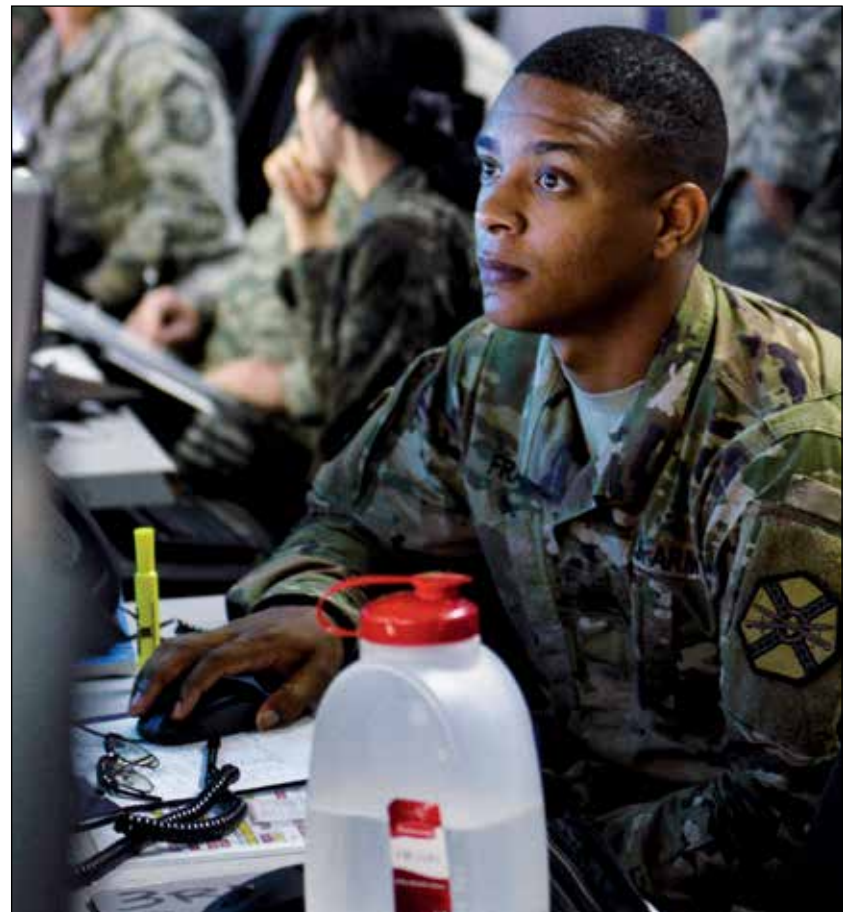
Ulchi Freedom Guardian:



Lt. Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, air component commander, holds a conference alongside his Republic of Korea Air Force counterpart, Lt. Gen. Kim, Jeong Sig, during exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian Aug. 25, 2015, in the Hardened Theater Air Control Center, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Senior leadership conducted regular end-of-day teleconferences with other commands participating in UFG to coordinate their efforts to defend the ROK from a simulated attack. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class John Linzmeier)



Republic of Korea Air Force Capt. Won, Jung Seung, 6th Rescue Group pilot, monitors ROK air space at the Hardened Theater Air Control Center, Osan Air Base, ROK, during the first day of Ulchi Freedom Guardian, Aug. 17, 2015. Part of Won's responsibility is to receive and relay vital information to commanders in order to support air rescue operations. UFG is an annual exercise that brings together U.S., ROK and other allied forces in an effort to ensure readiness to defend the ROK and help maintain stability on the Korean Peninsula.



U.S. Army Sgt. Dennis Franklin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Management Command Yongsan air traffic controller, monitors air space throughout the Indo-Asian-Pacific region at the Hardened Theater Air Control Center, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, during the first day of Ulchi Freedom Guardian, Aug. 17, 2015. Approximately 30,000 Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines from Osan, the Pacific theater and the United States along with other allied militaries are participating in the annual exercise in an effort to enhance the combat readiness of the ROK and U.S. forces. Months of planning went into UFG, preparing joint teams on the operations floor to work together and maximize their collaborated efforts.

Deter, defend, defeat

U.S. Air Force Capt. Ernie Chen, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron evaluator electronics combat officer, coordinates air operations with a team of Airmen who belong to various units across the globe at the Hardened Theater Air Control Center, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, during the first day of Ulchi Freedom Guardian, Aug. 17, 2015. UFG is a realistic training event focused on preparing, preventing and prevailing against the full range of current and future threats to the ROK and the region. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class John Linzmeier)



Republic of Korea and U.S. Air Force Airmen exchange air operations information during exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian Aug. 19, 2015, in the Hardened Theater Air Control Center, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Months of planning went into UFG, preparing joint teams on the operations floor to work together and maximize their collaborated efforts.

Republic of Korea Maj. Jeong, Geun Wook, Combined Joint Special Ops Liaison Element combined unconventional warfare task force targeting officer, speaks with U.S. and ROK members in his unit via translator during exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian Aug. 19, 2015, at the Hardened Theater Air Control Center, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Many units are designated translators to streamline communication between the combined services.



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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Osan City's English Program for Middle School Students**

As part of Good Neighbor Program, 7AF/PA has been supporting the conversational English program organized by 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 2nd semester. It runs every Monday from Sept. 7 to Dec. 21, 2015.

Two mini buses depart from Checkertail at 1440 hrs and returns to Checkertail at approx 1730 hrs.

This 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/P Mr. Pak, To Yong via email to _yong.pak.kr@us.af.mil or DSN 784-4709.

Airman and Family Readiness Center programs

***Bundles for Babies** - A workshop for expectant parents who want to learn more about parenting and support programs here at Osan. The class also offers you a finance piece that focuses on budgeting for your new baby from conception to college years and a chance to meet other new parents. Additionally, you'll receive a free "bundle" from the Air Force Aid Society.

***Separation & Retirement Benefits** - This is an optional workshop where separating and retiring members can learn about their benefits- includes briefings by MFLC, TMO, CPO, Finance, Tricare and SBP.

***Spouse Orientation** - This is a great opportunity for spouses to learn about the 51st Fighter Wing Mission, Non-combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) process, and receive a protective (gas) mask demonstration. Spouses will also have an opportunity to meet key base representatives and learn about Korean Culture. As a bonus, a community information fair will end the day.

***Volunteers' Training** - The goal is to ensure all our volunteers are regis-

tered and they receive all tools and information to keep them informed of volunteer opportunities.

For more information, call 784-0119.

E-mail security

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

2015 Osan Air Base Chapel Survey

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

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/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.

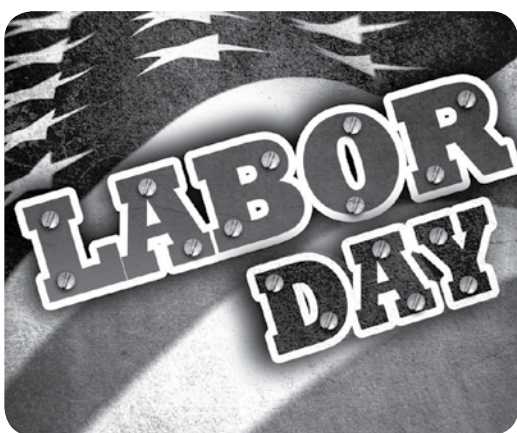
Military Tuition Assistance Briefing

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

Preschool Playgroup

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

Civilian Personnel Office



LABOR DAY, 7 Sep 2015, is a legal holiday for U.S. civilian employees and the liberal leave policy is in effect for Korean National (KN) non-essential civilian employees. Supervisors should ensure the time and attendance card for KN civilian employees who wish to be off that day are properly coded to reflect the appropriate leave code.

Organizations with KN civilian employees that require supervision must ensure adequate supervision is available. If an office is going to be closed, KN civilian employees can be required to take annual leave but management must provide them with a 24-hour advance notice. Questions should be referred to Ms. Kim, Min Kyo, 51 FSS/FSMCE, at 784-4434/8177.



Incheon Airport Shuttle Bus Schedule



Destination

Departure Time

Osan to Incheon

0600 1130 1530

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

Incheon to Osan

0900 1830 2230

- Departures from USO Counter (Gate1)
- Bus may stop at Turumi Lodge, ITT, Hallasan Tower and Mustang Club (If this is one of your stops)

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

Ticket Price

- Leisure Travel : \$15
- Official Travel(TDY/PCS): \$35
- NOTE: Official traveler rates are completely reimbursable to member
- If there are no delayed arrivals, bus will depart at 22:30

**Effective 1 June 2013

For more information,
call ITT at 784-4254



Songtan Bus Terminal Time Table

서울 - 남부터미널	동서울	성남	인천공항	인천	의정부
SEOUL W3800 NamBu Terminal	장지 가락 잠실	SeongNam W3400	Incheon Airport W11200	Incheon W6200	UJeongBu (동두천) W8000
05:50	Dong Seoul W4400	06:40	04:45	06:30	07:45
06:10	JangJi	07:30	05:05	07:50 via CheongBuk	09:45(동두천)
06:30	GaRak JamSil	08:10 via Dongtan	05:25	08:30	12:05
06:50	06:20 via Dongtan	08:45	05:55	10:10	15:55
07:05	06:35	09:30	06:25	10:50	17:05
07:20	06:55 via Dongtan	10:10	06:55	11:30 via CheongBuk	20:05(동두천)
07:30	07:15 via Dongtan	10:40	07:25	13:40	
07:40	07:45	11:20 via Dongtan	08:05	15:30	
07:55	08:25	12:10	08:45	16:00 via CheongBuk	
08:10	09:05	12:45 via Dongtan	09:25	17:30	
08:30	09:35	13:40	10:15	18:30	강릉
08:50	10:05	14:30	11:05	19:10	GangNeung W14800
09:10	10:35	15:20	11:55	20:30 via CheongBuk	
09:30	11:05	16:10	12:45	22:00	
09:40	11:35	16:45 via Dongtan	13:35	09:20	
09:50	12:05	17:30	14:15	DongTan W2100	11:50
10:10	12:35	18:10	15:05	06:20 Bus For Dong Seoul	13:50
10:30	13:05	18:40	16:05	06:55 Bus For Dong Seoul	16:20
10:50	13:35	19:20	16:55	07:15 Bus For Dong Seoul	18:20
11:10	14:05	20:20	17:55	08:10 Bus For SeongNam	원주
11:30	14:35	20:55	18:45	11:20 Bus For SeongNam	WonJu W9200
11:50	15:05	21:50	19:35	12:45 Bus For SeongNam	07:10
12:05	15:35	청북,포송,평택항		16:45 Bus For SeongNam	08:50
12:20	16:05	CheongBuk W1900	김포공항		10:30
12:40	16:35	17:05	KimPo Airport W7100	속초	12:10
13:00	17:05	PoSeung		SokCho	13:50
13:20	17:35	PyeongTaek Port W3300	05:45	W20000	15:30
13:40	18:05	07:20	07:15	07:55	17:10
14:00	18:35	07:40	09:15	10:35	18:50
14:20	19:05	07:50	11:15	12:55	20:30
14:40	19:35	11:00	13:25	15:45	제천
15:00	20:25	12:20	15:25	18:45	JeCheon W13300
15:20	21:05	13:10	17:25	19:10	15:10
15:40	21:35	17:00	19:25	ChunCheon W14000	광주(전남)
16:20		17:20		CheongPyeong GaPyeong	W16600
16:40		19:30			08:45
17:00			대전	충주	10:25
17:20			DaeJeon W7200	ChungJu W10400	12:25
17:40			07:00	09:00	14:15
18:00	고양 백석 화정	CheongBuk W1900	08:30	10:55	15:45
18:20	GoYang	07:50	10:30	12:55	17:15
18:35		11:30	12:30	14:00	18:30
18:50	백석 (W7800)	16:00	14:30	15:25	19:45
19:05	11:30	20:30	16:30	18:20	21:00
19:20	13:10		18:30	19:10	22:15
19:40	19:00		20:00	20:00	23:30
20:10	20:50			CheongJu W6400	24:45
20:40	화정 (W7600)			07:30	26:00
21:10	13:10				27:15
21:40	19:00				28:30

Kyung Dong bus schedule (Yongsan - Osan - Humphreys)

MONDAY-FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

WEEKEND & U.S HOLIDAYS

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

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

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

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

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., Osan Chapel Sanctuary
Traditional Service
Sunday, 10 a.m., Osan Chapel Sanctuary
Gospel Service
Sunday, Noon, Osan Chapel Sanctuary
Contemporary Service
Sunday, 5 p.m., Osan Chapel Sanctuary
Church of Christ
Sunday, 10 a.m., Elementary School Cafeteria

Catholic Mass

Daily Mass
Tuesday – Thursday, 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

Devotional thought: The antidote to complacency -- awake, my soul!



Ch, Maj. Rolf Holmquist
51st Fighter Wing Chapel

As some members of the Osan chapel team pass their halfway mark of this assignment, I thought about the danger of becoming complacent. Complacency is ineffectively seeing any need to change or improve something, such as your job for example. We begin to settle into a routine and wait out our time to leave the ROK. This complacency is dangerous on the job, for we can get sloppy and lazy, which can affect the mission. In addition, complacency can affect our spiritual life. We get comfortable with where our spiritual resiliency and/or relationship with God is and no longer have the zeal to grow in our spirituality. When life is boiled down to its essence, there is college, job, marriage, kids, retirement and death. Sounds very depressing and it is without God. Press the pause button on your life every once in a while and ask yourself the question, “why am I here?” When you begin to answer that question, you begin to search for a higher meaning. If God truly exists and is in my life, what is he doing and what does he want from me?

Psalm 57:8 says, “Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.” This sacred text tells us to awaken from our slumber, spiritually and physically. Spiritually we should not be lulled into a false sense of eternal security if our relationship with God or our spirituality is nonexistent. Physically the first moments we awake from bed, we should begin the day connecting with the deep and true meaning of our lives. Some of us will want to greet the day with prayer and praise to God. We are to awake, our soul, “to snap out of it!” Be alive, not complacent. With God, your life will be in-sync in a way that life will finally make sense. Otherwise, you may find yourself like some of the millions of complacent people in this world, going from place to place, with no purpose, no ambition, and no idea of why you are where you are.

May this week begin a new habit of awakening our soul to God, who loves us more than we will ever comprehend. He deserves our very best, even early in the morning.



The 8th Maintenance Squadron poses for a 2015 softball intramural championship photo at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 17. The MXS dragons finished off a great season on with a 10-1 record. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Divine Cox/Released)

8 MXS defeats 8 SFS 16-5, crowned champs

By Senior Airman Divine Cox
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea-- The 8th Maintenance Squadron Dragons swung away as they defeated the 8th Security Forces Squadron 16-5 and were crowned the intramural softball champions, Aug. 17.

The Defenders came out of the gate swinging behind the bat of Senior Airman Alexander Oelfke, 8th SFS, who hit a triple, earning his team three runs in the first inning.

The dragons responded with great

defense and their own offensive push putting six runs on the scoreboard to take a 6-4 lead going into the third inning.

“Going into the game, we knew that SFS was a very fundamentally sound and athletic team,” said Staff Sgt. Adam McMichen, 8th Force Support Squadron flight kitchen manager. “We knew that it was going to be a difficult game and it was going to come down to playing good defense.”

MXS played strong defense only allowing one point in the third and one point in the fourth inning. The Dragons

added three runs to extend their lead, making the score 9-4.

Continuing their strong defensive play, the dragons caught two pop flies and ended the top of the third inning by fielding a grounder.

McMichen knocked a two-run homerun out of the park as the Dragons built a six-run lead going into the fourth inning.

The defenders continued to struggle offensively as they were only able to put up one run in the fourth inning and trailed MXS by five runs at the start of the fifth inning.

“After putting up those runs in the first, I felt we had a chance,” said Oelfke. “You have to score to win, and hitting the ball is something we lacked after the first inning.”

MXS brought in seven runs in the bottom of the fifth ending the game early. Senior Airman Steve Harvey, 8th MXS, ended the game crossing the plate giving the dragons a 16-5 victory.

“To win the intramural championship is an amazing accomplishment,” said Harvey. “We work extremely well together, and we won this game because we played as a team.”



A member of the 8th Maintenance Squadron Dragons writes the team's name on the field after the intramural softball championship game at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 17, 2015. The MXS finished off a great season with a 10-1 record and its second championship in a row.



Staff Sgt. Adam Bartels, 8th Maintenance Squadron corrosion control, hits the ball during the intramural softball championship game at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 17, 2015. The game's final score ended with the MXS dragons defeating the 8th Security Forces Squadron 16 to 5.

UCMJ DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Nonjudicial Punishment

Osan



A staff sergeant was derelict in the performance of his duties by failing to properly account for a tool on the flightline. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months, 14 days extra duties, and a reprimand.

- An airman basic failed to go to a mandatory appointment and made a false official statement to a senior noncommissioned officer regarding the appointment. The punishment was a forfeiture of \$300 pay per month for two months, 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

- A senior airman was apprehended at 0120 hours outside of the Osan Air Base Main Gate, in violation of the 7 AF Curfew Policy. The punishment was forfeiture of \$200 pay and restriction to base for six days.



Kunsan

- A senior airman was derelict in the performance of his duties by willfully violating a medical directive to remain in his quarters, making false official statements, and malingering. The punishment was a reduction to airman first class, 30 days extra duty, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.

Foreign Criminal Jurisdiction

- Two staff sergeants were apprehended by the Korean National Police for infliction of bodily injury to a Korean National. The Suwon District Court sentenced them to each pay a fine of 1.5 million Korean Won (\$1,269).

- A staff sergeant was apprehended by the Korean National Police for committing an indecent act by compulsion. The Suwon District Court sentenced him to pay a fine of 2 million Korean Won (\$1,682), register as a sex offender and submit to a DNA sample collection.

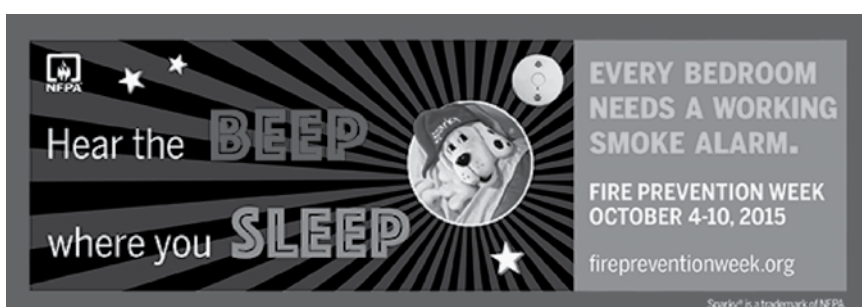
- A senior airman was apprehended by the Korean National Police for committing an indecent act by compulsion. The Seoul Central District Court sentenced him to pay a fine of 2 million Korean Won (\$1,682), register as a sex offender, and submit to a DNA sample collection.

- A senior airman was apprehended by the Korean National Police for committing an indecent act by compulsion. The Seoul District Court sentenced him to pay 2 million Korean Won (\$1,682), complete 40 hours of sexual assault prevention training, register as a sex offender, and submit to a DNA sample collection.

- A senior airman was released from CheonAn Prison after serving a two year sentence for importing marijuana into the Republic of Korea.

Monthly Fire Safety – September 2015

2015 Fire Prevention Week: “Hear the Beep, Where You Sleep.”



“Hear the Beep, Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm” as the theme for this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, Oct. 4-10, 2015. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 72, National Fire Alarm Code®, requires a smoke alarm in every bed-

room, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

If you didn’t know that, you’re not alone. According to NFPA statistics, half of all U.S. home fire deaths occur at night between the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00 am, when people are most likely to be sleeping. An online questionnaire distributed by the NFPA showed that less than half (42 percent) of approximately 36,000 respondents did not know that a smoke alarm should be installed in each bedroom of the home.

Having a working smoke alarm in the home cuts the risk of dying in a fire in half. These facts underscore the extreme importance of having working smoke alarms in all bedrooms.

Any questions, feel free to contact Fire Prevention Office at 784-4835/4710.

Tourist visa fee exemption till September, 2015



More info

Visa processing fee to visit Korea will be exempted for group tourists from China and four Southeast Asia countries including Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia and Cambodia for three months.

The existing group tourists from the countries mentioned above who had to pay to get a tourist visa in Korea are exempted from the fee of 15 US dollars from July 6 to September 6, 2015.

In addition, Chinese group tourists in possession of Japanese group visa are allowed to travel without a visa for up to 15 days.

Fee Exemption Period: July 6 – September 30, 2015

Websites:

Ministry of Justice of Korea www.moj.go.kr/HP (Korean, English)

Korea Tourism Organization www.visitkorea.or.kr

(Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese, German, French, Spanish, Russian)

Inquiries: +82-1345, +82-2-6908-1345/1346

(Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Cambodian, Filipino and other 13 languages available)

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

Increased operations of Incheon - Seoul airport night bus



More info

Schedules for the late night bus traveling between Incheon International Airport and Seoul's major areas has been doubled, starting from July 1, 2015.

The bus's service is now increased for certain areas, including routes from Incheon International Airport to Seoul Station (total of 4 times) and Incheon International Airport to Gangnam Express Bus Terminal (total of 4 times), which previous ran twice and once respectively. On the other hand, the route between the airport and Yeongdeungpo will cease operating, as the number of passengers using the service decreased heavily.

For more information and detailed schedules, please refer to the table attached below.

The night bus schedule for Incheon International Airport <-> Seoul

* Departs from Incheon International Airport Passenger Terminal Level 1 Gate 6A

Bus Fare

Seoul Downtown ↔ Incheon International Airport: 9,000 won

Songjeong Station ↔ Incheon International Airport: 5,000 won

Website:

www.airport.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

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Departure	Depart at	Arrive at	Destination	Depart at	Arrive at
Incheon International Airport → Songjeong Station → Yeomchang Station → Seoul Station	0:40	1:50	Seoul Station →	23:20	0:30
	2:00	3:10	Sinyongsan Station (only airport buses stop at the station) →	0:40	1:50
	3:20	4:30	Yeomchang Station →	2:00	3:10
	4:40	5:50	Songjeong Station → Incheon International Airport	3:20	4:30

	0:00	1:10	Gangnam Express Bus Terminal → Heukseok Station (only airport buses stop at the station) → Yeomchang Station → Songjeong Station → Incheon International Airport	22:40	23:50
Incheon International Airport → Songjeong Station → Yeomchang Station → Gangnam Express Bus Terminal	1:20	2:30		0:00	1:10
	2:40	3:50		1:20	2:30
	4:00	5:10		2:40	3:50

Riverside Relaxation



Quite possibly Seoul's defining topological feature, the Hangang River not only bisects the city geographically but also serves as the social dividing line between the ber-posh districts south of the river and the grittier, more historic districts north of it. Its park spaces, walking and bicycle paths, leisure facilities and scenic cafés also make it an excellent place to relax and unwind, an oasis of calm in the very heart of the city. SEOUL shares with you some of our favorite things to see, do and eat alongside, on and above the mighty river.

Enjoy an evening at Banpo Hangang Park



The best night views along the river – and certainly the most accessible – can be enjoyed from Banpo Hangang Park, which runs along the southern side of the river from Hannam Bridge to Dongjak Bridge, with the titular Banpo Bridge in the middle. Here you'll find the iconic Banpo Bridge Moonlight Rainbow Fountain, a popular attraction, especially at night, when the span's 380 water jets open up in a beautifully choreographed display of water, light and music.

Just next to the bridge is Some Sevit, aka "The Floating Islands," three circular artificial islands that house cafés, eateries (including a popular buffet restaurant), shops and convention facilities.

Take a helicopter tour of the river

Enjoy the beauty of the Hangang River from above ... way above. Small-scale Korean airline Blue Air offers thrilling helicopter tours of the city that offer truly jaw-dropping vistas over the river as well as many of Seoul's other major landmarks. The trips are not especially long, with the lengthiest option lasting just 20 minutes, nor are they especially cheap, but if killer views are what you're after, you'll find none better than the ones on offer here.



Surfing, sailing, skating, biking and camping

The Hangang River is also a great place to connect with nature. Best of all, you've got a lot of options that allow you to do just that.

Though perhaps not visible to the average Seoul resident, the refreshing winds of the Hangang River make it an excellent place to windsurf. In fact, on any given summer weekend, you'll find hundreds of windsurfers on the river. The waterfront between Gangbyeon Station (Line 2) and Hangang Park is lined by windsurfing clubs. Zooty Club (T. 010-6351-9768), located near Exit 2 of Ttukseom Resort Station (Line 7), offers English-language lessons as well as wakeboard and water ski rentals. A four-day windsurfing package will set you back KRW 200,000.

If you're looking for something a bit bigger than a wakeboard, Yeuido's Seoul Marina (T. 02-3780-8400), a short walk from Exit 1 or 5 of National Assembly Station (Line 9), rents out sailboats and powerboats to those qualified to pilot them. It also offers sailing lessons, too. The granddaddy of Seoul's yachting community is the 700 Yacht Club (T. 010-8192-982, 700yachtclub.com), which rents out boats from small dinghies to large catamarans. Call them up or maybe pop by their clubhouse in Nanji Hangang Park for more information.

Much more luxurious are the Hangang River cruises (www.elandcruise.com) that depart from docks at Yeuido and Jamsil. Depending on which course you choose, the cruise may include a buffet dinner or live music. The views of the city, especially at night, are worth the price of admission, which, incidentally, is roughly KRW 12,000 for a 30-minute cruise.

Landlubbers needn't feel dejected – there are plenty of terrestrial activities along the river, too. The entire length of the waterway is lined by walking, rollerblading and bicycle trails. You'll find automated bike rental shops at several spots along the river, including one in front of Yongsan District Office (a short walk from Noksapyeong Station, Line 6). Bike rentals are free for the first three hours, and KRW 1,000 for each additional hour. Several spots along the river are especially recommended, including the ecological wetlands in the Amsa and Gangseo districts of Hangang Park and Seoul Forest near Ttukseom Station.

Finally, if sitting back with a cold beer and slab of your favorite barbecued meat is more your idea of a perfect weekend, try the public camp ground at Nanji Hangang Park (T. 02-304-0061). You can pitch your own tent there for KRW 15,000 a night, or rent a four-person or six-person tent for KRW 33,000 or KRW 44,000, respectively.



Hanok Coffee Shops in Seoul



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At Bukchon Hanok Village and Insa-dong in downtown Seoul, there are a number of coffee shops and tea houses renovated in hanok (traditional Korean house style). These hanok cafés serve a variety of delicious drinks from coffee to traditional Korean tea, but what sets them apart from standard coffeehouses is their beautiful architecture. Some even have jangdokdae (traditional Korean earthenware pots), daecheong maru (wooden-floors) and giwa (traditional roof tiles), all of which come together to create a unique traditional ambience. Read on to learn more about hanok coffee shops in downtown Seoul.

Café LN

Close to Jeongdok Library is Café LN, housed in an elegant hanok. It has a traditional exterior façade, but the interior is distinctly modern. The name LN is an abbreviation of Luden Loquen, a combination of homo ludens (meaning “playing man”) and homo loquens (meaning “talking man”). The building had originally been used as an office space but it was renovated into its current state and reopened in September 2010.

The courtyard, which resembles the box shape character of the Korean character “口”, is the most popular space in the shop. It features a nice pine tree and several tables and chairs, creating an inviting ambience for visitors. In one corner of the place, lies a section that displays t-shirts, books, diaries, and other stationery and items unique to Luden Loquen. These items are all available for purchase. On the basement floor, there is a space where visitors can organize exhibits and events. The menu consists of healthy beverages like a Korean black raspberry latte and black sesame latte, as well as the glutinous rice cake waffle, which is unique to Café LN.

More info

Address: 5, Bukchon-ro Na-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul
Operating hours: 10:00–22:00 (10:00–21:30 on Sundays)

Directions: Anguk Station (Seoul Subway Line 3), Exit 1.

Walk straight from the exit and take your second right onto Yulgok-ro 3-gil.

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Gahwadang

Meaning “a home with a beautiful picture,” Gahwadang is a traditional Korean teahouse situated in a quiet alley off Samcheongdong-gil Road. From the moment you step inside through the stairway entrance, you are welcomed with Gahwadang’s traditional feel thanks to its classic roof tiles and earthenware pots.

This small café is housed in a horseshoe shaped building that resembles the Korean alphabet character “口”. Customers are required to take their shoes off before entering. It has about five tables and the inside of the café is decorated with beautiful Korean items. The menu consists of traditional Korean teas, grilled garae-tteok (long, round rice cakes), hangwa (traditional Korean cookies), and other traditional snacks. In the summer, they also offer refreshing bingsu, a Korean dessert still very popular today.

More info

Address: 16-1 Samcheong-ro 4-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul

Operating Hours: 13:00–20:00 on weekends / 13:00–21:00 on weekdays (closed on Mondays)

Directions: Anguk Station (Seoul Subway Line 3), Exit 1.

Walk straight from the exit and turn right onto Samcheong-ro.

Follow it about 550 m and veer right and after about 150 m, turn right into Samcheong-ro 4-gil.

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The Moonbird Only Thinks of the Moon



■ More info ■

Address: 14-3, Insadong 12-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul
Operating Hours: 10:00–23:00 (Closed on Seollal and Chuseok holidays)
Directions: Anguk Station (Seoul Subway Line 3), Exit 6. Walk straight from the exit and turn left onto Insadong-gil. Turn left onto Insadong 12-gil (before Ssamziegil).
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Dalsaeneun Dalman Saenggakhanda (meaning “the moonbird only thinks of the moon”) is a traditional teahouse in Insa-dong. Some people call the tea house by the name Dalsae (meaning “moonbird”) for short. Opened in 1996, this establishment does not stand out as it is located in a small alley near the busy Ssamzie-gil. Nonetheless, it is popular among people who are attracted to the charms of traditional tea houses. Through word of mouth, the teahouse has also drawn a lot of international visitors. The interior is decorated with various masks, straw shoes, and paintings to enhance its traditional Korean style. It is fun to find messages or drawings on napkins left by visitors from all over the world.

The tea house offers teas made of a variety of homemade fermented ingredients. Order tea and you will be served with a Thermos flask so you can steep it yourself. The tea is also served with assorted Korean snacks. When the days get chilly, the tea house offers up some nutritious jujube tea. In the scorching summer months, they serve sour omija tea over ice or refreshing sujeonggwa tea.

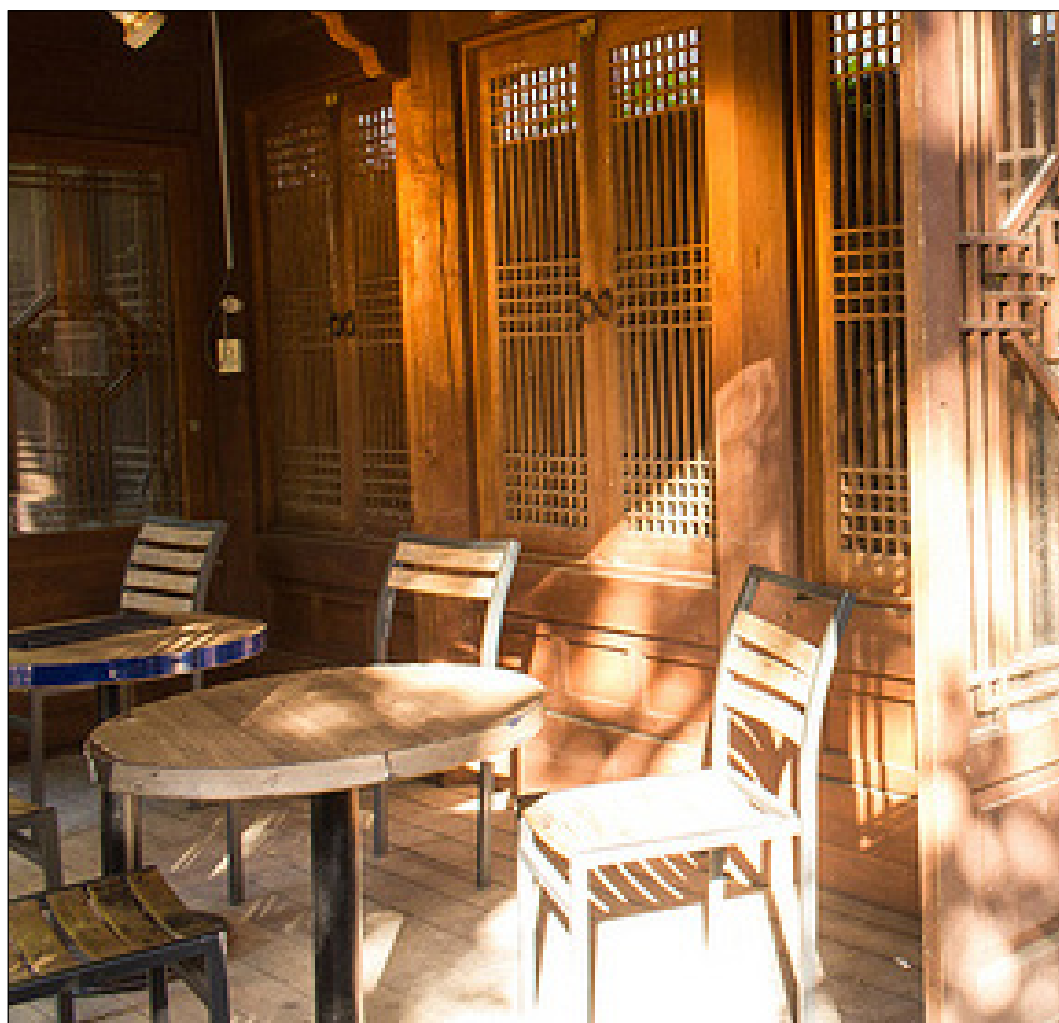
Traditional Tea House at Kyung-in Museum of Fine Art

Take Exit 6 from Anguk Station on Seoul Subway Line 3 and walk through the streets of the bustling Insa-dong area until you come to a less populated alley on your right that is lined with small galleries. As you walk in this alley, you will see a sign for Kyung-in Museum of Fine Art to the left. Follow the sign and enter the museum. You will be greeted with earthenware pots followed by a wooden hanok building and a large tree-lined large courtyard.

Dawon (Traditional Tea Garden) is a tea house operated by the Kyung-in Museum of Fine Arts. The hanok building is in an “L” shape and visitors can either sit on the floor or sit at a table. The tea house offers 15 types of traditional teas, all of which are homemade. The deep-brewed jujube tea is especially popular. In the summer months, their omija punch is a top seller. Order tea and you will be served with a traditional yugwa cookie. If you are hungry, you can also order grilled garae-tteok rice cakes or assorted rice cakes on the side. It is also fun to browse the shelves of various colorful tea cups, the antique dressers and decorative folding screens. This is a nice place to relax after visiting the museum or having browsed around the streets of Insa-dong.

■ More info ■

Address: 11-4, Insadong 10-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul
Operating Hours: 10:30–22:50 (Open all year round)
 *Kyung-in Museum of Fine Arts: 10:30 – 18:00 (Free Admission)
Directions: Anguk Station (Seoul Subway Line 3), Exit 6. Walk straight from the exit and turn left onto Insadong-gil. Walk about 230 m and turn left onto Insadong 10-gil.
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