

Team Osan builds resiliency through competition

By Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st Operations Support Squadron combined with the 51st Operations Group to become the overall champions of the second annual Osan Cup, a multi-event competition held here, Sept. 29-30, 2015

The winners of the other three categories were: small unit- the 51st Fighter Wing Staff Agencies; medium unit- the 51st Operations Support Squadron/Operations Group; and large unit- the 51st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron/25th and 36th Fighter Squadrons/51st Maintenance Group.

The two-day competition consisted of 19 different events centered primarily around traditional sports like basketball, soccer and softball, but also included challenges such as darts, Texas Hold 'em, bowling and even a Korean War trivia contest.

Every event had squadrons and service members facing off against each other in a battle royal to determine who had the most skill, strength, endurance and knowledge to earn them the title of champions of Osan.

"We all know that at Osan, you can get stuck in a rut," said Staff Sgt. Magda 'Maggie D.' Delarosa, 731st Air Mobility Squadron. "When you get to have a break like this it refreshes your mind and rebuilds that resiliency of spirit that gets you through the day. Also, who doesn't like a few days to hang out with people you like?"

Members of Team Osan from the lowest ranking Airman and Soldiers to Mustang 1 himself got in on the action.

"The Osan cup is about the spirit of competition," said Col. Andrew Hansen, 51st Fighter Wing commander. "It's about resiliency and tradition." He added that the sportsmanship, tenacity and teamwork displayed by the competing Airmen and Soldiers stayed true to the spirit of resiliency.

With the closing ceremony over, the trophies and medals for the individual events passed out to each winning team, the base came together to return to the mission, knowing that friendly rivalries aside, Osan is one team, one fight.

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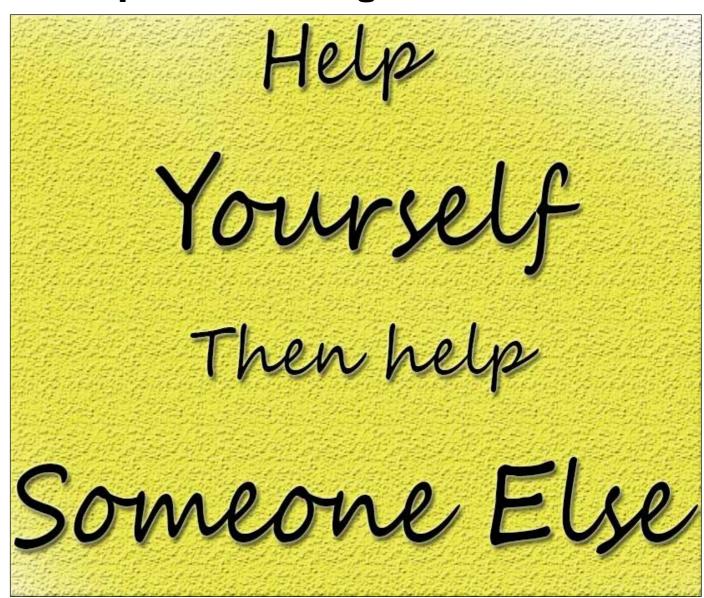
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Suicide prevention: raising self-awareness at Osan



(U.S. Air Force graphic/Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm)

By Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Over the past five years, the Air Force has experienced an increase in suicides. To combat this and in recognition of September being National Suicide Awareness month, Team Osan has dedicated this time to raising awareness about the issues of suicide prevention, educating Airmen about available resources and about how we can all be good wingmen by fostering a community that makes it a personal responsibility to help others in need.

One of the best ways to help others might be as simple as self-awareness. The military as a whole is considered a highstress environment, deployments and overseas remote tours far from family can increase those stress levels. Add in bills, long hours at work, and the constant reminder that Osan remains in a perpetual state of watch and wait preparedness for escalated hostilities, such as in August when artillery fire was exchanged across the demilitarized zone, and it's easy to become frustrated.

"Every one of us in the military faces different stressors," said Maj. David Weller, 51st Medical Operations Squadron, mental health element chief. "How do you make sure that your day to day activities put you in a position that you have the strength to take on bad news versus this being the piece that overwhelms you?"

The mental health office offers classes every Friday on how to deal with common stressors. The classes range from how to manage anxiety, deal with symptoms of depression, how important adequate sleep is and successfully managing a longdistance relationship.

"There's a balance between what you can do as an individual and what we can do as a team. Personal accountability is a major factor to the individual and team effort; we all need to play our part to make sure that we are fit to fight. Outreach and counseling can help to build a healthy emotional point from which you can handle things," said Weller.

"We want Airmen to feel valued and connected," continues

Weller. "Whether it's with family, friends or the people they work with every day, when people have a sense of purpose and have established a relationship to the world around them they are less likely to succumb to negative emotional situations."

The mental health clinic partners with various base agencies to promote resiliency and help-seeking behavior. They would like to encourage anyone who is feeling hopeless or having thoughts about taking his/her own life to talk to a friend, family member, supervisor, first sergeant, chaplain, or Military and Family Life Consultant.

"American Airmen are agile, innovative, and always accomplish the mission! To do this, we overcome obstacles every day, both professionally and personally. I urge you to guard and strengthen that resilience. Take care of yourself, your family and fellow Airmen. If you see someone in need, help them. If you're the one struggling, make the right choice and seek help from a friend, a supervisor, or a professional. The strongest, most capable warriors I know fully understand their limitations and embrace the fact that their mission success, and their resilience, rely on the team around them," said General Mark A. Welsh III, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff. "Take care of yourself ... and take care of each other."



Monthly welfare facility visits form laughter and fun



Children from a welfare facility pick out toys from a volunteer from Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea at Gunsan City, ROK, Aug. 18, 2015. Airmen from Kunsan AB visit the orphanage monthly to bolster relationships with the local community. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson)

By Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- On the first Tuesday of each month, the 8th Fighter Wing chapel goes out to a local orphanage in Gunsan City to spend time with the children there.

As mission, leadership and community are key wing priorities, partaking in volunteer projects in the local area help bolster relationships within the Republic of Korea. Volunteering in the community also helps Airmen develop leadership skills as they become positive role models within the community.

"It's an opportunity for us to give back to the local community," said Chaplain (Capt.) Graham Baily, 8th Mission Support Group chaplain. "It helps us put our best foot forward with folks in the Gunsan City area and reach out to children who don't have parents in their lives."

The welfare facility has more than 60 children living in it.

"Even though we're here with our host nation to do our part militarily, it's also nice to kind of show them that we have that other side to us where we're also parents, mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters," said Master Sgt. Grace Parenteau, 134th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, first sergeant, Vermont Air National Guard, South Burlington, Vermont. "They can see us as human and not just a military force. It's nice to be able to take our uniforms off and

show that we're not only living alongside them, but also giving back to their community."

As Airmen give back to their community, they are also providing mentorship to a younger generation.

"Through serving those children, our Airmen are also building in them"Looking at it from a girl's perspective, there were fewer girls than boys," Parenteau said. "I brought nail polish with me, because it helped me communicate through the language barriers."

During the last two trips to the orphanage in August and September, children immediately approached the

A child shares a laugh with Staff Sgt. Angelo Taralb, 158th Fighter Wing, Vermont Air National Guard, at a welfare facility in Gunsan City, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2015. Airmen from Kunsan Air Base visit the facility monthly to bolster relationships with the local community.

selves a more resilient spirit," Baily said. "This in turn helps them build a more resilient approach through their personal and professional lives."

The trip to the orphanage also enabled Airmen to see from a child's point of view.

volunteers with open arms as soon as they stepped off of the bus.

"The children just came running up to our Airmen," Baily said. "What impressed me was that within 30 seconds of being there, our people are automatically engaging, interacting and showing the children something really positive."

The Airmen not only demonstrated a willingness to serve, but also grew more mature in terms of what it means to be a positive influence.

"When we do these sorts of things, we get more fulfillment from volunteering and serving for an hour than we could ever possibly give," Baily said.

During previous volunteer projects, Airmen and children laughed, smiled and shared memories together.

"I think there's an international language of fun," Baily said. "Everybody was energized by the interaction. It feels good to go out and serve the community."

The welfare facility visits eliminate language barriers with opportunities that are created from games and interactions between Airmen and the children in the facility.

"You're just playing, being a big kid and running around," Parenteau said. "The smiles those children had filled my heart with joy. As I was driving away I thought of the memories we shared."

"It's very easy to come out and volunteer," Baily said. "The reward is so great. What you gain personally from what you give is amazing. You get an opportunity to come out once a month and enjoy your time with the children. You'll love them and grow in ways that you never even thought were possible."

To volunteer at the next welfare facility visit, call the 8th FW chapel at 782-4300.

Dirty Jobs: From the ground up with Structures



Airmen from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron structures shop unfold a large rapid-runway repair fiberglass mat as part of airfield damage-repair drills at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2015. Known as the catch-all career field, structures Airmen have a job that can vary from the indoors, outdoors, homes, office buildings, the flightline and everywhere in between. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sqt. Amber Grimm)

By Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm

51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of South Korea -- This is the third article in a series focusing on and recognizing the 'Dirty Jobs' done by Airmen of the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron.

Grime and dirt coats the skin, safety glasses fog over from the heat of a welding torch as sweat soaks through shirts and they continue to work, cutting, painting, welding or building, no job is too big or too small for an Airman of the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron structures shop.

Functional artisans that can create with a plethora of materials ranging from concrete and carpentry to metal work, a structures troop can construct a house, an office building, and an aircraft hangar from the ground up or renovate and repair existing ones.

"Everyone has something to do; you trust them to know what needs to be done to work together and to get the job finished quickly and correctly," said Staff Sgt. Bethanie Jeremenko, a 51st CES structural craftsman. "You have to learn to work together, you have to be flexible with everyone's capabilities, and I love it."

Known as the catch-all career field, structures Airmen have a job that can vary from the indoors to the outdoors, from the roof to the basement and everywhere in between. But whether their doing a door repair, installing insulation in 125 degree weather or out on the flightline teamed up with other shops from CE working on airfield damage repair, they are getting dirty and working hard.

"We get really dirty," said Jeremenko. "Working outside all day when it's hot and you're sweating out gallons, covered in dirt, grease, paint and dry wall mud or in the metal shop, coming out with your face blackened, you're just dirty all the time."

Getting their hands and face dirty is just part of what most structures Airmen say they love about the job they do. Jeremenko spoke of using both the mind and body to complete a task, of how working hard with her fellow Airmen and seeing it pay off when a building rose from nothing filled each of them with a sense of accomplishment.

"I immensely enjoy what I do as a structures troop." said Staff Sgt. Matthew Beck, a 51st CES structural craftsman. "I can proudly say that I've had a hand in building aircraft hangars, large maintenance structures and completing large renovations."

The largest part of what the shop accomplishes from day to day are the repair and remodel work on pre-existing buildings. A structures troop is available 24/7 to deal with emergency calls. The shop has completed over 40 emergency jobs, putting in approximately 325 man hours in the last few months.

An additional 700 plus hours were spent on dorm maintenance alone in that same time, and while some might find constant minute repairs tedious Beck refers to them as just a routine part of an overall job that he enjoys.

"I love everything about this job." said Jermenko. "I don't do the same thing two days in a row, it's always changing. You have to use your mind to complete intricate parts of the job, like locksmithing. It also gets pretty physical when you're out on a job site carrying around two-by-fours, sheets of plywood and four-by-fours all day. You have to be strong to be in structures."

Strength, skill and teamwork are what gets the job done every time. When there is a time element, such as working with rapidly drying concrete, Jermenko explained that this is when the team pulls together. "What this job comes down to are the people you work with."

Dirty job sites and long hours might make up the day but to see something broken repaired or something new rise where nothing was before are what make it all worth it for the hard working Airmen of structures.



Staff Sgt. Bethanie Jeremenko, a 51st Civil Engineer Squadron structural craftsman, proudly poses holding one of her favorite tools, an industrial blow torch at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 30, 2015. Whether cutting, painting, welding or building, no job is too big or too small for an Airman of the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron structures shop.

HAZMAT training brings together US, South Korean first responders

South Korean first-responders practice evacuation procedures while putting out a simulated factory fire Sept. 24, 2015, near Songtan, Republic of Korea. Members of the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron conducted a hazardous materials training session with the local emergency responders in order to practice joint-operations. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton)



An Airman assigned to the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron's emergency management response team assists Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Williams, 51 CES emergency management plans and programs, with removing his respirator Sept. 24, 2015, near the city of Songtan, Republic of Korea. Airmen took advantage of a unique training opportunity to train in a simulated hazardous materials environment.

Airmen assigned to the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron's emergency management office assist firefighters with removing their hazardous material suits Sept. 24, 2015, near the city of Songtan, Republic of Korea. More than 25 members from Osan Air Base participated in the training exercise which took place near a local factory.



Two emergency first responders from the Songtan fire department plug a hole during a simulated hazardous material training event Sept. 24, 2015, near Songtan, Republic of Korea. The South Korean agencies invited members of Osan Air Base's 51st Civil Engineer Squadron to the unique training event.

Osan radar gets a second chance in USAFRICOM



By Senior Airman Kristin High 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Airmen and civilians from the 51st Operations Support Squadron and the 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron teamed up to deconstruct and pack a GPN-20 airfield surveillance radar here, Sept. 15, 2015.

"The radar was decommissioned a few years back after we upgraded our current systems," said Tech. Sgt. James Hammond, 51st OSS NCO in-charge of ground radar maintenance. "After a month-long inspection of systems, heating, ventilation, air condition, and refrigeration quality and wiring, it's ready to travel across the globe."

The radar will be travelling to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, to support the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa mission under the U.S. Africa Command.

"By sending the radar to support the Camp Lemonnier mission, the Department of Defense is saving more than \$2 million," said Senior Airman Zachary Burket, 51st OSS ground radar maintenance technician. "At the location it's going to, they were using a mobile radar which made it difficult to support the mission."

Airmen form the 51st OSS and 51st LRS worked together to dismantle the 13,000 pound radar and prepare it for shipment.

"The Airmen from LRS really helped us complete the mission in moving the radar parts to be shipped," said Hammond. "From vehicle maintenance to the technical management office there was a lot of teamwork in organizing this move."

Radars are typically used by air traffic controllers to monitor and control the airspace around military and civilian airports to verify where aircraft are so they can safely guide and land them.

Along with guiding aircraft to land, radar is also used to prevent accidents for flyover aircraft such as those on the course to Incheon International Airport and other surrounding areas.

On any given day, the ATCs here help to guide more than 200 aircraft, said Hammond.

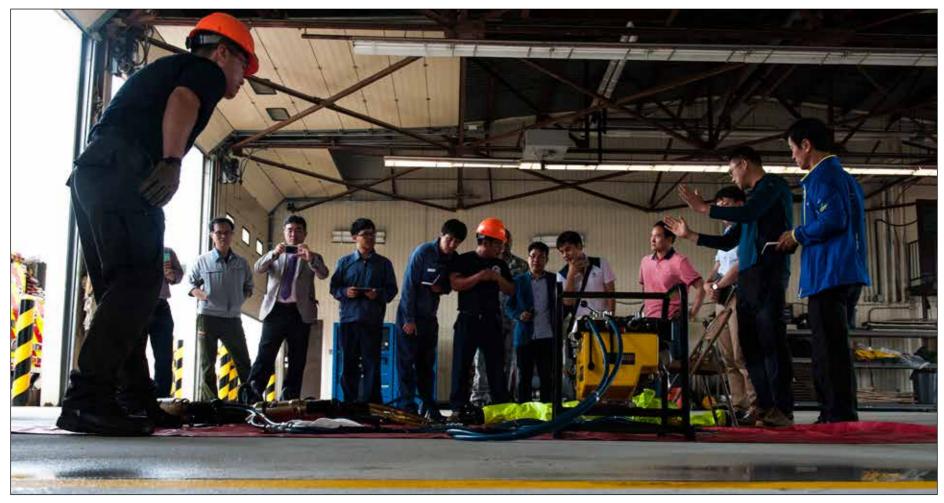
"It's a great feeling knowing that we are repurposing these great assets to be reused," he continued. "Something we consider so small here on Osan, is going to the mission on a different part of the world."



(Top) Airmen from the 51st Operations Support Squadron and the 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron watch as part of a GPN-20 airfield surveillance radar is lowered onto a truck bed on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 15, 2015. The radar will be dismantled and shipped to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, to support the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa mission under U.S. Africa Command. By repurposing the older radar, the Department of Defense is saving \$2 million. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kristin High)

(Bottom) Airmen and civilians from the 51st Operations Support Squadron and the 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron dismantle and load a GPN-20 airfield surveillance radar onto a truck bed on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea Sept. 15, 2015. The teams worked together to send the radar to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, to support the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa mission under U.S. Africa Command.

Gunsan City Fire Department visits the Wolf Pack



Members of the Gunsan City fire department receive a demonstration of various tools used by the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 16, 2015. Members of the Gunsan City fire department visited the fire department to get a tour of the building, meet the Airmen and learn about their equipment. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson)

By Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Members of the Gunsan City fire department visited the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department here Sept. 16, 2015.

The purpose of the visit was to work with Wolf Pack Airmen for interoperability and familiarization.

"It is always important for us to interact with our off-base partners," said Senior Master Sgt. Henry Stephens, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron fire chief. "The personnel that visited us were experts in the field of industrial fire protection."

In addition to interacting with Airmen, the Gunsan City firefighters were able to see vehicles, tools and equipment they have not seen before.

"They were able to see what our training is like," Stephens said. "We have one of the best live fire trainers in the Air Force, which we use for training on a monthly basis. We wanted to showcase the trainer to show that we take our training very seriously."

Since the 8th CES fire department routinely interacts with the Gunsan City fire department, such as fire musters, annual exercises and fire prevention week events, it also gives Airmen more opportunities to engage Korean counterparts who share the same career field.

"It is always good to see our Airmen work with the local nationals," Stephens said. "Firefighting is a special type of job, and it is always good to see how other fire departments and firefighters work, live and train."

A large part of the Gunsan City fire department visit consisted of them looking at the 8th CES's equipment. The Kunsan fire and emergency services flight has specific vehicles and tools that are not available off-base.

"For example, if the city has industrial fires that require mass foam application we can be available to assist them," Stephens said. "A few years ago, we did respond to a call from off-base to help them in an industrial emergency."

The Gunsan City fire department also would be able to respond to base to provide assistance during an emergency or crisis.

On base, we will have the incident command," Stephens said. "Any mutual aid call to off-base response, Gunsan City FD will have the incident command. Any type of military aircraft emergency is written to have a combined incident command system in place."

The Gunsan City fire department also hosts a mass casualty exercise on an annual basis.

"They plan the exercise for a worst case scenario, which requires all emergency responders from the area to participate," Stephens said. "A mass casuality exercise involves heavy fire and terrorist attacks

with overwhelming victims. This could result in more than 250 responders from 25 different agencies on and off base. To ensure a safe mitigation of the emergency, we need to practice the exercises together."

Overall it remains a balancing act for Wolf Pack firefighters to support the 8th Fighter Wing while simultaneously training with ROKAF and Gunsan City fire departments to ensure they can respond to any emergency anytime.

"My group asked a lot of questions to the Kunsan fire fighters, and received very well described answers," said Jinhwan Lee, Gunsan City Safety & Environment Team General Manager. "We really enjoyed the tour and it was a great experience to see how the base fire department uses their vehicles, equipment and trains."

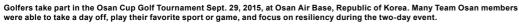


Members of the Gunsan City fire department receive a tour of a live aircraft fire trainer by the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 16, 2015.

Osan Cup

Golf, ultimate frisbee tournament







(Left) Airmen participate in an ultimate frisbee competition Sept. 30, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Morale was high during this event of the Osan Cup as members of both the Army and Air Force came together to participate and have some fun. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton)

(Below) Members of Team Osan practice and warm up before the start of the ultimate frisbee competition Sept. 30, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The competition was held Sept. 29-30, and was open to all squadrons, groups, divisions, tenant units and other organizations assigned to Osan.







Competitors take off as a race combining both running and cycling commences during the second annual base-wide competition at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2015. The Osan Cup is a two-day contest with a variety of events designed to play to different strengths and promote healthy competition. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm)

members against each other in a battle royal to show who has the most skill, strength and knowledge. (U.S. Air Force photos byTech. Sgt. Travis Edwards)

Running, bicycling duathalon

A runner takes off as his team member cycles in a dual component race held as part of the second annual Osan Cup at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2015. Competing either alone or as a member of a team the participants contributed to their squadrons overall standing during the two-day event.



Airmen and Soldiers from across the base engaged in a race that combined both running and cycling as part of the second annual Osan Cup held at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2015.

Darts tournament



Softball tournament



Group endurance, strength, conditioning



Staff Sqt. Loriedana Ballesteros, 51st Operations Support Squadron commanders support staff member, is the center of attention as she competes in a timed, four-man group, high-intensity strength and conditioning challenge as part of the second annual Osan Cup held at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2015. The Osan Cup is a two-day contest with a variety of events designed to play to different strengths and promote healthy competition. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sqt Amber Grimm)



Airman 1st Class Francisco Barron, 51st Security Forces Squadron, is cheered on by teammates as he competes in the timed, four-man group, high-intensity strength and conditioning challenge held at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2015.

Bowling tournament



A bowling ball slams into a set of pins during a game of bowling at the MiG Alleys Bowling Center during the bowling tournament in the Osan Cup at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2015. The Osan cup is a sport-oriented, two-day event that puts squadrons and service members against each other in a battle royal to show who has the most skill, strength and knowledge. (U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Travis Edwards)



1st Lt. Andrew Davenport, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron officer in charge of requirements and optimization, excitedly smiles and waves at the camera during a bowling tournament at the MiG Alleys Bowling Center during the Osan Cup at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2015.

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knowledge. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff

Sqt. Amber Grimm)

Dodgeball tournament



events designed to play to different strengths and promote healthy competition. 3 on 3 basketball tournament

Battle rages as members of Team Osan furiously compete for the title of dodge-

ball champion during the second annual Osan Cup held at Osan Air Base, Repub-

lic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2015. The Osan Cup is a two-day contest with a variety of





Staff Sgt. Ryan Reyes, 51st Fighter Wing weapons safety manager, takes a shot during the 9-ball tournament in the Osan Cup at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2015. The Osan cup is a sport-oriented, two-day event that puts squadrons and service members against each other in a battle royal to show who has the most skill, strength and knowl-Sgt. Travis Edwards)

Pie eating contest

Contestants eat pumpkin pie in the first round of the pie eating contest starting the Osan Cup Sept. 29, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The Osan Cup promotes readiness, teamwork and fun. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton)



Texas Hold 'em tournament



Airman 1st Class Alan Jaensch, 51st Maintenance Group, commanders support staff. Staff Sqt. Scott Moore, 694th Intelligence Squadron munications technician and Tech. Sgt. Byung Kim, 51st Fighter Wing Inspector General staff member, pose for an after-tournament photo where Moore took first place in the Texas Hold 'em tournament in the Osan Cup at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 29, 2015. The poker tournament took nearly five hours to complete and had approximately

Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept.

30, 2015.

130 players. The Osan cup is a sport-oriented, two-day event that puts squadrons and service members against each other in a battle royal to show who has the most skill, strength and knowledge. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Travis Edwards)

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN AIR BASE

Protestant Services

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

Catholic Mass

Main Chapel, Bldg. 501

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

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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.

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Protestant Services

Traditional Service

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597 Sunday, 9:30 a.m. **Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel**

Contemporary Service

Sunday, 9 a.m. South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702 Sunday, 10:30 a.m. K-16 Chapel

Nondenominational Service

Sunday, 11 a.m. South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702 **Gospel Service**

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

Catholic Mass

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

General Service

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

Jewish

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



Point of Contact:

USAG Yongsan Religious Support Office, 738-3011

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

Spiritual Charge



Ch, Maj. Rolf Holmquist 51st Fighter Wing Chapel

Okay! We're now on the edge of the biggest "eating season" of the year--you know, that time when we've just finished digesting our Thanksgiving turkey and mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie, and now "must" start on all those Christmas cookies. As we enter the season of holiday eating, the rigid word of self-control comes up in certain social circles.

What types of images come to mind when vou think of self-control? One could easily visualize a world of no fun with restraint. You can't do this or you can't do that. A life full of you can have one piece of pie, just not two or you can stay out until 11 p.m. but not all night. I remember when I first moved out of my parent's house. I had just entered the Air Force and I was on my own. I thought to myself, "I can stay out late, eat what I want and so on..." My first experience in the DFAC at home station was similar to having Thanksgiving every day! You can eat as much as you wanted of whatever you wanted to eat.

Then came the penalties for too much indulgence, staving up late meant I would have trouble getting to work on time. Eating too much inevitably meant I would have to buy

new clothes, for the old ones did not fit anymore. What happened to all my fun?

The Bible says that, "Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control," Proverbs 25:28. Pr 5:23 says it this way, "He will die for lack of self-control, he will be lost because of his great foolishness." Self-control, the very noun that we dread to hear and fulfill in our lives, is what gives us life. If we do not eat too much, then we do not get overweight. We go to bed early, we feel rested the next day. We learn to put order and control in or lives, to maintain a healthy balance.

Funny how what we want is sometimes the opposite from what God tells us we need. The 'things' we thought would be fun and good for us, are not. The very 'thing' we thought would be no fun is profitable for us. We begin to learn that self-control is a fruit of the spirit. Self-control turns out to be a blessing verses a curse.

As we enter the eating holidays, may you seek self-control as a habit in all areas of your life, realizing again that God's way is the best way. He knows infinitely more than we do and has our best interests in mind.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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

7th Air Force is seeking volunteers who are able to speak both Korean and English for a USFK-led event.

The Executive Orientation Program is a Good Neighbor program aimed at improving relations between USFK and the Republic of Korea. As part of the program, about 70 Korean leaders from Seoul will be visiting the base and we are in need of Korean/English

speakers during the dinner and/or aircraft static display portions of the visit. WHEN/WHERE: Oct. 21, 2015/Officers Club and/or flight line

WHAT: Translation support is needed during the dinner starting around 5 p.m., and F-16/A-10 static display around 3 p.m. About nine translators would be needed at the O-Club and two at the flight line.
ATTIRE: UOD

If you would like to volunteer please contact 7AF/PA Mr. Pak, To Yong via email at 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 registered 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/osanchapelneedssurvey

Anthem Singers

Sopranos, altos, tenors and bass vocalists are needed to sing the US and ROK National Anthems at various events on base. Practice is held at 5 p.m. every Thursday at the Chapel Annex. Send an e-mail to annapauline.magno.1@ us.af.mil or ric.rebulanan.1@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.

Claims announcement

ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:

Anyone having claims or indebtedness to the estate of Tech. Sgt. Angelo Reategui should contact 1st Lt. Matthew G. Cole, Summary Court Officer, at DSN 784-8950, or matthew.cole.13@us.af.mil.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE:

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES FOR KN: KN civilian employees will observe HANGUL DAY on Oct. 9, 2015. All KN employees will be released from duty without charge to leave or loss of pay on this day. KN civilian employees who are required to work this day will be paid holiday premium pay. Alternate day off for KN civilian employees is not authorized.

COLUMBUS DAY: COLUMBUS DAY, 12 Oct 15, 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, i.e. annual leave, etc. 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.

MANDATORY FEEDBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR U.S. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES:

The current rating period for U.S. civilian performance appraisals will end on March 31, 2016, with ratings and awards effective on June 1, 2016. The Civilian Appraisal Program mandates the use of AF Form 860B, Civilian Progress Review Worksheet, to document the mandatory performance feedback session between the supervisor and employee. The law requires feedback once during the rating cycle. Normally, this occurs around the middle of the appraisal

period. Supervisors are reminded of this requirement and encouraged to meet with employees now if they haven't done so already. Please keep a copy of the completed AF Form 860B with the AF Form 971, Supervisor's Employee Brief.

REMINDER - ANNUAL LEAVE: It is time to review your current leave balances. All managers/supervisors of U.S./KN civilian employees should arrange annual leave schedules to allow each civilian employee an extended period of leave for rest and relaxation to assist in maintaining maximum efficiency and productivity. Leave schedules should be established at the beginning of the leave year and reviewed periodically to ensure vacation schedules will not interfere with maintenance of an adequate work force at all times.

The Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) received each payday is a ready reference concerning the amount of annual leave which must be used before the end of the leave year. The leave year ends on Jan. 9, 2016 for U.S. and on Jan. 2, 2016 for KN APF employees respectively. Now is the time to finalize leave plans for the remainder of 2015.

For additional information/guidance, please contact Ms. Kim, Min Kyo of the Civilian Personnel Office, 784-4434/8177. (51 FSS/FSMCE)

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Incheon Airport Shuttle Bus Schedule



Destination

Depature Time

Osan to Incheon

0600 1130 1530

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

Incheon to Osan

0900 1830 2230

- Departures from USO Counter (Gate 1)
- Bus may stopo 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 ar 22:30
- **Effective 1 June 2013

For more information, call ITT at 784-4254



Songtan Bus Terminal Time Table

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Kyung Dong bus schedule (Yongsan - Osan - Humphreys)

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^{*} Bus stops at Humphreys main gate

WEEKEND & U.S HOLIDAYS

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

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^{*} Bus stops at Humphreys main gate

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

^{**} Bus stops at Yongsan Dragon Hill Lodge

^{**} Bus stops at Yongsan DHL

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8 MXG participates in first-ever Safety Olympics



Senior Airman Kaz Cunningham, 158th Fighter Wing F-16 Fighting Falcon crew chief, Vermont Air National Guard, participates in a safety wire challenge during an 8th Maintenance Group Safety Olympics event at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2015. The purpose of the event was to highlight the importance of workplace safety while simultaneously drawing camaraderie among Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson)

By Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 8th Maintenance Group hosted the first-ever MXG Safety Olympics at Kunsan Air Base Oct. 2. The purpose of the event was to highlight the importance of workplace safety while simultaneously drawing camaraderie among all Airmen in the 8th MXG.

"Our leadership wanted to create a more fun way to host a safety day, aside from making Airmen sit in PowerPoint briefings all day," said Staff Sgt. Lewis Swarz, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron loading standardization crew member. "Their idea was to provide games and events to compete in to garner more interest."

Events that took place during the MXG Safety Olympics included a barrel toss, a munition toss, a safety wire challenge, a 70 set challenge, a push up challenge, an Air Force Instruction Knowledge Test, a fire bottle challenge and a personal protective equipment relay.

"We chose a variety of events that everyone could do, as there are 19 different career fields within the 8th MXG," said Master Sgt. Sean Pitre, 8th Maintenance Squadron armament flight chief. "If Airmen needed to learn, we got them to the right people so they could learn. At the end of the day, they learned something and had an opportunity to see what other career fields do."

A large part of the MXG Safety Olympics included celebrating after enabling 8th Fighter Wing pilots to fly 6,649 sorties and complete 8,839 flight hours during Fiscal Year 15. The other part included providing ways for Airmen to get their safety briefings and simultaneously

boost morale within the Wolf Pack's maintenance community.

"Before each team competed in each event, there was a safety brief," Swarz said. "We briefed them on each task, the dangers of each task, and what not to do."

The event also sharpened the 8th FW's mission of taking the fight north by highlighting the importance of safety.

"I feel that the MXG Safety Olympics enhances the mission by reminding people of the importance of looking out for each other," Pitre said. "You can never take safety too lightly."

The MXG Safety Olympics also helped Airmen develop leadership skills, along with positively impacting the mission and maintenance community.

"You could have a young Airman out there doing pushups, for example," Pitre said. "He's out there leading his group because he's younger and he's good at it. He's there for the older guys in the group and he's going to guide them through it."

Everyone on each team had an opportunity to lead an event throughout the day.

"Everyone has their strong points," Pitre said. "It also allowed others to take what they learned back to their shops and incorporate that into their tool box."

Through competition and games, Airmen had an opportunity to take pride in their unit and sharpen their knowledge on workplace safety.

"The Airmen had time to kick back a little bit and take a break from the daily grind," Swarz said. "It was a lot of fun and the turnout was great. I hope they make it better and continue this in years to come."



Staff Sgt. Del Rico Harris, 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit weapons load crew chief, participates in a munition toss contest during an 8th Maintenance Group Safety Olympics event at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2015.

CRIMSON SKY



3 Open Contracts!!!!



- 1. Catholic Community Coordinator Contract
- 2. Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) Watch Care Provider Ages 3-72 months Contract
- 3. Protestant Community Coordinator Contract

BASIS OF AWARD (BEST VALUE)

Procedures.

Pick up Statement of Work (SOW), Basis for Award, and Application Procedures from OSAN Chapel. Submit resume to Osan Chapel by 4:30pm local time on **16 Oct 2015**.

Interviews are scheduled for **21 Oct 2015** at Chapel Annex during duty hours (7:30am EST – 4:30pm).

Interview. **THOSE WHO QUALIFY** at the interview are asked to submit a proposal with price sheet sealed in an envelope no later than 4:30pm hours on **28 OCT 2015**. No proposals are accepted after this date/time.

Public Open Bid. The bid opening will take place Wednesday, 28 Oct 2015 at 1630 hours at OSAN CHAPEL ANNEX.

BASIS OF AWARD (BEST VALUE)

Requests for Proposals. We are accepting proposals for a Chapel Tithes and Offerings Fund (CTOF) non-personal service contract. This means the successful awarded bidder is an independent contractor responsible for the accounting and payment of Social Security Taxes, Federal Income Taxes, State Income Taxes, Unemployment Insurance premiums and tort liability.

Bid Procedure. We will use the following two-step sealed bid procedure to determine award of contract:

Step One. Applicants are to submit technical proposals. Applicants may also be requested to attend an interview and/or demonstrate special skills, as applicable. The CTOF Contracting Officer and two other individuals will evaluate applicants' resumes, interviews, and demonstrations to determine qualifications.

Step Two. Only qualified applicants will be asked to submit a sealed bid. Bidders may be asked to submit their bids in a format that includes a dollar amount per unit for the basic one year contract and each of the two one year renewal periods (if any). The renewal option allows bidders to include cost of living increases.

Basis for Award. The qualified bidder who submits the lowest priced bid will receive the award for the non-personal service contract. In determining the cost of the lowest bid, the CTOF Contracting Officer will consider the total bid (the basic one year contract and increases for the two one year renewal periods, if any).

In the event of two equally low bids, the award will be made by drawing by lot limited to the tied bidders. If time permits, the bidders involved will be given an opportunity to attend the drawing.

The drawing will be witnessed by at least two persons.

Feel the Thunder!

#PAweek OCTOBER 6-12

Celebrate PAs Nationwide!

What is PA Week?

National PA Week takes place each year from Oct. 6-12 to celebrate the physician assistant profession and its contributions to the nation's health. Before it was a weeklong event, National PA Day was first celebrated on Oct. 6, 1987, in honor of the 20th anniversary of the first graduating class of PAs from the Duke University PA program. October 6 is also the birthday of the profession's founder, Eugene A. Stead, Jr., M.D. America's more than 100,000 certified PAs are a powerful force for better health for millions of patients across the country. Consistently recognized as one of the fastest-growing professions, PAs were ranked the most promising job of 2015 by Forbes.com. Because of PAs, the healthcare system is stronger. Because of PAs, more patients get access to high-quality, cost-effective care. Because of PAs, we celebrate National PA Week!

Osan Airman identified

By Staff Reports 51st Fighter Wing

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Technical Sgt. Angelo Reategui assigned to the 51st Security Forces Squadron was discovered dead in a non-duty related incident on Sept. 29, 2015.

The cause of death is currently under investigation. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

"Angelo was a tremendous person and an incredible defender. His loss will be felt across Osan, and the entire Korean peninsula," said Lt. Col. Christopher Neiman, 51st Security Forces Squadron commander. "As we mourn him, our thoughts and prayers are with the Reategui family during this difficult time."

We request everyone to respect the privacy of those involved as details on the incident continue to be gathered. Please direct all questions to the 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs office at 51FWPA@us.af.mil, DSN 315-784-4044 or commercial at 031-661-4044.

A-10s land at Osan



Two A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft from the 25th Fighter Squadron land at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 7, 2015, following a close air support training sortie. The A-10 is a highly accurate weapons-delivery platform capable of surviving direct hits from armor-piercing and high-explosive projectiles up to 23mm. (U.S. Air Force photo/Capt. Robert Howard)

Gone, but never forgotten



Master Sgt. Eric Sisson, 35th Aircraft Maintenance Unit Panton weapon section chief, runs with Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Edwards, 8th Fighter Wing command chief assistant, Sept. 17, 2015. The Wolf Pack community volunteered to take turns carrying the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action flag during the run and to read aloud names at the vigil non-stop for 24 hours. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson)



A candle and rose are set as a centerpiece on a table in remembrance of all service members who gave their lives in service to their country as part of a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Korea, Sept. 17, 2015. During the Korean War from 1950 to 1953, nearly 8,000 service members were listed as a POW or MIA.

Members of the 8th Fighter Wing Honor Guard, lay down the service caps of the four U.S. Armed Forces during a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 17, 2015. The 8th Fighter Wing has a tradition of combat across the Pacific and lost 49 service members MIA and two POW's during World War II.



Col. Jeremy Sloane, 8th Fighter Wing commander, gives the closing remarks during a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 17, 2015. The ceremony honored more than 80,000 service members who are prisoners of war or missing in action.



AUTUMN TRIP TO CHUNCHEON!



Chuncheon, well-known as a lakeside city, is a romantic travel spot. To reach the city from Seoul, hop aboard the ITX-Cheongchun Train at Cheongnyangni Station in Seoul and take in the beautiful scenery that unfolds outside the window for about an hour. Chuncheon holds the lovely meaning, "a stream that starts to flow when spring comes," but it is actually more beautiful when visited in autumn. At this time of the year, the colorful fall foliage is reflected off the waters and creates a picturesque sight. For a trip to Chuncheon, a relaxing two-day schedule is recommended over a rushed one-day trip.

Begin your journey from Namiseom Island

Namiseom Island in Chuncheon, is the famous filming location for the drama, "Winter Sonata" (2000). The place was not originally an island, but formed as a result of the Cheongpyeong Dam being built downstream. On the island is the grave of General Nami of the Joseon Dynasty, which is where the island gets its name. In terms of size, it is small enough to be explored in half a day, but draws a tremendous number of visitors. In 2014, 2.67 million people flocked to the island, of which 670,000 were international visitors. These figures are backed by the constant crowd of visitors at Namiseom Island.





The must-visit places at Namiseom Island are the Metasequoia Road and Songpa Gingko Tree Lane. Frequently featured in dramas, movies and commercials, the two places are often picked as the top spots to visit on the island. In particular, the beauty of Songpa Gingko Tree Lane reaches its peak in late-October and early-November. The entire area is colored in shades of yellow, delivering a scenic autumn landscape.





For tourists, Namiseom Island offers a variety of attractions and much to see and enjoy. There are spots that cannot be left unvisited like the UNICEF Hall and the Song Museum, and catching sight of various animals including ostriches, rabbits and squirrels also adds to the fun. Another way to enjoy the island other than just looking around is taking a bike tour by visiting the bicycle center available on the island. Touring Namiseom Island on this two-wheeled gear will let you experience more than just marvelous vistas.



Tourists walking around Namiseom Island get to discover an interesting sight. Different areas of the island are decorated with recycled materials like glass, plastic bottles and wood. These rare pieces of art can only be found on this island and are not only fun to view but also great for taking photos.

- Address: 1, Namisum-gil, Namsan-myeon, Chuncheon-si, Gangwon-do
- Directions: 5-minute taxi ride from Gapyeong Station
- Ferry operating hours: 07:30-21:40
- Admission: Adults 10,000 won
 Teenagers (middle to high school students) 8,000 won
 Children (3 years-elementary school) 4,000 won
- Admission includes round-trip ferry tickets.
- Inquiries: +82-31-580-8114, +82-31-580-8153/8154 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)
- Website: namisum.com (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Jade Garden Natural Arboretum





Jade Garden Natural Arboretum is well-known as the filming location for the movie "You Are My Pet" (2011) and the drama "That Winter, the Wind Blows" (2013). Created with the theme of "Small Europe in the Forest," a beautiful building stands right at the entrance. Designed in Tuscan style, this architecture gives a classical touch to its surroundings. The garden has three trail courses; Tree Smell Trail, Maple Tree Trail, and Forest Windy Trail, as well as 24 theme gardens that represent each of the European countries.

- Address: 80, Haetgol-gil, Namsan-myeon, Chuncheon-si, Gangwon-do
- Directions: Gulbongsan Station (Gyeongchun Line), Exit 1.
- A free shuttle bus service runs between the station and Jade Garden Natural Arboretum. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Please check the bus schedule from the official website to confirm.
- Operating hours: 09:00-Sunset (18:00~19:30)
- Admission: Adults 8,500 won / Teenagers (middle to high school students) 6,500 won / Children 5,500 won
- Website: www.hanwharesort.co.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Gyeonggang Station Rail Bike (Gangchon Rail Park)







Gyeonggang Station, the filming location for the movie "The Letter" (1997) is an abandoned railway on the border of Gyeonggi-do and Gangwon-do. This once-small train station has transformed into a location for riding rail bikes. Gangchon Rail Park offers a 50-minute, round-trip course from Gyeonggang Station to Gapyeong Railroad Bridge. Visitors can pedal along the old railroad tracks and enjoy being in a tranquil, rural village.

- Address: 32-3, Seocheon-ri, Namsan-myeon, Chuncheon-si, Gangwon-do
- Directions: Gulbongsan Station (Gyeongchun Line), Exit 1. 26-minute walk. Or 4-minute taxi ride from the station.
- Operating hours: Summer season (February 8-October 31) 09:00-18:00 / Winter season (November 1-February 7) 09:00-16:00
- Admission: 2-seater: 25,000 won / 4-seater 35,000 won
- Website: www.railpark.co.kr (Korean only)

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